



Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto
"Reliability"

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 2016 No.6

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 6th May

Girls AFL & Soccer Carnival (Senior Students)

Boys Hockey Carnival (Senior Students)

Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th May

NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5

Friday 3rd June

School Development Day—Students do not attend

Friday 10th June

Parent Assembly Room 2

Year 6 Cake Stall

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:

Second term started very smoothly without any surprises which is a good thing for our school. Our student numbers are marginally down in comparison to the February Census and although we are losing students for various reasons we are enrolling new students on a consistent basis so numbers are more or less static. Our Deputy Principal, Mr Rutter, has accepted a position as a Coordinator of Regional Services at the Midwest Regional Office for all of this term. He will be replaced by a teacher from our staff and the teacher's position will be back filled internally. The selection process for the replacement Deputy Principal will be finalised by 3.00 pm on Friday this week.

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests next week. Teachers have been preparing their students for NAPLAN throughout last year and Term 1 this year and I am confident that our students will perform well in the tests. I know this can be a stressful time for students but it is important to tell them that this is a one off snapshot of their knowledge and skills in Literacy and Numeracy and in no way affects how we report on their progress in our school. We use the data generated by NAPLAN to tailor our teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of students and we can compare our school's performance to a band of similar schools to make sure that we are progressing as we should.

We will receive the third and final quote today for the construction of our "Sustainability Hub". We will select the contractor today and work will start in the very near future. The "hub" is an enclosure that will ensure that our gardens, composters, worm farms and equipment are secure and we should see a rapid expansion of sustainability activities this term. As part of the sustainability infrastructure, a commercially produced worm farm has been purchased and Mrs Batty and her students from Room 1 have it up and running. Students recycle their leftovers from "crunch and sip" through the worm farm and we can collect the "worm juice" and castings from the farm.

Parents and carers have raised concerns about teachers taking Long Service Leave throughout this year and that their children are being taught by a new teacher at various times. However, the Education Department has issued a directive to all teachers stating that all Long Service Leave accrued before June 30th 2014 has to be cleared by the end of this year, the Executive Director Workforce has instructed that there can be no exceptions (other than on medical grounds) to this directive. If you are concerned about the effect this may have on your child or children please talk to their teacher. The teachers that we use to replace staff on Long Service Leave are very competent and I am certain that no students' education will suffer as a result of their teacher taking leave.

Finally, Mount Tarcoola Primary School has taken the lead in "neuroscience in education" in the Midwest Region. Congratulations go to our "Neuroscience in Education" group headed up by Mrs Tupman from Room 9 and including Ms Taylor, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Hughes and Ms Johnston. Under Mrs Tupman's leadership, the group has been awarded \$18 000 by Minister for Regional Development, Mr Terry Redmond, to bring world renowned teacher and neuroscientist Dr Judy Willis to Geraldton to provide professional learning to a wide cross-section of the Geraldton community, including our staff and school community. Mrs Tupman and the group have been working hard for the last 18 months to ensure that funds required were raised and they have been successful. The project is now a joint venture involving our school, John Willcock College and Geraldton Senior College and will take place next month. Well done!

MARK WHISSON
PRINCIPAL

BOOKCLUB—ISSUE 3

All orders for Issue 3 of Bookclub must be in by Friday 13th May. No late orders can be accepted.



MT TARCOOLA P&C MOVIE NIGHT ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH AN ADULT

WHEN - Friday 6th May 2016

TIME - 6.00pm entry Movie starts at 6.30pm

WHERE - Mt Tarcoola Primary School Hall

COST - \$5.00 per person capped at \$20 per family

MOVIE - PIXELS

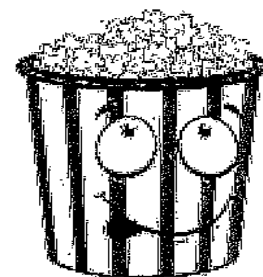
FOOD - Pizza, Popcorn, Icecreams, Lollies
Cooldrinks on sale from the canteen.

TICKETS on sale from Tuesday 26th April outside the undercover area

Make it a Family night, bring your beanbag, chairs, pillows

Eagle Boys Pizza on sale \$2 Per Slice or
Pre-Order a Whole Pizza for \$12

All Pizzas to be Mid Base - unless Gluten Free Requested



COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILD AND PARENT CENTRE RANGEWAY

The Centre has numerous programs and resources to assist parents and children e.g. Yoga for Kids, Playgroups, Counselling, Mini Maestros Music, Child Health Nurse visits and much more.

If you would like to view what is happening in Term 2 or to sign up for their monthly E-newsletter visit:
<http://edcentre.wa.edu.au/child-and-parent-centre-rangeway/> or go to their Facebook page.



