



# Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto  
"Reliability"

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8 2017 No: 4

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Thursday 23rd March

Before School Tennis 7:45—8am

#### Friday 24th March

Interschool Cricket Carnival—Year 5 & 6  
Students

#### Tuesday 28th March

Year 6 PEAC

#### Wednesday 29th March

Year 5 PEAC

#### Thursday 30th March

Before School Tennis 7:45—8am

#### Friday 31st March

Parent Assembly—Rooms 8 & 17  
Year 6 Cake Stall  
P&C Disco

#### Thursday 6th April

Before School Tennis 7:45—8am  
ANZAC Day Assembly 9:00am

#### Friday 7th April

Last day of Term

#### Wednesday 26th April

Term 2 commences

### 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 Week 8, this week's theme is thank you, opportunities and cultural diversity.

The P and C conducted a sausage sizzle and cake stall on state election day. Thanks to the students who helped out; Alex and Brianna Palmer, Georgia Thill, Ruby MacPherson, Mikayla and Zachary Pearse, and Tarsuinn Hall. Adults; Toni Noble, Kylie Ellerington, Rhonda Kennedy, Karen Batty, Kyra Ingle, Sam Thill, Tegan Clarke, Stacey and Dale Pearse, Denise Hall, Jodie Rodgers and Marilyn Rodgers. Thanks to all the families who donated cakes and soft drinks that were sold on the day. If I missed a student or adult please let me know and I will give you a special mention in the next newsletter.

Adding to the thankyou list is Heidi Will for the donation of the raffle prize, Matthew Doogood from Harvey Norman Computers who paid for the sausages, and Michael Holland from Batavia Coast Butchery for giving us a great price for the sausages. I did learn a few things whilst at the sausage sizzle **a)** retail smile is the way to get the customers in, **b)** our students did a great job of handling the money, **c)** working in the banking industry means that you can do quantities perfectly, and probably the most important thing, **d)** Essendon will defeat Hawthorn by 20 points in round one, or did I get that the wrong way around?

Thanks to all the parents who notify us when their child is absent and we realise that sometimes in our busy lives we forget. Schools are required to follow up on any absences that we haven't had an explanation for. During the year your child may bring home a letter asking parents to help us clear up any *unexplained absences*. Please take 30 seconds to write a very brief explanation such as *unwell*, place the form in your child's bag for return to school.

Now for the opportunity component; we have positions available on our school council for parent representatives. The School Council performs a number of roles and all that information is included in this newsletter. If you are parent who has a child with special needs or from another cultural background please consider nominating as we have a very diverse school and it would be nice to have representation from across the spectrum.

Opportunities keep coming. After the last school council meeting we are trying to find a skilled/qualified instructor that would be willing to share their expertise once a week for a term. The areas of expertise could be in any area, for example; photography, the arts, music, sport, or engineering. The background to this, is that we were discussing the possibility of offering some special courses for students and the parent representatives were wondering what skills were amongst our families that we could tap into. If you do have some skills and willing to help please let me know.

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As I mentioned earlier we have a diverse population, highlighted by our Welcome Wall in the office where we have welcome written 30 different ways and also from our Harmony Day when students proudly wear traditional attire to school. To build on from Harmony Day and linking to a School Council conversation we are wondering if parents would like the opportunity to share information about their cultural background to their child's class. This would be a great opportunity to increase the students' understanding of the various cultures that make up our school.

Still running with the cultural theme, thank you to Ibu Tiana and Sitti Marhamah who did a wonderful job preparing our students for their performance at the Multicultural celebrations last Saturday. Thank you also to the parents who were there and to the staff who attended. Our students did a great job with their performance and Sitti Marhamah's solo performance was very impressive.

Enjoy the week

SHANE RUTTER  
PRINCIPAL

## P&C NEWS

### Uniform Shop

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 that parents/carers no longer need.

The winter uniform order form has been handed out, so we strongly advise that if you need uniforms please order them now as we don't hold sufficient stock for everyone. Orders need to be in and paid for by Friday .

### Easter Raffle

Students will be bringing home a note about the raffle this Friday.

Helpers are needed to wrap Easter eggs for class Raffles on Thursday morning Week 10, April 6th 9.00am in the staffroom.

### Disco

Helpers for the Disco next Friday 31st March are needed. Please leave your name at the front office, 99214066.

### P&C Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to all the families who donated cakes, and cool drinks for our Sausage sizzle at the State election.

A big thankyou to the Doogood family who donated the Sausages and to Batavia Coast Butchery for making the sausages. Well done to all helpers at the Sausage Sizzle, we couldn't have done it without you!!!!



## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is looking for new Term 2 menu ideas.

