



School Motto
"Reliability"

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Be Respectful



MOUNT TARCOOLA BUZZ

Be Reliable



Term 1 Week 2 2026 No: 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to everyone as we begin the 2026 school year. The weather has certainly made its presence felt — we started with temperatures above 42 degrees, followed by much-needed rain this week! It has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces return and to welcome new families to our school community.

Over the holidays, we experienced some staff movement. Mrs Sarah Todd has moved from Junior Primary into PP3. Mrs Narelle Hughes will teach one day per week across each of the ECE classes this year. Mrs Sally Evans has transitioned into Year 1, Room 9. We are also delighted to welcome three new staff members: Mr Dan Carnell (Year 6, Room 16), Mrs Carol Rusch (Year 4, Room 6) and Ms Khadijah Zain Azman (Year 3, Room 8). By all accounts, they have made an excellent start.

School Clean Up

A sincere thank you to the P&C and our Manager of Corporate Services, Mrs Brooke Elward. Due to unexpected leave taken by our gardener late in January, our grounds were not presentation-ready for the start of term. After putting out an emergency call for assistance, the P&C generously funded contractors to complete the clean-up.

Mrs Elward coordinated the process and worked alongside contractors on the Sunday prior to school returning, in extreme heat, to ensure the grounds were ready. Skip bins were filled, multiple trailer loads of garden refuse were taken to the tip, and sandpits were cleared of sticks and leaf litter. Thanks to this tremendous effort, the school looked fantastic for the first day. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

Kiss and Drop

A reminder to parents using the Kiss and Drop zone in the Acacia Street (North/West) carpark: the area alongside the senior basketball court is strictly for drop-off and pick-up only. Please do not park and leave your vehicle. Children should come to you so traffic can continue to flow safely and efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation and for taking extra care in this busy area.

Parent Meetings

Parents are welcome to request a meeting with their child's teacher at any time, either by contacting the front office or speaking directly with the teacher to arrange a suitable time. Where concerns are raised with Administration, we will first confirm that the class teacher has been given the opportunity to address the matter.

Peer Mediators

Following consultation with our Year 6 teachers, the decision has been made not to continue the Peer Mediator program in 2026. The program has served our school well; however, it has become increasingly challenging for Year 6 students to manage the wide range of playground issues. All play areas remain fully supervised during breaks, with an increased staff presence to support students.

PAUL LUXTON
PRINCIPAL



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16th February 2026
P & C Meeting

Friday, 27th February 2026
Parent Assembly
Room 15 and 16

11th to 13th March 2026
NAPLAN Testing

20th March 2026
Harmony Day
Taiko Drums and Flutes of
Japan
National Ride to School Day

