



School Motto
"Reliability"

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Be Respectful



MOUNT TARCOOLA BUZZ

Be Reliable



Term 1 Week 4 2026 No: 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome BBQ

The Welcome BBQ is traditionally a highlight of the new school year, providing an opportunity for teachers to meet with parents and share their classroom expectations, routines, and rules. This year, we will be hosting the Welcome BBQ later in the term to give students time to settle into their new classrooms. The event will be a wonderful chance for teachers to open their rooms so students can showcase their work and share the goals they have set for 2026. Following the open classrooms, families are invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle generously provided by our P&C Association. The date is yet to be confirmed.

Student Census

Friday, 13th February was the official student census day. Public schools across Western Australia receive funding according to their enrolled student numbers, and this was the set date for the annual count. On that day, we had 385 students enrolled from Kindergarten to Year 6.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN assessments are coming up soon for our students in Years 3 and 5, with high school students in Years 7 and 9 also taking part. NAPLAN takes place across Australia each year and helps provide a snapshot of how students are developing in key areas of literacy and numeracy. It's important to remember that NAPLAN is just one part of how we assess learning. Teachers use a wide range of classroom activities and assessments throughout the year to build a complete picture of each child's progress. More detailed information will be sent home with students in Years 3 and 5 as we get closer to the testing dates.

Parent Assembly

Thank you to our Year 6 students in Rooms 15 and 16 for leading the first Parent Assembly of the 2026 school year. It was wonderful to see so many families attending and celebrating the students who received Merit Certificates. At MTPS, we hold two Parent Assemblies each term, and our next assembly will be presented by the Year 2 students from Rooms 11 and 12.

Long Weekend

This weekend is the Labour Day long weekend. Labour Day, known as Eight Hours Day in Tasmania and May Day in the Northern Territory, celebrates the achievement of the eight-hour working day in Australia. School will be closed on Monday, 2 March 2026.

I hope all families enjoy a safe and relaxing long weekend. School will resume on Tuesday, 3rd March.

STACY WOODMAN
ACTING PRINCIPAL



UPCOMING EVENTS

11th to 13th March 2026
NAPLAN Testing

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

25th March 2026
Young Writers Workshop
Geraldton Grammar School

26th March 2026
Camp Quality Puppet Show
12.15–1.20pm Yr 3–6
2–2.30pm K–Yr 2

27th March 2026
Parent Assembly
Room 11 and 12

2nd April 2026
Last day of Term 1



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.

** Stars of the Week **

Strive, Embrace, Commit



Congratulations Nahvarlie! You are working super hard to reach your goals! What a star!

Congratulations to this week's other Superstars: Pippa, Mitchell, and Lola for creating outstanding Haiku poems using imagery to paint a picture in the reader's mind. Well done!



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.



CONGRATULATIONS
to the following students who were awarded
Certificates of Merit at the Merit Assembly on
Friday, 27 February 2025

Room 5	Edison Bowes, Phoenix Gableish, Sumairah Idris
Room 6	Alexandra Coombs, Stephanie Vaughan, Khenrab Yoedzer
Room 7	Dawa Choden, Thomas Fawell, Luke Skaines
Room 8	Bodhi Fawell, Oryn Maggi, Ellie Rigby
Room 9	Soli Murray, Clodagh McShane
Room 10	Mollie Bradshaw, Havana Councillor, Harper Cox
Room 11	Izabella Denholm, Indianna Gwilliam, D'Santaye Mongoo Chong-Wee, Patrick Woodacre
Room 12	Raychel Geo, Lucas Nesbitt, Maria Tagive
Room 15	Jigme Choden, Charlotte Crisp, Levi Lucas, Malaki Martin
Room 16	Ella Caulfield, Lincoln Gwilliam, Mubaraq Shaidi, Chloe Silver
Room 17	Ariah Haj-Ali, Naafi Ku Nurul Hakim, Rocko Keyser, Kate Lewin, Carter Patterson
Room 18	Jax Barrow, Billie-Rose McDermott, Jaeger Morgan, Levi Valenti, Tashi Wangmo
Junior Sport	Jude Lawrie, Maverick McCrory, Marney Solomon, Maria Tagive
Int/Snr Sport	Evollyn Coleman, Bonnie Negri, Chloe Silver, Levi Valenti
Junior Science	Mollie Bradshaw, Noah Livsey, Mason Steer, Namgay Yuden
Int/Snr Science	Annika Beckett, Evollyn Coleman, Matthew Coombs, Thomas Fawell, Michele Herbert, Lachlan Lawrie, Bonnie Negri, Adi Tagive

