



Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto
"Reliability"

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 2017 No: 7

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 18th May

Before school tennis

7.45—8.30am

Wednesday 24th May

National Simultaneous Storytime—The
Cow Tripped over the Moon

Thursday 25th May

Before school tennis

7.45—8.30am

Friday 26th May

Parent Assembly Rm 3 & 12
Year 6 Cake Stall

Tuesday 30th May

Constable Care performance
Parent Newsletter

Wednesday 31st May

Young Writers Workshop

Thursday 21st June

Before school tennis
7.45—8.30am

Monday 5th June

Public holiday

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:

After the English theme in the last newsletter this week the thread is Maths related.

Our senior students have been involved in a Faction Netball and Faction Football competition during lunch time and after last week's football games Fire have a percentage of 286 and with games still to play this week we will see how things play out between our factions. AFL percentages are calculated by dividing the points for, by the points against and then multiplying by 100. In netball last week's winners were Fire and Air who will play against each other this week.

You may have previously seen information in schools about attendance and "how every day counts". To explain this further within the 2017 school year there are 192 contact days for the students. So that leaves 173 days this year that are non-contact days. Think of it as a seesaw and we want the contact days during the year to outweigh the non-contact days. Obviously we understand that if children are unwell then they are better off at home so that they can recover. The "every day counts" message was designed to encourage parents to consider if their child is away from school for a legitimate reason or not. A study conducted by the Telethon Institute through the University of Western Australia identified clear links between academic performance and attendance rates.

Whilst on attendance, thank you to all the parents who have been notifying teachers when and why students are absent through our webpage absent notification, note books or other means because it ensures accurate and timely attendance records.

We had a guest speaker, Mr Steve Cahalin, from GE in the school on Monday as part of our STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) program talking to the students from Rooms 13, 14 and 17 about the wind turbines and here are some details related to the wind farms; the turbines are located at 28°53'53"S 114°52'7"E. The units have 3 blades that are 40 metres in length. 22 units have been added to the original 54 units giving a total of 76 and they are approximately 80 metres tall. In a minute there are approximately 15 rotations.

Maintaining the numerical theme Friday the 26th of May 2017 will see Rooms 3 and 12 combining for our parent assembly. We always get a healthy crowd at our parent assemblies and remember everyone is welcome even if your child isn't in one of the classes presenting at the assembly. I have been trying to get some inside information on the assembly but the students haven't revealed any details to me yet.

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I have managed to include coordinates, time, percentage, distance, a subtraction and addition problem, dates and numerals but there is one area I haven't mentioned yet that we interact with almost daily, and that is money so I will share with you this fact; it takes over \$4,000,000 per annum to run a Primary School our size?

To close the circle on the mathematical theme the shape that many of us refer to as a 'donut like' has a name, a torus. May I suggest that you don't ask the baker for an iced torus, you may not get what you had expected.

Have a good week everyone and can I thank, in advance, the parents who are helping out, or supporting our teams at Friday's Football and Netball carnival, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

SHANE RUTTER
PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN

As of the commencement of this term, the Canteen can only be called direct on 9964 3162. Calls cannot be transferred through the School switchboard.



NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

In May/June our School will have a new phone system installed. Facsimile facilities will not be available.

2018 KINDY to YEAR 6 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS — NEW TO SCHOOL ONLY



Applications for enrolment for children **NEW** to Mt Tarcoola PS entering Kindergarten to Year 6 in the 2018 school year are open. Application Forms are available from the school office.

All applications must be completed, signed and submitted with copies of child's Birth Certificate, ACIR Immunisation Record and Proof of Residential Address (Rental Agreement, recent utility/ rates bill etc). If you are on a Visa, a copy of visa documentation and passport is required at time of application.

*Students **currently** attending our Kindergarten Program are not required to re-apply for Pre-primary unless they are **living outside** our local intake area.*

Parents/persons responsible are encouraged to submit their application before the end of Term 2.

WATERWISE TIP



Reduce your sprinkler time

Most irrigation systems can be reduced by 2 minutes per station and still maintain a healthy garden.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 2/3 ROOM 1
" BEST VEGIE MUNCHERS IN THE WEST "



Over 180 classrooms from 85 schools participated in the March Munch event. Students from across the state competed to earn the title of 'Best Vegie Munchers in the West,' and take home the top prize kindly donated by Smash Enterprises.

March Munch encourages students to [choose veggies for Crunch&Sip](#) for a whole month. Every student received a colour-in calendar card and was rewarded with a vegetable sticker for each day they ate vegetables.

