Welcome to Week 4 of Term 2, and as some of you cross off the weeks on the term planner you will have noticed that NAPLAN was last week and this week there is a Netball and Football carnival for the older students on Friday and next week Rooms 1 and 13 combine for an assembly on Friday May 30th.

Last week at the P and C meeting there was information about the Cookbook, which has gone home and some other fundraising ideas including another Disco later this Term. Also on the agenda was the idea of updating parts of the school uniform. This is in the very early stages but something you may hear more about during the year. The P and C are a group who work to support all the children in our school and are the reason all our classes are air conditioned, we have interactive whiteboards in the school, iPads, and many other items. On occasions the P and C does ask for assistance so if you are able to donate some time that would be greatly appreciated by the P and C members and also the students and staff.

Walk to school day is this Friday 23rd of May. Obviously safety for students is a priority, so we ask that parents accompany their children when walking, and why not walk as a group with friends. Besides the health and environmental benefits this is also a great opportunity for parents to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour with their children. If you have to drive due to distance, why not park the car away from school, maybe at a friend's house, and then walk to school.

Whilst on the topic of travelling to school, we have had some people call the school to inform us that students on bikes have been crossing roads without checking. Last week I went down to the corner of Ackland and Forden streets at the end of the day to remind students about crossing with care. I know I have said this previously in newsletters but please don't assume that your child has the skills to cross safely, it is something that parents need to take the time to teach their children. Students who ride in groups can sometimes get caught up with the momentum and forget to stop at the side of the road before crossing. We do have parents who ride, and walk, with their children on a regular basis and I thank them for keeping an eye out for other students and reminding them to be safe and even assisting others when crossing roads.

To get the trifecta of ways to travel to and from school, cars this time, we have had a request from the residents on the corner of Cramer and Forden Streets for parents not to park on the verge as they have trouble seeing oncoming traffic when leaving their property. They have erected some no parking signs and if people could assist that would be appreciated.

I realised the other day that this is my fourth year at Mount Tarcoola and over the years I have been impressed with the amount of parental support. Support comes in all forms from the P and C and parents who assist students walking or riding that I mentioned earlier, to parent helpers in classes, helpers at discos or other fundraisers, junior sports coordinators, parents coaching teams at this week's carnival, Classroom Parent Reps, canteen volunteers, and the parents who assist elsewhere, all combine to make Tarcoola a great school. After 19 years working in Principal and Deputy positions in eight different schools, it is the parental support across so many areas that stands out and is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful week.

SHANE RUTTER
A/PRINCIPAL
IN-TERM SWIMMING LESSONS YEARS 2 — 7

Swimming lessons for students in Years 2 to 7 will run this Term during Weeks 6 and 7 between Tuesday 3rd June 2014 and Friday 13th June 2014. Students will complete 9 lessons at the Aquarena. The Years 2 in Room 9 will do swimming lessons in Term 4.

Although the lessons are free, parents do need to cover the cost of transport and entry to the pool. This is $45.00 per student.

Parent Notification, Permission Slip & Enrolment Forms were sent home on Monday 12th May. Permission slips, enrolment forms and payment must be returned to the class teacher by TUESDAY 27TH MAY.

2015 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 2015 school year are now open. Application Forms are available from the school office and are required to be returned by Friday 1st August, 2014.

All applications must be completed, signed and submitted with copies of child’s Birth Certificate, ACIR Record (Immunisation) 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.

As schools are closed between Saturday 5th July and Monday 21st July 2014, parents/persons responsible are encouraged to submit their application before the end of Term 2.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND P&C 2014 REMINDER

Thank you to families who have paid their 2014 Voluntary Contributions and P&C for students. A reminder was sent home regarding unpaid contributions and P&C yesterday via classrooms.

Contributions and P&C are voluntary and are used by the school to provide materials, services and facilities for the educational program of students. If you are unable to pay the full amount, part payment is always welcome. Payment of Contributions is accepted at the school office (cash, cheque or credit card only).

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES/GROUNDS

If clubs or community organisations wish to use our school facilities or grounds for training, events etc permission is required from the School Principal. An application for Use of School Facilities Form is available from the school office. The form is to be completed by the applicant and approved by the Principal before any use.

This will ensure that the school is aware of who is using our facilities and there is no double up of use e.g basketball courts, oval and you will not be asked to leave the school grounds.

WE'RE PUBLISHING OUR OWN COOKBOOK

The P&C are delighted to announce that as our next fundraising project, we will be professionally publishing our very own stylish cookbook.

This project was chosen because it can involve all the children and families of Mt Tarcoola Primary School, will produce a professionally published cookbook full of wonderful family favourites, and because it will make a truly beautiful and personalised gift for your family and friends. You also get to see your name included at the bottom of your recipe!

Please help us compile this wonderful cookbook by submitting your favourite family recipes. We hope to receive recipes from ALL children (and staff)!

How to submit your favourite family recipes

Just go to the Published Authors website (www.PublishedAuthors.com.au) and submit your recipe (you can submit as many as you like e.g one for each member of your family) using their simple template.

This process is really very easy and takes only minutes to do.

If you don't have access to the internet, then complete a Recipe Card (can be obtained from Front Office) and return to Samantha Brearley, Parent Rep Room 3.

Please submit your recipes by: 25 August 2014

2ND HAND UNIFORMS

Our second hand uniform shop is run by P&C volunteers and is open each Monday during Terms from 8:30am—9:00am in the Assembly Hall.

CANTEEN

Remember our canteen also has available for purchase school hats, satchels, pencil cases and stationery.

