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UPCOMING EVENTS
Wednesday 13th August
Hearing Screening—Year 1’s
Friday 15th August
Lap-a-thon
Arts on the Move Excursion (am) — Rooms 15 & 16
Tuesday 19th August
Museum Excursion—Rooms 1 & 14
Wednesday 20th August
Hearing Screening—Year 1’s
Museum Excursion—Room 16
Friday 22nd August
Faction Cross Country
Monday 25th August
Athletics Championship events — Jumps, Throws, 200m & 800m
Tuesday 26th August
Parent Newsletter
Friday 29th August
Faction Athletics Carnival

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:
Independent Public Schools already manage their finances with a one line budget and next year all other public schools will move to a one line budget. This means that within the constraints of the budget, schools will have more flexibility to manage their staffing profile. Senior staff at our school have undergone an initial training session related to managing the one line budget and there will be more training later in the year. The budget projections for our school are looking promising with the possibility of some budget gains.

We need to look at the budget in the context of what will happen next year. With the shifting of Year 7 to secondary school we will lose in the vicinity of 75 students and Kindergarten appear to be marginally down on this year's figures. This means that our numbers will fall to about 450 next year and we are expecting staffing and budget cuts as a result of declining numbers. (Schools will be initially funded with a baseline based on enrolments.) With the Year 7 students moving to high school, on raw numbers we will lose at least three staff members.

Our current Year 6 and Year 7 students are undergoing transition to high school. They will be visiting John Willcock College and teachers and some of our ex-students will be coming to our school to talk to our students and to explain how life at the College operates. Although the shift to high school can create uncertainty for students it is an exciting time and our students generally enjoy the transition and excel in high school.

The P&C ran a very successful disco on the 1st August and raised thousands of dollars for the school. The P&C Lap-a-thon will be held this Friday (15th August) on the school oval and students will be asking for sponsorship throughout the rest of the week. We love to have parents and carers at the lap-a-thon so if you are not busy from 1.30 pm on Friday, come along and join in. This is the major fundraising activity for the P&C and we need your support.

Our faction athletics carnival will be held on Friday 29th August and students are still very engaged in training for the carnival and again we really encourage parents and carers to come along— it is a great day!

Finally, the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support committee is meeting regularly and the behaviour policy we will eventually adopt is in the process of developing. We expect that the process of developing the policy will be near completion towards the end of the year and it is likely that implementation will begin early in Term 1 next year.

MARK WHISSON
PRINCIPAL
I hope that you had success in the challenge I set last week to incorporate the Mathematical words into everyday conversation. Even if you only managed a couple of the words that is OK as learning has taken place. This week I have again listed Mathematical words to put into everyday conversation. I am now adding to the challenge by encouraging you to take advantage of the internet, or any other reference source, and have children do some discovery of their own. The beauty of being a parent in this day and age is that we don't need to be frightened of asking questions of our children, we can even ask questions we don't know the answer to. The reason is that our children can find the answers and then they tell us. Ask anything at all; how is bread made? How does the valve on your bike tube work? How much oil is used in the production of a plastic bottle? What do the letters in QANTAS stand for? What is the monetary unit of Indonesia? Take advantage of anything you do, or see, to ask your child something about it, see if you can ask three general questions for your child to discover the answer to this fortnight. Asking a question will probably take you a few seconds and the dividend far outweighs your investment in time as learning takes place. This can also be a great opportunity to sit with your child to guide them on how to effectively search the internet if they do use it to locate an answer.

Now to this fortnight's Mathematical words which I hope you can incorporate into everyday situations.

**Celsius** – a temperature scale. Eg How many degrees Celsius does water boil at? What about when it freezes what is that temperature in Celsius?

**Difference** - the amount by which one number is bigger or smaller than another number. Eg. What is the difference between 11 and 7?

**Dozen** – 12 things together. Eggs are an obvious one here, also take about half dozen.

**Minimum** – the least amount. Eg What was today’s minimum temperature?

**Gross Mass and Net Mass** - Gross Mass is the total weight contents and container/packaging. Net Mass is the weight of the contents not including the container/packaging.

**Right Angle** – an angle that measures 90 degrees. There are so many right angles around us from the corners of a book or piece of paper, to walls, bricks, tiles, doors, windows so it is very easy to highlight a right angle in the home and then have your child point some out to you.

