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UPCOMING EVENTS
Wednesday 27th August
Book Week Parade
9.00am — B’ball Courts

Friday 29th August
Faction Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 3rd September
School Photo’s — Yrs 1—7
Family Photos 12.50—1.30pm

Thursday 4th September
School Photo’s—Units 1A, 2C, 2 & 3

Friday 5th September
School Photo’s—U1B & U4
Art of the Move—Rms 15 & 16

Tuesday 9th September
Parent Newsletter

Friday 12th September
Interschool Cross Country
Parent Assembly—Rooms 11 & 12
Yr 7 Cake Stall

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:
Our school is very much looking forward to the Faction Carnival which will be held this Friday on the school oval. Students have been competing in the 800 metre and 200 metre races, the long jump and triple jump and throws and there have been some outstanding performances. Of particular note was the performance of Jed Hagan, a Year 4 student who won the 800 metre championship race, beating Year 5, 6 and 7 students. Well done Jed! We welcome the attendance of all members of our school community at the carnival.

After the preliminary events, Air leads the faction carnival followed by Earth, Water and Fire respectively. There is not a lot between the four factions and the winner will certainly be decided on the day.

The School Wide Positive Behaviour and Support committee is still meeting regularly to draft up our new behaviour management policy. The Action Plan is complete and at today’s Staff Meeting our teachers will have some input into what being “Reliable”, being “Cooperative”, being “Polite”, and being “Respectful”, might look like at Mount Tarcoola Primary School. This is the first step in formulating our behaviour matrix which will tell all members of the school community what behaviours we expect from our students in all parts of the school and when we conduct excursions out of school. The process is lengthy but we are doing it “by the book” and the behaviour management strategy that we come up with should serve us really well in the years to come.

The P&C ran a very enjoyable and productive lap-a-thon on the 15th August and have authorised the purchase of two more interactive whiteboards at a cost of approximately $10 000. This means we only have two rooms (4 and 14) that do not have Interactive Whiteboards. The P&C has done an amazing job in raising the funds for the Whiteboards and on behalf of our school community I would like to thank them for donating the requisite funds. With the predicted reduction in our student population, we will have some empty rooms next year so it is possible that we will only need one more Whiteboard to complete the purchasing program.

We will celebrate Book Week tomorrow. Students and Staff can dress up as their favourite character and there will be prizes for each room including Kindergarten and Pre-primary. This is a fun day and our students and staff generally enter into the spirit of Book Week and wear some amazing costumes – Mr Liddle’s Mexican character springs to mind from last year.

Our ATAS (Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme) students, with supervisor Mrs Clarke, planted 2000 Flanders Poppy seeds in a new garden bed outside Room 20. Our gardener Mr Wallingford installed a tap and a hose and the students are eagerly awaiting the germination of the seeds. We hope that the poppies will be flowering by the 11th November which is Remembrance Day and which we celebrate each year. Ms Johnston and Kindy and Pre-primary crew also planted poppies in their area.

MARK WHISSON
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.

P&C NEWS

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
Volunteers 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
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.

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 9921 4066. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Week 9.

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).

LIBRARY HELPERS WANTED
The Library is seeking parent volunteers who could spare an hour or two to help out with book covering. Please see Mrs Morin, Mrs Norton or Mrs Lamont in the library if you are able to assist.

BOOKCLUB
The closing date for current issue bookclub orders is Tuesday 2nd September.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 5th September. Envelopes for ordering class and individual photographs were distributed on Tuesday 12th August via class teachers.

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

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

Current Year/s: ___________________ Room Number/s: ___________________

Date Leaving: _________________ Destination School: __________________________________

KIDSMATTER WHO’S WHO IN LIBRARY

Judy Norton
Judy Norton has been at Mt Tarcoola Primary School since 1988. She spent 15 years teaching Year 4, followed by 2 years in ITC when computers were only just becoming integral to teaching. In 2008, Mrs Norton moved into the library and is still enjoying it very much. Today she teaches history with nearly every class. Mrs Norton has just returned from an 8 week trip around the Northern Territory and the Kimberley. A holiday well earned!

Rikki Morin
In 2003 Mrs Morin started in the library. She has also worked at John Willcock College, Geraldton Senior and Nagle Libraries. She feels very lucky to work with such beautiful kids, especially enjoying their company at lunchtime in the library. Rikki is a keen photographer and proud Grandma.

Lynda Lamont
Lynda is our Girl Friday. She has been at our school for 4 years now and really enjoys working with the children and Judy “is brilliant”.

Lynda is a gym junkie, loves cooking and is into reading. She picked the right career then!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS

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‘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.

GERALDTON LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Registration Day

When: Saturday 30th August, 2014
Where: The Clubrooms on Pass Street, accessible through the Aquarena Carpark Wonthella, Geraldton
Time: 10am to 1pm

Come and ask about the “Come and try day and training sessions”.

Minimum age is, must have turned six by 30th September, 2014. Any new participants must provide a birth certificate for verification of age.

Geraldton Little Athletics are welcoming past or present athletes to sell any unwanted uniforms in good condition back to the club, please email the address below if you are interested.

For any further information or a copy of the Registration Handout for 2014/2015 Season, please email your interest to committee.glac@gmail.com.

BLUFF POINT PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZZ NIGHT

Fundraising for Nature Playground

Date: Saturday 20th September 2014

Time: Doors open at 6.30pm - Eyes down at 7.00pm

Venue: Bluff Point Primary School Assembly Hall

Tables of 6 ($10/head) - tickets from the school office, Phone: 9923 1278

BYO Nibbles - Bar Available

See you there!!

Chocolate Wheel, Silent Auction and Raffles
TENNIS WEST - MIDWEST ZONE
SUNSMART TENNIS CAMP

Tuesday 30th September to Friday 3rd October 2014

Head Coach SunSmart Development Officer Colin Thompson
Assistant Coaches Natalie Lama, Jacinta Crabb

Costs: Live-In $270.00 per child (inc accommodation & meals)
       Day Student $155.00 per child (inc lunch)
Members of a Club $265 & $150 (affiliated with Tennis West)

Ages 8 to 16 year olds for Advance to Beginner Players welcome.

Venues Spalding Park Tennis Club & Geraldton Tennis Club

Camp Booklet will be sent after payment of fees with program & medical forms.

TENNIS WEST - MIDWEST ZONE
SUNSMART TENNIS CAMP

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Member of Club………………………………………………….……………  Female / Male (Please circle)

Enrolments Close: Monday 8th September 2014 (on a first in bases)

NO ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
Bank Details 633 108 151609831 – Tennis West – Midwest Zone

Send to Tennis West – Midwest Zone PO Box 135 Geraldton WA 6531
Or Deliver to Department Sport & Recreation – 268 Foreshore Drive Geraldton