FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

We have had our computer operating system upgraded which meant that for a period of time we had no access to our computers which is the reason why we missed publishing the Newsletter two weeks ago. The new system is faster with bigger servers and is something we have been looking forward to for years.

The school wide Positive Behaviour Support committee has been meeting regularly and has developed a purpose statement which will guide the work of the committee into the future.

At Mount Tarcoola primary School we use a positive behaviour framework with common language and understanding to foster a safe and supportive learning environment.

We collaborate to teach explicit pro-social behaviours which help our students demonstrate academic success and reliability in their interactions within our school and the wider community.

At times we can assume that our students come to school with the knowledge and social skills that will allow them to behave in an acceptable way in all situations. However, this can be a mistaken assumption and we may need to teach the required skills to students which is something that underpins the Positive Behaviour Support framework. We will identify the areas of the school where students interact and we will define the behaviours that we expect in each area, for example the canteen or the school oval. We will then explicitly teach the skills to our students which will clarify for them what we expect in terms of behaviour. The Positive Behaviour Support framework is not a punishment oriented framework. We will identify where there are gaps in the knowledge and skills of students and we will fill in what is missing. We will also continually reward good behaviour.

We are very fortunate at our school in that our students are generally well behaved but we are aware that we can do better and the Positive Behaviour Support framework will assist us with that.

The system upgrade has also put our reporting to parents process a little behind schedule but reports have now been printed and will be delivered to parents this week.

I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful P&C who last week purchased five gazebos which will be used to shade the area between the Undercover area and Rooms 15 and 16 during Parent Assemblies. That area can become very warm during summer and I know parents will be much more comfortable in the shade.

MARK WHISSON
PRINCIPAL
CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL DISCO

Dear Parents,
The P&C was disappointed to cancel the disco scheduled for last Friday night. P&C members are all parents, and we too had to explain to our children why the disco couldn’t go ahead.

The P&C is duty bound to provide adequate supervision at school discos, and there are a number of positions which need to be filled before we can guarantee an acceptable level of cover. We understand that there are always parents who stay throughout the night, but who do not add their name to the list in the front office before the disco. We also appreciate that sometimes getting to the front office is just one of those things that we never get around to. We know that there are many parents in our school community who are always willing to help out at discos. At the end of the day, the paperwork needs to be completed in a reasonable amount of time prior to the event, to ensure adequate supervision, and ultimately, the safety of your child.

Recent discos have raised over $2000 each, which has provided the school with valuable resources. It is disappointing not to be able to provide the school with this money.

Disco coordinators do a great job coordinating parent and teacher support for each event. Parent participation provides essential supervision, and also offers parents an opportunity to meet and get to know other parents in the school community. The P&C appreciates the effort of everyone involved.

Parents are invited to attend P&C meetings at 7:00pm on Monday, on weeks 3 and 8 of each term, in the school staff room. These meetings are an opportunity for you to be informed, get involved and offer ideas for school events. You might even like to consider being a disco coordinator!

It is our intention to reschedule the disco for early next term. We look forward to the support of parents and caregivers in organising and running this event. The contribution we all make will continue to build upon the great things that are happening within our school.

Please feel free to call me on 9964 7630, if you would like to discuss the P&C further.

Yours sincerely
Rhonda Kennedy
P&C President

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We raised $1 210.00 at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle held on Saturday 14th June. A BIG thank you to our volunteers Marilyn, Michelle, Jodie, Karen, Mel and Toni who cooked and served sausages all day. Another BIG thank you to Gearing butchers for supplying sausages, Aussie Pastries for supplying the bread and to all those families who supplied cool drinks.

Another great P & C Fundraiser.

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 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! eg 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 2ND 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 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.

CANTRENN

CHOIR AUDITION FOR GERALDTON SCHOOL SHOWCASE 2014

Year 3 to 7 Choir members are invited to audition for the Geraldton School Showcase performance at QPT in October (early Term 4).

