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UPCOMING EVENTS
Thursday 19th December
Last Day of Term
Student Reports sent home

Monday 3rd February
Students commence

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
By the time you read this, our students will have two more days of school left in 2013. The year has flown by and so much has been achieved. We certainly celebrated the graduation of our Year 7 students with the Graduation Dinner - Dance at the Towns Football Club last Thursday night followed by our Awards Ceremony for all classes at Friday’s Assembly. Friday’s Assembly rates as one of the best Assemblies I have ever attended – it was entertaining and our students behaved impeccably. Mr Darren West MLC, Mr Paul Brown MLC and Mrs Blayney, representing her husband Mr Ian Blayney MLA were extremely impressed with the way the Assembly unfolded and with the behaviour of our students.

On behalf of the parents who attended, I would like to thank the P&C who arranged for the erection of the shade structures at the side of the undercover area. I am sure all who sat under the shade were very appreciative as the temperature rose. I would also like to thank the P&C for their outstanding fund raising efforts throughout the year with just over $26 000 being raised for the school. There would be very few schools in Western Australia where the P&C raises this much.

We also announced the Student Councillors for 2014, remembering that we will run two Student Councils next year. The successful candidates were:

Year 6 — 2014
Nicholas Pead (Head Boy Yr 6)
Emmy Silvester (Head Girl Yr 6)
James Pollitt
Vayuni Aponsu

Year 7 — 2014
Scott Batty (Head Boy Yr 7)
Selina Blanke (Head Girl Yr 7)
Fletcher Ross
Leah Whitewood

Although there were many highlights throughout the year, perhaps the most significant for me has been the progress our school has made in the use of Information and Communication Technology. Our students have been using mobile devices of different sorts – including 32 iPad Minis, which have been hooked into our computer system. We also have a new web page (thanks Mrs Kay McAuliffe) and we also have our Facebook page. Facebook has been a revelation and is just a great way of improving communication between the school and the community. We intend to continue with the upgrading and expansion of the ICT infrastructure next year when we purchase 42 new laptops, another Interactive Whiteboard or Smart TV (Thanks P&C) and more iPad Minis including the 26 that will replace those that were stolen this term.

Finally, on behalf of all our staff, I would like to thank the parents and carers of our students and other members of the school community who have supported us throughout the year. Our school is a very complex organisation and without the support of our community we would not function nearly as well. I wish you all the best for Christmas and trust that you will have a great New Year – stay safe!

MARK WHISSON
PRINCIPAL
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were awarded Certificates at our 2013 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY:

RM 1 Zachary Shields, Kailee Atkinson
RM 2 Mia Jones, Oscar Lin
RM 3 Channelle Reilly, Finn Dethlefson
RM 4 Grace Yokwe, Nate Fox-Muhl
RM 5 Ashlea Ramosamy, Shantari Ryder
RM 6 Denver Robertson, Kate Cooper
RM 7 Georgia Rose, Zac Jackson
RM 8 Fina Dethlefson, Lily Kennedy
RM 9 Aminah Azman, Samuel Wilson
RM 10 Olivia Elliott, Macy Pearse
RM 11 Samaia Friesen, Rizc Mohammad
RM 12 Toby McMill, Jenna Butson
RM 13 Kya Rowcroft, Jake Chapman
RM 14 Rohan Rickards, William Cooney
RM 15 Tyra Austin, Scott Batty
RM 16 Maddie Peal, Jace Roper
RM 17 Kimberly Cream, Kye McVee
RM 19 Jake Lewis, Shay-Anne Wyndham
RM 20 Ted Hogan, Zoe Hildebrandt

HOW SCHOOL POLICY

Council.

Students may still be in credit for unexpended Incursions & Excursions from 2013, parents will be advised if this applies to their child.

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CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2014

At the beginning of 2014 advice will be provided to parents for payment of Contributions and P & C. Charges for In-term Swimming and Incursions/Excursions will be pay as you go. Class teachers will provide details of incursions/excursions and costs, payment to be made to class teacher (cash or cheque).

Credit card payment is only available for Contributions and P & C.

