



School Motto
"Reliability"

Mount Tarcoola Primary School

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 2017 No: 16

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 18th October

Crazy Scientist Incursion

Thursday 19th October

WADSA Excursion—PCYC

Friday 20th October

Palice Talks Yrs 4—6

PEAC Scitech — Perth

Monday 23rd October to

Friday 3rd November

Interm Swimming PP—Yr 6

Thursday 26th October

Before school tennis

7.45am—8.30am

Tuesday 31st October

Parent Newsletter

Wednesday 1st November

Golf visit (TBC)

Thursday 2nd November

Before school tennis

7.45am—8.30am

'Count Us In' Singing

Kindy/PP Art Show (evening)

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:

Welcome back to all parents, students, staff and community members to what promises to be a very busy term. I would like to thank the staff and students for the wonderful welcome that I have received in my opening weeks at Mount Tarcoola Primary School. I have been overwhelmed by the way that everyone loves the school and how their actions underpin this. It is a great reflection of the work of the staff and also that of the parents and caregivers of the children. I have never been in a school where the level of the use of manners by children is so high! There is much for me to look forward to. I hope to meet lots of parents across the course of this term.

Our School Development Day on Monday was spent in introductions and sessions around self reflections, the school vision and planning and preparation for the end of year requirements as well as planning for the following year. Through this day I was able to gain a great insight into the thinking of the staff and was very impressed with their dedication and level of commitment to ensuring that Mount Tarcoola continues to improve and to provide the best possible education for the children of our school community.

Term 4 always brings with it a great range of emotions for the whole school community. We have excitement building towards the end of the school year and holidays. Combined with this we have happiness, sadness and more than a little trepidation for our year 6 students who are nearing the end of their primary school lives.

It was great to see the year 2/3 children participating in the Spin Out wheelchair basketball incursion on Thursday. I think that Jaiden may have got a little of his own back as the children experienced the challenges of navigating a wheelchair. The participation was high with all the children in room enjoying the experience.

Friday saw another incursion in the Crazy Times dance troupe performing at the school. This amazing performance was then followed up by several workshops for the year 2/3 children. I think that some of the staff may have secretly enjoyed the performance as there was as much moving and grooving from staff as there was from the children!

Congratulations to the MTPS football team who played their last game of the year against Wandina PS on Monday. The children looked great in their new jumpers and they all played with great spirit, winning the game by 36 points. This means they went through the year without losing a game. Many thanks to Mr Gallop, Mr Dethlefsen, Mr Pearse and all the other parents for their time and efforts in coaching, umpiring and supporting the children for their games across the course of the year.

A big one for our students beginning in week 3 is that of swimming lessons. All forms and monies need to be returned to the front office as soon as possible. This allows us to work out how many buses we need and also for the swimming instructors to determine how many swimming teachers that they will need.

In staffing news this term Mr Rutter returns to his position as deputy principal and I thank both him and Mrs Bevan for the fantastic job that they have done as acting principals across the course of this and last year. Mr Harwood returns to his role as the Physical Education teacher on Wed/Thur/Fri after doing an amazing job as the acting deputy principal. Thanks also to Mrs Jane Clarke for doing a fantastic job in the Phys Ed role for Mr Harwood while he was the deputy principal.

Paul Luxton
Principal

PLAYING FAVOURITES

BY MICHAEL GROSE

Favouritism is perhaps the last taboo area in families. But parents rarely treat each child the same.

Do you have a favourite child in your family?

If so, you are quite normal according to recent research.

One Australian study found that around 70% of parents could identify a favourite child in their family. And nearly 80% could clearly identify the 'black sheep'.

Favouritism is a taboo area for most parents. There is an assumption that families are even playing fields where parents treat their kids exactly the same.

This is a myth that places excess pressure on parents and only adds to parental guilt. As most parents know, we may love our kids equally but we don't always like them the same. Some kids, at particular times can be difficult to get along with, and more significantly impossible to relate to.

There are many reasons why parents may have a favourite child. Some children have personality types that you relate to more easily. For instance, achievement-oriented parents will recognise and applaud ambition in a child, and be flummoxed by a child that displays a more laidback attitude.

At times we recognise aspects of ourselves in our kids, which influences the way we relate to them. Parents who themselves were the family black sheep as kids can often have a soft spot for the child who doesn't exactly follow the norm.

Gender also plays a significant part when it comes to playing favourites. Some fathers are extremely hard on their sons, yet their daughters can have them wrapped around their little fingers. That's the way of families.

[Birth order](#) plays its part as well. Most parents relax their standards for later borns, who get far more latitude than their elder siblings. We often identify closely to the child in the same birth order position as ourselves and compensate for any difficulties we may have experienced as kids.

It's worth remembering that some children in larger families can get a little lost and feel that no one takes much notice of them. Significantly, middle children usually say they are rarely the favoured child in their family.

