**GERALDTON AUSKICK PROGRAM**

**Venue:** Utakarra Ball Park  
**Cost:** $70 per child  
**Times:** 8.30 am—9.30 am  
**Ages:** 5—8 yrs  
**Duration:** Saturday 3rd May—Saturday 28th June 2014

The enrolment forms are available from the front office. Completed forms and payments are returned to Geraldton Department of Sport and Recreation, Level 1, 266–270 Foreshore Drive, Geraldton.

**AFL UNDER 8’S COMPETITION**

**Venue:** Utakarra Ball Park  
**Cost:** Available from Club of Choice  
**Times:** 10.00am—11.00am  
**Duration:** Saturday 28th June 2014

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**
All Junior clubs are now responsible for Under 8’s registration. Any child interested in playing Under 8’s please inquire through your chosen club. Contact information provided on the PLAY AFL FLYER is available at the front office.

**Eligibility:** Children that are 6 turning 7 in 2014 and 7 turning 8 in 2014 are eligible to play in the Under 8’s competition.

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**GERALDTON TENNIS CLUB EIGHTH STREET WONTHELLA**

Junior Club 7 to 16 Years — Saturdays 9.00am to 10.30am  
Matches, Fun Games. Members Free, Non Members $6 per week.  
Kidsport Club  
Enquiries to Janniel 0427 912 685 or Brett 9964 9321 after hours.

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**2014 SUB-JUNIOR HOCKEY SEASON**

Nominations are open for students who wish to PLAY HOCKEY this season. To assist in the organisation of teams, could parents wishing their child to participate, please complete a registration form available at the school front office from Wednesday 26th February 2014. Completed forms to be placed in marked box in school office foyer by no later than Monday 17th March 2014.

Children can be involved at various levels, according to their age, skill levels and experience. The season will commence in Term 2 and fees will be payable by Friday 14th May. The hockey grounds are situated at the east end of Eighth Street, Wonthella. For further information please contact Kyra Ingle on 0419 201 206.

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**GREAT BEGINNINGS**

**CONTACT DETAILS**

**Principal:** Mark Whisson  
**Deputy Principals:** Shane Butter, Bridget O’Neill, Marlene Bevan  
**Telephone:** 08 9921 4066  
**Kindy/Pre-primary:** 08 9921 4310  
**Canteen:** 08 9996 3162  
**Fax:** 08 9921 4467  
**Email:** MountTarcoolaPS@education.wa.edu.au  
**Website:** http://mttarcoola.wa.edu.au

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday 19th March**  
Harmony Day

**Thursday 20th March**  
Constable Care

**Thursday 27th March**  
SLSA Boardies Day

**Friday 28th March**  
Parent Assembly Rooms 5 & 6

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**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.

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

This week has unfortunately seen a restructure of the Junior Primary area. The reason for this is as follows.

In fourth term each year, we estimate, through contact with parents and carers, the total number of students we will have in the school and the total number in each class. It is very difficult to arrive at an absolutely accurate number as parents and carers make decisions during the vacation period and they cannot let us know where they have decided to enrol their children. Parents and carers of course have the right to enrol their children in the school of their choice although at times there may be factors that limit this choice.

In the second week in February each year the school is required to complete a Census of all confirmed enrolments and unfortunately we did not reach the numbers that we expected and as a consequence the school is overstuffed, i.e. we have too many teachers for the number of students that we have enrolled.

We have therefore had to restructure our Years 1, 2 and 3 classes to reduce the number of classes by one. In addition to this we will also lose another teacher for one day per week but we can handle this without any major restructure.

This is only the second day of the restructure but at this stage it seems that all students affected have settled into their new classes without any major issues and things seem to be travelling smoothly. If issues arise at home that are related to the relocation of your child into a new class please contact us immediately and we will do our best to solve the problem.

One minor change to come is that Mrs Eijkman and her Year 3 class will relocate to Room 4 which is now vacant. This will allow Ibu Tiana to move into Room 19 which is a purpose built Music room and will also become her room for Indonesian classes. Ibu Tiana’s current teaching area, although functional, is not the best option and the shift to Room 19 will be a significant improvement for her and her classes.

The Education Department has included a new code for student absences which are recorded on our Student Information System. The new code is K which indicates that a student was absent whilst taking an “Unauthorised Vacation”. This meant that there is now an expectation that if you wish to take your child or children out of school during the term for a holiday, you must seek the Principal’s permission in order for the absence to be recorded as “Vacation Authorised”.

The re- turfing of the school oval has progressed to the point where it will allow use by students starting next Monday. There are a couple of small areas that are not growing well which will be roped off so students can use the rest of the oval. I’m sure our students will be pleased that the oval is once again in use and I know Mrs Forrester and her Physical Education classes will be very pleased as well.

Please remind your children about Stranger Awareness. We have been informed of an incident on the weekend where children may have been approached and asked to get into a white van driven by a middle aged man.