ROOM 1 YEAR 2/3 were one of the nine winners in the state. Each student received a nude food container for their Crunch'N'Sip.

TOP EFFORT!!!!

HELP OUR SCHOOL BY RECYCLING YOUR ORAL CARE WASTE



Our School is participating in the Colgate Oral Care Brigade, a unique recycling solution. Simply collect your used and empty oral care waste (any brand is accepted) and send it to Mrs Batty in Room 1.

You can provide a second life for the following acceptable items and their outer packaging:

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste caps

Toothpaste tubes
Floss containers

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Before
School
tennis**



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COLIN THOMPSON - Sun Smart Tennis
Development Officer, Midwest Zone
Office: (08) 9956 2182 Mobile: 0427 449 240
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PO Box 135 Geraldton 6531 WA
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**Have FUN & warm
up before school**

A great introduction into tennis, Years 2-6.

- Fun games, prizes, certificates and modified match play
- 8 week program • FREE ANZ Tennis Hot Shots T-shirt upon registration

MT TARCOOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Commencing Thursday 4 May 2017
- 7:45am – 8:30am
- \$115.00
- Mt Tarcoola Primary School
- Players will learn basic technique and fundamentals of tennis through fun games



Fathering daughters



By Michael Grose

6 practical tips for dads on how to be a great father.

A father's influence lasts a lifetime, and it is an important compliment to the mothering role. More and more research is confirming that a female's sense of worth as a woman, is commonly rooted in her experience with her father.

Fathers affect the lives of their daughters in intriguing ways. Including her academic and vocational path, her career success and financial well-being. The well-fathered daughter is also the most likely to have relationships with men that are emotionally intimate and fulfilling, and have better emotional and mental health.

Here are five tips to help you be a great father to your daughter.

1. Make the connection

One of the most natural ways a father can make a connection with his daughter is through purposeful physical affection. A hug, shoulder squeeze or a kiss on the cheek helps to create an emotional bond with daughters who desperately crave these displays of affection. This is great news for fathers, because if you can't find the words to say it then you have a second opportunity to show it through physical gestures.

Studies have proven that physical touch makes us feel better both physiologically and psychologically. But children — especially daughters — need more than just everyday gestures given in passing. When a girl's need for affection is met by her father it has a protective measure on her future sexual relationships.

When fathers can have a purposeful physical relationship with their daughters, which is done in a way that supports her feelings of safety and connection, it can also help to stress-proof them. When girls are given opportunities to be involved in physical play outside the house and in outdoor activities, they begin to understand the skill of risk-taking. Girls who are treated too softly and are not provided with opportunities to experience risk, are left in a vulnerable position.

2. Invest in her

As a father, you can appreciate your daughter for who she truly is. Help her to identify her unique qualities and value them.

Avoid investing in who you think she should be. This can happen when fathers feel like they don't understand their daughters. Remember, this can happen easily as girls tend to morph into what is expected of them rather than excel towards who they truly are. Instead, do whatever it takes to try to understand her. Spend time together, share stories and experiences. Give her opportunities to show her true self, and this will strengthen the relationship.

Be there and be engaged. Get off the bench and into the game, be enormously present and don't let anyone dull her spark.



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ARE YOU A CALD KID? FEEL LIKE YOU NEED TO...

EXPRESS YOURSELF?

JOIN OUR TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP & LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

WHAT...
Community Workshop series open to youth aged 7+ who identify as CALD - Culturally And Linguistically Diverse

WHEN...
15th, 22nd & 29th of May
12th & 19th of June
from 3.30 - 5.00pm

WHERE...
Geraldton Multipurpose Centre, the Foreshore

WHO...
Call Bella or Soumya at Young Minds on **9964 4688**

helpingminds
Mental Health Services & Crisis Support
Formerly Arahara

Geraldton
A Women's Space

Centacare FAMILY SERVICES
where people matter

ROAD MAP TO MY EMOTIONS

Workshops for children which help them:

- Notice their warning signs
- Think about solutions
- Navigate life's speed bumps

Program start dates

7 to 9 year olds	Monday 22 nd of May 3.30pm - 4.30pm
10 to 12 year olds	Wednesday 24 th of May 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Each program runs for 5 weeks.
These dates may be subject to change depending on demand.

Cost \$25

Please call (08) 9921 1433 to register your attendance

*A 1 hour parent information session about the program will be run on:
Monday 15th of May 5.30pm-6.30pm
OR
Wednesday 17th of May 5.30pm-6.30pm