



School Motto
"Reliability"

Mount Tarcoola Primary School

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 20th September

Open Day 1:30—3:00pm

Thursday 21st September

Before School Tennis

7.45—8.30am

Friday 22nd September

Year 6 Challenge Day

Saturday 23rd September

Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings

Tuesday 10th October

Students commence

Term 4

SCHOOL WATCH ALERT

Our school is being subjected to increasing vandalism after school and on weekends. Please report any after hours visitors to the police on **9923 4555** or School Watch on **131 444**. Please keep children out of the school grounds after hours.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

The last week of term has come around far too quickly because when you are having such an enjoyable term you want it to continue on.

Athletics has come to an end after the interschool events last week. Our students represented the school very well, not just in ability but also by the way that they conducted themselves on and off the track. I would like to thank Mrs Clarke for her work this term on the carnivals both our own and the interschool. On page 3 the champions and runners up have been listed.

A number of schools attended the Midwest Numero competition here at Mount Tarcoola yesterday and happy to say that our teams came 2nd, 4th and 5th. The second place team of Vinod Premaratne, Finn Dethlefsen, Oscar Lin and Sam Shields now wait on other results to see if they make it through to the finals that are held in Perth in Term 4. The sporting spirit was on display when Mackenzie Lewis and Hanru Janse Van Rensburg helped out Binu who were short 2 players on the day.

Our annual open day is tomorrow and this is an opportunity to visit your child's class and have them tell you about their life at school. We generally have a wonderful turn out and expect this year to be the same.

Positive Behaviour in Schools, or PBS, has been in place for a number of years now at Mount Tarcoola and it is the reason that students are given tokens, paper wristbands or postcards highlighting when they have done the right thing at school. As part of the PBS implementation we are to periodically remind the school community about PBS. PBS is linked by the four bees; Reliable, Polite, Respectful and Cooperative which is depicted on our two murals in the school promoting the 'Bees'. PBS is all about teaching explicit strategies to develop specific pro-social behaviours which help our students demonstrate academic success and reliability in their interactions within our school and wider community. Our data has shown that over the years we have seen a decline in the frequency of behaviours which can be clearly linked to the implementation of PBS.

'The Key to living with Epilepsy' is a free resource available from our local pharmacy. Once registered you can then have access to resources aimed at parents, youth or adults. The USB shaped key is free and if you know of anyone with Epilepsy please pass on the information.

As we are heading towards school holidays I would like to remind students to please be careful when outside crossing roads on foot or on bikes because motorists aren't used to children crossing roads during the day because normally children are at school. If families are going away for the holidays enjoy the time together and I look forward to seeing you all next term which for students starts on Tuesday October the 10th.

Shane Rutter
Principal

SUSTAINABILITY HUB BUSY BEE

Saturday 8th September 2017

Special thank you to the Lin, Argent and Gamble families for their help. Stay tuned for info on a wicking bed garden system which our committee are keen to set up.



TEACH BOYS THE PROCESSES OF INDEPENDENCE

By Michael Grose

If boys don't have the processes needed for independence, they will always be dependent on others regardless of their ability and skills.

If you want kids to become independent you need to teach them skills so they can become self-sufficient.

Dressing yourself, making a snack, looking up a bus time table and making a CV are examples of self-sufficiency skills that are relevant for different ages.

Awareness, teaching and opportunity are the main requirements for kids to pick up these skills. They need to be aware of what can be done. They need to acquire the skills - some take more teaching than others. They also need the opportunity to put things into practice.

Choose any skill you want your son to learn and see how each of these applies.

But there is a deeper level you can go to develop independence. You can help your kids develop **processes** necessary to become independent. If they don't have the processes needed for independence, they will always be dependent on others regardless of their ability and skills.

Here are three processes of independence you can develop:

- **Planning ahead:** Thinking ahead is needed for real independence. *What are the three things you need to get ready for school? What do you need to do to complete your homework in time for the weekend?* Help kids to develop processes for planning their time and thinking ahead so they can become pro-active and accountable. Otherwise kids become reliant on others.
- **Procedural thinking:** The trouble with everything being instant and off-the-shelf is that kids don't see steps and procedures required to make, bake or do anything. It also means kids don't develop procedural self-talk (*'that comes first, when I've done that now I need to do this'*) because they haven't been exposed to sorting, sequencing and other steps that are required to make stuff happen.
- **Self-organisation:** The ability to organize yourself is paramount to real independence from others. Forgetful kids usually don't have a process for remembering. My adult son came to stay recently and put his car keys in the refrigerator on the top of his 6 pack of beer that he wanted to take with him. He has a process for remembering! You guessed it. He didn't leave the beer behind! I checked.

Think **process** as well as skill if you want your kids to become truly independent. Kids will most likely copy a great deal of good organisational processes from you. But you may also need to do some direct teaching, particularly with boys who by nature can be organisationally-challenged!

2018 KINDY to YEAR 6 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS — NEW TO SCHOOL ONLY

Applications for enrolment for children **NEW** to Mt Tarcoola PS entering Kindergarten to Year 6 in the 2018 school year are open. Application Forms are available from the school office.

All applications must be completed, signed and submitted with copies of child's Birth Certificate, ACIR Immunisation Record and Proof of Residential Address (Rental Agreement, recent utility/rates bill etc). If you are on a Visa, a copy of visa documentation and passport is required at time of application.

*Students **currently** attending our Kindergarten Program are not required to re-apply for Pre-primary unless they are **living outside** our local intake area.*

Parents/persons responsible are encouraged to submit their applications.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017

held on Friday 25th August and was won by Air.