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RTEEBALL 2013 SEASON

Congratulations to the seven Tarcoola Rookies TeeBall Teams and the Coaches and parents who helped out. Well done to Rookies Red Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors who all were presented with Premiership Shields. Congratulations to all Tarcoola Rookies players that were nominated to try out for State Championships and to the players that were selected. This has been a great season and I thank all those coaches and parents that helped me with their child(s) team. I look forward to seeing you all for the 2014 season. Emma Shane—Coordinator

Mount Tarcoola Primary School 2014 Charges & Contributions Years K-7

CHARGES PER CHILD

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Notes:

- Maximum Voluntary Contributions payable per family is $180.00, parents will be invoiced at the beginning of 2014. P&C Contribution $2 per child will be included in invoice.
- Phone approved Credit Card payment is available for Contributions only (Visa, Mastercard), fill in the bottom of the invoice and return to the office.
- Charges for incursions and excursions and swimming in 2014 will be pay as you go. Class teacher will provide details of incursion and excursion and cost, payment to class teacher (cash or cheque).
- Other Optional Costs are additional items such as camps/ Instrumental Music / Year 7 Activities and this document shows maximum costs.
- Please note that the level of Charges & Voluntary Contributions has been approved by the School Council.
- If necessary, payment options may be negotiated with the school, please contact the Registrar.
- It may not be possible to refund for pre-booked excursion e.g. Iluka Showcase, Queen Park Theatre Productions.

Examples - Contributions

Family with a Kindergarten, Pre-primary & Year 2 child

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GRAND TOTAL $186.00

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**NHAGUWA GULA - LOOK CLOSER!**

Welcome to Yanajji country! Discover one of the oldest living cultures and its vibrant role in the Mid West these school holidays at the WA Museum. Lots of activities for all the family, including four workshops featuring Bundiyarra - Inra Wanga Language presenters. For further information for dates, costs and booking requirements call 9921 5080 or visit www.museum.wa.gov.au/whats-on/school-holidays/Geraldton

**WILLETTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALIST BASKETBALL PROGRAM YR 7 AND YR 8 2014**

Specialist Basketball Studies Year 7 - 2015

Applications close at Willetton Senior High School at 3.00pm on Monday 19th May 2014.

Students will be required to attend the **WILLETTON BASKETBALL STADIUM** as follows:

(The application form lodged at the school entitles you to attend trials. You will be notified by email of our receipt of your application.)

**FRIDAY 23rd May 2014 - Willetton Basketball Stadium**
8.00am - 11.00am GIRLS trialling for Year 2 in 2015
12.00pm - 3.00pm BOYS trialling for Year 2 in 2015

**Specialist Basketball Studies Year 8 to 2015**

Applications close at Willetton Senior High School at 3.00pm on Monday 5th May 2014.

Students will be required to attend the Willetton Basketball Stadium as follows:

(The application form lodged at the school entitles you to attend trials. You will be notified by email of our receipt of your application.)

**MONDAY 12th May 2014 - Willetton Basketball Stadium**
8.00am - 11.00am GIRLS trialling for Year 8 in 2015
12.00pm - 3.00pm BOYS trialling for Year 8 in 2015

**MONDAY 19th May 2014 - Willetton Basketball Stadium**
8.00am - 10.00am ALL students trialling for Years 9 to 11 in 2015

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Scuba diving is a totally awesome sport. Until recently, only older kids and adults could dive. Not anymore! Now there's SCUBA RANGERS!

To enrol or for more information please contact: Batavia Coast Dive Academy,

Email: info@bcdca.com.au or phone: (08) 99214229

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**CENTACARE BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT 2014**

Centacare Family Services provide basic stationary packs to families with children attending school from Kindergarten to Year 12. To be eligible for the program families must hold a current Concession Card (Health Care Card) and have children in their full-time care. Parents must present in person with the Concession Card at Centacare Family Services to pay and collect the packs. The cost is $2 per pack.

**Details:**

Place — order, pay & collect

Where — Training Room (front of Centacare Building, 3 Mainland Street, Geraldton) — please follow the signs

When — Wednesday 22nd to Friday 31st January 2014

Time — 9.30-12.30 weekdays (except Monday 27th January Australia Day Public Holiday)

***Please note: Centacare is unable to take any names/orders prior to the distribution dates above***

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**PCYC GERALDTON SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Commencing on 8th January 2014 running for 3 and a half days of fun 9am—12.30pm.

In centre days at PCYC will consist of Circus, Boxing, Wall climb, Cooking, Jump and Bump water slides, Basketball and Acro-tramps. Excursion days will consist of Greenough Wildlife Park, Surfing (8+), Wheelchair basketball and the Aquatic centre (8+). Last day of Program is Crazy Hair Disco.

