



Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto
"Reliability"

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 16th November

Parent Morning Tea

Monday 19th - Wed 21st November

Year 6 Transition to Champion Bay SHS

Wednesday 21st November

Year 6 Transition to Geraldton SHS

Monday 26th November

P & C Meeting @ 7pm

Tuesday 27th November

Parent Newsletter

Friday 30th November

JWC Band Visit TBC

Wednesday 5th December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Friday 7th December

End of Year Presentation Assembly
9:00am

Thursday 13th December

Students finish

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:

Transition

Good luck to the majority of our Year 6 students for next week. Those children who are attending Champion Bay Senior High School and Geraldton Secondary College for high school next year will be attending the schools for their transition/orientation programs. The children are looking forward to having an in depth look at their new schools and will no doubt have a few nerves. Both schools have been working hard to ensure that this process is run as smoothly as possible.

Awards Night

Recently the Midwest Region held its annual Education Week Awards dinner at the QE2 centre. Over three hundred teachers and support staff connected to the 56 schools in the region celebrated the achievements of deserving members of their schools. This year Mount Tarcoola Primary School recognised Mrs Glenda Sibson who works tirelessly as a Special Needs Education Assistant. Her recognition was well deserved and it was fantastic to see her receive the award in front of the 300 strong crowd of educators. Well done Glenda.



Musica Viva

Today we had the woodwind trio 'Arcadia' performing for the school as part of the Musica Viva incursion program. The three performers told stories through the use of their main instruments the clarinet, flute and bassoon. The students also learnt about the importance of deep, slow breathing and how to master their own breath.

Moustache

Recently parents and students may have noticed that I have been growing some facial hair. This year I am supporting the Movember cause by attempting to grow a moustache and raising funds. I have deeply personal reasons for this as well as a desire to do what I can to help support men's' mental health and suicide prevention. Those interested in learning more about this cause can go to <https://au.movember.com>

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Annual Survey

There is still plenty of time for parents to complete the 2018 School Survey. Hard copies are available from the front office and parents can also complete it online. This is the link to use <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/MountTarcoolaPS2018>. All responses are confidential with no identifying data being recorded. The survey will close on Tuesday the 4th of December. I encourage all parents to participate in the survey to have their say about the school.

Parent Morning Tea

This Friday (16th of November) we are having a whole school parent morning tea. Over the years we have had a special morning tea to thank all our parent helpers who have made that extra special effort in supporting the school and their children. This year we are extending that to encompass all our parents. So we are inviting all parents and caregivers who can make it to come in and have an early morning tea with us from 8.30 am to 10.00 am in the Undercover Area.

Paul Luxton
PRINCIPAL

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Starting high school - Tips for a smooth transition!

Moving from primary school to high school is a big change for you child. Here are some tips to help make the transition a little easier for you both!

1. Talk about what to expect

Your child will have a different teacher for every subject, be expected to find their way to a different classroom with the right materials for each class, and they may have an increased workload to manage.

2. Making friends

Talk to your child about how they can stay in touch with old friends from primary school, as well as make new friends at high school.

3. Be positive!

Point out the positive things about the move to high school - like more independence, different facilities and equipment, more extracurricular activities and being able to choose subjects that interest them.

4. Get organised!

Make sure they have everything they need before the school year starts. Expect your child to take a lot more responsibility for their own work and learning. Encourage your child to stay organised and set up a study space and routine for their homework.

5. Healthy Habits

Establish healthy sleeping and eating patterns at least one week before high school starts.

Source: <https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/>



BECAUSE OF YOU WE CAN!

MOUNT TARCOOLA STAFF WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS TO A THANK YOU MORNING TEA.

WHEN: FRIDAY 16th November 2018

WHERE: Under cover area, Mount Tarcoola Primary

TIME: 8.30am -10.00am

WE would like to thank all Parents for their contribution to our school.

THANK YOU for attending school assemblies

THANK YOU for attending Sports Carnivals

THANK YOU for helping out at Discos

THANK YOU for dressing your children up for the Book Week parade

THANK YOU for helping out in the classroom

THANK YOU for volunteering in the Canteen

THANK YOU for covering books

THANK YOU for bringing your children to school



REMINDERS

- **Uniform Shop** is open every Friday during school terms from 8.30am - 9.00am in the Art room. Any other times see Jodie in the canteen daily until 1:00pm.
- Hats, satchels and a small amount of stationary are available from the canteen daily.
- **Bookclub** — Please place correct money with orders as change is not available.
- **School Banking** - will be on WEDNESDAYS, outside Jnr block on a fortnightly basis. Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9.