27th March 2026
Parent Assembly
Room 11 and 12



SCHOOL WATCH ALERT

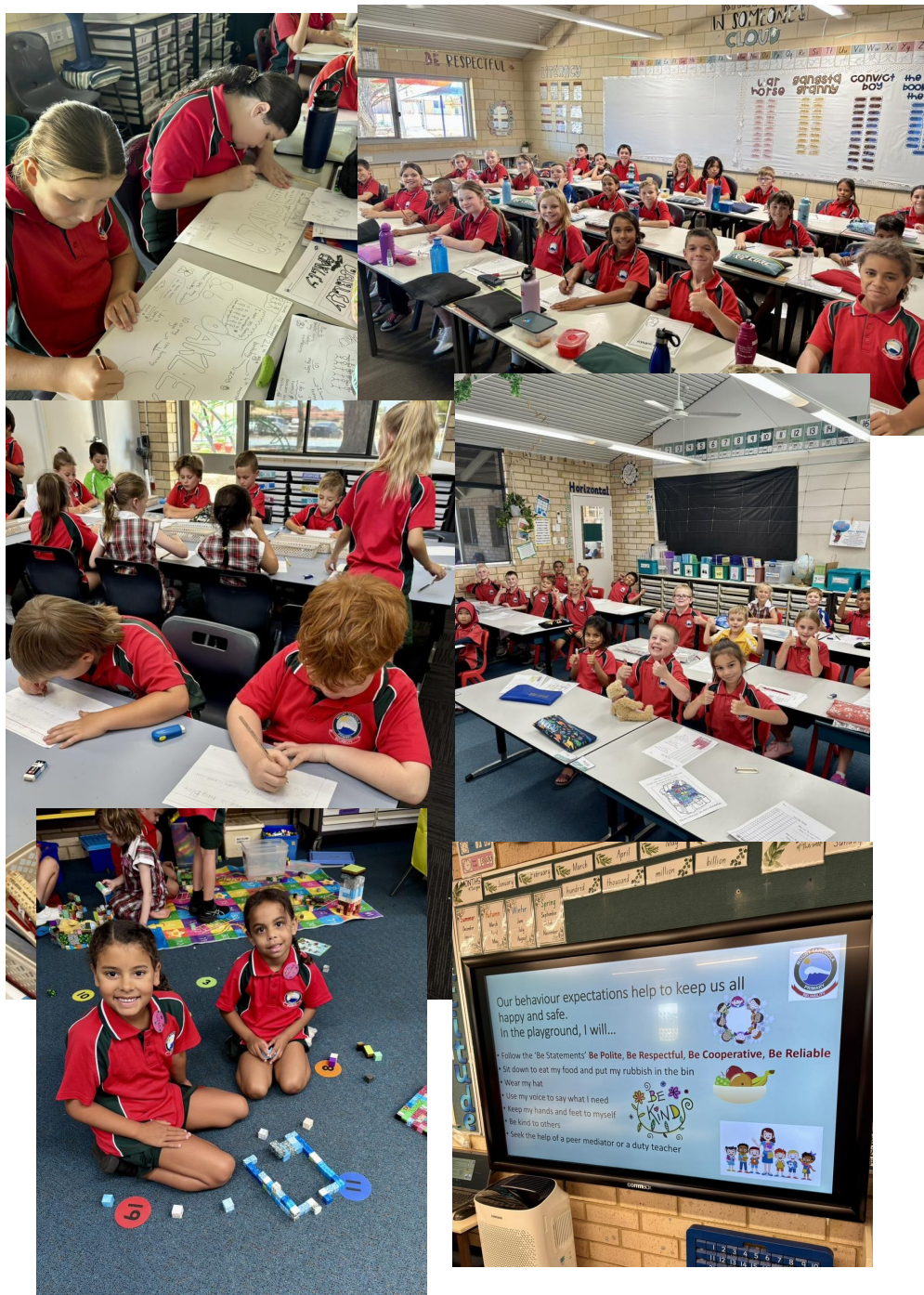
Our school is being subjected to increasing vandalism after school and on weekends. Please report any after hours visitors to the police on **9923 4555** or School Watch on **131 444**. Please keep children out of the school grounds after hours.

Welcome Back to School for 2026

We would like to congratulate all our students and families on a brilliant start to the school year. It has been wonderful to see students settling in so positively, reconnecting with friends, and engaging enthusiastically in their learning. Thank you for your support in helping the year begin so smoothly.

Over the coming days, additional information and school guideline reminders will be sent out via **Seesaw** and on the **Compass Portal**. If you **do not yet have access to Compass**, please let the Front Office know so we can assist you.

Below are some pics from our first day back on Monday 2 February 2026. More photos on our FB page!



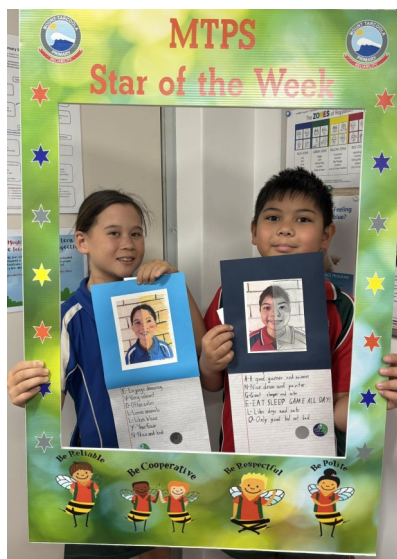
Lost and Found

We still have a collection of charms, jewellery, lunch boxes and drink bottles from last year. Jewellery can be claimed at the Front Office, and lunch items are in the Undercover Area. Please take a moment to check if something might be yours.

