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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday 15th June  
Wellbeing Forum Excursion  
- Rooms 15 & 16 -  
Friday 17th June  
P&C Disco  
Wednesday 22nd June  
Western Power "Shockproof" Incursion  
Friday 24th June  
Parent Assembly Rooms 1 & 4  
Year 6 Cake Stall  
P&C Assembly Cuppa  
Wednesday 29th June  
NAIDOC Day Incursion  
- Dion Drummond -  
Thursday 30th June  
Perth Wildcats visit 11:30am—1:00pm  
Friday 1st July  
Year 6 Challenge Day  
Last Day of Term 2  
Tuesday 19th July  
Students commence Term 3  
Friday 29th July  
Parent Assembly Rooms 15 & 16

**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:**

We have NAIDOC Day coming up on the last Wednesday of term. Ibu Tiana is busy rehearsing the songs for NAIDOC Day and there will be an incursion with performer Dion Drummond. A letter will be sent to families soon. The timetable for the performance will also come out soon. As usual, there will be a morning tea for parents and carers of Aboriginal students. This year we are once again going to hold it at our normal recess time so staff have an opportunity to chat with parents. There will also be a kanga banga sausage sizzle and a whole school assembly.

Our Regional Executive director has offered our Deputy Principal Mr Rutter another term at Regional Office which he has accepted. Mr Harwood will therefore remain in the Deputy’s position for all of Term 3 and he is negotiating with Mrs Clarke in relation to the Phys Ed position.

As you have probably seen, the PBS mural has been completed and makes for a stunning entrance to the school. The design for the mural for the back wall of the Library has been completed. The mural will be a composite of the three winning entries and the design was completed by Ms Nic Harrop. The PBS committee awarded a first, second and third prize and the winners will be announced at the student assembly this Thursday. We received more than 100 entries for the competition and every entry will be displayed in the windows of Rooms 19 and 20 prior to the athletics carnival.

Work on the construction of the sustainability hub has commenced. With no more rain, construction should be completed by the end of this week or early next week and then the real work begins.

Renowned teacher and neuroscientist Judy Willis has come and gone. This was a massive undertaking and on behalf of the school I thank everyone involved for their efforts in promoting, supporting and attending the event, particularly the P&C. We do not get such high calibre presenters in Geraldton very often and I class the event as highly successful.

Our gardener Mr Wallingford is taking eight weeks leave beginning this Friday. The Department does not provide for a relief gardener so it will be interesting to see how the gardens and lawns hold up. Ken took his leave to coincide with the winter rains so we don’t anticipate too much trouble.

We have been experiencing issues with ICT in relation to connectivity. Mr Harwood has been hard at work to improve connectivity particularly in relation to the new IPads. We have in excess of 120 IPads and it would be fair to say that they are underused because of problems with connection to the internet. We are installing a Wireless Access Point in every room which should go a long way to solving the problem subject to DET’s rollout. Management of our devices is now cloud based and overseen by Market Creations and we expect a much more effective outcome before the end of this term.

**MARK WHISSON**  
**PRINCIPAL**
NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability every year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013, to provide information on a students' level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education. Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer and no student's identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education.

The collection of this information, happening in early Term 3 will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mark Whisson, Principal, on 9921 4066 or the Western Australian Department of Education NCCD Helpline on 0477 741 598.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2016

Thank you to those parents and carers who have paid their 2016 Contributions and P&C. A reminder letter has been posted home. This year parents have the opportunity to pay Contributions and P&C by Direct Debit into the school's bank account—details are on the bottom of the advice sheet. 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.

2017 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 2017 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 current 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/person responsible are encouraged to submit their application before the end of Term 2.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open every Monday 8.30am to 9.00am. Come along and see Kylie and Toni. They can help you with all your uniform needs. Jodie our Canteen Manageress can help you with uniforms during the week outside these hours.
Australian Kids & Family Reading Report™

Read Aloud: Start Early & Keep Going

Percentage of Kids Aged 0–11 Who Are Read Books Aloud 5–7 Days a Week:

- 57% Kids Aged 0–2
- 56% Kids Aged 3–5
- 41% Kids Aged 6–8
- 10% Kids Aged 9–11

Among parents of kids aged 0–5
47% RECEIVED ADVICE that children should be read aloud to from birth

- 26% Among the lowest-income households
- 65% Among the highest-income households

Parents of Kids Aged 0–5 Started Reading Aloud to Their Child:

- 59% Before age one
- 26% Before three months old

Among kids aged 6–17
86% ENJOY(ED) BEING READ ALOUD TO AT HOME because:

- 76% It's a special time with my parent
- 63% Reading together is fun
- 56% It's relaxing to be read to before I go to sleep

Among kids aged 6–8 who are no longer read aloud to at home
51% WISH IT HAD CONTINUED

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Winner of the $20.00 voucher from Monday 13th June’s P&C meeting was Kylie Ellerington—congratulations. A big thank you to the Camel Bar for their kind donation. Come to the next meeting of the P&C in Week 3 Term 3 and you could win the $20.00 voucher.

