Mount Tarcoola Primary School

INSIGHTS

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School Motto
“Reliability”

From the Principal:

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How to manage inappropriate behaviour online is always a challenge. As school holidays are fast approaching we have included a pamphlet in this Newsletter to help you help your child be aware of the global access that is now possible to whatever they write and send to others and that there is a permanent record of whatever they post on the internet. Whether we like it or not we leave a digital footprint, every time we use the internet. Here are some strategies that you can use with your child to help minimise the risks associated with cyber bullying.

- Have quick chats with your child to help them understand that what is written and uploaded is stored somewhere and can be retrieved by many people, even if it is deleted later.
- Be involved regularly. Know and monitor the websites and chat lines your children are engaging in.
- Give regular reminders of how to communicate with others - positive and creative communication will inspire and grow friendships.
- Place a list of your “do’s and don’ts” on your home computer, write them up or you can cut and paste key messages and stick them close to the home computer.
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4. Tell someone. The insidious part of bullying is that kids on the receiving end often don’t seek help, as they think there’s something wrong with them. Talk with kids about going to a trusted adult, when they feel their rights or safety have been violated. They should also have your help report online bullying to the appropriate service provider.

Sticking the proverbial head in the sand regarding kids’ uses of communications technology is no longer an option for parents. Savvy parents need to learn as much as they can about children and youth peoples’ lives online so they can respond to situations appropriately.

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 4505 or School Watch on 131 444.

Please keep children out of the school grounds after hours.

CENTACARE SCHOOL PROJECT 2014

Centacare Family Services provides basic stationery packs for families with children attending school from Kindergarten to Year 12. To be eligible for the program families must hold a current Concession Card (Health Care Card) and have children in care. Parents must present in person with the Concession Card at Centacare Family Services to pay and collect the packs. The cost is $2 per pack.

Enrolments are now open, information and to enrol, visit det.wa.edu.au/swimming. For further information, telephone VacSwim on 9345 4007 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 28th October – Friday 8th November
  Intern Swimming PP-Year 1
  K/PP Art Auction 6:00 – 7:30 pm
  Interm Swimming PP
  Thursday 7th November
  Remembrance Day Assembly - Wednesday 13th November
  Young Writer’s Day
  Thursday 14th November
  Friday 22nd November

Parent Assembly Rooms 1 & 13

CONTACT DETAILS

Principal: 08 9921 4066
Deputy Principals: 08 9921 4310
Canteen: 08 9964 3162
Fax: 08 9921 4467
Website: http://mttarcoola.wa.edu.au

VacSwim December/January School Holiday Programs

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CENTACARE BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT 2014

INFOGRAPHIC

Keeping kids safe in a cyber world

Social media sites have taken cyber bullying and harassment to a new level. Here’s how to keep your kids safe when online.

Cyber bullying is one of the biggest, safety issues facing young people today. Bullying and harassment online is now commonplace. For instance, over a third of teenage girls have been sexually harassed via the Internet.

The emergence of social media sites has seen cyber bullying go to a new level. Messages and images can now spread like wildfire reaching a huge potential audience in the time it takes to upload an image or shoot off a text message.

Once the family home offered young people an escape from schoolyard bullies. Now the cyber world is so invasive that their bedrooms offer no guarantees of safety any more.

The cyber world is enticing. Young people have always wanted to escape from their parent’s world. In the past they hung out in shopping centres and pool halls. Parents tried their best to keep an eye on where their children were and what they were doing.

The online world is now the shopping mall of the 21st Century. Parents have the same responsibility to help kids stay safe in the online world as they do in the real world. “Danger” and accompanying safe behaviours are just as relevant in the online world as they are in the real world.

Parents should use the same offline preventative strategies to maximise their child’s online safety as they are always used. These strategies include: teaching children about the right way to behave online, don’t let them spend all night in the cyber world and ask questions about what they are doing and where they go when they’re online.