**** Stars of the Week****

Strive, Embrace, Commit

Our Year 4 students Evollyn and Angelo have made a great start to the school year. Thank you for your visit to the front office to share your poetry.



Welcome OUR NEW TEACHERS



Mrs Carol Rusch
Year 4 Room 6



Miss Khadijah Zain
Azman
Year 3 Room 8



Mr Dan Carnell
Year 6 Room 16

We're excited to welcome our new teachers to the Mount Tarcoola Primary School community! They're already settling in and we're looking forward to the positive energy, fresh ideas, and great learning they'll bring to our classrooms. Please join us in giving them a warm Mount Tarcoola welcome—we're set for a fantastic year ahead!

Library News

This week our school library is in full swing with student borrowing.

We love having our PBS Mascots, Chloe and Cayled in the library teaching us all about cooperation and sharing.



Morning Announcements

Our School Captains Lachie and Millie have commenced their leadership duties by delivering the morning announcements over the PA system, well done! Faction Captain Nadine is also undertaking the Acknowledgement of Country every morning. A great start to the school year.



Have Your Contact Details Changed?

To help us keep communication running smoothly, please let the school know if any of your contact details have recently changed. This includes updates to phone numbers, home addresses, email addresses, or emergency contacts.

Accurate information ensures we can reach you quickly if needed and keep you informed about important school updates and events. If you need to make any changes, please contact the Front Office or update your details through the Compass portal app.

Dandelions WA Backpacks



Backpacks have been supplied by Dandelions WA and have been coordinated and delivered by Rigtters IGA. Every year Dandelions WA assists hundreds of children in need by supplying a school backpack complete with all stationery items, a lunch box, water bottle, hat and toiletries. Backpacks are distributed throughout Western Australia. Each backpack and all items included are brand new. Our School Captains and Student Councillors have assisted the crew from Rigtters in unloading and delivering the backpacks. The backpacks are available to any family upon request to the Front Office or through our AIEO Mrs Teresa Chambers.



Mount Tarcoola Primary School Have 'A' Snack Lunchbar Summer Menu

Term 1 2026

MOST PRODUCTS ARE STAR CHOICE REGISTERED ITEMS

Canteen Manager: Jodie Rodgers Phone: 99681116

Stationary, Second-hand uniforms available for sale in the canteen

HALAL Pies and Sausage Rolls and GLUTEN Free Bread and Sausage Rolls

*Is a Halal item. Steggles Products are used.

EFTPOS & ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE Quick cliq



Available Daily for Recess

Daily Lunch Specials

Monday

*Chicken Hawaiian Burger \$6.00

Pizza Single \$5.50

Tuesday

Hot Dog \$6.00

*Popcorn Chicken Cup & Salad \$6.00

Wednesday – Special - \$6.50

Strawberry Surprise – Chicken & Salad
Wrap, Strawberry Fruit Kebab & Strawberry Milk.

Treat Tropical – Chicken & Salad Wrap
Tropical Fruit Kebab & Tropical Juice Box.

Thursday

Dinosaur Nuggets & Salad \$6.00

*Crispy Chicken Tender Wrap & Salad \$6.00

Friday

Party Pies \$1.50

Beef Pie \$6.00

Sausage Rolls \$5.00

Halal Pies \$6.00

Halal Sausage Rolls \$5.00

Mac and Cheese \$6.00

DRINKS

Pauls Milks 250g \$2.50

Masters Milk 300g \$3.00

(Chocolate, Strawberry, Spearmint)

Juice Box \$2.50

Spring Water \$2.50

Juice Bomb/Glee Fruit Drink \$3.00

Pizza Muffin or Pizza Slice	\$0.50c
Cheesies	\$1.00
Potato gems (6 for \$1)	\$1.00
Pizza Subs	\$2.00
Chicken & Cheese Subs	\$2.00
Pikelets	\$0.50c
Apple Slinkies / Fruit	\$1.00
Milo Bars	\$2.00
Apple & Custard Crumble	\$2.50

