



Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto
"Reliability"

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 2016 No.2

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 23rd February

Parent Newsletter

Wednesday 24th February

Red & White Day Fundraiser

Friday 4th March

Parent Assembly Rooms 13 & 14

Tuesday 8th March

Year 6 Leadership Day—Geraldton Camp School

Friday 11th March

Parent Assembly Rooms 7 & 17

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:

Welcome to our second newsletter for the term, and I hope that your week has begun well.

Last week was our annual Welcome BBQ and thank you to all the families who came along to support the event. Also a big thank you to the organisers who coordinated the whole show. One of the ideas behind the Welcome BBQ is to provide families an opportunity to meet each other and put names to faces and that was certainly achieved.

Whilst on the subject of food, many children use our canteen and I would to acknowledge Jodie Rodgers and her band of volunteers as the canteen was awarded a 5 Star rating when inspected earlier this term. Well done everyone and we know we are all purchasing quality food from very well maintained premises.

Students at Mount Tarcoola are very aware of our behaviour expectations that apply across our school; Be Reliable, Be Polite, Be Co-operative and Be Respectful. When students are spotted following our expectation they can receive a small card which they place in boxes in the undercover area. To stretch out the links between paragraphs did you know that students who have their name drawn out at a student assembly get a \$5 voucher from our 5 ★ canteen.

Each week we focus on an element related to one of the Four Be's. This week the school staff have, and will be focussing on, 'Using Manners' which sits within our Be Polite expectation. Next week the focus will be on 'contributing to your group the best you can'. This sits under the being Co-operative heading.

Each year we have a gold coin donation free dress day to raise money for our sister school in Indonesia. Students come dressed in Red and White, the colours of the Indonesian flag. This is listed on the term planner that went home last newsletter, but just a reminder that it is planned for tomorrow, Wednesday.

Whilst on the term planner, by the time the next newsletter is written we will have witnessed Rooms 13 and 14 assembly, March 4th, and the Year 6 students will have been to the Geraldton Camp School, March 8th and on the same day the Student Councillors will have attended the GRIP Leadership student conference and we look forward to those events.

I just mentioned the Students Councillors which is my lead into announcing another group of leaders in our school. Last week the 2016 Faction Captains were named and they were presented with their badges by Mr Harwood. Without even knowing their names I'm sure you would be able to identifying the Faction Captains if you were on the school grounds because they are the ones walking very tall and proud with their badges on, congratulations to:

Air - Olivia Bond & Abbas Zain Azman **Earth**-Brynie Wright & Zachary Shields
Fire - Kayla Cooper & Rory Dorant **Water** - Ava Williams & Jake Criddle

On behalf of all the staff, enjoy the rest of your week.

Shane Rutter
Deputy Principal

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2016

A Voluntary Contributions and P&C Advice was sent home last week for each child via their classroom teacher. This year parents have the opportunity to pay Contributions and P&C by Direct Debit into the school's bank account—details are on the bottom of the advice sheet. Credit Cards, cash and cheques will still be accepted—payment to be made at the office. Charges for In-term Swimming, Incursions/Excursions, Graduation etc 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 (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.

RANGEWAY DENTAL CLINIC

The Rangeway Dental Clinic will be closed for 4 weeks, from 4pm Friday 19th Feb to Sunday 20th March, reopening on Monday 21st March 2016 at 8am. If emergency treatment is required in this time, please phone Allendale DTC on **99214 218**, or Bluff Point DTC on **9923 1289**.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS FOR 2016

HEAD BOY: Jed Hagan

HEAD GIRL: Erin Harries

COUNCILLORS: Jed Hagan, Erin Harries, Zayne Gray, Ashlyn Hodge, Jed Robertson, Darci Pinkney



KINDY / PRE PRIMARY

Since the commencement of school, there have been a number of incidences of faeces being found around the play area, Pre Primary tyres being taken out of the school and a garden hose wound around the front fence. We can all be vigilant in keeping our school safe by reporting any behaviour to the police.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A reminder that the School Uniform order is due by Friday of this week—26th February 2016, no late orders can be taken at this time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nominations are open for the School Council. The Council meets 1 to 2 times a term. We meet in the staffroom on Monday nights from 6.30pm to 7.30pm approximately.

If you would like to nominate for a position on the council, please contact Mr Shane Rutter (A/Principal) or Mrs Karen Batty (School Chairperson) on **9921 4066**.

MOUNT TARCOOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL IS

Proud to be a
Waterwise
School

Be a Fresh Water Thinker this summer

There are lots of ways you and your family can be Fresh Water Thinkers.

Fresh water thinker tips

- Designate one glass or refill a water bottle for your drinking water each day reducing the number of dishes.
- Use a plug or a bowl when washing vegies instead of running them under a tap. A running tap can use up to 50 litres of water in just 5 minutes, by putting a plug or bowl in the sink the same job can be done with less than 10 litres of water.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION COURSES OFFERED FOR 2015.

Any Catholic child who is not attending a Catholic Primary School who wishes to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2015, are invited to attend after-school preparation classes for these Sacraments. Preparation classes are held after school at the Catholic Centre, on Wednesday's and run for approximately 6 weeks. If you would like your child to attend these classes, and have not yet enrolled with the parish, you should do so asap. Please contact Carol on Tuesday's or Wednesday's, on **9964 2716**, or visit the Diocesan website: www.geraldtondiocese.org.au for more information.

