



Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto
"Reliability"

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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:

Graduation Assembly

What an amazing assembly last Friday. The Year 6s' were magnificent, singing and dancing their way through their final Mount Tarcoola assembly. Many thanks to the invited guests for not only their presence but also to those that donated some of the awards. A big congratulations to all the award winners and in particular to the Dux of 2018 in Hannah Muchamore. A huge pat on the back to Judy Nardi, Nic Harrop, Stacey Woodman, Ann Bannister and Ibu Tiana for their over and above efforts in preparing the Year 6 children. Well done everyone.

End of Semester Reports

The student reports will be going home with students on Wednesday. Teachers will be available by appointment should parents wish to discuss the reports. This year we are also preparing 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 Council

Many thanks to our School Council members this year. Dale Pearse (Chairman), Michele Young, Ione Griffiths, Elise Ronan, Kelly Heseltine, Andrea Johnston, Judy Nardi, Justin Harwood and Kathy Taylor. The final School Council meeting was held last week. The council were presented with information on the schools budget, attendance data, NAPLAN and other assessment data. They also investigated the raw data from the Parent Survey. Information from the parent survey will be part of this year's School Report. The school will also publish across the course of the year the various initiatives that respond to these findings. Next year there will be a high turnover of members so we will be seeking replacements early in the new year.

2019 Student Leaders

Next year's student leaders were announced at the assembly on Friday. Congratulations to the new Head Boy Ben McGowan and Head Girl Holly Baynes. Also our new Student Councillors Jack Etherton, Ruby Lin, Jimmy Horsman and Amali Evans. The 2019 Faction Captains are Water - Braith Ellerington and Kristen Harries, Air - Dean Caulfield and Sienna Norman, Earth - Hanru Janse Van Rensburg and Georgia Pearse, Fire - Thomas Black and Evee Waters.

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2019 Class Structures

Traditionally Mount Tarcoola does not announce the following years class structures until the day before school goes back. This year I would like to announce the structures for our Early Childhood and Junior Primary classes before the end of the year. Next year we will be having two Kindergarten classes and two Pre Primary classes. In the junior primary we will be having 4 x Year 1/2 split classes. Each of these classes will have between 21 and 23 students in them to begin the year. We have made this move to better meet the needs of the children in these year groups. It is not unusual for us to do this, having recently had 4 x Year 2/3 split classes. A letter will be going home with the student reports to all 2019 Year 1/2 parents outlining which class their child will be in for 2019. We are unable to announce the rest of the class structures due to uncertainty around the final number of students attending for 2019. These will be announced at the beginning of the 2019 school year.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to everybody for the festive season. An extra special happiness wish to those families that are leaving us either through their children finishing Year 6, moving towns, state, house or schools. Thanks to everyone for a great year, my first at Mount Tarcoola has been extremely rewarding. I am already very much looking forward to working with the community to continue to bring about positive change to better the lives of the children in our school. I hope everyone has a very safe and happy festive season and we will see you all back on Monday the 4th of February, 2019!

Paul Luxton
Principal

FACTION CAPTAINS 2019



Dean Caulfield, Sienna Norman, Kristen Harries, Braith Ellerington, Georgia Pearce, Hanru Janse Van Rensburg, Eeve Watters, Thomas Black.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS 2019



Ben McGowan (Head Boy), Holly Baynes (Head Girl), Amali Evans, Jack Etherton, Ruby Lin, Jimmy Horsman

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT



Here are some suggestions for easy and cheap holiday activities.

Backyard cricket - Dust off the cricket bat and tennis ball, dig out an old milk crate for stumps and get them to hit a few sixes!

Blowing Bubbles - They're best outdoors to avoid spills and mess but also to harness the weather and so inexpensive when you can make your own bubble mixture.

Clothesline art show - Hold a neighborhood art show. The kids can get painting and crafting with their friends, send out invitations and even offer some of the artworks for sale.

Play with icy boats. Why not make cool (literally!) frozen icy boats and let them float in a tub or pool or bucket.

Treasure hunt - Hide a few bits and bobs around the garden and challenge your kids to find each one!

Rubber glove puppets - Little finger puppets made out of rubber gloves and any old craft materials you have lying about. Once they're made, get the kids to put on a puppet show to entertain you.