Preschool Play Days for ages 2—5 years 7th and 21st January 2014. $8 per child. Please email geraldtonadmin@wpccy.c.com.au for an enrolment form and full SHP or call 9921 1317 to book in your child.

PCYC will be closing from the 19th December 2013 and re-opening on 7th January 2014.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

To the following students who were awarded Certificates of Merit at the Parent Assembly on Friday 6th December 2013:

- Room 1: Abby Shiozaki, Tahine Weir, Joshua Latham
- Room 2: No certificates awarded
- Room 3: Jake Hogan, Maddy Silvester, Isabella Anwar
- Room 4: Harry Flower, Edwin Little
- Room 5: Tessa Criddle, Lali Mardon, Keon Ryder, Pieter van der Merwe
- Room 6: Sibylle Wenger, Rory Shone, Steven Manion
- Room 7: Braden Page, Noah Turner, Jack Fisher, McKinley
- Room 8: Lily Kennedy, Horatio Hogan, Rau Van Lieper, Renee Armstrong
- Room 9: William Vincent, Tyler Tomuri
- Room 10: No certificates awarded
- Room 11: Lincoln Roberts, Chloe Cunningham-Duncan
- Room 12: Skye Hildebrandt, Kairoh Van Lierop, Rowan Welligisch
- Room 13: Rachel Head, Nikita Nankiville, Kaleb Byrnes, Cameron Merendino, Jake Briese
- Room 14: Anthony Rees, Jasmine Anderson, Chloe Davie
- Room 15: Shannon Ashley, Jon Butson, Holly Ellis, Ebony Stanley, Scott McAlulife
- Room 16: Jeremy Cheeseman, Jordan Kuek, Keegan Prentous, Ruan Van Staden
- Room 17: Kiro Johns, Tyrion Cox, Matt Farr
- Room 18: Scott Steenwaage, Adrian Heam
- Room 19: No certificates awarded
- Room 20: Rocco Hallgarth, Lani Bennett, Abbas Zain Azman, Mackenzie Froudie

**Aussie of the Month**

- Junior Student: Sharee Arnold
  - Sharee is a thoughtful and considerate class member. She works well with her peers and encourages them. Sharee is a responsible and reliable student who always tries to achieve her best.

- Senior Student: Hayley Clarke
  - Hayley is a bright, happy and co-operative class member who is always ready to help her friends and peers.

- Staff Member: Russell Pusey
  - For volunteering his services as a DJ for our School Disco's.

**Principal’s Reliability Award**

- Junior Student: Sienna Barton
  - Sienna is kind, follows instructions, looks after her possessions and the classroom environment. She can be relied on to behave in a responsible manner and displays a great attitude towards learning and interacting.

- Senior Student: Maddie Pead
  - Maddie is 100% reliable with all tasks, supportive of her peers, respectful to all staff and has excellent manners.

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**RANGEWAY DENTAL CLINIC**

The Rangeway Dental Clinic will be closed from Friday 20th December, re-opening 3rd February, 2014. During this time some clinics will be open for limited emergency treatment—please phone 9921 4373 for details, otherwise seek treatment from a private dentist. A reminder to Year 7 students, the School Dental Service is available to them until the end of Year 11. Deni Kelly, Rangeway Dental Therapy

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**SPLAGHETTI BRIDGE COMPETITION**

On December 7th 2013, Mt Tarcoola students entered 11 bridges in the Midwest Engineers Spaghetti Building Competition. The criteria was to build a bridge from spaghetti and glue to weigh no more than 250grams, length 500mm, width 100cm. The bridges were then tested for strength by having a bucket hanging from a hook on a load point as sand was slowly added until the bridge broke.

The results from our school were:

- Year 3 — Zachary Sheils 5.46 kgs, Abbas Zain Azman 7.85kgs
- Year 4 — Ali Zain Azman 11.2 kgs, Ahmad Zain Azman 11.6 kgs
- Year 5 — Vayani Aponsu and Shantari Ryder 2.16kgs
- Year 6 — William Pike and Chloe Pike 5.6kgs, Kalanui Barton 2.11kgs, Ebony Stanley 1.53kgs, Kayla Jones 1.67kgs, Tristan Batty 26kgs, Erin Shepherd 1.6kgs
- Year 7 — Khaled Zain Azman 9.6kgs

No certificates awarded

The Students will receive a certificate and the winners will be announced at this week Student assembly.