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UPCOMING EVENTS
Monday 1st December — Friday 5th December
Yr 6 students visit JWC

Wednesday 3rd December
Parent Morning Tea

Friday 5th December
Parent Assembly—Room 3

Wednesday 10th December
Yr 6 Graduation Dinner/Dance Award Night

Thursday 11th December
Yr 7 Graduation Dinner/Dance Award Night

Friday 12th December
End of Year Presentation Awards Assembly

Monday 15th December
Year 6 Challenge Day

Tuesday 16th December
Parent Newsletter

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 had very positive feedback regarding the emailing of the Newsletter to families. However, we had a number of emails bounce back from addresses that are either incorrect or no longer exist. If you didn't receive the Newsletter by email and wish to do so, please give your current email address to your classroom teacher who will pass it on to the Front Office where it will be added to the group. The Newsletter is still available on the web page. If you have a look at the web page you will see that it now has a translator. Mr Normington added the translator for those who might find it difficult to read in English.

After many weeks of meetings and discussion, the Positive Behaviour Committee has completed the behaviour matrix. This is a document that details the behaviours we expect from our students in the different areas of the school such as classrooms, the canteen and undercover area, the oval and when students are moving between different areas. It also includes the behaviour expected on excursions, when travelling on the bus and incursions. The behaviours are described under the headings of the four “Bs” which are “Be Reliable”, “Be Polite”, “Be Cooperative”, and “Be Respectful”. The committee now has the job of preparing the lessons where students will be taught the specific behaviours required in each area so that there is no misunderstanding or confusion about what is expected. Work on this will start on the School Development Day at the beginning of first term next year.

Our Year 7 students have completed their week long transition to John Willcock College. By all accounts, the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we have had lots of positive feedback about the transition. This is heartening considering that some of our students were quite anxious about the shift to secondary school. The Year 6 students are currently completing their week of transition.

Next year is also a big transition year for our school with a significant reduction in student numbers. Our expectation is that next year we will drop to around 500 – our 2015 enrolments currently sit at 494. We will have three classrooms operating in the Kindy – Pre-Primary area with one Kindy and two Pre-Primaries which is a reduction of one full class as compared to this year. It is likely that Pre-Primary Unit 4, which is currently Ms Evan’s room, will be taken away. In the Primary area we will run 16 classes with three splits. Room 20 will return to its previous function as a dedicated room and there will be at least one other spare room.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the new tank has been installed and holds 110 000 litres. In the last month we have used about 950 000 litres of water which includes all gardens and the oval, the toilets and all sinks and taps. The water in the tank is now a mixture of bore water and mains water which should help with the salt problem on the oval. Our oval was inspected by an expert from Central Office and his advice was that we should increase the watering time for the oval and this has been done. We are also requesting quotes from contractors to add another four sprinklers to the corners of the oval which don’t receive as much water as the rest of the oval.

MARK WHISSON
PRINCIPAL
## 2015 Charges & Contributions Years K–6
(As ratified by the School Council on Monday 3rd November, 2014)

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PER CHILD

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**P & C CONTRIBUTION** $5.00 Per child

Provides for purchases of sunscreen, awards and prizes etc

### Notes:
- Maximum Voluntary Contributions payable per family is $180.00, parents will be advised at the beginning of 2015. The P&C Contribution of $5 per child will also be included in documentation.
- Phone approved Credit Card payment is available for Contributions only (Visa, Mastercard), fill in the bottom of the advice and return to the office.
- Charges for incursions and excursions and swimming in 2015 will be pay as you go. Class teacher will provide details of incursion or excursion and cost, payment to class teacher (cash or cheque).
- Other Optional Costs are additional items such as camps/Instrumental Music/Year 6 Activities and the above table shows maximum costs.
- Please note that the level of Charges & Voluntary Contributions has been approved by the School Council.
- If necessary, payment options may be negotiated with the school, please contact the Registrar.
- It may not be possible to refund for excursions.