Million Paws Walk Geraldton

Sunday - 15th May - 2016

9am - 1pm at Apex Park, Corner Chapman Road & Phelps St.

Register from 9 a.m. before the Walk begins at 10.00 a.m.

(The Walk is from Apex Park along the foreshore walk-path to St. George's Beach & return)

REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE 9.00AM

You can register on line
www.millionpawswalk.com.au (Tick Geraldton Box)

PLEASE NOTE: FUNDS RAISED THROUGH ON LINE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BENEFIT OUR LOCAL AREA

Come along on Sunday 15th May 2016

for a fun-filled Family event

and get a Million Paws walking across Australia



Geraldton MPW Registration/Entry Fee - Adult \$10, Child/Concession \$5, Family \$20

For more information call the Friends of the RSPCA Geraldton Auxiliary on 9938 2025 or 9923 0056

On the day of the Million Paws Walk

- Make sure your pet is fully vaccinated, non-aggressive and healthy.
- All pets must remain on a lead during the event. Dog clean-up bags will be available.
- Drinking water for your pet(s) will be provided at the park and along the walk.
- Remember to wear a hat, sunscreen and suitable walking shoes.
- Encourage as many friends as possible to take part in the Million Paws Walk.

What will be at Apex Park?

Blessing of the pets • Pet Parade • Food Stalls • RSPCA Merchandise • Raffle Prizes • Family Fun for all !

- Raffles will be drawn after the Pet Parade and you must be in attendance to receive your prize.

The RSPCA Million Paws Walk is *the* big day out for animal lovers!

Whether you have pets in your family or not, you're invited to join the fun and walk with others in Geraldton and with tens of thousands of people and pets right around Australia to help raise vital funds for the RSPCA

For more information call the Friends of the RSPCA Geraldton Auxiliary on 9938 2025

OUR LOCAL MAJOR SPONSOR MITCHELL & BROWN
180 CHAPMAN ROAD, GERALDTON.

GRIEF AND LOSS WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

4 Week Course designed to assist children who have had a major change in their life through a death, divorce or separation.

Any major change can impact a young person's life.

Children's Workshops

Starting dates:	
10 May 2016	11 to 13 year olds
7 June 2016	9 to 10 year olds
2 August 2016	6 to 8 year olds

Time: 3.45pm to 4.45pm Cost: \$20

For bookings please call Centacare on 9921 1433



HOOKIN2HOCKEY

Times and Dates - 8 sessions beginning at 4pm on Tuesday 3rd May for Group 1 and Wednesday 4th May for Group 2 (late registrations accepted).

Location - Wonthella Grass Hockey Fields, Eighth St.

Kits - Participants will receive a playing kit which includes a stick, stick bag, ball, shin guards, mouthguard, reversible singlet, team shirt and umpire cards and whistle.

Teams - Participants will be split into teams of 6 or 7 and coached by members of the under 18's Midwest Hockey Academy.

Equipment - Wear sports clothes/shoes and bring water bottle.

Registration fee - \$55

Any further queries you have, please contact:

Cherie Potaczala

Geraldton Hockey Association

Operations Manager

M: 0429 528 794

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ART EXCEL

ALL ROUND TRAINING IN EXCELLENCE

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COURSE BENEFITS:

- » Enhancement of creative skills
- » Improvement of memory & concentration
- » Healthier emotions
- » Better interaction with others

"It was actually a nice experience. It actually works. Things are working out better. I'm meeting new people. I'm doing well in school and I'm learning how to handle my problems." Diana, middle school student, DC

For age group 8-13 yrs

YES! YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

www.YouthEmpowermentSeminar.org

COURSE BENEFITS:

- » Reduced Stress
- » Ability to manage negative emotions
- » Increased health & well-being
- » Improved mental clarity & focus
- » Greater creativity
- » Improved self-esteem & confidence
- » Better focus and retention of study material

For age group 14-18 yrs

July 4 - July 8 2016

Mon-Thur : 10am to 1pm

Fri : 10am to 2pm

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To register for course please contact:

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Call now / Email us for registration or for any questions.

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The Happiness Program

Practical Wisdom

for improving the quality of life

- * Sudarshan Kriya breathing technique to eliminate stress
- * Skills for improving relationships at home & work
- * Ancient wisdom revived for better living
- * Interactive exercises
- * Yoga, stretching, and relaxation exercises
- * Meditation and powerful breathing techniques

Upcoming Program

July 5 - July 10 2016

Tues-Fri : 6pm to 9pm Sat-Sat: 10am - 4pm

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