



School Motto
"Reliability"

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Be Respectful



MOUNT TARCOOLA BUZZ

Be Reliable



Term 1 Week 6 2026 No: 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank You

A big thank you to Mrs Woodman for filling in for me as Principal whilst I recovered from a fractured ankle. I enjoy participating in sporting activities and unfortunately sometimes injuries occur – as they did on this occasion. The moon boot I am wearing is due to come off at the end of this week. I will be back shooting hoops and running around in no time!

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 children are in the middle of the annual NAPLAN assessments. I would like to assure parents that schools in Western Australia have had no major technical issues so far! We were not affected by the glitches that occurred in other parts of Australia.

P&C AGM

The P&C is having its annual general meeting on Monday 16 March at 7 pm in the school staff room. It is at this meeting that office bearers are elected. This year there are several positions vacant due to parents moving on. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to support their children and the school as a whole. The P&C meets twice per term, and the workload is minimal and shared. I urge all parents to come along if they are able. No P&C means no canteen, so your support is needed.

Harmony Day Incursion

Next Friday we are having our annual Harmony Day incursion. This year we are very lucky to have the Tako Drums and the Flutes of Japan performance. Notes have gone home and parents are asked to pay the \$7.00 cost by Wednesday 18th March. Children are allowed to wear traditional or orange clothing on this day to celebrate our many cultures.

National Ride 2 School Day

Next Friday is National Ride to School Day. We would like to see as many children as possible riding their bikes and scooters (no e-scooters or e-bikes) to school on this day. I will be riding to school from Paringa Park, and all children in that area are welcome to ride with me. We will be leaving the park at 8.15 am. Mrs Savage and the Your Move team will be providing a small snack afterwards – thanks to WestCycle. In conjunction with this, there is also a decorate-your-helmet competition. Children are invited to decorate their helmet at home and bring it to school for judging, with some great prizes on offer.

Playgrounds Before and After School

We have asked parents not to allow their children to play on the school playgrounds before and after school. It has been fantastic to see the majority of parents complying with this rule. If parents are waiting for the classroom to open at 8.35 am, their children need to wait with them. Children can be dropped off at the Undercover Area, where they will be supervised until this time. This includes Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children.

PAUL LUXTON
PRINCIPAL



UPCOMING EVENTS

11th to 20th March 2026
NAPLAN Testing

16th March 2026
P & C AGM
7pm

20th March 2026
Harmony Day
Tako 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.



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.



At Mount Tarcoola, we 'Be Respectful' and consider classes

completing NAPLAN by moving around the school quietly.



Message from the Mount Tarcoola P & C

Mount Tarcoola Primary School P&C AGM – We Need You! 📢

Mark your calendars for Monday, March 16 at 7pm and join us for the Mount Tarcoola Primary School P&C AGM.

This is our friendly (but slightly desperate) call-out for fresh faces, ideas and energy.

If you have a child in Pre-Primary, Year 1, 2, 3 or 4 this is especially for you. The P&C works best when families from the lower grades jump in early and help shape the fun their kids will enjoy for years to come.

Here's the truth:

- 👉 We meet just twice a term for one hour.
- 👉 We plan and organise the fun stuff — school discos, Lap-a-Thon, Easter raffle and more.
- 👉 Every dollar raised goes straight back to benefiting our kids.

But here's the really important part...

🍎 The P&C runs the school canteen.
No P&C = no canteen.
It's that simple.

Several positions will be open at the AGM, and we genuinely need new people to step into roles, big and small. You don't need special skills. You don't need loads of spare time. You just need to care about making school life fun and supportive for our kids.

If you've ever:

- ✓ Enjoyed a disco
- ✓ Bought a sausage sizzle
- ✓ Sent your child with canteen money
- ✓ Wanted to meet other parents
- ✓ Thought "someone should do something about that"
... then you are exactly who we need.

The P&C is not a closed club. It's a group of ordinary parents doing small things that make a big difference. Please come along on Monday March 16 at 7pm. Bring a friend. Bring your ideas. Bring your enthusiasm!

Our kids are counting on us!



Mount Tarcoola Winter Olympics

A couple of weeks ago, Mt Tarcoola held its very own Winter Olympics during Mr Gough's Phys Ed lessons. Students showed fantastic enthusiasm and true sportsmanship as they took part in ice hockey, ice skating, and bobsleigh events, with winners in each event proudly receiving gold, silver and bronze medals!



2025-2026 Connecting Schools Grant



We are proud to share that our school has been awarded Gold funding through the 2025-26 Connecting Schools Grant!

This funding delivered by the State Government and led by the Department of Transport and Infrastructure in partnership with the Department of Education, was awarded to 51 Your Move school, and we are honoured to be the only school in Geraldton to receive Gold funding!

We were able to apply for this grant thanks to the incredible hard work and commitment of our 2025 Your Move team, whose efforts have strengthened active travel initiatives across our school community.