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Junior Student Jaeger Lane Year 2 Room 12	Jaeger is an enthusiastic learner who displays a cooperative, reliable and respectful attitude. A true blue Aussie!
Intermediate Student Bonnie Negri Year 3 Room 8	Bonnie has earned Aussie of the Month for her ripper attitude and the positive way she goes about everything she does. She consistently shows kindness, responsibility, and respect and is always willing to lend a hand or give things a red-hot go. Bonnie is a fantastic role model for her mates and brings a cheerful, can-do spirit wherever she goes. Great work, Bonnie!
Senior Student Kaidence Hawkins Year 5 Room 18	Kaidence is a shining example of our 4B's in action. She approaches every learning opportunity with a positive attitude, is always willing to lend a hand to her classmates, and consistently makes thoughtful, responsible choices. Kaidence's kindness, determination and commitment to doing the right thing make her a truly deserving Aussie of the Month.

PRINCIPAL'S RELIABILITY AWARD

Junior Student Namgay Yuden Year 2 Room 11	Namgay is a dependable and responsible member of our Year 2 class. She consistently completes her work, follows instructions and makes positive choices. Congratulations Namgay!
Intermediate Student Lola Muhamad Hyrul Year 4 Room 5	Lola is a reliable and hardworking student who consistently works to the best of her ability. She approaches tasks with a positive attitude and is always willing to give things a go, even when they are challenging. Lola demonstrates a strong commitment to her learning and can be counted on to participate thoughtfully in class activities. She is a kind and considerate student, whose work is always completed on time. Keep being you, Lola!
Senior Student Kate Koltasz Year 6 Room 15	Kate is an excellent role model in our classroom, consistently following the 4 B's and demonstrating respect and inclusivity towards her peers. She constantly challenges herself in her learning and always strives to achieve her personal best. Kate is polite and caring towards others, and is always willing to lend a helping hand. She approaches every task with a smile, listens carefully to instructions, and takes great pride in her work and abilities. A worthy recipient of this award. Well done Kate!

Student Update Forms

Following our recent communication, we would like to remind families that **Compass Portal** will now be our primary platform for school communication. As Seesaw is gradually being phased out, we encourage all families to become familiar with Compass, the Department of Education's standardised communication system.

Compass is used for a wide range of important information, including school notices, attendance, excursion permissions, term planners, newsletters and general updates. Using one central platform will help ensure clear and consistent communication across our school community.

As part of this transition, it is essential that we have up-to-date contact details for all parents and carers. Please ensure your phone numbers, home address, email address and emergency contact information are current. Accurate details allow us to contact you promptly and keep you informed of important matters.

If you are already using Compass, you can update your details directly through the app. We will also be sending home paper Student Update Forms within the next few days for families to complete the information manually.

Thank you for your support as we move to this streamlined communication system.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open to all students every morning from 8.35am with Mrs Chambers. It's a welcoming space where students can start the day with a healthy breakfast, connect with others, and be ready for learning!



2026 Your Move Team



A huge congratulations to our amazing Year 5 students, Billie-Rose, Kaidence, Kate, Milla, Skyla, Quinn, and Rocko who have been selected to join the Mt Tarcoola Primary School Your Move Team for 2026!

We are proud of your enthusiasm, leadership, and commitment to promoting healthy, active travel in our school community. You've already shown fantastic responsibility and team spirit, and we can't wait to see the positive impact you'll make this year!

As part of their role, the Your Move Team will be organising 'Wheel & Walk to School' days each term, packed with exciting activities for students to enjoy — with our first event taking place on National Ride2School Day, Friday 20th March!

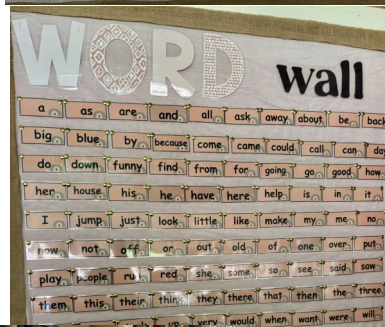
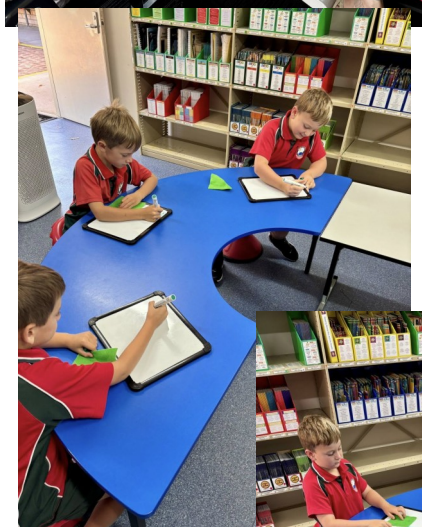
2026 Kindergarten & Pre-Primary Classes