MARK WHISSON  
**PRINCIPAL**
CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2014

A Contributions and P&C Advice has been sent home to each student via their classroom teacher. Charges for In-term Swimming and Incursions/Excursions will be paid as they 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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who were awarded Certificates of Merit at the Parent Assembly on Friday 28th February 2014.

| Room 1 | Channelle Reilly, Jake Johns, Sharee Arnold |
| Room 2 | Skye Hildebrandt, Shelby Merendino, Mathew Fitzgerald |
| Room 3 | Hannah Muchamore, Riley Blair, Max Baker |
| Room 4 | Liina Nolder, Cooper Booth, Kai Furukawa |
| Room 5 | Bianca Mann, Zaisah Evans, Ashton McLernon Smith |
| Room 6 | Erika Yokoe, Zac McGowan, Kaitlyn Bishop |
| Room 7 | Charlotte McAuliffe, Alex Wenger, Mitchell Langham |
| Room 8 | Allan Nolan, Lilly-Rae Farr, Ashlyn Hodge |
| Room 9 | Chloe Cukela, Violet Clarke |
| Room 10 | Riaz Mohammad, Bailee Reed |
| Room 11 | Holly Baynes, Braith Ellerrington, Nikolai Trakovski |
| Room 12 | Alexia Elliot, Evez Watters, Ruqaiyah Nuska |
| Room 13 | Erin Harries, Riley Caudry, Trevor Adams |
| Room 14 | Jake Briese, Celina Anderson, Kellisia Subandi |
| Room 15 | Dakhsoo Clarke, Sarah Adams, Leah Christiansen |
| Room 16 | Waverly Tynan, Calum May, Anthony Rees |
| Room 17 | Taniesha Bell, Fletcher Ross, Kyle Maughan |
| Room 18 | Zac Fitzgerald, Stevve Manian, Emily Wheatley |
| Room 19 | Amri Rosman, Georgia McLernon-Smith |
| Room 20 | Stajon Trakovski, Oscar Lin, Stevie Pettich |

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms are on sale every Monday morning between 8.30am and 9.00am in the undercover area.

Aussie of the Month

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<td>Junior</td>
<td>Rowan Welisch</td>
<td>A great little Aussie who is friendly, welcoming and helpful to all. He is always keen to let everyone be a part of the group.</td>
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<td>Middle</td>
<td>Gemma Brydon</td>
<td>Gemma always has fair dinkum, bonza manners even in the arvo. Her work is ace in the classroom and she is the first to back up for her group mates. Gemma is a great kid who very rarely makes a blue. Top stuff Gemma!</td>
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<td>Senior</td>
<td>Denver Robertson</td>
<td>Denver is a happy and positive student who is ready to help others. At our leadership day she demonstrated a high level of co-operation and team work skills. She was prepared to help with the less pleasant tasks and participated in all activities with a smile.</td>
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Principal's Reliability Award

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<td>Junior</td>
<td>Sharee Arnold</td>
<td>Sharee is a most reliable and responsible student in and out of the classroom. She is very helpful and caring to fellow students.</td>
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<td>Middle</td>
<td>Jasmin Carcuesas</td>
<td>Jasmin consistently works hard to be a good helper throughout the school. She is a willing participant in all areas of school work and a good role model.</td>
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<td>Senior</td>
<td>Sammy Lycett</td>
<td>Sammy is a conscientious and reliable student who makes many mature contributions to our class. She demonstrates empathy and understanding for other students and can be relied upon to strive for her best at all times.</td>
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Staff/Community Member

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<td>For her friendly and cheerful attitude towards all staff, students and community members.</td>
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ANNUAL PERMISSION FORMS

Our Annual Permission Forms have been sent home to all students via their classroom teachers. Forms need to be completed and returned to the SCHOOL OFFICE by Wednesday 19th March. We apologise to parents if there has been a double up in these forms but it would be appreciated if the forms could be completed again.

NEWS FROM MRS NORTON AND HISTORY IN THE LIBRARY CLASSES

Last year the students from Years 2-5 participated in the Holiday Card Project where they made a card to send to a school overseas outlining what celebrations they participate in. The students also explained what they usually did on Christmas Day in Geraldton. As these cards were going to the Northern Hemisphere where it is the opposite season, they were able to explain our heat and traditions. The participating schools were in England, Russia, Taiwan, USA, Slovenia and Ukraine.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2014 STATE T BALL

The State T Ball Championships were held on the long weekend in Perth. Five teams represented Geraldton being U9’s, U10’s, U12’s and U13’s. All teams played exceptionally well with U9’s coming second in B Division, U10’s coming fourth in C Division, U11’s coming second in B division, U13’s coming third in C division and for the first time since Geraldton has contributed to State Championships we had a successful team win all five of their games, being the U12’s in B Division.

Congratulations to all Mount Tarcoola Primary School Rookies T ball players, you were all outstanding in displaying great skills and sportsmanship while representing Geraldton. You should be very proud of your achievements.

Emma Shane
Rookies T Ball Coordinator

HARMONY WEEK — DAY CELEBRATION IN GERALDTON

Harmony Day Celebration is on Saturday, 22nd March 2014 from 10.00am–2.00pm.

School Performances are:

Parade of Nations—Parents and students are encouraged to join in and dress up in their national Costumes and also take part in the Flag Parade.

Arty Brellas Workshop—The artist behind Arty Brellas will run an umbrella decorating workshop on the day.

Harmony Day Geraldton Dinner
22nd March 2014
6.00–10.00pm
Queen Elizabeth II

Tickets (including food and drink and live entertainment) purchased from Queen's Park Theatre.