More detail on these activities and others can be found at <https://www.kidspot.com.au/>

HONOUR BOARD

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were awarded Certificates at our
2018 GRADUATION AND ANNUAL AWARDS

Rm 1	Callan Ryan, Reannah Bradley
Rm 2	Faheez Mirzwan, Deniz Hermawan
Rm 3	Caden Ellerington, Kash D'Arcy
Rm 6	Kasey Shiozaki, Fatimah Azman
Rm 8	Miela Friesen, Alex Palmer
Rm 9	Tiarn Taylor, Connor Jones
Rm 10	Hurley Elward, Aaron Norman
Rm 11	Merina Broadhead, Kirk Piper
Rm 12	Azhari Mirzwan, Decky Hermawan
Rm 13	Chloe Cukela, Ben McGowan
Rm 14	Sarah Morrison, Zara Warburton
Rm 15	Chelsea Bradley, Caleb Aitken
Rm 16	Aminah Azman, Tristan Reyes
Rm 17	Jenna Butson, Hayden Broadhead
DUX	Hannah Muchamore
Citizenship	Bailee Reed, Riaz Mohammad
Sports Boy	Cooper Booth
Sports Girl	Nevaeh Hill
GUC Academic Endeavour Award	Chayla Argent
Maths Award	Samaia Friesen
Science Award	Samaia Friesen, Kai Furukawa
HASS Award	Hannah Muchamore
The Arts Award	Joe Kennedy
LOTE Award	Hannah Muchamore
Digital Technologies Award	Tarsuinn Hall
Augustus Gregory Award	Blazemer Fabello, Colin Carston
Literary Award	Hannah Muchamore
Junior Spirit of Mt Tarcoola	Dylan Aitken
Intermediate Spirit of Mt Tarcoola	Jake Leech
Senior Spirit of Mt Tarcoola	Anna Currell
Mount Tarcoola Aboriginal Education Encouragement Award	Shaylyn Latham



Staff at Mount Tarcoola PS wish parents, students and community members a safe, happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing all returning/new students and parents in 2019.

School recommences for students on **Monday 4th February, 2019 at 8:50am.**

Class lists will be available for viewing in the office foyer at approximately 1:15pm on Thursday 31st January, 2019.

The school office will be re-open on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE MUSEUM OF GERALDTON

All roads lead to Rome! 13 Dec - 3 Feb 2019

Immerse yourself in the life of ancient Rome at the Museum of Geraldton these school holidays.

Discover the innovations and inventions that set the Roman Empire apart from the rest of the world, many of which we still use today!

Book your tickets for '[Ancient Rome: The Empire that Shaped the World](#)' or join in a range of free and paid activities. More information can be found by visiting [School Holidays at the Museum of Geraldton](#).

City of GREATER GERALDTON HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The City of Greater Geraldton School Holiday Program is back for the Summer break! Visit the city website at <https://bit.ly/2oE9FAZ> or call 9956 6600 for further information.

2019 SEASON



Important dates and Information:

- ★ 26th January 2019 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
- ★ 16th February 2019 Registration and Grading Day.
 - Registration is at 4pm in the Redink Stadium @ Geraldton Netball Association, Eighth Street Wonthella. A \$50 non-refundable deposit to register.
 - Grading will be straight after registration with Junior grading starting at 5pm and Seniors at 6pm.
 - All grading and team allocations are a Committee decision and are final.
 - A get together will be from 7:30pm at the Dome after grading is finished.
- ★ Year 7's are to make contact with their nominated club and complete a form for booking a place in a team as there is only 20 spots available.
 - A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required.
- ★ Any queries please contact geraldtonpanthers@gmail.com or Sam Prunster (Club Secretary) 0429647119 or Buffy Fowler (Club President) 0488559864
- ★ <https://www.facebook.com/geraldtonpanthers/>

CATHOLIC FAMILIES REQUESTING

BAPTISM AND THE SACRAMENTS FOR THEIR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

Those willing to have their children baptised, are requested to contact Carol Quill, Coordinator of the Catholic Parish Sacramental Programme, on 9964 2716, or email libraryplm@westnet.com.au.

The sacraments celebrated this year are, Reconciliation in the first term: First Eucharist in the second term and Confirmation in the third term, 2019.

There will be a brief four weeks preparation time on Baptism for the children, after school re-opens in February. All are welcome.



HelpingMinds FREE January School Holiday Programs

Do you know a student affected by or supporting a family member or friend with mental health challenges?

[HelpingMinds](#) is a not for profit mental health organisation that offers free school holiday programs for young people. Our programs are designed to be fun and interactive whilst enriching and upskilling participants so that they are better equipped to deal with the challenges of every day life.

We have an array of very exciting workshops planned for the January school holidays.

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[Fun In Sun City](#) 8 -13 years

Places are limited and bookings are essential. For more information or to register head to our [website](#) or call us on 9427 7100.