JUDY WILLIS
A big thank you to all the P&C members and staff who supplied soup for the community at the Judy Willis lecture last Wednesday 1st June. It was a great fundraiser for our P&C and we raised approximately $800.00.

DISCO
Parent Helpers are still needed for this Friday’s Disco. Please give your name at the front office.

ASSEMBLY CUPPA
After the parent assembly on Friday 24th June there will be coffee and cake for $2.50. All parents are invited to stay. Jodie will be selling this from the canteen.

UP AND COMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS
Friday 17th June - Student DISCO
Saturday 2nd July - Sausage Sizzle and cake stall - FEDERAL ELECTION
Saturday, July 2nd is Federal election day but for the Mount Tarcoola P&C, it’s

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CAKE STALL DAY

You can help in any of these ways:

- Fill in the roster in the front office to help out for an hour or two (or text Rhonda on 0408 647 630)
- Donate a carton of drinks for us to sell (leave at the canteen)
- Drop off a cake/slices/cup cakes to sell (leave at the canteen on Friday, or drop off to the stall on Saturday morning)
- **Buy a sausage sizzle or cake when you cast your vote** – we will be outside the undercover area at the school from 8am-1pm
Help your kids tap into their capacity to be nice

Spend some time in any schoolyard or listen in to some sibling conversations and you’ll soon realize that children (your children too) can be very cruel to each other. They can say the most cutting things.

One of the jobs of parents is to help kids tap into their capacity to be kind, to be helpful and to be generous to others.

The capacity to be nice is there. It just needs to be developed, encouraged and nurtured. Some children need more reminding than others, so you may need to persevere and keep reminding kids to do the right thing by others. Thriving parenting is about developing real character in kids.

Tips for helping your kids tap into their capacity to be nice:

1. **Develop a ‘No put-down’ policy:** Help kids understand the potential destructiveness of putting kids down because of their weight, looks, intelligence or other personal attributes. If you’re told often enough that you’re dumb then it can have a way of sticking. As a parent become intolerant of personal put-downs from your kids.

2. **Help children identify friendly behaviours:** Help kids understand how good friends act. Being a good friend means many things such as being loyal, keeping confidences, accepting mistakes and a whole lot more. Help kids understand these friendly behaviours and refer back to them when they are being...... unfriendly.

3. **Hypnotise your kids:** My dad used to say, ‘If you haven’t anything nice to say about someone, don’t say anything at all.’ Like many parents he passed on his wisdom using memorable phrases, slogans and platitudes. Some of these may have been passed on to him. Importantly, he tried to live by the values they conveyed, so they carried significant weight. (I still open up my mouth sometimes and my dad jumps out!) Find a way to package up your personal wisdom around ‘niceness’ and start hypnotising your kids....just like your parents hypnotised you!

Friendliness has been identified as a basic skill that will contribute to children’s overall success at school and beyond. (Organisation, confidence, persistence and resilience are some of the others.) So helping kids tap into their niceness is not just a nice thing to do; it will assist them to work better with others, be more accepting and be happier to boot.

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Find out more

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It’s not too late!

Today’s the last day to join my online parenting course, Raising Well-behaved Kids, and learn how to get cooperation from your kids so they can fulfil their potential.

Find out more
The July School Holiday Soccer Clinic Details are as follows:

- Dates: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016
- Venue: Wonthella Oval
- Session One: 9am – 10.30am 7,8,9,10,11 year olds
- Session Two: 11.00am – 12.30pm 12,13,14,15 year olds
- Cost: $50 per person
- All participants will receive a string bag and ball

To register for this clinic, please contact Tanya Amazzini via:

- Email: Tanya.Amazzini@Sportshouse.net.au
- In Person: Department of Sport and Recreation
- Phone: 99562189 / 0417070971
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