The Championship recipients on the day were:

Senior Boy Champion	Digby Gallop	Runner-up:	Jack Watters
Senior Girl Champion	Nevaeh Hill	Runner-up	Emily Pollitt and Bella Robinson
Intermediate Boy Champion	Thomas Black	Runner-up	Jay Furukawa
Intermediate Girl Champion	Kristen Harries	Runner-up	Nakiya Vanlierop
Junior Boy Champion	Mitchell Ronan	Runner-up	Caden Ellerington
Junior Girl Champion	Zala Giltrap and Emily Latham	Runner-up	Clare Bond

Mount Tarcoola was well represented at the Interschool Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to the following students who were successful in their events;

Cross Country—Senior Champion—Samia Friesen
Cross Country—Intermediate Champion—Kristen Harries

Junior Runner-up Champion—Mitchell Ronan

BOOKFAIR

Bookfair was a huge success this year, thank you to the parents and students who supported the school, the school has benefited by receiving \$2000 worth of resources. Without your continued support, this would not have been possible.



WATERWISE TIP



Wash your car with a bucket

Wash your car on the lawn and always use a bucket. A running hose can use as much as two full buckets of water a minute.



RANGEWAY DENTAL CLINIC

The Rangeway Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Tuesday 12th September, until Friday 6th October. We will reopen on Monday 9th October, at 8am. If urgent treatment is required during these times, please phone 9921 4218 or 9923 1289 between 8am - 4pm, Monday to Friday. Outside of these times, you may need to see a private dentist, or attend the A&E of the hospital.



P&C NEWS

What's your idea?

The P&C would like to hear from families who have an idea about how the P&C can support our school. Maybe you can think of equipment or resources the P&C could fund, or an event you would like to see organised.

Write your ideas below and hand this slip in at the canteen.

Thanks, we look forward to hearing from you.



STUDENTS LEAVING MOUNT TARCOOLA PS IN 2017 — Return to school office

If your child/ren are currently in Kindy to Year 5 and will not be returning to Mount Tarcoola PS in 2018 please complete the section below and return it to the school office by Thursday 30th November 2017.

My child/ren _____
 will not be returning to Mount Tarcoola PS in 2018.

Current Year/s: _____ Room Number/s: _____

Date Leaving: _____ Destination School: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

COLOURING IN COMPETITION

4 SEPT TO 29TH SEPTEMBER

Win a Captain Underpants Prize Pack! Collect entry forms from the Geraldton Regional Library
Entries close Fri 29th Sept at noon.



Based on the hilarious and bestselling book series, Tra - la - la a - **CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS - The First Epic Movie!** flies into cinemas September 21st

[Click here to view the movie trailer](#)

Thank you to 20th Century Fox

Batavia Coast Baseball

& Teeball League



BASEBALL

TRIAL SESSION

15 October 2017

Sausage sizzle @ 12:15pm

Session start @ 12:30pm

PERTH HEAT baseball players will be down at the ball park on Sunday 15 Oct with their mascot and merchandise to join in on the trial session.

WHEN 12:15pm Sunday 15 October 2017

WHERE Utakarra Ball park

AGE GROUP 10yrs and up

Registration forms please email Batavia.coast.b.t.l@gmail.com

Or visit our Facebook page and give us a like and message @ Batavia Coast Baseball & Teeball league



GERALDTON ROAD TRIP

**LOCATION: HOME OF THE BATAVIA BLAZE
UTAKARRA BALLPARK**

- ❖ **FREE TEEBALL & BASEBALL CLINICS**
- ❖ **COACH THE COACHES SESSIONS**
- ❖ **SKILLS & DRILLS**
- ❖ **PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS**

CLINICS

- **THURSDAY 5th Oct**

3pm – 5pm (ALL AGES)

- **FRIDAY 6th OCT**

9am – 11am (AGES 6-10)

1pm – 3pm (AGES 11+)

- **SATURDAY 7th OCT**

10am – 2pm (ALL AGES)

BBQ & AUTOGRAPH SESSION!



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Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries
GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

COME ALONG! MEET THE PLAYERS AND PLAY SOME BALL!



WAM WESTERN
AUSTRALIAN
MUSEUM

Insects!

Step inside the incredible world of insects during the school holidays. Explore the mysteries of biodiversity and the crucial role insects play in keeping our unique environment healthy.

Buggy badges

Times: 9.30am – 3pm

Dates: 23 September – 8 October

Ages: 4+

Cost: \$3 or \$2.50 per activity for groups of 4 or more children

Bookings: not required for groups of 10 or less

Metamorphosis masks

Times: 9.30am – 3pm

Dates: 23 September – 8 October

Cost: \$2 Ages: 4+

Bookings: not required for groups of 10 or less

Meet the Minibeasts

Tuesday 26 September, 10am – 10.30am

Wednesday 27 September, 1.30pm - 2.00pm

Thursday 28 September, 10am – 10.30am

Cost: free Ages: 4+

Bookings: not required for groups of 10 or less

Activity Corner: Insect Investigation Centre

Dates: 23 September – 8 October

Times: 9.30am – 3pm Ages: all ages Cost: free

Bookings: not required

Trails

Times: 9.30am – 3pm

Ages: 4+

Dates: 23 September – 8 October

Cost: \$3 or \$2.50 per activity for groups of 4 or more children

Bookings: not required for groups of 10 or less

Venue: Geraldton Museum - Batavia Marina

Further information: Call 9431 8393 or visit our [website](#).

Bookings: Required for some activities on 9431 8393.

Programs are subject to availability. All children 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.