**Top View or Bird’s Eye View** – what we see when you view an object from directly above it. You will notice that the drawings of young children often mix up Side View and Top View. To help explain this place an object like a cup in front of them and ask then to describe what they see. Now place the cup on the floor and have your child stand above it looking down. Ask them what shape they see, and guide them towards circle if it isn’t provided as an answer. Move the cup back to eye level and ask if the circle is still able to be seen.

Enjoy the challenge of placing the above words into general conversation and remember to keep those young minds active by asking questions about anything, even if you don’t know the answer.

**SHANE RUTTER**
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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**STUDENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER SCHOOL**

We recently had a very minor accident which lead to some changes to afterschool arrangements. Whilst the vast majority of students are collected by parents, waiting for a bus, or make their own way home on bikes, scooters or feet, there are a small group who are waiting or playing unsupervised.

There has been a group of students waiting outside Room 18 and around the Basketball Courts, either waiting for parents, or in some cases siblings who walk from John Willcock. These students will now be waiting between the Music Room and Room 15 so that they can see when their lift arrives and then make their way over to the car park. More importantly, by moving into the new area they will be supervised by the staff member who is supervising the bus students.

We also have had some students using sports equipment or playing on the playground equipment before making their way home. Reading through the various policies and regulations it is clear that playing with sporting equipment or on playground equipment is not to be done. Unlike recess and lunch there is no supervision for the students. If however a parent lets their child do this that is OK as the parent is supervising their own child/ren.

No sports equipment, this obviously doesn’t apply to the various teams who use our grounds for sports practise throughout the year. These children are supervised and within the care of the coach. The coaches aren't however responsible for siblings who are not involved in the sports training. So please be courteous towards the coaches and only have the team members at training sessions, unless of course you are in attendance supervising your child/ren.

This information will be explained to the students this week so they realise that the afternoon set up is similar to the before school arrangements where students are supervised by a staff member.

Thank you for your support as we fine tune the afternoons to ensure a safe environment for our students.

**SHANE RUTTER**
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
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.

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! E.g. 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 V olunteers are needed in the canteen again this Term. If you are able to help out please let our Canteen Manageress, Jodie Rodgers, know so that she can update the roster. Remember our canteen also has available for purchase school hats, satchels, pencil cases and stationery.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Friday August 29th
The Canteen will be sending home a menu for the day early next week. Also donations of cakes and biscuits would be greatly appreciated on the day or by Thursday 28th August. Volunteers will be needed to man the morning tea stall. Please let Jodie know if you can help on that day.

LAPATHON
The P&C Lapathon Fundraiser will be held this Friday 15th August. Volunteers are needed to collect money before School following the Lapathon. If you can help out please let Kobie Baynes or Karen Batty know.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REQUIRED
The School Council needs at least two more Parent Representatives. If you would like to nominate for the School Council please let Karen Batty (Chairperson), Mark Whisson (Principal) know or ring the office on 99214 066.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND P&C 2014 REMINDER
Thank you to families who have paid their 2014 Voluntary Contributions and P&C for students.

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).

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 5th September. Envelopes for ordering class and individual photographs have been distributed today via class teachers.

All envelopes must be returned to THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER with CORRECT MONEYS.

Please do not send in money until the day the photos are being taken. Kindergarten and Pre-primary students order their photos directly from the photographer, therefore do not receive an envelope. The itinerary for photos is as follows:

Wednesday 3rd September - Staff (8:20am), Years 1 - 7 (commencing 9:20am), Student Councillors, Yr 7 Leavers and Family Photos (12:50 to 1:30pm)
Thursday 4th September - Kindergarten Units 1A & 2C, Pre-primary Units 2 & 3
Friday 5th September - Kindergarten Unit 1B & Pre-primary Unit 4

Envelopes for ordering Family Photos are available from the school office. Younger or older family members that do not attend our school are able to be included in the family photo if brought to the school at the correct time (i.e. 12.50 - 1.30pm).
Students must dress in full summer uniform for these photographs:
- Girls: Tartan Dress or red polo shirt and green shorts.
- Boys: Red polo shirt and green shorts
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.

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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:_____________
Signed:________________________________

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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STUDENTS LEAVING MOUNT TARCOOLA PS IN 2014

My child/ren _______________________________ will not be returning to Mount Tarcoola in 2015.

