



# Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto  
"Reliability"

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8 2016 No. 4

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Wednesday 23rd March

Grip Leadership Day for Student Councillors

#### Friday 25th & Monday 28th March

Easter Public Holidays

#### Tuesday 29th March

School Closed

#### Thursday 7th April

ANZAC Assembly

#### Friday 8th April

Year 6 Challenge Day  
Last Day of Term 1

#### Monday 11th April to Tuesday 26th

April

School Holidays

#### Wednesday 27th April

Students commence Term 2

#### Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th

May

NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5

### 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:

Anyone who enters the school from the Forden Street entrance to go to Reception will see the magnificent "Positive Behaviour Support" mural on the wall of the reading room in the Junior Block. The mural is approximately eleven metres long and up to 3 metres high and makes a stunning entrance to our school. Although we had budgeted for the mural, the P&C offered to pay and this left us with some money we could spend on another mural. Mrs Bevan has suggested that we commission another mural for the back wall of the Library. It faces the oval so we thought a sporting theme based on the "At Mount Tarcoola we learn to be good sports" poster and the four faction logos would work. We would stay with our PBS poster colours. We would like our students to design the mural. There will be a prize for the winning mural as judged by the PBS committee.

Some concerns were raised at the P&C meeting and through emails from parents about the number of out of class activities that have occurred recently. We will certainly take these concerns on board for next year. It has been a coincidence of events that ran together. For example, the "Walk for Water" event (which is a new event for our school) that was run today was timed to occur as close to Water Week as possible and it closely followed the Puppet show and Harmony Day.

The P&C held their Annual General Meeting last night and it was well attended. All positions were filled which is very unusual and is a credit to the members of our school community. A list of Office Bearers can be found in the Newsletter. Members of the "Waste Warriors" applied for funding from the P&C to construct the "Sustainability Hub" outside the Junior Block and \$5000 was allocated. The materials for the enclosure will be purchased this term and construction should be completed early next term. This will be a great boost to our sustainability program which according to feedback from teachers at other schools, is well and truly heading in the right direction. As a reminder, we now collect plastic drink bottles, mobile phones, household batteries, printer cartridges, aluminium cans and the screw top flexible containers that students use at recess and lunchtime. Our teachers are telling me that students are becoming very aware of the value of recycling and sustainability. I would like to make a special mention of our Year 3 students in Room 1 who have volunteered to take out the three bins at lunch time to collect water bottles, cans and the screw top containers. They do this willingly and conscientiously and are to be commended for their efforts.

Finally, some of our parents have noticed that some potentially dangerous situations are occurring in regards to traffic movement around school. Please make sure that if you drop your children off on Forden Street that they get out of the vehicle on the curb side, rather than the roadside. Open doors on the roadside obscure the vision of oncoming drivers and children shouldn't be on the road. It has been noted that parents also use the canteen carpark as a drop off zone and this causes issues when cars have to cross the footpath. Finally, some parents drive across the footpath to enter the Acacia Street carpark and this also puts students using the footpath at risk. Please use the driveway.

Mark Whisson  
Principal

<b>CONGRATULATIONS</b> to the following students who were awarded Certificates of Merit at the Parent Assembly on Friday 11th March, 2016.	
Room 1	Scarlett Miller, Gypsy Atkins, Braith Ellerington
Room 2	Jack Etherton, Bailee Emery, Zara Warburton, Amali Evans
Science	Payeton Emery, Jake Reilly
Room 4	Amani Anwar, Liam McCagh, Sophie Swain
Room 5	Max Baker, Natasha Archer, Reef Molloy,
Room 7	Joe Kennedy, Suhami Anwar, Monique Forsyth
Room 8	Tyler Tomuri, Kai Furukawa
Room 9	Savannah Gallie, Gus Chadbourne, Keynan MacDonald
Room 10	Jaxon Dingey, Claire Bond, Calla Ryan
Room 11	Shadri Rosman, Lewis Goodale, Delta Horsman
Room 12	Levi Beckett, Sasha Robinson, Tahlia Johnson
Room 13	Kalika Molloy, Vino Premaratne, Ethan Berry
Room 14	Ben Ingle, Macy Pearse, Stojan Trajkovski
Room 15	Beau Brennan, Tahnee Weir, Brieanah Underwood, Shay Wyndham
Room 16	Stuart Ramasamy, Janidu Premaratne, Ava Williams
Room 17	Jomara Garcia, Mia Baker, Khaled Elshekheiby

<b>Aussie of the Month</b>	
<b>Junior Student</b> Kaitlyn Carr	For quietly showing a classmate how to say sorry. Great, gentle leadership.
<b>Intermediate Student</b> Chloe Cukela	For always helping other students in our room. She goes out of her way to help those in need. A very compassionate student.
<b>Senior Student</b> Emily Ramasamy	Emily is a reliable student who works well at all times. She happily assist those in need and works co-operatively with her peers. Emily is always prepared to lend a hand. She always has a smile, is always reliable, is always courteous and is always a pleasure to have around.
<b>Principal's Reliability Award</b>	
<b>Junior Student</b> Fatimah Azman	Fatimah always comes to school well prepared and ready to learn and she consistently produces beautifully presented work of a high standard. She works quickly and accurately and is a wonderful peer tutor.
<b>Intermediate Student</b> Amali Evans	A happy class member who always displays the 4 Be's. A great role model in Room 2. Well done Amali.
<b>Senior Student</b> Matthew Swain	Matthew has shown to be a reliable student in all facets of his schooling. He has also displayed great empathy for and consideration to other students at our recent Leadership day.



