



School Motto
"Reliability"

Mount Tarcoola Primary School

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 16th November

Before school tennis

7.45am—8.30am

Friday 17th November

P&C Disco

Monday 20th — Wed 22nd November

Year 6 Transition to JWC

Tuesday 21st November

Museum Visit—Rms 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 23rd November

Before School Tennis 7:45—8:30am

Monday 27th November

P&C Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday 28th November

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Thursday 30th November

Before School Tennis 7:45—8:30am

JWC Band visit 9:30am

Friday 1st December

Parent Assembly Rooms 2 & 6

Monday 4th December

School Council Meeting

Tuesday 5th December

Tabloid Sports

Kindy/Pp Christmas Carols

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Wow, Week 6 already! We are well and truly getting to the pointy end of the year. School has been a very busy place in the last two weeks. Swimming lessons have come and gone for another year. Whilst these lessons are vitally important, they can be very taxing on the children and staff. Some of the classes attended Showcase at the QPT and were very impressed with the performances. A variety of additional programs have been delivered including: Protective Behaviours, First Aid and Yoga. Our year 6 Numero team made it into the state finals and finished very high in the standings—13th out of 200 schools. Many thanks to Mrs Speed and Mr Dethlefsen for taking the students to Perth for the final. The Year 5 children ran a very impressive Remembrance Day assembly and we thanked all our parent helpers at a special morning tea last Friday.

Congratulations to the Early Childhood team who were the recipients of the Mount Tarcoola Education award at the recent Midwest Education Awards Night dinner. The ladies were recognised for their tireless efforts in providing a top class education setting for the children of our school community. The dinner celebrated the achievements of all the schools in the Midwest Region and there were over 200 people attending.

This week we have heard from our prospective Student Captains and Student Councillors for 2018. The Year 5 candidates prepared and delivered a short speech to staff and students. They all did very well to get up and make a speech in front of such a large audience. The voting now begins, good luck to all those who have nominated.

The Year 6 students who are going to John Willcock College (JWC) next year will be attending Transition next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Students will make their own transport arrangements to and from the college on these days. There will be combined Year 6 classes run at Mount Tarcoola for those students who are not attending JWC.

Next week we are participating in a second hand toy drive. A group of parents have been liaising with Midwest Disaster Relief, Regional Alliance West and Mission Australia to bring this project to fruition. Children are able to bring in unused preloved toys to donate to someone who may not receive gifts this Christmas. Toy donations can be brought into school and dropped off in the Undercover Area for Week 7 (20th Nov to 24th Nov). A flyer with more details is attached to this newsletter.

The final School Council meeting for the year will be held in the School Staffroom on Monday the 4th of December at 5.30pm. This meeting is an open meeting and as such members of the Mount Tarcoola Primary School community are welcome to attend to observe the council in action.

In staffing news Mr Normington has returned from leave and we thank Mrs Cosh for the fantastic work that she has done in the ICT room.

Paul Luxton
Principal

P&C NEWS

RAFFLE TICKET SALES ending 24th November. Get your tickets from the canteen — \$2 each.

First Prize: Fibreglass Surf Board approx. 5'7" with fins. Value \$400.00

Kindly donated by McDonalds Wholesalers

Second Prize: 24" GIANT Youth Mountain Bike or similar to the value of \$379.00 from Revolutions Bikes

Kindly donated by Mr Ian Blayney MLA

Third Prize: Bio Flow Band Value \$75.00

Kindly donated by Sports Power

Fourth Prize: Pearl Pendant Value \$50.00

Kindly donated by Jude Tupman

Drawn: Friday 24th November 2017 @ 2pm Results published: School newsletter 28/11/2017

YOGA

We are very excited for the Year 2 and 3 classes to participate in Yoga and mindfulness sessions this term. These sessions are conducted by certified children's Yoga teacher Chantal Crinquand who has a background in Emotional and Mental Health and Wellbeing. The sessions incorporate fun Yoga moves with simple mindfulness activities. Current research suggests a wide range of benefits can result from participation in sessions such as these including: improved concentration, relaxation, increased calmness and the development of a happy, learning brain.



SPAGHETTI BRIDGE COMPETITION

As there was not enough room in our last newsletter to publish photos, below are photos of a few entries in the Spaghetti Bridge competition.



