COMMUNITY NEWS

TYPHOOON HAIYAN FUNDRAISING DINNER SUPPORTED BY THE MIDWEST MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND THE MAYORAL DONATION FROM THE CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON

A donation from the City of Greater Geraldton has helped the WMWA to give some support to the Geraldton Mabohay Association who are personally affected by the disaster as well as to kick start fundraising activities for survivors of Typhoon Haiyan.

Proceeds from the fundraising dinner will be processed by Caritas Australia’s Typhoon Haiyan Emergency Appeal.

The Fundraising Dinner will be held on Saturday December 7th at the Catholic Centre Hall, 9 Maitland Street, Geraldton at 7:00pm and tickets will be $50 per head. The evening will include a dinner and dessert buffet with soft drinks against a backdrop of local entertainment.

As a member of the Geraldton community we are asking you for any support you could give either by attending the dinner, helping with the preparation of food for the night or a donation of goods towards our efforts on the night.

For enquiries and ticket sales please contact:
Tricia Rogers on Ph: 08 9964 2716
Email: plm@wn.com.au
or
The Midwest Multicultural Association (Mondays and Tuesdays only) Ph: 08 9964 6728
Email: adna@midwestmulticultural.org

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Providing support for families of high ability children in the Midwest Region

Coffee Catchup
- Wednesday 4th December 8:00 - 9:00 P.M, Skeetars (near Dome)
- Friday 13th December 8:30 - 9:00 A.M, The Salt Dish Cafe
- Come along and find out about becoming a member
- Give your input into activity planning for 2014
- Share your triumphs & challenges with people having similar experiences

Any questions, please phone Gwenn on 9924 3293 or Di on 0407 498 971

SCHOOL WATCH ALERT

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Website: http://mttarcoola.wa.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 4th December
Parent Helper’s Morning Tea (10:30—11:30am)

Thursday 5th December
Classic Studio West in to do photo retakes—10:00am

Friday 6th December
Parent Assembly—Rooms 19 & 20

Monday 9th December
School Council Meeting 6:30—7:30pm
Open Meeting all welcome

Thursday 12th December
Year 7 Graduation Dinner/Dance Awards Evening — Towns Football Club 6:00pm

Friday 13th December
End of Year Presentation Assembly 9:00am

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

The school year has less than three weeks to run and there is certainly an air of excitement around the school as the last day approaches.

Our big news at the moment is that Mrs Tiana Purba-Barnard our highly skilled, very knowledgeable Indonesian and Music teacher was selected in the top four teachers in the State for Primary Schools. This was a great achievement and we are very proud to have her at our school.

At last night’s meeting, the P&C agreed to fund the purchase of another interactive whiteboard or similar device. As a group, the P&C felt that interactive whiteboards are old technology and perhaps we should look at smart TVs as an alternative. They do not require a projector and are much easier to use in the classroom. However, the costs are similar, smart TVs might be the way forward with ICT. The school will investigate the suitability of smart TVs for educational use over the next couple of weeks. The P&C continues to provide great support for our school and are an integral part of our operation.

Our numbers for next year will fall by about 70 students down to around 610. However, the effect on staffing will not be significant as although we will lose one whole Kindy class, Mrs May is retiring after a long and distinguished career and because our numbers are down, we will not be replacing her. The rest of the students we are losing are spread across Years 1 - 3 so the effect on any particular year group is not huge. We continue to work with Wandoora Primary School co-operatively in terms of enrolments and although there are some cross-boundary issues, they should be sorted by the end of the year.

Our lawn mowing contractor has been requested to supply a quotation for the re-seeding of the entire school oval. If approved, the surface of the oval will be removed and new turf will be laid on the original sand which will improve drainage and should improve the coverage of grass. This will be a welcome development as our oval is not in the best possible condition, despite our gardener’s best efforts.

The year 7 Graduation Dinner- Dance Awards Evening is happening at Towns Football Club on Thursday 12th December and should be a great night. The End of Year Presentation Assembly will be held on Friday 13th December where the whole school can celebrate the achievements of our Year 7 students, along with parents, relatives, carers and friends.

Next year will be the last year we will have Year 7 students at school. Because of this, we will be operating two student councils next year, one made up of Year 7 students and one of Year 6 students. This will give our Year 6 students the opportunity they would otherwise have missed to develop leadership skills.

STUDENT PHOTO RETAKES

The photographer from Classic Studios West will be in the school at 10:30am on Friday 6th December to do any photo retakes of students. If you would like to have your child’s photo retaken or your child was absent on the day please send a note to the office so we are aware of the students requiring photos. Payment will need to be made on the day if your child is having their photo taken for the first time.

MARK WHISSON

PRINCIPAL
Important Information for Parents

Parents/Carers of students in Years 5, 6 & 7

7:30—No running in the assembly area for safety reasons

9.00am—after school (2:45pm)

Students with allergies—must advise the disco co-ordinator

Ovenden. Great effort boys!