- Time: lunchtime on Thursday 3rd July (this week)
- Place: Indonesian Room
- Song: “I am The Earth”

Ibu Purba-Barnard
REPORTING
This semester the students have been working away in class and this week is when parents receive the Semester One Progress Report written by the class and specialist teachers. One thing to look at when reading the report is the effort grade which appears for every learning area and also in the "Attitude, Behaviour and Effort" section on the final page. The reason I encourage you to look at the effort grade is because this read along with the A,B,C,D or E grade can tell you more than just the A,B,C,D or E grade in isolation. If for example your child receives a ‘C’ and their effort grade is Often or Consistently that indicates that they are putting in and working hard. On the flip side if the grade is a ‘C’ then and the effort grade is Sometimes or Seldom then you know, as a parent that your child may not have been putting in as much effort as they are capable of. So please don’t just look at the A,B,C,D or E grade, also read the comment, if one for that learning area, and take into consideration the effort grade to gain a fuller understanding of how your child has progressed.

Secondly, if you have students in different year groups you may notice that in some learning areas the elements being reported on are different. I will use Science as an example as within Science there are a number of elements such as: Understanding, Inquiry Skills, Human Endeavour, Chemical, Biological, Earth and Space and finally, Physical. As classes share resources different classes will cover different elements in a semester and the report indicates what has been covered this semester. Next semester the remaining elements will be covered.

Finally on reports if you have any questions about the comments or grades in a report please talk with the teacher involved, class or specialist, and they can answer your question for you.

SCIENCE
There has been a real Science theme just recently with Scitech in school doing some in class demonstrations along with a series of after school Professional Learning sessions for the both Teachers and Education Assistants. The class sessions were very enjoyable and spread across the school from Pre-primary to the upper grades, unfortunately time didn’t allow every class to have a visit, but for those who did get a visit it is hoped that the interest in science has increased.

Linking into the idea of increased interest we were also visited by Robogals who worked with our Year Six and Seven students. Robogals are engineering students from the University of Western Australia who promote engineering as a career option for girls because the ratio of female to male engineers is low. Our students not only got to do some robotics work, they designed a container to protect an egg when dropped from a height, and also learnt a little about what engineers do. The girls enjoyed the sessions and below I have attached some photos from the sessions. If however you are reading a paper copy of the newsletter you will need to go to our website to view the newsletter article at http://mttarcoola.wa.edu.au and to view the rest of the photos.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable break and if you are able to spend time with your children over the holidays enjoy the opportunity.

MR SHANE RUTTER
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
STUDENT ATTENDANCE—UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES
Every fortnight a letter is sent home to parents concerning unexplained absences. The letter lists the dates a student was absent without an explanation. Parents are asked to write the reason for the absence on the line next to the date, sign and date the letter at the bottom of the page and return it to school. The Education Act 1999 requires a parent or responsible person to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within three days of the absence. It is therefore very important that parents respond to these letters.

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.

MUSIC FESTIVAL
We had some AMAZING results at the recent Geraldton Music Festival! Jasmine Anderson WON her Novice section, the Duet Section with Jorja Knight and the Trio Section with Jorja Knight and Ep Panaraksa! The Flute (Scott Batty, Mea Cupido, Jessica, Selina Blanke and Jorja Knight) ensemble won their Small Instrumental Ensemble Junior section! Selina Blanke, Scott Batty and Jorja Butson came 2nd in their trio section. So that means ALL MOUNT Tarcoola PS participants in this years festival received at least one First Prize! Woohoo! Go Mt Tarcoola!!

COMMUNITY NEWS
PCYC HOLIDAY PROGRAM
For ages 6-13years
July 8-18
Activities include: Wall climb, cooking, circus, boxing, art and craft, wheelchair basketball, little athletics and an excursion to Northampton! Bookings Essential! Contact PCYC. PhONE: 9921 1317 OR EMAIL: geraldtonpcyc@wapcyc.com.au

BATAVIA COAST BASEBALL & TEEBALL LEAGUE
AGM
7pm 1st July 2014
At the Softball Clubhouse, Utakarra Ball Park
All Positions Vacant, Everyone Welcome
Come and have a voice about how Baseball and Teeball are run. All new ideas welcome, if you don’t want to be on the committee, then just come and have an opinion.
Looking forward to seeing you there.
Two-hour classes in our fully equipped workshop. Class fee payable on booking.

**Kids Classes**
Busy kids are happy kids.
Everything is included in our kids classes, all products, supplies and tools. Just bring your photograph (if doing a scrapbook page) and Emily & Tania will teach the rest!

2-hour classes cost $20 or $25

All sample pages and projects are on display in our workroom on the “Kids Class” wall.

We are taking bookings for Term 3 Kids Classes at this time too.