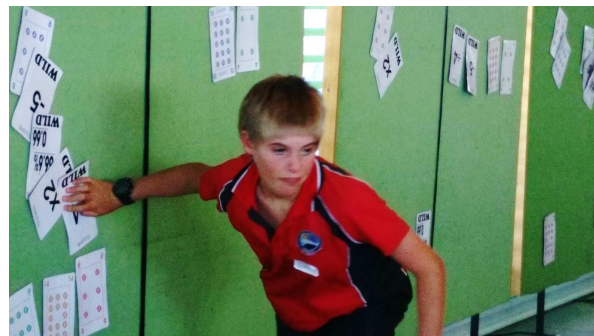
NUMERO FINAL

by Oscar Lin Thursday 9 November 2017

Last Wednesday morning 4 MTPS boys (Sam Shields, Vinod Premaratne, Finn Dethlefsen and myself), 1 MTPS teacher (Ms Speed) and 1 teacher on his year off (Finn's dad, Mr D) assembled to go down to Perth for the State Numero Finals, held at Bletchley Park Primary School. The journey down was a long but fun one thanks to the amount of space in the minibus (and the lollies). The hotel we were staying at had a great pool, so we spent a bit of time in there and we had subway for dinner which we ate on a jetty overlooking the lights of the city skyline. The 30-minute drive to Bletchley Park Primary (where the competition was held) was not wasted. We tried (and in my case failed) to get ourselves into the numero mindset. When we got there everything seemed so real. At first it had felt like just a fun holiday. Now it felt so serious. Everything seemed to go by in a blur. It was obvious that the teams we were against were top quality so there was lots of competition. Before we knew it, they were announcing the winners. A big congratulations to Allendale Primary School who won the entire competition. Our team came 13th out of 212 teams who competed throughout the state. We came equal 7th in one round and equal 8th in another. A big thank you to Ms Speed and Mrs Bannister everyone else who supported us and trained us. I hope next year many people will take up this wonderful opportunity. Well done to the rest of our teams who didn't make it. Go MTPS!



Vinod Premaratne, Finn Dethlefsen, Sam Shields and Oscar Lin, Mount Tarcoola Wild Winners Team 2017.



Finn Dethlefsen running to put up a card in the Scramble (one of 4 rounds) at the State Numero Finals at Bletchley Park Primary School on Thursday 9th November 2017.



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. Please supply your contact details so we can acknowledge your response.

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Child's Room: _____



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



Stepping Stones

Three free parenting seminars for parents of children with a developmental disability

Part 1: Positive Parenting

Friday 20 October 2017

10.00am to 12.00pm

All children need a safe, secure and loving environment to do well. Positive parenting is an effective approach to raising children that emphasises the positive. It reduces stress and makes parenting more rewarding and enjoyable.



Part 2: Helping your child to reach their potential

Friday 17 November 2017

10.00am to 12.00pm

The values, skills and behaviours to encourage in children are the choice of every individual parent. Children are more likely to be confident, succeed at school and get along with others when they develop certain life skills.

Part 3: Changing problem behaviour into positive behaviour

Friday 1 December 2017

10.00am to 12.00pm

Problem behaviours in children can interfere with their learning and impact on skills that have already been learned. Learn to manage problem behaviours and developmental issues common in children with disabilities, while developing a close relationship with your child.

Refreshments supplied. Bookings essential.

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SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 4.30PM-7.30PM
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Stage Entertainment : Stalls
Food : Wheelchair Basketball

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Monday, 13 November 2017

RE: Christmas Toy Drive

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year our school is supporting a not for profit project that is being organised by a small group of parents. The aim of this project is to provide gifts for children at Christmas whom might otherwise go without. The project also aims to encourage empathy, consideration and caring for our wider community.

The project is requesting that children donate toys (pre loved or new), books and or board games that they no longer use or want. No stuffed toys or perishables and donations of novelty linen or dress ups need to be clean and freshly laundered. The pre loved items should be in undamaged and clean condition. As this is an unfunded project donations of wrapping paper and sticky tape would also be very much appreciated. These donations will then be distributed to families in need by local community service providers Midwest Disaster Relief and Regional Alliance West.

Children (and parents) are able to bring their donated items to school in week 7 (Monday 20th Nov to Friday 24th Nov). The collection point will be in the undercover area where there will be a parent from 8.30 am to 9.30 am supervising the collection point.

This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage your child to be actively involved with the joy of giving, this Christmas. If there are any parents who would like to donate time to the project or have any questions please contact Cindy Donald on 0428 944 016.

Regards

Paul Luxton

Principal

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