Available Daily for Lunch

Toasted /Fresh Sandwich - 1 filling	\$5.00
- 2 or more	\$5.50
Chicken / Ham / Salad Rolls	\$6.00
Toasted Focaccia or Tortilla	\$6.50

** FILLINGS **

Ham, Chicken, Egg, Tuna, Cheese, Avocado, Beetroot, Pineapple, Spaghetti/Baked Beans	
Curried Egg Sandwich	\$4.50
Vegemite Sandwich	\$2.50
Vegemite Roll	\$3.00
Lebanese Wraps	\$6.00
Fruit Salad - Large	\$5.50
Small	\$4.50
Meat & Salad Platter - Large	\$6.00
Small	\$5.50
*Hot Chicken/Mayo Rolls	\$6.00
Apple/Banana & Custard Crumble	\$2.50
Fruit – Apple, Banana, Mandarin	\$1.00
Froyo Go Yoghurt	\$3.00
Tom/BBQ sauce	0.50c

Available daily after lunch

Choc/Rainbow Paddle pops	\$2.50
Quelch Icy poles	\$1.00
Ice-cream and Cone	\$1.00
Froyo Go Yogurt	\$3.00



At Mount Tarcoola this term, we are focusing on 'Be Respectful!'

What does a Respectful student look like?

A respectful student is someone who follows adult and student leaders' instructions, looks after equipment, accepts people as they are, and moves safely around the school.

At Mount Tarcoola Primary School, respectful students follow the Four B's.



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MOUNT TARCOOLA NETBALL CLUB



Register Now

Set and Go Divisions -From Year 2 to Year 4
Registration close on March 11



Any further information please
contact
mounttarcoolanetball@gmail.com

Registration link is
<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/8b2aa0>

COMMUNITY NOTICES



COME & PLAY

Monday 30th March
4pm - 5pm
GNA Stadium
8th Street, Wonthella
FREE!

Net Program for 5 - 7 Years
All experience levels welcome! Join us for a fun-filled morning of netball.

Please wear comfortable clothing and closed in shoes, and bring a water bottle. Parent supervision is required and assistance is appreciated.

LIMITED NUMBERS!
Register here:
<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/ac5995>





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TERM 1 PROGRAM

DERNA PARK, WANDINA



REGISTER & PAY
BY FEB 13 TO
RECEIVE A FREE
MINISPORT HAT
OR BOTTLE

\$130
6 Sessions



Thursday - Feb 19 - Mar 26
Pre-primary - Yr 3 3:30-4:20pm



Thursday - Feb 19 - Mar 26
Year 3 - Year 6 4:30-5:20pm

Term sports: Cricket, Soccer and ultimate Frisbee
Coached by Wandina P.S PE Teacher Bailey Minissale (Mr Mini)
Limited spots available per timeslot

Register at Minisportperth.com.au or contact the Facebook page



Share your world

Become a foster carer

It's the little things that matter most – like having a safe place to call home, someone you can smile with and the right support.

You can make an extraordinary difference in the life of a young person by sharing those ordinary, everyday moments.

We are looking for compassionate individuals, couples and families to become foster carers to provide a safe and supportive home for vulnerable children and young people. We'll support you 24/7 and provide all the training you need.

If you have a spare bedroom and time to share, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us today and be the positive change in a child's life!

1300 592 227
lwb.org.au/foster-care

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Resource Hub

Local service providers will be present at the Mitchell Street Community Centre to raise community awareness on resources available to those in the community who are in need of some assistance.