Our Kindy and Pre-Primary students have had an amazing four weeks learning new routines, meeting new friends, learning through play and guided with explicit instruction! An amazing start to the new school year! Their smiles say it all!!



MultiLit Literacy Intervention Classes

Our MultiLit Literacy intervention classes are in full operation this week, providing our students with the essential skills to enhance their reading ability.



Clean Up Australia Day 2026



Today, our school will proudly take part in Clean Up Australia Day. Throughout the day, each class will spend time cleaning up the area around their classroom and within our school grounds. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to take responsibility for their environment, show pride in our school, and learn about the importance of caring for our local community.

We look forward to working together to keep our school clean, safe and beautiful. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to care for our environment.



Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term at Mt Tarcoola Primary School

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun, and raise funds for life-saving research and programs.

This year we've got an audacious goal to see our student Heart Heroes at Mt Tarcoola Primary School to log 20 hours of skipping throughout the program!

Register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started. www.jump rope.org.au/parents

Students will be skipping during PE lessons, Monday and Wednesday mornings in the undercover area and during break times from week 5-9, during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold our school Jump Off Day on Thursday 2nd April 2pm-2:50pm this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills. Parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!



Connect and Respect Expectations at Mount Tarcoola Primary School

Every student, staff member, parent and carer has the right to feel safe—and to be safe—in our schools. At Mount Tarcoola Primary School, we are committed to creating an environment where everyone is respected, supported and able to learn and work without fear or harm. We continue to partner with families and the wider community to uphold strong standards of safety and wellbeing for all.



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Connect and Respect Expectations

Our schools are committed to providing quality education to all students in a safe, inclusive and caring learning environment. We value working together with parents and families as critical partners in student learning outcomes.

What parents and carers can expect from our schools

Strong partnerships between families and schools help children thrive. Our staff are committed to open, respectful communication and will work with you to support your child's learning and wellbeing – even in challenging situations.

You can expect:

- **Regular updates** through approved school communication channels
- **Celebrations of success**, recognising your child's efforts and milestones
- **Timely alerts** about serious or ongoing concerns affecting your child
- **Scheduled meetings** with classroom teachers to discuss progress and goals
- **Additional meetings** available by appointment when needed
- **Invitations to school events** and opportunities to be involved
- **A chance to provide feedback**, shared respectfully and constructively

We believe that even the toughest issues can be resolved through collaboration, care and open dialogue.

Creating a positive school culture is a shared responsibility. When we all contribute productively and respectfully, we help students thrive.

What parents and carers should not expect from our schools

Our staff are dedicated professionals, and we value their personal time. A healthy work-life balance helps them be their best self. For this reason, families should not expect:

- Calls or emails to be returned outside school hours
- Responses to messages during evenings or weekends
- Access to teachers' personal contact details
- Unscheduled meetings
- Entry to school grounds if aggressive or harassing behaviour has occurred

Communication that interferes with teaching and learning

To maintain a safe and focused learning environment, we ask that all communication supports – not hinders – our staff and students. Disruptive behaviours include:

- Speaking to staff in a disrespectful or aggressive manner, especially in front of students
- Arriving without an appointment and expecting to meet
- Entering classrooms during teachers' preparation time
- Using social media to criticise or target staff or the school
- Spreading malicious or judgemental gossip

When to contact your child's school

Please reach out if:

- You're concerned about your child's academic or social progress
- There are changes to medical conditions or diagnoses
- Family circumstances shift in ways that may affect your child
- Safety concerns or behavioural changes arise at home
- Social issues could impact student wellbeing at school
- You need to make or reschedule an appointment

Connect and Respect

Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

What we can all expect:



mutual
respect



model positive
behaviour



open
communication



respect for each
other's time

We will not tolerate:



offensive, insulting
or aggressive
language



malicious or
judgemental
gossip



using
social media
disrespectfully



any form of
violence or
threats

Appropriate action will be taken to ensure all staff are safe if the need arises.



