



# Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto  
"Reliability"

## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8 2018 No: 18

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 30th November**

JWC Band Visit

**Wednesday 5th December**

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

**Thursday 6th December**

Basketball Clinic Rms 13, 15, 16 & 17

**Friday 7th December**

End of Year Presentation Assembly  
9:00am

**Monday 10th December**

Year 6 Choir visit to Opal and  
Juniper Aged Care Homes

**Wednesday 12th December**

Year 6 Choir visit to Arcadia Waters  
Aged Care Home & Woolworths  
Seacrest

**Thursday 13th December**

Year 6 Term 4 Challenge Day  
Students finish

**Thursday 31st January 2019**

Class Lists displayed in Office Foyer  
1:15pm

**Monday 4th February 2019**

Students commence Term 1 2019

### 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:

#### End of Semester Reports

Teaching staff are in the process of completing their end of semester reports prior to them being proofed, printed and then of course sent home to parents. As part of the mandated reporting process schools have several obligations to meet when these reports are written.

Schools provide plain language reports to parent/carers at the end of each semester which:

- Are readily understandable to those responsible for the student.
- Give an accurate and objective assessment of the student's progress and achievement.
- Include an assessment of the student's achievement in terms of the Western Australian achievement standards detailed in the WA Curriculum Outline.
- Include, for the subjects studied, an assessment of the student's achievement in terms of the grades A, B, C, D and E.

Schools must also prepare for parents information that shows the number of students in each of the five achievement levels for each of the learning areas taught. This gives parents the ability to look at their child's report and determine how they rank against the rest of the children in that class without identifying any other student. This will be included as a single paged sheet attached to the student report.

#### School Stream

It has been great to see the number of parents using the absent from school function on the School Stream App. It really is a quick and easy way to alert the school that your child will not be in attendance and at the same time qualifies as a legitimate contact between the school and parent. The School Stream App is free and is available from the Apple and Android stores.

#### Annual Survey

Many thanks to all the parents who have been able to complete the annual School Community Survey. We have had a fantastic response rate with 84 respondents so far. This is over double the rate of the last survey which is an amazing result. The school survey will actually close on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December so there is still time for parents to have their say. Hard copies are available from the front office or parents can go online to complete it <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/MountTarcoolaPS2018>.

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## School Council

The final School Council meeting is being held on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. At the end of this year we will have a turnover of parent representatives due to children moving onto high school as well as leaving town. We will be seeking new members for this body for the 2019 year.

## Year 6 Gift

Many thanks to the Year 6 cohort of last year and also of this year. The Year 6 children fundraise each year with the idea of supporting the school in some fashion. They are very keen to support a new playground on the north end of the BER block. However this is quite a large project that will require some additional support and planning. In the meantime the funds raised from last year's Year 6 cohort have been used to replace the data projector in the Under Cover Area. The new projector has a much greater resolution and higher Lumens (5000) which will mean a sharper and brighter image on the screen. This year's Year 6's have fundraised to install dark theatre blinds in the south west corner of the Under Cover Area which will reduce the amount of ambient light in that space; this will in turn support the new projector in creating a much better image.

## Acknowledgement of Country

This year our deputy principal Mrs Marlene Bevan was successful in applying for a PALS grant which we have used to develop a new mural for the Under Cover Area. This mural will have the words to our Acknowledgment of Country on it. Alongside the words written in English will be the same words translated into Wajarri. The new mural will be fully completed before the end of the school year. The next step for us will be to learn how to speak and pronounce the words in Wajarri.

## Graduation Assembly

The Year 6 children and their teachers are well on the way with preparations for the upcoming graduation assembly. At this assembly on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December we will pay homage to and farewell our Year 6 children. We will also present the class awards for each class. This year we will also be presenting to the school community the 2019 Head Boy and Girl, Student Councillors and the Faction Captains. Parents of children who will be receiving an award or recognition at this assembly will be contacted and informed that their child is being recognised in some way. This gives parents the opportunity to not only make an extra effort to attend but to also invite members of their own extended family that may not have attended otherwise.