**“Frozen” Snowflake Mobile**
Date: Monday morning
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Decorate your room to look like Elsa's castle with this hanging mobile.

**Cost:** $20

**Girls Scrapbook Page “This Smile”**
Date: Monday afternoon
Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Lots of handiwork on this pretty page, with lovely flowers and embossed background.

**Cost:** $20

**Requirements to bring:** One photo (smile theme)

**Beaded Shaker Box & Washi Tape Page**
Date: Wednesday Morning
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
This page has a fun shaker box that will move as you flip the page in your album.

**Cost:** $20

**Requirements to bring:** One 4x6 photograph of your choice. HORIZONTAL

**Rosette Birthday Cards**
Date: Wednesday afternoon
Time: 1.30pm - 3.30 pm
A cute set of 4 cards with some tricky folds and some fun rosettes you will make to decorate

**Cost:** $20

**Hexagon Mini Album**
Date: Friday morning
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
A cool shaped mini album with lots of interactive tags and pockets, decorated with papers and ribbons

**Cost:** $20.00

**Requirements to bring:** various photos to fill album (small photos) birthday theme

**Teen Scrap “Friends”**
Date: Friday Afternoon
Time: 1.30- 3.30
A technique class loaded with products.
Suitable to students 12 yrs and above

**Cost:** $25.00

**Requirements:** photo to suit page 4x6
What’s on Term Three 2014

Clem Burns Heritage Award

The closing date for the 2014 Clem Burns Heritage Award is Friday 4 July. Already we have on display an array of wonderful models featuring the region’s rich multicultural heritage. Our thanks to all teachers involved.

The presentation ceremony will be held on **Friday 25 July at 1.30pm**. Models will be on display from July 4 until August 4.

Da Vinci Machines Exhibition

This world class exhibition explores how, through the power of observation and experimentation, Leonardo da Vinci made extraordinary advances in every discipline in which he worked. Suitable for all school levels, it is a hands-on exhibition featuring interactive machines, robotics and life-like anatomical models. An education supplement is available for teachers.

Cost is $5 per student which is excellent value as regular admission prices will be Adults $15, Children $10 and Families $40. All other school programs offered at the museum will remain at $4 per student.

IMPORTANT: As Da Vinci Machines is a ticketed exhibition our preferred method of payment is via credit card or cash on the day of the visit. Bookings are essential on 99215080.

A Teacher Familiarisation Tour will take place on Monday, August 4 at 4.00pm. Light refreshments will be available. There is no cost to participants. Bookings are required for catering purposes, phone 99215080 or email mary.callaghan@museum.wa.gov.au

Public lectures

**The wreck of the Zuytdorp, 1712**

The *Zuytdorp*, one of the great ships of the Dutch East India Company (VOC), disappeared after leaving the Cape of Good Hope in April 1712. Its wreck was found by Tom Pepper in 1927 and was positively identified as that of the *Zuytdorp* by Phil Playford in 1958.

The third and final voyage of the *Zuytdorp* had been disastrous long before it was wrecked at the foot of towering cliffs near Kalbarri.

Join Dr Phil Playford as he describes the story of identifying the *Zuytdorp*, and presents his conclusions that survivors of the wreck may have joined with local Aborigines to become the first European inhabitants of Australia.

**TIME:** 7.00pm **COST:** Gold coin donation **BOOKINGS:** Essential on 99215080

**Wreck update: Behind the scenes in Maritime Archaeology**

Some of Western Australia’s most historically significant maritime sites have had many new and exciting developments happening in the field and behind the scenes. Dutch shipwrecks *Batavia*, *Zeewick*, *Zuytdorp* and *Gilt Dragon* all have new research unfolding, as does the elusive *Aagtkerke*.

As the WA Museum gears up for the 2016 celebrations of Dirk Hartog’s landing, take an illustrated tour of the latest research activity in the Maritime Archaeology Department with Dr Mack McCarthy, Curator, Maritime Archaeology, Western Australian Museum. Dr McCarthy may also be available to talk to students on the afternoon of Wednesday September 3.

**TIME:** 7.00pm **COST:** Gold coin donation **BOOKINGS:** Essential on 99215080

For further information, contact the Education Officer Mary Callaghan (Mon, Tues PM, Thurs) on 99215080 or email mary.callaghan@museum.wa.gov.au
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