



Mount Tarcoola Primary School

Kids Matter
AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS
MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE



School Motto
"Reliability"

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 2018 No: 3

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 9th March

P&C Disco

Tuesday 13th March

Food Sensations Parent Workshop

9:15 – 11:15am

Friday 16th March

Harmony Day

Singh Sisters Incursion

Thursday 19th March

P&C AGM 7:00pm

Friday 30th March

Good Friday—Public Holiday

Monday 2nd April

Easter Monday—Public Holiday

Tuesday 3rd April

Students do not attend school

Friday 6th April

Rooms 11 & 13 Parent Assembly

Friday 13th April

Year 6 Challenge Day

Last day of Term

Tuesday 1st May

Student commence Term 2

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:

Assembly

Well done to Rooms 6 & 8 for an awesome assembly last week. The message to protect and look after our coral reefs was delivered loud and clear. I have also learnt a few new jokes to tell my children! Congratulations to all the merit certificate winners and to the Principal Reliability and Aussie of the Month recipients. At the assembly Leanne from Rigtters IGA presented the school with a cheque for \$559.00. Many thanks to all the parents who shopped at Rigtters IGA stores and nominated Mount Tarcoola PS to receive the rewards from that. We certainly appreciate the support from the Rigtters IGA group.



Leadership Opportunities

Well done to the Year 6 children who have gained a leadership position this year, either as a School Captain, Student Councillor, Faction Captain or Peer Mediator. Each of these positions are determined through different sets of criteria and were voted upon by the students and in some cases with input from staff. It has been fantastic to see the number of children that nominated for these positions. Unfortunately this has meant that some children have missed out as the number of nominations far exceeded the number of positions available. Given the overwhelming response to these opportunities we will be looking at ways that we can offer leadership opportunities to all students who not only show aptitude for it but who also want to develop these skills.

STEM Activities

Feedback from the year 6 excursion to John Willcock College to participate in the solar car workshops in Week 3 was very positive. This year we have allocated support time to two of our teachers (Mrs Blanke and Mr Normington) to assist class teachers in their development and understandings of the Digital Technologies curriculum and also that of Science Technologies Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Next week Mrs Blanke and Mr Normington will be running an afterschool professional learning event for teachers on coding and how to use some of the newer digital technology that we have in our school. This will have a direct positive impact on student outcomes as staff become more confident in their own understandings and then are better placed to teach these skills and understandings to the children.

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See Saw

A number of class and subject teachers have signed up to use the communication tool/App See Saw with their classes this year. It really is a fantastic way for teachers to communicate with parents about individual students as well as to keep them up to date with what is happening in their class as a whole. The program has been set to allow one on one sharing as well as whole class and group sharing from teachers to parents.

Positive Behaviour

It has been fantastic to see over the last two weeks how our students are following our Positive Behaviour messages of Be Respectful, Be Cooperative, Be Reliable and Be Polite. The four 'Bees' are well and truly embedded into our culture and way of life.

Car Parking

Could all parents who are using the various car parks to drop off and pick up their children please make sure that they take care and exercise caution and patience. School car parks can be fraught with danger, especially when school finishes as there is a mad rush and children everywhere. Park in the middle of the bays where possible, look several times before reversing and drive slowly (under 10kph) when entering and exiting the carpark.

Animals

Could we please request that parents do not bring their pet dogs to school with them when dropping off and picking up children. This poses a risk not only to the dog but to school and younger children. When we have 400 children and parents trying to leave the school grounds it can get a little overwhelming for an animal. Also we are still having issues with people in the local community using the school oval to exercise their dogs after school and on the weekends. The main problem with this is that they don't always clean up the dog poo that is left behind! I am sure parents would agree this is disgusting and if I were a parent of a child who then steps in it, would be very disappointed.

Paul Luxton
Principal

REMINDERS

- **Uniform Shop** is open every Monday from 8.30am - 9.00am in the Artroom. Any other times see Jodie in the canteen daily until 1:00pm.
- **New Uniform Orders** due into Canteen by Friday 2nd March.
- Hats, satchels and a small amount of stationary are available from the canteen daily.
- P&C Disco Friday 9th March
- P&C AGM Monday 19th March 7:00pm
- **Bookclub** — please place correct money with orders as change is not available
- Students **do not** attend school on Tuesday 3rd April

MTPS FOOTY TIPPING



Footy tipping time again. Help raise funds for the school and have some fun.