CANTEEN TREASURER

The P&C are still needing a volunteer to be the Canteen Treasurer. You would be supported by our caretaker Treasurer Helen Jones, the Canteen Committee and our Main Treasurer Denise Hall. Please leave your name at the canteen or the front office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Volunteers are needed by P&C to work on the Sausage sizzle stall at Bunnings on Saturday June 14th. Please let Jodie at the canteen know if you can help out for at least an hour. Jodie is organising a Roster starting at 8.00am and finishing at 2.00pm.
In 2013 the P&C raised around $21,000. This is the fourth year that we have reached an amount over $20,000.

We held 3 discos, the lapathon, a ladies night out, the Easter raffle, sausage sizzles at Bunnings, Mitchell and Brown and election days.

A big to thank you to all the teachers who supported our fund raising efforts last year. They attended events after hours, collected money and tickets, encouraged attendance at discos and ladies nights and assisted us in any way they could. In particular our Admin team who have shown a heavy presence at all of our after hours events and at our P & C meetings throughout the year.

We would like to thank the members of the P&C executive committee 2013 President: Emma Streich (Terms 1 and 2) Nikki Pead (Terms 3 & 4), Secretary: Rhonda Kennedy, Treasurer: Megan Abrahams, Canteen Treasurer: Helen Jones.

The Fund Raising committee who was initially led by Belinda Lycett and Kobie Baynes.

Mrs Sam Thill for her booklist and Book club efforts.

Mrs Kylie Weir who took over the running of the second hand uniform shop each week. Amanda Silvester and Kyra Ingle for a fantastic job running and organising three successful and profitable discos. A special thanks to our disco DJ, Russell Pusey, who donates his time and business for free to allow us to maximise our profits at the discos.

Our Canteen, run by Jodie Rogers had another great year in 2013 providing affordable and delicious lunches. Thank you to Karen Batty, Helen Jones, and Tania Noble who with Jodie make up the canteen committee. Tania Noble has since resigned and we are experimenting with putting in volunteers in place as an alternative to employing a replacement.

Thank you to the parent helpers who put up their hands to help at various events throughout the year, wrapping Easter raffles, setting up and supervising at discos, cooking cakes to sell on athletics day or attending events like the Ladies night and cooking sausages. They all help make the load lighter to those of us that run the P and C.

We have made some progress with sharing the load and recruiting new parent help with the appointment of Parent Representatives in each class. An initiative that the staff have supported to help us share the load when volunteers are required

P&C COMMITTEE 2014
President: Mrs Rhonda Kennedy
Vice President: Mrs Nikki Pead
Treasurer: Mrs Denise Hall
Secretary: Mrs Kyra Ingle

Executive: Mrs Lisa Mardon, Mrs Kobie Baynes, Mrs Melinda Spackman, Mrs Susan Sheilds

Canteen Committee: Mrs Jodie Rodgers, Mrs Karen Batty, Mrs Helen Jones, Ms Gillian Sawyer

Canteen Committee Treasurer: TBA

School Council Rep: Mrs Nikki Pead

2nd Hand Uniform Co-ordinator: Mrs Lorraine Godfrey, Mrs Kylie Weir

Book Club Co-ordinator: Mrs Samantha Thill

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2014
Chairperson - Karen Batty

Minute Taker - Andrea Johnston

Parent Reps - Rocco Coetzee, Belinda Goodale, Corcyca Kentish, Sam Ross, Jacinda Harries, Kay McAuliffe

Community Rep - Sania Bahrom

P&C Rep - Nikki Pead

Teacher Reps - Judy Nardi, Kathy Taylor, Nicole Evans

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR COMMITTEE
Leader - Marlene Bevan

Secretary - Di Delicata, Narelle Hughes

Time Keeper - Sam Ross, Anne Bannister

Data Collector - Shane Rutter, Karen Batty

Communication - Tiana Purba Barnard, Kate Maslen, Cindi Atkin

Team Members - Kathy Taylor, Gillian Sawyer, Andrea Johnston, Mark Whisson, Charmaine Skipworth

KIDS MATTER ACTION TEAM
Leader - Kathy Taylor

Minute taker - Kay McAuliffe

Parents - Amanda Sylvester, Melinda Spackman

Teachers - Karen Batty, Nicole Evans, Andrea Johnston, Narelle Hughes, Mark Whisson

Office Staff - Cheryl Forsyth
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BOARDIES DAY FUNDRAISER CORRECTION**
A correction to Money raised on Boardies day. We raised a total of $440.00 and both Champion Bay Surf Lifesaving club and Geraldton Surf Lifesaving clubs received $220.00 each.

**CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION**
As part of 2014 Stay Smart Online Week the Geraldton Regional Library will be hosting a Cyber Safety presentation with guest speaker David Boyes from the Geraldton Digital Hub. The session will be held from 4pm on Wednesday 4th June. If you would like to attend please RSVP to the Library on 9956 6659 or email library@cgg.wa.gov.au.

**SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMES TO GERALDTON**
On Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st, two members of the Australian Synchronised Swimming Team and two experienced coaches will be visiting Geraldton to run a number of FREE “Come & See, Come & Try Synchro” sessions.

These practical sessions will include demonstrations from International swimmers and then opportunities for absolute beginners to learn the skills from the four visitors.

The sessions are open to all females aged 5 to 55 and will take place at the Aquarena in Wonthella. Everyone is welcome.

The sessions will take place at Aquarena on Saturday 31st May between 09:00-11:00, and 14:00-16:00. There will be another session on Sunday between 09:00-11:00. Swimmers can come to as many sessions as they like.

Due to the generous sponsorship of Healthway and its SunSmart message, all sessions are FREE and swimmers will receive a free swim cap and nose clip.

**MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE**
Piano and Guitar Music lessons available. Please phone Carol on 0427 205 864.