Our funding will go towards installing new scooter racks, helping improve active transport infrastructure and making it easier for students to ride and scoot to school.

Jump Rope for Heart Challenge

The Jump Rope for Heart Foundation's primary school challenge has started at Mount Tarcoola Primary School!

Over the coming weeks your child will learn new skills, increase their physical activity, and learn about heart health. The program will end with our school wide 'Jump Off Day' on Thursday 2nd April 2pm-2:50pm where your child gets to show off their new skipping skills to their friends.

Remember to 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.jumprope.org.au/parents



Clean Up Australia Day—Friday 27 February 2026

Congratulations to all the classes who helped with our Schools Cleanup Day on Friday 27th February. Rooms 8 and 6 completed an audit of all the rubbish collected.

We collected 5 kilos of recyclable rubbish and 7 kilos of rubbish waste.

Keep on trying to keep our school clean and litter free.



Protect yourself in **five ways** from skin cancer



SLIP



SLOP



SLAP



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SLIDE

Ride to School Day—20 March 2026

Mt Tarcoola Primary School will be celebrating **National Ride2School Day** by holding our first **Walk & Wheel to School Day – Friday 20th March**.

Students and staff are encouraged to **ride, scooter or walk to school** and start the day in a healthy, active way. Students who arrive by riding, scootering or walking will receive a **“YourMove” token** at the bike racks or undercover area from **8:15am**. Once they have their name on this token it can be placed in the box in the undercover area for the prize draws.

What’s happening on the day:

- **Healthy snacks** available in the undercover area from 8:15am for all students.
- **Ride with Mr Luxton** – departing from **Paringa Park at 8:15 am** for anyone who would like to join the ride to school.
- **Helmet Decorating Competition** – students can decorate a helmet at home and bring it to school. Helmets must be in the undercover area by **9:00am** for judging during the morning. Students do not need to ride to school to enter.

Please note: E-rideables (such as electric scooters and electric bikes) are **NOT PERMITTED** at school in line with Department of Education policy.

We look forward to seeing lots of students **walking, riding and scootering to school!**

#ride2schoolday



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



 **COUNTRY
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WA**

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW
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JSCHOFIELD@WAFOOTBALL.COM.AU



Superkick



www.playhq.com/afl/register/b61e18

More info email jschofield@wafootball.com.au

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Enrol your children for Black Swan State Theatre Company's school holiday Creative Learning workshops!
No experience needed.



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BREATHE BASKETBALL MEGA CAMP

DIRECTOR: LIAM HUNT

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**DATES: 7TH, 8TH, 9TH & 10TH
OF APRIL 2026**

TIME: 9AM - 2PM EACH DAY

AGES: BORN 2012 - 2016

COST: \$225

SPECIAL GUEST COACHING FROM SOME OF YOUR FAVOURITE BUCCS

TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION

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BLOKES WITH ADHD

Are you a male with ADHD? Here is your opportunity to chat with other fellas who get it

Facilitated by Seth Tullar and Aaron Carrie

Your commitment?

4 weeks attendance of 1.5 hour sessions

What will you receive?

- **Strategies and tools that actually work for men**
- **Comradery and acceptance**
- **Learn solutions from people who get it**
- **Snacks provided**

These sessions are **FREE** - all you need to do is register!



When:

Wednesday evenings
11th March 18th March
25th March 1st April

5.30pm - 7.00pm

Where:

15 Durlacher Street,
Geraldton

SCAN HERE



Ph: 0419 955 182

E: programs@etwa.au

WE ARE PROUDLY DELIVERING PROJECTS FOR THE PEER SUPPORT AND CAPACITY BUILDING (PSCB) GRANT FOR THE NDIS



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

To book: <https://bit.ly/4a5DjUc>

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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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NeuroKids

Launch in the Mid West

The Neurological Council of WA invites you to join us for the launch of NeuroKids in the Mid West, made possible with support from Telethon7 and the generous WA community.

We're celebrating the expansion of this free paediatric neuro nursing and health navigation service - meaning specialist neurological care is now closer to home for young people and families living with neurological conditions.

At the launch, you'll meet our new Geraldton-based Paediatric Community Neurological Nurse, CEO Etta Palumbo, and Clinical Nurse Manager Lou Hatter, and learn how NeuroKids is helping families navigate diagnosis, treatment, and the health, disability and education systems.

WHEN: Wednesday 25th March 2026

TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm

WHERE: Geraldton Multipurpose Centre

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance by scanning the QR code or emailing events@ncwa.com.au



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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



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Axe Throwing
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Cultural food
Gift stalls
Parade of Nations

KIDS WORLD
Bouncy Castle
Farm Animals
Workshops
and more

2026 country in focus
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ALCOHOL/SMOKE/VAPE FREE EVENT



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