Tarcoola Primary on Saturdays throughout November and December at Eadon Clark

Members of the local Scorchers Cricket Team have been representing Mount Tarcoola Primary. The games that are not generally available for borrowing in the library and are available for the winning class to enjoy until the next assembly. The winning class for the last assembly with a score of 95.5% is Room 17.

The Library Prize Box is awarded to the class that has returned their books and remembered to bring their library satchels or bags. Each year we lose a significant number of books due to water damage from leaking water bottles, drinks and food spillage. To encourage students to use a satchel, the Library Prize Box is awarded to the class with the highest percentage of book returns and bags over the preceding weeks. The Prize Box contains a variety of books and games that are not generally available for borrowing in the library and is available for the winning class to enjoy until the next assembly. The winning class for the last assembly with a score of 95.5% is Room 13.

Well done Mrs Blanke and students in Room 13.

END OF YEAR DISCO — FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2013

Dancing, music, games and prizes. Entry $4 at the door. Hot food, snacks, drinks and glow sticks on sale.

Kindy / Pre-primary 5:00—5:50pm

Junior (Years 1—3) 6:00—7:20pm

Senior (Years 4—7) 7:30—9:00pm

Please note: Rules for the Disco

All students attending the Disco at Mount Tarcoola Primary must present a signed permission slip and entry fee with them on arrival. They must be dropped off and picked up at the door by a parent or guardian on the night.

• No senior students at junior disco unless with a parent

• Students to be collected by an adult at the main door promptly

• No running in the assembly area for safety reasons

• Students with allergies, must advise the disco co-ordinators prior to the night (contact: Amanda Silvester 0488 239 615 or Kyra Tingle 0419 201 206)

Teachers and parents will be supervising. Parent helpers are most welcome, leave your name at the front office.

Students without their signed permission slip and money will NOT be permitted entry.

P&C NEWS

Booklists 2014—Important Information for Parents

Booklist orders will be available for collection from the back of the staffroom from Monday 9th December to Friday 13th December 2013. Orders can be collected before school (8:30am—9:00am) or after school (2:45pm—3:15pm). Orders must be collected by a parent or another adult. Orders will not be given to students. Please check your order. If there are any problems, please take your order and order form to Jackson’s on Marine Terrace. Any orders not collected by Friday 13th December will be stored at school and available for collection when class lists are displayed in 2014.

PARENT INFORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Thursday 5th December 2013—Parents/Carers of students in Years 5, 6 & 7

Please join the Principal of John Willcock College, Julie Campbell in an information session about John Willcock College.

Venue: Mount Tarcoola Primary School Staff Room @ 2:15pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT NOMINATION

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 and return the below nomination slip to the front office or ring the school on 9921 4066.

STUDENTS LEAVING MOUNT TARCOOLA PS IN 2013

My child/ren ___________________________ will not be returning to Mount Tarcoola PS in 2014.

Destination School: ___________________________

Parent’s Name: ___________________________

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CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who were awarded Certificates of Merit at the Parent Assembly on Friday 22nd Nov. 2013.

Room 1: Tyler Croswell, Ella Lynch, Olivia Bond

Room 2: Lucas Goldring

Room 3: Matthew Fitzgerald, Deanna Pollitt

Room 4: Daniel Brennan, Ruby Wells

Room 5: Renee Armstrong, Mason Forrester, Jakylo Unbehauen, James Pollitt

Room 6: Nicholas Peal, Nova Bowker, Max Murray

Room 7: Matthew Ford, Millie Newton, Harmony Molloy

Room 8: Judd McCve, Fina Dethlefsen, Ahmad Zain Azman

Room 9: Ella Marsh, Asha McNeair

Room 10: Jay Kamid, Sophie Barwick

Room 11: Navaeh Hill, Ethan Bunn, Reef Molloy

Room 12: Mischa Vermelis

Room 13: Achaia Hall, Mica Hallgarth, Belle Skalko

Room 14: Abigail Hocking, Taya Chong-Wee, Tyrone Doust, Melissa Kerr

Room 15: Olivia Mowat, Haziel Tamehana, Hayley Searle

Room 16: Casey Fisher, John Boysen

Room 17: Fletcher Ross, Monique Slee, Jarja Whiteaker

Room 18: Brandon Lauder, Tait Phillips

Room 19: Jed Robertson, Alex Wenger

Our Future Ashes Team

Members of the local Scorchers Cricket Team have been representing Mount Tarcoola Primary on Saturdays throughout November and December at Eadon Clark Oval. The players are Ben May, George Godfrey, Tallis Kentsh and Payton Ovenden. Great effort boys!

Aussie of the Month

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Principal’s Reliability Award

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