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UPCOMING EVENTS
Thursday 31 July
Camp Quality Puppet Show
Friday 1st August
P&C Disco
Monday 4th August
P&C Meeting 7:00pm in Staffroom
Wednesday 6th August
Room 17 visit to Museum
Thursday 7th August
Room 15 visit to Museum
Friday 8th August
Parent Assembly—Rooms 10 & 17
Tuesday 12th August
Parent Newsletter
Wednesday 13th August
Hearing Screening—Year 1’s
Friday 15th August
Lap-a-thon

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:
The public education system will experience significant change in 2015. All schools will receive a one line budget which means schools will be responsible for the financial management for much more than is currently the case particularly in relation to staff.
The amount that schools will receive is calculated in relation to the composition of the student group that attends each school. In other words it is a student-centred funding model.

Under the new model, funding will be centred on the student. This is quite different from what has happened in the past where funding has primarily been based on school types and education programs.

The model has been developed to provide for the needs of every student – with per student funding based on the year levels of students and additional funding for students needing extra support.

Information about Student-centred funding and one line budgets is also available on the Public Education site. I will attend training with our Registrar next week to prepare for this change.

The P&C is busy organising the annual "Lapathon" which is the major fundraiser for the year. It is a fun physical activity event and I ask all members of the school community to support this event as the funds raised come directly back to the school. The Lapathon will take place on Friday 15th August beginning at 1:30 pm on the school oval.

Our students are also currently preparing for the Faction Athletics Carnival which will take place on Friday 29th August, again on the school oval. The oval is in much better condition than it has been in previous years as the turf has been replaced and is thriving. The oval has been marked in preparation for the Carnival – thanks to the work of our gardener Ken Wallingford, Mrs Wallingford, our Physical Education teacher Mrs Forrester and Deputy Principal Mr Rutter. All classes are practicing their running, jumps and throws and everyone seems to be having a great time.

Mrs Batty and her Year 3 students in Room 1 have obtained funding for a garden which will be constructed in the alcove near the flag poles. The students will use above ground planters and wall gardens to plant a variety of vegetables and flowering plants. This will be a great project and I know the Room 1 students are very enthusiastic about it – well done Mrs. Batty.

Finally congratulations to the following students who received an award or were highly commended at the recent Clem Burns Heritage Awards:

Marley Mardon - 1st Place Category 3 (Year 7)
Hayzel Tamehana - 2nd Place Category 3 (Year 7)
Waverly Tynan - Highly Commended
Leroy Brennan - Highly Commended

MARK WHISSON
PRINCIPAL
P&C NEWS

REMINDER Recipes wanted!
The Recipes for the Mt Tarcoola Cookbook have been slowly coming in BUT we NEED MORE!
Please help submit your favourite family recipes by 25 August 2014 as we hope to receive recipes from ALL children (and staff)!
Submit online via www.PublishedAuthors.com.au and submit your recipe using their simple template.
Remember you can submit as many as you like! eg one for each member of your family

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

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.
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.

MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE FOR PARENTS
To many of us Maths is seen as dealing with numbers, which is often the case, however Maths also has it’s own vocabulary, or language and some of these words have meanings in other context outside of Maths and are used on a regular basis. One of the things we do during maths lessons is explain Maths language, and so to my challenge. I have listed some Mathematical words below along with their mathematical meaning and I would like parents to incorporate them into conversation with their children. Some words are more appropriate for older students, but there is no harm in exposing younger children to words that they are unfamiliar with. Now this isn’t a test and you sit your child down and quiz them and give them a grade, but a challenge for you, the parents, to work all or some of these words into conversations during the next two weeks.