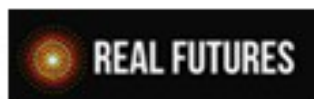
Mitchell Street Community Centre

Wednesday 18th of February 2026

75 Mitchell Street, Spalding from 9am - 3pm



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WEATHER
OR NOT
YOU SHOULD BE
ON THE WATER**



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Education



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LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS – TERM 1, 2026

- 7-week program from 10 Feb to 29 Mar (School Weeks 2-8)
- **Cost:** \$70 - \$100 per term
- Includes **FREE** Friday **Junior Club**
- **Payment:** Use QR code below or via [Booking - Term 1](#)



Timetable

TUESDAY

3:45-4:15 pm → 4-7 yrs

4:20-5:05 pm → 7-10 yrs

WEDNESDAY

3:45-4:15 pm → 4-7 yrs

4:20-5:05 pm → 7-10 yrs

5:15-6:15 pm → 10-15 yrs

THURSDAY

3:45-4:15 pm → 4-7 yrs

4:20-5:05 pm → 7-10 yrs

5:15-6:15 pm → 10-15 yrs

FRIDAY – JUNIOR CLUB (Games & Match Play U18)

4:30-6:00 pm → all ages

FREE if enrolled in coaching (\$5 casual)

SATURDAY

8:30-9:00 am → 4-7 yrs

9:15-10:00 am → 7-10 yrs

2:00-2:30 pm → 3-5 yrs

Adult group and private coaching - contact Danny Bowen 0428 927 402



Experienced coaches

✓ Danny Bowen

✓ Emma Bowen

✓ Shauna Scott

✓ Kat Smelikova

Contact:

Text Emma - 0400 877 121

Text Shauna - 0448 792 927

Use QR code
to book



📍 256 Eighth St. Wonthella

🌐 geraldtontenniscentre.com.au

✉ emma.bowen12@mail.com



GERALDTON KICK IT



SCHOOL SEVENS COMPETITION MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS

GAME TIMES
4.15pm & 5.15pm

GAME DATES

Mon. March 16th, Fri. March 20th
Mon. March 23rd, Fri. March 27th and Mon. March 30th



Age Divisions

- Pre primary
- Yr 1-2
- Yr 3-4
- Yr 5-6



Games Venue

GBSC SPORTS PARK

SPALDING Opp. RED ROOSTER

Registration Link

COST PER PLAYER

\$60

<https://forms.gle/zqGZRn6WhRqL1aF28>
or use the QR Code above

Need more information please Email gjsatreasurer@gmail.com



A mothers Inkling about Fraser

Fraser was just 10 months old when his mum, Shanyn noticed subtle differences in the way he communicated. Compared to his older sister, he wasn't babbling, and he didn't seem to be meeting the same developmental milestones.

Concerned about Fraser's social and communication skills, Shanyn found Inklings, a program for babies aged 6-18 months showing early signs of differences.

After completing Inklings, Shanyn saw significant improvements in Fraser's ability to communicate as she responded in a way he understood.

Inklings has been a game-changer for families like Shanyn's, offering valuable insights and tools to strengthen relationships and improve communication - all with no out of pocket expenses to families. The program supports caregivers of babies and very young children, giving them the knowledge and confidence to nurture their child's early social and communication development.

Families may benefit from Inklings if they have noticed differences in how their baby communicates and relates with others. This may include baby not using gestures such as clapping or waving in the same way as other babies do at the same age. It may be difficult to gain the baby's attention, they may not point to show things they are interested in or may not be interested in joining in social games like peek-a-boo.

Inklings is available for eligible families in WA through the NDIS, in partnership with The Kids Research Institute Australia, Child and Adolescent Health Service, and WA Country Health Service.

To make an enquiry or to see if your baby is eligible for Inklings, simply scan the QR code or contact:

T: 1300 030 655

E: inklings@thekids.org.au

W: inklings.org.au



BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Want to prepare your kids for a healthier future?

The Better Health Program is a **FREE**, online and flexible program for you and your 6-12 year old child.

The program includes



Health coach support – Families will be paired with a qualified health coach who will take the time to learn about their health goals and provide personalised support over 10 calls that last up to 30-minutes each. These calls offer flexible timing so busy families can still get support.



Online learning modules – Families also get access to a library of bite-sized learning resources and fun online activities to enjoy with their child, and will receive a voucher for completing the program.

INCLUDES
FREE
RESOURCES!

Sign up today



Learn more

 betterhealthprogram.org

 1300 822 953



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