Bicycle safety is very important and not something that we are born with. We have the opportunity in term 2 to participate in the Let's Ride 2<sup>nd</sup> Gear program which focuses on bike control skills, so that kids are given the techniques to enable them to ride more proficiently in a traffic-free environment (park, backyard, around the block, etc.)

The program is normally aimed at children aged 8-10 but students outside that range can participate. If you want more information please go to [www.letsride.com.au](http://www.letsride.com.au), but please don't register online our sessions will not be on the options list.

The sessions are conducted by a qualified instructor and will be held at school, after school. There is no cost to parents.

So that we can get an indication of numbers for planning can you please complete the attached form and return to me by **Thursday March 24th**.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school.

Shane Rutter  
 Deputy Principal

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**LET'S RIDE PROGRAM**

I am interested for my child \_\_\_\_\_ room \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Let's Ride Program.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

## P&C NEWS

### AGM

Last night was the Mt Tarcoola Primary P&C AGM. The new positions for 2016 are:

President Rhonda Kennedy

Vice President: Karen Batty

Secretary: Kyra Ingle

Treasurer: Denise Hall

Canteen Treasurer: Toni Noble

Canteen Committee: Jodie Rodgers , Karen Batty, Mel Lewis, Toni Noble

Executive: Rhonda Kennedy, Denise Hall, Karen Batty, Kobi Baynes, Karen Bond, Kylie Ellerington, Mel Lewis

Uniform Coordinator: Jodie Rodgers

Uniform Shop: Kylie Weir and Toni Noble

Bookclub Coordinator: Sam Thill

School Council Rep: Dale Pearse

Pre-Primary had their AGM last week. The committee members are:

President: Samantha Brearley

Secretary: **Position Vacant**, volunteers are welcome to fill this position as soon as possible.

Treasurer: Julie Hogben

### EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Thank you to all the children who have participated in the raffle by bringing an egg and having a guess for the raffle. Raffles in each class will be conducted on Wednesday. Helpers are needed in the morning to wrap up each classes Raffle prizes. Come and help wrap in the staffroom from 9.00am.

### CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

If you would like to help out in the canteen , Jodie ( Canteen Manageress ) would love to hear from you. Helpers are needed most days and Jodie can put you on the roster. Even if you can Only spare Half an hour it would help Jodie immensely.

### DISCO HELPERS

**Needed for all 3 Discos.** Please leave your name at the office.

### HARMONY DAY 2016

Celebrated last Friday and was a great success. Students dressed in orange or Traditional clothing. The African Drummers WALA were enjoyed by everyone. Children danced, sang, played drums. The bring and share lunch was a treat. Well done everyone.

### CELEBRITY OF THE MONTH



Name: Jenny Seaby

Jenny is a chaplain. She talks to students to make them feel safe and happy at school.

She has worked at Mount Tarcoola P.S since the beginning of 2016 (This year).

Her favourite part of her job is making kids feel better about themselves, getting to know them and hanging out with them at recess and lunch.

She is married to her husband named John. They have one son named Ray who lives in Perth with their Grand daughter named Lilyana.

**Crazy Dress Disco**

**Friday, April 1st**

\*\*\*NOTE NEW TIMES FOR 2016

Kindy/ Pre-Primary 4.30-5.20pm

Junior (Years 1-3) 5.30pm-6.50pm

Senior (Years 4-6) 7.00pm-8.30pm

**\$5.00 entry—fundraising for our sustainability hub!**

Music by DJ Rusty—Soundtrax Music

Dancing, music, games, prizes.

**Hot food, 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 side door promptly, please!

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

Contact: Rhonda Kennedy: 0408 647 630 Kyra Ingle: 0419 201 206

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Registration Forms available at school office

**2016**  
*NetSetGo 6 Week Program*  
*Players 5 - 7 years old*  
*Venue: Geraldton Netball Association*  
*258 Eighth Street*  
*When: 19<sup>th</sup> May - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016*  
*Time: Thursdays 4pm - 5pm*  
*Cost: \$60.00 per player*  
**NO ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTILL  
PAPERWORK AND MONIES HAVE BEEN FINALISED**

**Geraldton Netball Association Inc.**

PO Box 955 GERALDTON WA 6531

Phone: 08 99642752 Fax: 08 99642751

E-mail: [gna@westnet.com.au](mailto:gna@westnet.com.au)

**Banking Details**  
Bendigo Bank  
Account: 151 037 991  
BSB: 633 000  
Reference: Player Name

## GERALDTON AUSKICK

**Where:** Eadon Clarke Reserve

**When:** May 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

**Time:** 8:30am - 9:30am

**Cost:** \$75

**Register online:** [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

## GERALDTON ROVERS SOCCER CLUB 2016

Registrations now open.

Register online @ [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au)

Registrar will be taking registrations at the Clubrooms, Alexander Park on Thursdays 5-6pm and the next 4 Fridays 4-5pm.

Training - Thursdays @ 5pm

Fees: Under 5s & 7s - \$120, Under 9s - \$130, Under 11s, 13s, 15s & 17s - \$140.

Enquiries - Jackie 0429 177 111 - [grsc.registrar@hotmail.com](mailto:grsc.registrar@hotmail.com)

**THE GERALDTON SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

PRESENTED BY **scitech**

Join us for an evening of hands-on activities and live science shows.

**FREE EVENT**

**5:30 - 8PM  
WED 30 MARCH**

BATAVIA HALL  
GERALDTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
134 GEORGE RD GERALDTON

RioTinto  Mid West Science Engagement Group 