A free lunch can be won if your new food idea/s end up on our menu. So parents and students put your thinking caps on and return the below tear off slip with your idea/s to Jodie in the canteen by Thursday 6th April.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## REMINDER — CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2017

Thank you to parents and guardians who have paid Contributions and P&C for 2017. Parents have the opportunity to pay Contributions and P&C by Direct Deposit into the school's bank account—details will be on the bottom of the advice sheet sent home earlier this term. 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NEW TOWN LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Geraldton and Mullewa Libraries are migrating to a new Library Management Computer System, which will bring many benefits to library members and staff.

There will be some changes to our services and opening times between the dates of Monday 20 March and Friday 7 April during the implementation of the new system.

- Geraldton and Mullewa Libraries will be closed on Monday 20 March to allow staff to prepare for operating in the offline mode.
- Geraldton and Mullewa Libraries will also close on Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Friday 7 April to allow staff to test the new system, return and shelve items and prepare reservation notices.

# Term 1 Disco



**Friday, March 31st**

**Kindy/ Pre-Primary 4.30-5.20pm**

**Junior (Years 1-3) 5.30pm-6.50pm**

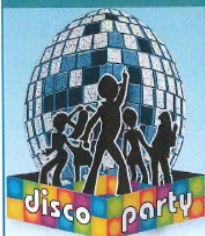
**Senior (Years 4-6) 7.00pm-8.30pm**

**\$5.00 entry**

Music by DJ Rusty—Soundtrax Music

Dancing, music, games, prizes.

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



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 coordinators prior to the disco night.

Contact: Rhonda Kennedy: 0408 647 630

Kyra Ingle: 0419 201 206



*Sometimes losing someone or something can give us an overwhelming sense of sadness. If you are experiencing some discomfort and want help to get through the Easter season, you are invited to join this workshop.*

**Wednesday 29 March 2017**

**6.00 – 8.00 pm**

**Cost \$20**

**Centacare Family Services**

**3 Maitland Street**

This education session on grief and loss can assist adults in managing and understanding the effects of significant change in their lives. It provides a safe and creative way to explore feelings and memories, and gives participants skills to cope with loss experiences

It is not counselling.

For more information or to register for this programme call Centacare on:

**(08) 9921 1433**

# Autism Awareness Week



Two Weeks to Go!

There is still time to get involved with World Autism Awareness Week (27 March-2 April) and we're going to show you how!

- **Visit our website** to see all the events and resources available during World Autism Awareness Week.
- **Get the schools pack!** Not just for schools, our free Autism Awareness and fundraising guide is full of suggestions to help you plan a blue event or activity for World Autism Awareness Week.
- **Be an Autism Hero!** Start an Everyday Hero page today. Have a think about what you would like to do for World Autism Awareness Week and get fundraising! #AutismHero #AutismAwareness
- **Attend an event!** We have a range of events below for you to attend to learn more about Autism or just have some fun!
- You can also get involved by donating your spare change. To donate directly, visit our **online donation page**.

If you need any help with your fundraising plans, please email [AutismWeek@autism.org.au](mailto:AutismWeek@autism.org.au)

## RANGEWAY CHILD AND PARENT CENTRE ACTIVITIES

**Drop in Playgroup** every Friday during school term 9am to 10.30am at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway on Hovea Street. No bookings necessary, come and stay for as long as you wish. For children aged 0-4 and their families.

**Immunisations** with the Child Health Nurse on the first Friday of every month, 9.30am to 11.00am at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway on Hovea Street. No bookings required.

**Mini Maestros music program** every Wednesday during school term, 10am to 11am at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway on Hovea Street. No bookings required. For children aged 0-4 and their families.

**Protective Behaviours parent program** April 20 and 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am to 12.00pm

**Sleeping Soundly** discussion session. Monday 27 March 12.30pm to 2.30pm at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway on Hovea Street. RSVP to 9921 6814 or email [rangeway@ngala.com.au](mailto:rangeway@ngala.com.au)

**New parent groups** with the WA Country Health Services. Thursdays 10.00am to 12.00pm

For further information contact the centre on 9921 6814.

**Free Tackers Fun Day**

Geraldton  
Batavia Coast Marina, Forrest Street

**Where** Batavia Coast Marina, Forrest Street

**When** Wednesday & Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of April

**Contact us now!** 9386 2438  
[Dean.motteram@sailing.org.au](mailto:Dean.motteram@sailing.org.au)

[www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers](http://www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers)

## DEALING WITH LIFE'S LOSSES

4 x 1 hour workshop sessions to assist children to:

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

**When:** Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 3.45pm - 4.45pm

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

**Cost:** \$20.00

Please call (08) 9921 1433 to register your attendance.