If you find yourself favouring a child, or even being hard on someone in your family, there are a number of things you can do:

- **Understand that you are not a bad parent if you do favour one child over another.** Avoid the guilt trips and treat your kids as justly and fairly as you can.
- **Stick to the rules as much as possible.** Kids tell us that parents play favourites when they discipline, so try to be as consistent as possible with standards of behaviour and kids who break the rules.
- **Work closely with your partner.** Parents who work closely together often compensate for each other and also more likely to provide a reality check when you favour one child over another.
- **Encourage interaction with extended family.** Having an aunt, grandparent or family friend that a child can relate to can be a godsend for a child who feels left out, or is not the flavor of the month.

Family-life is rarely simple. The notion of favourites demonstrates the complexity of family-life and why parents need to be realistic rather than idealistic about how they relate to their kids.

CO3 CRAZY TIMES

We were very lucky on Friday - Co3 dancers Zoe Wozniak, Katherine Gurr, Russell Thorpe and Mitch Harvey brought their contemporary dance Crazy Times to our school. Some classes then participated in a workshop.

Crazy Times takes primary school audiences on a lo-fi, surrealist, action adventure, driven by the pulse of high-energy and mind-bending dance moves. Choreographed and created for primary audiences, Crazy Times is a fascinating exploration of the fast changing world we are born into today, and the unknown world we will face in the future.



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

ATLAS recently visited Mt Tarcoola with wheelchairs for some of our year 2 & 3 students to take part in wheelchair basketball. ATLAS regularly runs all sorts of projects to assist the community to learn about and improve and develop accessible and inclusive facilities and events.

Although the students had lots of fun they also experienced some of the challenges of learning a new skill and had to work with their team mates to accomplish a common goal.



WATERWISE TIP



Catch the cold water too

While waiting for the shower/
tap water to heat up, collect
the cold water and put it on the
garden.



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



Before School Tennis Coaching!

SunCity Tennis Academy

Is offering a 7 week Before School program for the Students & Families of Mt Tarcoola Primary School

Starts Friday 27/10/17
Ends Friday 8/12/17

\$84.00 for 7 weeks - 7:45-8:30am

This session will be held at the Tarcoola Park Tennis Club & the Students will be escorted to School by the Coach.

What's on offer @ SCTA Tarcoola Park Tennis Club

Class Type	Time	Cost	Students	Ages
Tiny Takers Red Hotshots	45mins	\$12.00	max 8	3-4yrs
Orange Hotshots	1 hour	\$15.00	max 8	5-7 yrs
General Group	1 hour	\$15.00	max 8	8-16yrs
Performance Program	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Adult Class	1 hour	\$10.00	max 8	Adult
Adult Class	1.5 hours	\$15.00	max 8	Adult
Private Lesson	30mins	\$30.00	max 2	6>yrs
Private Lesson	1 hour	\$50.00	max 2	10>yrs
CardioTennis*	1 hour	\$15.00	max 8	12>yrs
Before School*	45mins	\$12.00	N/A	5>yrs

*Programs are subject to enrolment numbers. Classes may be combined or cancelled.
*Enrolments are on 1st in best booked basis. *Rackets are available to borrow

Bookings Essential
For all bookings & enquiries please contact us at:
jarronk@hotmail.com 0409485117 (sms acceptable)

Please include Child/Adult Name, Day/s, Guardians Name & Contact number

- Payments to be made on the 1st day
- EFTPOS & Credit Card facilities available
- Cash, Direct Deposit or Cheque accepted

SunCity Tennis Academy
www.suncitytennisacademy.com.au www.tarcoolaparktennisclub.org

RANGEWAY DENTAL CLINIC CLOSURE

The clinic will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 20th October

Monday 23rd October

Monday 6th November to Tuesday 14th November inclusive.

Clinic will reopen as normal on Wednesday 15th November. During this time, if emergency treatment is required, please ring 9921 4218 or 9923 1289.



Geraldton Christian Churches
Carols by Candlelight
in

MAITLAND PARK


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 2017

5.30pm – Free Family Fun Activities

7.00pm - Carols with Geraldton City Band

Food Stalls


Smoke and Alcohol Free Event




Centacare
FAMILY SERVICES
where people matter

ROAD MAP TO MY EMOTIONS


Workshops for children which help them:



Notice their warning signs



Think about solutions



Navigate life's speed bumps

Program start dates

7 to 9 year olds	Monday 6 November 2017 3.30pm - 4.30pm
10 to 12 year olds	Tuesday 7 November 2017 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Each program runs for 5 weeks.
These dates may be subject to change depending on demand.