### EXAMPLES - CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Family with a Kindergarten, Pre-Primary & Year 2 child

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**GRAND TOTAL** $195.00

2. Family with a Year 1, 3, 5 & 6 child

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**GRAND TOTAL** $200.00

*Year 6 not charged for Contribution as maximum of $180 per family reached.*
PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR iPADS

If you have an iPad that is used by all members of the family or you have bought an iPad for your child to use did you know that you have some control over what they listen to and view on the iPad? The control also extends to iPod touch and iPhones?

If you have a family iPad and for example an adult has downloaded a 360 album, (he’s an Australian rap artist not a mathematical angle) and there is a song that contains explicit lyrics there is a way that allows you to block your children from listening to it. The whole album isn’t blocked just any songs with explicit words. A very useful option if you are planning to use the iPad for music during a game of ‘pass the parcel’ at the next birthday party.

Within Settings go to General and then to Restrictions. At the top of the screen in blue will be Enable Restrictions. Tap here and you need to enter a passcode of 4 digits. Make up your own code, something you will remember and to be safe write this code down somewhere as if it is lost you need to perform factory restore. Once you have done this you can then change the settings so that EXPLICIT is removed from Music and Podcasts. What then happens is that any music or podcasts that have explicit language are not accessible whilst the setting says CLEAN. When younger ears are not around you simply go back to Settings, General, and Restrictions, enter your passcode and change the settings back to your preference. If children use the iPad/iPod the majority of the time it may be best to keep the setting on CLEAN.

Movies can be set to allow certain ratings within the same area, as can TV shows, websites, and Apps. Setting for iTunes store access, installing and deleting Apps, along with In-App purchases can also be set by you in this area. Whilst mentioning iTunes if you have set up your account with a credit card that means easy access if someone is purchasing anything. Prepaid cards mean that there is a limit to the level of spending so purchasing accidents are much less expensive.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask and this link will take you to a website that explains the process using screen shots: http://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304

Shane Rutter
Deputy Principal

BOOKLISTS 2015—Important Information for Parents—Change of dates

Booklist orders will be available for collection from the back of the staffroom from Wednesday 10th December to Friday 12th December. Orders can be collected before school (8.30am—9.00am) or after school (2.45pm—3.15pm). They must be collected by a parent or another adult, students will not be able to collect any orders.

Please check your order against the booklist, if there are any problems, take your booklist and your order to Jackson's on Marine Terrace. Any orders not collected by Friday 12th December will be stored at school for collection in 2015 when class lists are displayed.

Parent helpers are urgently needed to distribute the orders before and after school. Leave your name at the front office with the time that you are available to help. Thank you.

Mt Tarcoola P & C

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 or phone 9921 4066.

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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: ___________________
COMMUNITY NEWS

Geraldton Streetwork Aboriginal Corporation
Community Christmas Show
Friday 12th December 2014
Venue: Geraldton Streetworker Youth Centre
Time: 5:30pm-9:00pm
Father Christmas and his Helpers

Meat packs  Mayu dancers  Major prizes  Entertainment galore

Geraldton Streetwork Aboriginal Corporation
(08) 99212890

GIRLS CRICKET
Where: Mt Tarcoola PS Nets
When: Tuesday and Thursday Afternoon
Time: 4:30 -6 pm
Duration: The end of Term 4
Cost: FREE!!!!!!!
Age: Year 5 and above
Please contact Leanne Bidwell -
P: 0427 876 793 or E: lbidwell@bigpond.net.au

ANNOUNCING
Geraldton Out Of School Hours and Holiday Child Care Facility
Bookings for the December / January Vacation Care Programme Are Now Open
Monday 22nd December – Friday 30th January 2015
Closed for Public Holidays - Thursday 25th & Friday 26th December 2014, Thursday 1st & Monday 26th January 2015
Also Open - Expressions of Interest for After School Care in 2015
- Outside School Hours Care Licensed centre
- Qualified and experienced staff
- Child Care Benefits approved
- Catering for primary school aged children
- Full day & half day options for Vacation Care
- Providing developmentally and age appropriate experiences and excursions
- Morning and Afternoon Tea supplied (Please provide lunch)
- Activities include - art and craft, sport, excursions, cooking, discovery activities, leisure and playtime

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
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