Parents need to remind kids that things in the online world can spin out of control very quickly. A written message or an image can be circulated electronically so rapidly that the scope and scale of cyber bullying can be greater than anything else.

The following seven key messages form the basis of an online safety strategy for kids. They should be taught to kids so they become second nature, just as the messages about stranger danger were absorbed by an earlier generation.

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The problem is that technology is changing at a rapid pace. Here are some tips that you can use with your child to help minimise the risks associated with cyber bullying.

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Finally, we would also really welcome parents to be part of our KidsMatter Action Team. The team meets once or twice per term depending on need and although we have good parent representation, we would love to expand the size of the team. Please speak carefully and regularly about how to not engage with the online negative chatter. It is important to teach our 21st century children to develop skills to manage technology. (Thanks to Yvette Tormey, our District Lead Psychologist, for these tips).

We have room for more parents on our School Council. The Council meets at 6.30 pm on the Monday of the fourth and ninth week of each term and our next meeting is on Monday 9th December. If you would like to be part of the decision-making processes at our school please come along.

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Details:
- Please order, pay & collect
- When — Training Room (front of Centacare Building, 3 Martinland Street, Geraldton) — please follow the signs
- Time — Wednesday 22nd to Friday 31st January 2014

Please note: Centacare is unable to take any names/orders prior to the distribution dates above.

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Term 4 Week 4 2013
CONGRATULATIONS

To Room 1, Year 3 for winning $500.00 in the Inland to Oceans competition. The Year 3 students in Room 1 did some soil experiments around the school and produced a booklet SOILS ARENT SOILS. The booklet was a picture diary of their experiments and the development of their mini garden.

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Also wanted are ladies willing to strut their stuff on the catwalk, and model fashions by Vee Bee Geez or Hazard Clothing on the night. Please contact Kobie on 0417 231 433 if you would like to help.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The P&C is running a sausage sizzle outside Mitchell & Brown on Saturday 16th November 2013. We are needing a few helpers to man the stall. Please let Jodie at the canteen know if you can give 1 Hour of your time on that day. Alternatively you can let Mrs Betty know in Room 1 or leave your name at the front office. It starts at 8.00pm and finishes at about 10.00pm.

BOOKLISTS

Returned lists have been sent to the supplier and those parents who have ordered will be notified when they arrive back at school. If you have not ordered through the school Parents will need to organise to buy School supplies elsewhere.

2013 MUM’S NIGHT OUT

Following on from a great night out last year the MTPS P&C invite you to our 2013 Mum’s Night Out. Saturday, 16th November—7pm @ Geraldton Surf Club. Come dressed in your Best 80’s Fashion.

• Tickets $25.00 (pre-sale) available from the canteen 4th—15th November, $30.00 at the door
• Supper provided
• Drinks on sale, no BYO
• Fashion Parade by Vee Bee Geez & Hazard Clothing,
• Door Prizes, Raffles & Games on the night

See you there, it’ll be MINTOX!

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SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION 2014/2015

The School Council has positions available on the School Council for 2014/2015. We will be having an open meeting on Monday 9th December, 6.30pm in the Staffroom. All interested parents who would like to nominate for the school Council are welcome to come along.

If you would like to nominate to be on the council please complete the below nomination slip and return it to the front office or ring the school on 9921 4066.

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I ____________________________ would like to nominate for the Mount Tarcoola School Council 2014/2015.

Signed: ______________________ Phone: ______________________

Email address: ______________________

STUDENTS LEAVING MOUNT TARCOOLA PS IN 2013

Sienna Barton, Savannah Martin, Max Baker

Averil Searle, Shikayla Wilson, Ben May

Jessica Mustard, Elifeza Mazlan, Jaxen Meharry

Michael O’Neill, Kalid Hayden

Mahana Roy, Thomas Dillon, Emma Beveridge

Jye McVee, Liam Bennett, Joshua Normington

Nathan Rodgers, Tobi Orebawo, Chaycera Bell

Jake Lewis, Taylor Healy

Vatsan Suresh, Shakeera Benson

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