Suncity Tennis Academy

BEFORE SCHOOL LESSONS

Tuesdays 7:45am -8:30am

✓ Term 1 - 6 Weeks starting 24th February 2026

✓ Yrs 3-6

✓ ONLY \$99 for the Term (6 weeks)

✓ Tarcoola Park Tennis Club

Coach will walk kids to School at end of Session

REGISTER NOW

Scan QR code, email, call or SMS:

Subject: Mount Tarcoola PS Coaching

- Maranda (Director & Accounts) - 0448 772 464
tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au

When Booking in Please Provide:

- Participants Name, Age & Year level
- Guardians Name, email & mobile number
- Any Medical information we may need
- YES or NO Photo/Video Consent



**tarcoola park
tennis club**

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.

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FREE
RESOURCES!

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 1300 822 953



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Every Child Develops Differently

A free education session for parents who are noticing differences or seeking reassurance for their young child

Join us as we explore what development can look like in the early years, with a focus on your child's strengths, emerging skills, and support needs.

- Communication and language (speech, play, behaviour)
- Movement and coordination (gross and fine motor skills)
- Social connection and emotional regulation
- Everyday skills like eating, dressing, and daily routines
- The wide range of typical early development
- When families might choose to seek extra support
- How early support can help children feel safe, confident, and included

This FREE session is strengths-based, neuro-affirming, and parent-led. Our goal is to help you understand your child, trust your instincts, and feel informed about any future steps.

Monday 16 March 2026 | 9am - 12pm

Geraldton Venue TBC

To book: <https://bit.ly/45HzcMS>

Enquiries: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au | T: 08 9921 4477

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Understanding and Supporting Young Children with ADHD

A free parenting workshop for parents and caregivers
of young children

Many young children experience differences in attention, activity level, impulse control, emotional regulation, and sensory processing. For some children, these differences align with ADHD, while for others they may reflect a unique neurodevelopmental profile that is still emerging.

This supportive, non-judgemental workshop is designed to help parents better understand ADHD through a neuro-affirming lens, focusing on strengths, differences, and practical strategies that support connection, regulation, and participation—regardless of whether a child has a formal diagnosis.

Delivered by experienced Occupational Therapists, this session focuses on what parents can do now to support their child at home, in early learning settings, and in the community. A diagnosis is not required to attend.

Tuesday 17 March 2026 | 12:30 - 2:30pm

Geraldton Venue TBC

To book: <https://bit.ly/4ascIIA>

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How to Positively Support Behaviour for Autistic Children in the Early Learning Years

A free parenting workshop exploring calm, confident,
child-centred behaviour support

This workshop explores how early learning environments can support children's behaviour through connection, understanding, and proactive strategies — not punishment or reaction. We'll cover:

- A simple, preventative framework for supporting behaviour
- Understanding the link between sensory needs, emotions & behaviour
- How adults co-regulate and build relational safety
- Practical strategies to reduce dysregulation
- Smooth transitions built into daily routines
- Supporting children at their current developmental and play stage
- Creating consistent approaches across the child's support team

Thursday 19 March 2026 | 5:30 - 8:30pm

Geraldton Venue TBC

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Understanding and Supporting Sensory Process in Young Children

A free parenting workshop to learn how to better understand
and support your child's sensory needs

- What is sensory processing and how it may show up for children with neurodivergence
- How to recognise your child's sensory signals
- Using Sensory Profile insights in practical, everyday ways
- Simple home strategies - calming spaces, sensory breaks, movement ideas, and supportive sound/lighting
- Regulation tools for both sensory seekers and children who are sensitive to touch, sound, movement or visual input
- Choosing and using sensory tools safely
- Keeping sensory supports consistent across home, school and community

Friday 20 March 2026 | 9am - 12pm
Geraldton Venue TBC

To book: <https://bit.ly/kalsensory>

Enquiries: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au | T: 08 9921 4477

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Midwest Multicultural Association Presents

HARMONY FESTIVAL

Stow Gardens Geraldton

Saturday 14 March

3pm to 7pm

Closing Event: Holi, the Colour Fest



MID WEST DEVELOPMENT
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Supporting

TEENS WORLD
Bucking Bull
Silent Disco
Axe Throwing
and more

Live performances
Cultural food
Gift stalls
Parade of Nations

KIDS WORLD
Bouncy Castle
Farm Animals
Workshops
and more

2026 country in focus
INDIA

ALCOHOL/SMOKE/VAPE FREE EVENT



Community Bank
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Greater Geraldton
a vibrant future



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