Cost \$25

Please call (08) 9921 1433 to register your attendance

*A 1 hour parent information session about the program will be run on:

Wednesday 1 November 2017 5.30pm-6.30pm

TERM 4 2017

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	9 SDD	10 Students commence	11 Young Writers' Year 6 students	12	13
2	16	17 NEWSLETTER	18 Richard Scholes: Wild Weather: The Crazy Scientist Strikes Back!	19 WADSA Excursion PCYC	20 Police Talks Yr 4-6 PEAC Scitech - Perth
3	23 Interm Swimming P & C Meeting 7:00pm	24	25	26 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	27 →
4	30 Interm Swimming	31 NEWSLETTER	1 NOV Golf visit (TBC)	2 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am 'COUNT US IN' Singing Kindy/PP Art Show	3 →
5	6	7 Melbourne Cup Day	8	9 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	10 Remembrance Day Assembly Yr 5 Parent Helper Morning Tea
6	13	14 NEWSLETTER	15	16 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	17
7	20 Year 6 JWC transition	21 Museum Visit Rooms 1 & 3 (TBC)	22	23 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	24 →
8	27 P & C Meeting 7:00pm	28 NEWSLETTER	29	30 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am JWC Band visit	1 DEC Parent Assembly Rooms 2 & 6
9	4	5 Whole School Reward Tabloid Sports Kindy /PP Xmas Carols	6 Year 6 Graduation Dinner	7 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	8 Whole School Presentation Assembly
10	11 Yr 6 Christmas Carol singing at aged care homes	12 NEWSLETTER	13 Yr 6 Christmas Carol singing at aged care homes Reports to stu- dents	14 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am Year 6 Challenge Day Last Day of Term	15



Mount Tarcoola Primary School

Have 'A' Snack Lunchbar Summer Menu

Term 4 2017



ALL PRODUCTS ARE STAR CHOICE REGISTERED ITEMS

Canteen Manageress : Jodie Rodgers Phone:99643162

As Per Canteen Policy, Menu is as stated each day: no changes available

Hats, Satchels, Pencil Cases and Stationary available for sale in canteen.

Lunch bags 20 for 50c



DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

MONDAY

*Chicken Nuggets & Salad	\$4.50
*Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	\$4.50

TUESDAY

Hot Dog	\$4.00
* Crispy Chicken Caesar Salad	\$4.50

WEDNESDAY

MEAL DEAL DAY - *	\$5.00
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Tropical Treat - Chicken & Salad wrap,
Tropical Fruit Kebab & Tropical Juice.

Strawberry Surprise - Chicken & Salad wrap,
Strawberry Fruit Kebab & Strawberry Milk.

THURSDAY

* Fillet Burger & Salad	\$4.50
* Crumbed Fish & Salad	\$4.50
Pizza Single	\$3.50

FRIDAY

Party Pies	\$1.00
Potato Pie	\$3.50
Plain Beef Pie	\$3.50
Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Savoury Fried Rice	\$4.00

DRINKS

Pauls Milks (Chocolate, Strawberry)	\$2.00
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Masters Milk (Choc, Strawberry, Spearmint)	\$2.50
Plain Milk	\$2.00
Milk and Sipahh straw	\$2.50

Harvey Fresh Juice Box (Apple, Orange, Apple & BC, Trop)	\$2.00
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Spring Water - Large	\$2.00
Chill J Fruit drink	\$2.50

Available Daily for Recess

Potato Gems (6 for \$1)	or	\$ 0.20
Pizza Muffin and Pizza Slice		\$ 0.50
Cheesies		\$ 1.20
Pizza Subs		\$ 1.50
Chicken & Cheese Subs		\$ 1.50
Pikelets		\$ 0.50
Fruit Slinkies / Fruit		\$ 1.20
Jelly and custard		\$ 1.50
Jelly and Fruit		\$ 1.00
Milo Bars		\$ 1.50

Available daily after lunch

Fandangles - Choc, Fairy Floss	\$2.00
Vanilla Buckets	\$2.00
Quech Icy Poles	\$1.00

Available Daily for Lunch

Sandwiches/Toasted 1 filling -	\$3.50
2 or more fillings -	\$4.00
Chicken /Ham / Salad Rolls	\$4.50

Toasted Focaccia or Tortilla	\$4.50
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**** FILLINGS ****

(Ham, *Chicken, Tuna, Egg, Cheese
Avocado, Beetroot, Pineapple, Spag/BBeans)

Curried Egg Sandwich	\$3.50
Vegemite Sandwich -	\$2.50
Vegemite Roll -	\$2.80
Lebanese Wraps -	\$4.50

Meat & Salad Platter - Large -	\$4.50
Small -	\$3.50

Fruit Salad - Large -	\$4.50
Small -	\$3.50

* Hot Chicken/Mayo Rolls -	\$4.50
Jelly & Custard -	\$1.50
Jelly & Fruit -	\$1.00
Yoghurt	\$2.00
Sauce (bbq and tom)	0.30c

White Bread available on request

*** Is a Halal product**

*** Steggles Chicken and Nuggets are used only**