Adjacent - next to each other. Eg: should I park that car adjacent to that blue one?
Circumference - the curved edge of a circle. Eg: I wonder how we could determine the circumference of this bowl/plate?
Horizontal - parallel to the horizon. Eg: Do you think that photo is hanging horizontal to the ceiling?
Length - the distance from end to end. Eg: I wonder what the length of our driveway is?
Month - a measure of time, there are 12 months in a year. Eg: I have forgotten what month we are in, can you tell me? So what month comes next? How many months are there in a year? And what are their names again?
Probability - the chance of something happening. Eg: What is the probability of rain today? If your child says what does that mean, ask them what is another word I could use, and repeat the question like this, what is the something of rain today? Don’t be afraid to give clues so that they end up saying ‘chance’ and then you can say something like “probability is a fancy name for chance, so what do you think is the probability of rain today, none, maybe, big, or for older children 10%, 50%, 80% or 100%?” Lots of online weather forecast sites talk in percentage so not something that may be unfamiliar to students in the weather question context. Could even have your child go onto the internet to look up the probability/chance of rain to see what different sites use.
Reduce - to make smaller. Eg: Can you reduce the amount of breakfast you have left in the bowl before leaving the table please. Or maybe, can you please reduce the amount of water that is being wasted when brushing your teeth.
Sort - to place things into like groups. Eg: when they are playing with something like toys, dolls, blocks, model cars, or a pack of cards, you ask, can you please sort those out for me?
Turn - to rotate about a point, so referring to the rotation of an object. Eg: Can you please turn your plate so that your knife and fork point to you. This one is no longer an example when used in relation to Mathematical language; can you turn the TV off. For those of you who are from the pre remote control era you will remember that when your predetermined TV watching time, which occurred on weekends, had expired it coincided with the end of the “The Winners”, “F-Troop” or the Sunday Disney Movie, and turning off the TV involved getting up, walking to the TV and physically turning a dial to the ‘off’ position which did involve rotation. Turning off/on a TV by pushing a remote control button however doesn’t involve rotation.
Hope that you have success in achieving the challenge.
Shane Rutter
Deputy Principal
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival will be held during Week 6 of Term 3.
- Friday 22nd August - Cross Country
- Monday 25th August—Championship Jumps, Throws, 200m and 800m
- Friday 29th August - Carnival Day

All children will be participating in numerous events throughout the Carnival Day. We urgently require parental assistance in the running of this Carnival.

If you are able to assist in any way, please return the SLIP BELOW to Michelle Forrester by Monday 18th August.

FOOTWEAR SAFETY DURING ATHLETICS

Children like to run barefoot during Athletics events. Many unforeseen hazards may harm them whilst participating on the running tracks or in the jump pits. Everything that can be done to detect any dangers will be done by checking the areas used beforehand i.e. Checking lanes, sand pits and toilet areas. Children must wear footwear during the Cross Country. If you would rather your child wear footwear, please complete the SLIP BELOW and return it to Mrs Forrester before Friday 1st August 2014.

CARNIVAL HELP—Return by Monday 18th August

I am able to assist with the Carnival on:
- Friday 22nd August - Cross Country
- Monday 25th August—Championship Jumps, Throws, 200m and 800m
- Friday 29th August - Carnival Day

Name: ________________________________          Contact No: ________________________________
Child’s Name: ________________________________          Room No: ________________________________

FOOTWEAR SAFETY—Return before Friday 1st August

My child/children ___________________________________________
Room/s: _____________________________          Faction: _____________________________
must wear footwear at all times during the Athletic season when training and/or participating.

Signed: ____________________________________________

EXCESS COMPUTERS

The school has 20 computers, 13 LGs & 7 CDMs, which are in excess to our requirements. These computers have been desanitised and therefore have no programs loaded but are in working order.

If you would like to put in an offer for these computers complete the slip below. Please write your full name, contact details, quantity of computers, amount offered, sign and date the slip and return to the school office by Friday 15th August, 2014.

You will be advised by Thursday 21st August if your offer is successful. Payment and pickup arrangements will also be confirmed as this time.

COMPUTER OFFER SLIP 2014

I am submitting an offer for ____ computer/s.

Name: ____________________________________________
Contact Details: ____________________________________________
Amount Offered: _____________________________
Signature: _____________________________          Date: _____________________________

Office Use Only

Date received: _____________________________          Time: _____________________________
Signature of Authorised Officers: _____________________________
Term 3 Disco

Friday August 1st 2014

Featuring DJ Rusty P from Soundtrax
Music, dancing, games & prizes

Entry: $5.00

Times:
Kindy/PP  5:00-5.50pm
Junior (Yr 1-3)  6.00-7.20pm
Senior (Yr 4-7)  7:30-9.00pm

Hot foods, snacks, drinks & glow sticks on sale

Teachers and Parents supervising.
No senior students at junior disco.
Students to be collected by an adult at the main door promptly, please!

Parents please note: Any children with medical conditions must advise the disco co-ordinators prior to the disco night.

Contact:  Kyra Ingle: 0419 201 206  Rhonda Kennedy: 0408 647 630
STUDENTS LEAVING MOUNT TARCOOLA PS IN 2014

We are now in the process of planning for 2015 and request parents to advise us of students who will be leaving our school at the end of 2014.