Paul Luxton  
Principal

## CHAPLAIN'S CHAT parenting\*ideas

### Helping children make a bright start to school

Children's milestone events such as starting school always bring a mix of emotions for both children and parents. If either you or your child is feeling anxious about the big event then the following tips will help ease the tension and ensure your child makes the best possible start to their school life:



1. Be positive about the year ahead
2. Tell them what to expect
3. Develop your child's independence skills
4. Explain what school expects from them
5. Teach social etiquette
6. Familiarise them with the school environment
7. Develop a goodbye routine (Don't forget to develop a hello routine too!)



At times of transition it's worth remembering that some children adapt to change far quicker than others. Some children adapt easily to new routines and surroundings, while others may take many weeks to feel comfortable with going to school. Patience, consistency and exposure to affirming parent networks may be the best allies that you and your child can have. For more information, visit <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/>



### END OF YEAR PRESENTATION DAY

Our End of Year Presentation Day is Friday 7th December commencing at 9:00am. All parents / guardians and extended family are welcome to attend this special event to congratulate our award recipients and farewell our graduating Year 6s.

### 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.
- **School Banking** - The last school banking for this year is on Wednesday 5th December 2018.

### REMINDER – CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2018

Thank you to parents and guardians who have paid Contributions and P&C for 2018. Parents have the opportunity to pay Contributions and P&C by Direct Deposit into the school's bank account—details will be on the bottom of the advice sheet sent home earlier this year. Credit Cards, cash and cheques will still be accepted—payment to be made at the office.

Credit card payment (at bottom of advice sheet) is only available for Contributions and P&C. The school **does not** have EFTPOS.

**Contributions and P&C** are voluntary and are used by the school to provide materials, services and facilities for the educational program of students. **Charges and other optional costs** are for the participation of students in events such as excursions, performances, in-term swimming and sporting events. Students cannot participate in these events unless the charges have been paid.



### STUDENTS LEAVING MOUNT TARCOOLA PS IN 2018 — 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 2019 please complete the section below and return it to the school office.

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ will not be returning to Mount Tarcoola PS in 2019.

Current Year/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## CENTACARE BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT 2019

Centacare Family Services is offering basic stationery packs to eligible families with children attending school from Kindergarten to Year 12.

To be eligible for a stationery pack, parents/caregivers must hold and present current Concession Card (Health Care Card) and have children in their full-time care.

Packs will be distributed on the following dates:

**Wednesday 23rd January 2019 - Friday 1st February 2019 (or earlier if sold out)**

**Closed Monday 28th January**

Where: Centacare, 3 Maitland St, Geraldton - follow the signs

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm weekdays

Cost: \$2:00 per pack

NB: Orders will not be taken in advance; orders must be collected by the named Health Care Card holder.

Any enquiries with regard the packs, please call **9921 1433** and Centacare will be happy to assist you.

## RANGEWAY DENTAL CLINIC

The Rangeway Dental Therapy Centre will close Thursday 13th December, reopening Monday 4th February, 2019. If you need urgent treatment up to, and including Friday 21st December, please phone **9923 1289** or **9921 4218**. After this time please phone the Adult Dental Clinic on **9956 8790** for emergency treatment only. During the Christmas period, you may need to see a private dentist or attend the A & E of the hospital. Also a reminder to Year 6 families, that students can continue with the school Dental Service until the end of Year 11 or until reaching the age of 17 years. Please notify the clinic of any address changes (applies to all students).



## Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 9th December 2018

Location:

Maitland Park, Geraldton

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Strathalbyn Christian College Family Fun Activities

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Carols



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# BAMBI

EARLY EDUCATION



## WE ARE NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR OSHC FOR 2019!

Did you know Bambi OSHC has two services, located at Geraldton Primary School and Saint Francis Xavier Primary School, providing before and after school care for children aged 4 - 12 years?

Bambi also does drop off and collection of children from all schools across Geraldton.

Operating hours from Monday - Friday  
6:30am - 6:00pm

CALL JAIMEE ON  
9960 7914 TO ARRANGE A

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AND FIND OUT MORE  
ABOUT OUR SERVICES