Current Year/s: ___________________ Room Number/s: _______________________
Date Leaving: ___________________ Destination School: _______________________
Parent's Name ___________________ Signature: __________________________

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.

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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: ________________________________________________
Thankyou to all Parents, Staff and Students who helped out in any way, or attended the disco last week. The disco raised nearly $2500. This money will be used to support our school. Well done everyone!
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were awarded Certificates of Merit at the Parent Assembly on Friday 8th August 2014.

Room 1
Millie Patterson, Aaliyah Lolang, Samuel Shields

Room 2
Hayden Broadhead, Cooper Mann, Tasi Rai

Room 3
Sienna Barton, Curtis Harries, Tarsuinn Hall

Room 4
Jeremy Caulfield, Adelle Newman

Room 5
Mea Cupido, Mohammad Moneer, Payton Ovenden

Room 6
Ben May, Megan Davies, George Godfrey, Alyisha Weir, Nikita Nankiville

Room 7
Ajong Atem, Joshua Latham, Stuart Ramasamy

Room 8
Alleca Whyte, Khaled Elshekheiby, Clare Wheatley

Room 9
Troy Foster

Room 10
Izabella Sekuloff, Chelsea Shanahan

Room 11
Jamarah Walley, Sienna Norman, Ashley Bond

Room 12
Jay Furukawa, Rocky Matenga, Georgia Pearce

Room 13
Shay Wyndham, Grace Prunster, Adrian Fourie

Room 14
Skye Green, Summa Giltrow, Anneka Spackman

Room 15
Toby Smith, Marley Mardon, Jasper Poot

Room 16
Hazel Tamehana, Leroy Brennan, Waverly Tynan

Room 17
Ceyaan Rauniyar, Jessica Mustart

Room 18
Casey Baldwin, Shikayla Wilson, Emmy Silvester

Room 20
Fletcher Harrison, Jett Butson, Brooklyn King

Aussie of the Month

Junior Student
Holly Baynes
Holly is a friendly, helpful student who always warmly welcomes new students into our class. She is a great peer tutor for other class members.

Senior Student
Judd McVee
Judd works courteously in the classroom and is always a supportive peer in the classroom and with specialist teachers. He is an upstanding student who is to be commended on his leadership skills.

Senior Student
Zoe Cooper
Zoe consistently displays great Aussie attributes. She is co-operative and reliable at all times. Zoe finds time to help and includes others willingly. She really is a “True Blue Aussie.” Fantastic Aussie efforts Zoe!

Principal’s Reliability Award

Junior Student
Bailee Reed
Bailee is a mature and reliable student who consistently demonstrates empathy and understanding towards others. She conducts herself exceptionally well throughout the school day.

Middle Student
Abbi Baynes
Abbi has a very positive attitude to all that is asked of her at school, be it in the classroom or in the playground. Her effort is always excellent, working to the very best of her ability while at the same time being helpful and caring to those in need. She is a very reliable team member. Thanks Abbi and keep it up.

Senior Student
Jerry Lynch
Jerry is a friendly, co-operative student who can be relied on to do the right thing and works to the best of his ability. We can depend on Jerry to keep us entertained with his great sense of humour and ready smile. Thanks for being so reliable Jerry.

LIBRARY PRIZE BOX

The Library Prize Box is awarded to the class that has returned their books and remembered to bring their library satchels or bags. Each year we lose a significant number of books due to water damage from leaking water bottles, drinks and food spillage. To encourage students to use a satchel, the Library Prize Box is awarded to the class with the highest percentage of book returns and bags over the preceding weeks. The Prize Box contains a variety of books and games that are not generally available for borrowing in the library and is available for the winning class to enjoy until the next assembly.

The winning class for the last assembly with a score of 95.5% is Room 2. Well done Mrs Skipworth and Room 2 students.
-- COMMUNITY NEWS --

2014 ROOKIES TEEBALL CLUB REGISTRATION

A reminder that Registrations and payment must be completed by Friday, 15th August for teams to be submitted to the Association. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mt Tarcoola's School Co-ordinator Emma Shane on 9964 9418 or 0428 649 418, email emmashane8@bigpond.com.

-- 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 31st 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 9326 2625 or email schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au

-- VACSWIM OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY SWIMMING PROGRAMS --

Swimming pools and beaches are part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s October school holiday swimming program is conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. Enrolments close on 8th September.

For further information and how to enrol, please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.