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UPCOMING EVENTS
Thursday 23rd February
West Coast Eagles Visit 9:15—10:00am
Before School Tennis Coaching
7:45 — 8:30am

Thursday 2nd March
Before School Tennis Coaching
7:45 — 8:30am

Friday 3rd March
Parent Assembly Rooms 13 &14

Monday 6th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 9th March
Before School Tennis Coaching
7:45 — 8:30am

Saturday 11th March
State Election
P&C Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday 15th March
Young Writers

Thursday 15th March
Before School Tennis Coaching
7:45 — 8:30am

Friday 17th March
Year 6 Leadership Day

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 year.

We had eight very proud students following the badge presentations for our 2017 Faction Captains. Congratulations to;
Water - Fletcher Harrison and Ruby Macpherson
Earth - Sam Shields and Haylee Coker
Air - Jake Hagan and Deanna Pollitt
Fire - Nate Fox-Muhl and Annabelle Goforth

The Faction Captains were also announced on the school’s Facebook page which is a great place to keep in touch with what is going on.

We have a ‘Kiss and Drive’ area near the basketball courts and these are designed for flow of traffic in the mornings and afternoons. So traffic can flow and the ‘Kiss and Drive’ operates effectively can parents please not park in the yellow area. Car parking bays are marked in white paint. This will assist in keeping that area safe for our students. Your assistance is appreciated.

Thanks to all families who were able to make the Welcome BBQ, again we had a wonderful turn out and big thanks to the organising committee, staff who helped out on the night and also our student councillors who handed sausages to the many visitors. The combined efforts of many made for a smooth running event.

Thank you to Bernie Miller, from Main Roads, who has facilitated the extension of the pedestrian path on Ackland Road down to the lights. This means that our families can walk, ride, or scoot directly to the lights and use the pedestrian crossing to cross Ackland Road and then the Highway. We encourage everyone to use the lights when crossing as this is the safest way to cross the intersection.

Last year I was out of the school working on a project that involved a number of different government departments and one of the outcomes was a list of service providers within Geraldton. These service providers can assist individuals, or families, in areas such as: counselling, emergency relief, parenting, youth specific, mental health, domestic violence and disabilities. Not everyone is aware that there is support and assistance available or how to make contact with the various service providers. To help overcome this, our Facebook page has the Family Services Directory, please take time to have a look and share with friends and family.

Hope that you have an enjoyable week.

SHANE RUTTER
PRINCIPAL
P&C

- **Uniform Shop** is open every Monday from 8.30am - 9.00am in the Artroom. Any other times see Jodie in the canteen. The Uniform Shop is looking for any donations of uniforms, especially hats and satchels, which parents/carers no longer need.

- **Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser** — if you feel a bit peckish whilst waiting to vote on Saturday 11th March why not come and grab a sausage or 2 from the P&C table located near the Artroom.

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**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

At Mount Tarcoola Primary School we believe attendance is one of the most important factors in a student’s academic success.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day - and gets there on time.

At Mount Tarcoola Primary School we want all children to be successful and need your help and support by sending your child to school EVERY day!

We are here to help if you have any concerns. Please make an appointment with your child’s teacher or myself if you need assistance in getting your child to school.

Marlene Bevan
Deputy Principal

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**PARENT NEWSLETTER DELIVERY METHOD — IMPORTANT**

Last year we had emails bounce back as the address given was incorrect or did not have the correct permissions. If you have not returned the below slip please do so by WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH, 2017. If an additional person requires the newsletter please supply their details as well e.g grandparent, split families. Place completed slip in box provided in office foyer by . If a slip is **not returned** you will continue to receive a hard copy via eldest child.

We have also had a few instances where mail has been returned to the school or phone numbers disconnected. If home/mailing addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts have changed please come into the office and complete a change of details form.

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**PARENT NEWSLETTER DELIVERY METHOD**

Eldest Student’s Name: ____________________________ Room:______

Contact’s Name: ________________________________________________

☐ HARD COPY

☐ EMAIL: __________________________________________________

Additional person Contact’s Name (if required): ____________________________

☐ EMAIL: __________________________________________________

☐ POSTED

ADDRESS:____________________________________________________

____________________________________________________
**ATTENTION CATHOLIC FAMILIES**

Preparation for the Sacraments and Faith Education Classes 2017:

If you would like to have your children participate in after school classes for Preparation to receive the following Sacraments

- First Reconciliation (Year 3 and older)
- First Eucharist or (Year 4 and older)
- Confirmation (Year 6 and older)

Please call in on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning at the Centre for Parish Life and Mission 9-11 Maitland St, Geraldton (where the Catholic Centre is located) to fill out an Enrolment Form, or phone Carol Quill on 9964 2716 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning for further details.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Dealing With Life’s Losses Parent Edition**

1 hour parent info session to assist you to support your child through the workshops which help children:

- Notice their warning signs that they are not coping emotionally
- Think about solutions
- Find better ways to express their feelings (including sadness)

**When:**
- Monday 27th of February 6.00pm -7.00pm
- Wednesday 1st of March 6.00pm -7.00pm

**Where:** Centacare Family Services, 3 Maitland Street, Geraldton.

**Cost:** $5.00

Please call (08) 9921 1433 to register your attendance
GERALDTON RUGBY CLUB

Invitation for all players to come along and join the rugby club this year.

Fees. $70 (inc shirt & insurance)

Gummy Sharks: Boys & girls 4yrs - 9yrs
Reef Sharks: Boys & girls 10yrs - 14yrs

Training will be on Thursday evenings 5pm to 6pm @ Rugby Park, on Chapman Rd, Spalding, Geraldton.

Players can still register on Thursday 23rd February.

For further information please contact:
Margaret Frick
Geraldton Rugby Club
Mob: 0407 087 181

ST PATS FOOTBALL CLUB

It is that time of the year again and St Pats Football Club are now taking registrations for U8’s (Yrs 1-2) and U10’s (Yrs 2-3 & 4).

If interested please contact either:
Gerard Marquis 0408 177 419, Georgina Grimley 0407 126 336 or g.grimley@bigpond.com