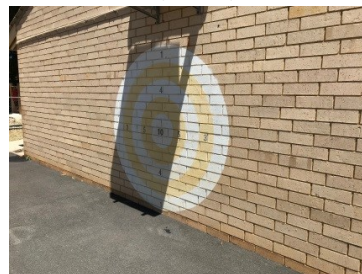
\$50 entry.

1st Prize - \$200

2nd Prize - \$150

3rd Prize - \$100

Last year we purchased a new sound system. Project for 2018 is to repaint the target on the wall outside Room 10. Entry fee and email to Jodie in the canteen. Competition is completely online.



Term 1 Disco

Friday, 9th March

Kindy-P/P: 4.30pm—5.20pm

Year 1-3: 5.30pm-6.50pm

Year 4-6: 7.00pm-8.30pm

\$ 5.00 entry

DJ Rusty from Soundtrax Music

Dancing, music, games, prizes.

Hot food, snacks, drinks & glow sticks on sale.



night.

Contact: Rhonda Kennedy: 0408 647 630

Teachers and parents supervising.

No senior students at junior disco.

Students to be collected by an adult
at the side door promptly, please!

Parents please note: Any children with medical conditions must advise the disco coordinator prior to the disco

COMMUNITY NEWS

FAMILIES ASKING FOR BAPTISM OF THEIR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Families of Children who are not Catholic who have begun their schooling this year and asking to be baptised in order to make their First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Community are invited to contact Carol Quill, Coordinator of the Parish Sacraments Formation Team on 9964 2716, email libraryplm@westnet.com.au or call into the Parish Office at the Catholic Centre and complete an Enrolment Form.

All the sacraments will be celebrated in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th terms of the school year.

RANGEWAY CHILD AND PARENT CENTRE

Child Health Nurse onsite *every Tuesday and Thursday, at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway, on Hovea Street.*

- Bookings necessary for Tuesdays - call 9921 6814, text 0438 860 669 or email rangeway@ngala.com.au
- Drop in (no bookings required) on Thursdays 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Bookings necessary for Thursdays 1.00pm to 3.00pm - call 9921 6814, text 0438 860 669 or email rangeway@ngala.com.au
- Free of charge.

Parenting support with our Family Counsellor free appointments available. *Every Wednesday at the Child and Parent Centre, Rangeway, on Hovea Street.*

- Bookings necessary, call 9921 6814, text 0438 860 669 or email rangeway@ngala.com.au
- Free of charge.

Special Moments Grandparents Playgroup continues every Thursday *9.00am to 10.30am at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre, 88 Durlacher Street,*

- No bookings required.
- Group attends Rhyme Time at the Geraldton Regional Library on the third Thursday of each month
- Please bring a gold coin donation and a piece of fruit to share

Drop in playgroup continues *every Friday during the school term, from 9.00am to 10.30am at the Child and Parent Centre, Rangeway, on Hovea Street.*

- No bookings required
- For children aged 0 to 4 and their families
- Free of charge.

Little Joeys continues *every Thursday from 9.00am to 11.00am at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway, on Hovea Street.*

- No bookings required.
- For children aged birth to 12 months and their dads and mums. Older children are invited to our Friday Drop in playgroup instead
- Free of charge

Autism WA visiting Geraldton, *sessions on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 March at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway, on Hovea Street.*

- Registrations can be completed online: www.autism.org.au or email: autism.advisor@autism.org.au
- For individual appointments with the Autism Advisors, please free call: 1800 636 427 or contact: autism.advisor@autism.org.au
- Free of charge

And so to sleep discussion session *Monday 19 March, 9.30am to 11.30am at the Child and Parent Centre, Rangeway, on Hovea Street.*

- For dads and mums of children aged 6 months to 5 years
- Bookings necessary - call 9921 6814, text 0438 860 669 or email rangeway@ngala.com.au
- No crèche available
- Free of charge

Protective Behaviours for adults *morning (20 and 21 March) and evening (13 and 15 March) sessions available. Times and venues vary*

For full details see flyer or call 9921 6814, text 0438 860 669 or email rangeway@ngala.com.au

- Bookings necessary
- Free creche available for morning sessions
- Free of charge