If your child is leaving please complete the slip below and return it to the school office ASAP.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

AIDAN’S PLACE

Aidan’s Place Inc. (Supporting families, supporting children with disabilities) are offering the following programs:

Lego Club: Wednesdays 4.30 – 6.00 pm, Lotteries House, 114 Sanford Street, Geraldton. This group is to help children improve on their socialisation skills, while incorporating planning, problem solving and cooperation.

Art-n-Craft: Fridays 4.00 – 5.00 pm, PCYC, Pass Street, Geraldton. These classes are designed to explore the five senses through art.

My Time: Monday’s 9 – 11 am, Lotteries House, 114 Sanford Street, Geraldton. This is a support group for parents/carers of children with disabilities. A play leader is available to entertain the children while parents have a cuppa and a chat. Various speakers attend throughout the term, and fun activities are also planned.

Grandparents My Time: First Tuesday of the month 9.30 – 11.30 am, Lotteries House, 114 Sanford Street, Geraldton. This is a support group for any Grandparent parenting again. It gives our wonderful grandparents to meet others in similar situations.

If you require further information, please call Julie Baker on 9938 0793 or email on info@aidansplace.org.au

GERALDTON PCYC

Junior gymnastics: An introductory gymnastics class for children aged 4-6 years. Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm. Call PCYC on 9921 1317 to book.

Cheerleading: A new and fun sports challenge! This class covers basic cheerleading skills including stunting, acro and dance for children aged 5-9 years. Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm. Call PCYC on 9921 1317 to book.

WALKAWAY P&C

“Starry Night” Masquerade Ball
9th August 2014, 7pm till late
St Catherine’s Hall at the Central Greenough Historical Settlement
Full Bar Facilities - NO BYO
$40/ ticket available from Walkaway Shop, Walkaway Primary School, Leon Bakers Jewellers & the Central Greenough Historical Settlement
Contact Robyn 0437 663 303 or Kellie 0427 153 512

‘ORANGE’ SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

Is your child starting or changing schools in 2015 and are you seeking Transport Assistance on an ‘Orange’ school bus?

In 2015 all Year 7 students, will be attending high school as secondary students. This will have a substantial impact on the ‘Orange’ school bus network and will require significant planning. It is very important that Public Transport Authority establishes the number of eligible students requiring Transport Assistance.

The Public Transport Authority is requesting parents that have children starting or changing schools in 2015 and requiring bus travel to complete an online application for Transport Assistance at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au by no later than 31 August 2014 for travel in 2015.

Please be aware: Transport Assistance is offered to eligible families in two forms, either by ‘Orange’ school bus or a Conveyance Allowance paid to parents to drive their children to and from school. The type of Transport Assistance provided to a family depends on many factors including, location and bus availability.

If your child is currently travelling on an ‘Orange’ school bus and they are not changing schools next year, there is no need to reapply or contact us as your transport arrangements as a rule will remain the same.

If you have any further questions please phone 9936 2625 or email schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au

Before School Tennis

Have FUN & warm up before school

A great introduction into tennis, Years 3-7.
- 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, Friday 1st August
  • 7:45am – 8:30am
  • $90.00
- Mt Tarcoola Primary School
LEARN SKILLS THAT MAKE LIFE WITH CHILDREN EASIER & MORE SATISFYING

1. **Listen UP PROGRAM**
   - "Listen UP" Program - Join the celebrated workshop based on "How to talk so kids listen & listen so kids will talk" by award-winning authors Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish
   - WHEN: This program is run each school term
     TIME: 9:30am - 11:30am for 7 weeks
   - Are you feeling stuck in a negative spiral of communicating aggressively and constantly nagging your children?
   - Would you like your kids to be more resilient, confident, and happy?
   - Do you feel a lot of tension and anger in your household?
   - Is the naughty corner, punishment or other method not as effective as you thought?

2. **SIBLINGS RIVALRY PROGRAM**
   - How to help your children live together so you can live too.
   - WHEN: This program is offered each school term
     TIME: 9:30am - 11:30am for 6 weeks
   - "Very practical and non-judgmental, without doubt the best thing I have done to improve my parenting skills."
   - "So much better and more efficient than any parenting workshop or parenting coach I have done before."
   - "It made me change my bad habits, and months later I still use some of the tools with great success."
   - "Great to come with my partner, we thoroughly enjoyed it!"

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Please contact Serena O’Brien 99658881 or email serena.obrien@sjog.org.au for more information and admission to either program. https://www.facebook.com/GeraldtonParentingWorkshop.

The ultimate boot camp in parenting!

These programs are brought to you by: St John of God Geraldton Hospital