



School Motto
"Reliability"

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MOUNT TARCOOLA BUZZ

Be Reliable



Term 2 Week 5 2026 No: 6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principals Conference

Last week, Deputy Principal Mrs Alyse Wilson and I, were lucky enough to attend the Midwest Principals Conference. Due to a shortage of teachers and staff, we needed to go back and forth from school to ensure continuity. However, we were still able to attend several valuable sessions.

Regional Executive Director, Mrs Lisa Criddle, spoke about the improvement in NAPLAN results for Midwest schools over a number of years. This was attributed to the work schools have undertaken around teaching pedagogy and explicit instruction using the Teachwell model. Mount Tarcoola's results have contributed greatly to these positive figures.

P&C Office Bearers

Following the latest meeting, the P&C is still searching for a President and Secretary. These are vital positions that need to be filled in order for the P&C to function. If these positions are not filled, the P&C will fold, which means the canteen and all other subcommittees will also close. This includes the ECE P&C subcommittee.

The P&C is going to survey parents in order to explore possible changes that may encourage more parents to attend meetings and participate in activities.

Seesaw/Compass

We have informed parents that we are phasing out the use of Seesaw as our online parent communication tool. We are replacing it with Compass, which is the Department of Education-funded platform and is directly linked to our database and systems.

We have already been using several aspects of Compass to communicate with parents, with online excursion forms being one example. We are now also including positive and negative behaviour incidents. Positive behaviour entries, as well as Minor and Major behaviour incidents recorded on Compass for your child, will now appear on your child's Compass dashboard.

Basketball Slam

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the recent Basketball Carnival. From all reports, it was a great day of physical activity. All teams performed well and represented Mount Tarcoola at their very best.

A big well done to the girls' team, who played in the grand final and narrowly missed out on the win. Many thanks to Mr Liam Gough for organising the Tarcoola teams, and to Mrs Savage, Miss Chambers and Mrs Smith for being team coaches on the day.

Parent Interviews

The Department of Education has recently amended the Reporting to Parents policy to allow schools to suspend the normal school day to conduct parent-teacher meetings. Schools are able to do this twice each year. Following discussions with staff and the School Council, it has been decided that in 2026 Mount Tarcoola will hold one full day of parent-teacher meetings. These meetings will be held on Thursday, 2 July 2026. School will be closed to students on this day.

More information regarding the structure and process for the interviews will be provided in due course. We are informing parents well in advance to allow families plenty of time to organise alternative care arrangements for their children on this day.

PAUL LUXTON
PRINCIPAL



UPCOMING EVENTS

26 May 2026
Safety in Schools
Constable Care Incursion
Year 6

27 May 2026
Safety in Schools
Constable Care Incursion
Kindy—Year 5

29 May 2026
Parent Assembly
Room 17 & 18

1 June 2026
WA Day
Public Holiday



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 Reliable!'

What does a Reliable student look like?

A reliable student is someone you can trust to behave well, work hard, and do what is expected of them.

At Mount Tarcoola Primary School, reliable students follow the Four B's, and try their hardest and follow teacher instructions.



At Mount Tarcoola, we 'Be Reliable' and accept adult instructions and speak in a calm voice.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were awarded Certificates of Merit at the Merit Assembly on Friday 15 May 2026	
Room 5	Evollyn Coleman, Jensen D'Mello, Carlene Van Der Merwe
Room 6	Bodhi Hall, Jaxon Ketteringham, Otis Koroibulu
Room 7	Kai Haji Ali, Brooklyn Parfitt, Ella Silver
Room 8	Ivory McCrory, Violet Moses, Leo Roberts
Room 9	Reem Ammata, Maverick McCrory
Room 10	Rijal Alhafiz, Sonam Choden, Marney Solomon
Room 11	Myles Bradley, Elena Hudson, Jude Lawrie, Harlow Powell
Room 12	Isla Casley, Karanveer Singh, Ari Valenti
Room 15	Mackenzie Francis, Jai Foster, Zendaya Mogridge, Nate Warburton
Room 16	Jeffrey Brockman, Vyollet Coleman, Elayna Mladenov, Elias Thompson
Room 17	Harrison Bellottie, Angel-Marie Comeagain, Millar Moir, Amaya Schwarze
Room 18	Annika Beckett, Trey Buckley, Kaidence Hawkins, Stephen Yaksich
Jnr Science	Myles Bradley, Raychel Geo, Jahmias Hatch, Isla Murphy
Int & Snr Science	Alex Coombs, Bodhi Fawell, Sadie-Anne Hodder, Myla Hurst, Chloe Silver, Peter Yaksich
Jnr Phys Ed	Isla Casley, Ollie Krause, Harlow Powell, Xyella Scott

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH	
Junior Student Clodagh McShane Year 1 Room 9	Clodagh is a polite, kind and caring student who follows the Mount Tarcoola Four B's. She is a responsible and reliable student. Clodagh can be relied upon in the classroom environment to 'do the right thing' and is a role model for her peers. Well done Clodagh, you truly deserve The Aussie of the Month Award.
Intermediate Student Kim Clarke Year 4 Room 6	Kim is a true-blue legend, the kind of bloke who makes our school shine. He's kind, caring, respectful, and always the first to roll up his sleeves and lend a hand. His big heart and beautiful soul remind us what being a top Aussie is all about.
Senior Student Ella Caulfield Year 6 Room 16	Ella has shown outstanding resilience and determination over the past few weeks. Despite breaking her wrist, she has continued to approach her learning with a positive attitude and a strong, enthusiastic work ethic. Ella has pushed through challenges, adapted to new ways of working, and stayed fully engaged in all classroom activities. Her perseverance has helped her succeed and also set a fantastic example for her classmates. Congratulations, Ella, you are a truly deserving Aussie of the Month!

PRINCIPAL'S RELIABILITY AWARD	
Junior Student Isla Murphy Year 1 Room 10	Isla consistently models expected behaviour and focus throughout our school day. She can be relied upon to help others to do the right thing both on the mat and at their desks. She is an excellent listener who can always be relied upon to follow instructions efficiently and will always provide thoughtful insights during class discussions. Isla is a helpful, kind and considerate student who is well deserving of the Principal's Reliability Award.
Intermediate Student Jayden Madrigal Year 3 Room 7	Jayden is a reliable student who always follows the school rules, listens carefully and does the right thing without needing reminders. He is a kind and helpful friend, often supporting his classmates with their learning and looking out for others at recess and lunch. In a recent persuasive writing task, one of his mates even argued that Jayden deserves a 'Hero Award', and it's easy to see why, making him a very deserving recipient of the Principal's Reliability Award.
Senior Student Kate Lewin Year 5 Room 17	Kate is highly committed to her learning and always strives for excellence in everything she does. Her thoughtful and helpful nature makes her an absolute asset to our school. Thank you Kate!



Compass Portal Transition

Thank you for your patience during our transition to the Compass Portal communication platform.

Please note that MTPS has now fully moved away from the Seesaw App, and Compass is now our official platform for all school communication and updates. All important information, announcements, classroom news, newsletters, excursion details, and notices are now shared through Compass.

As the transition date has now passed, families are required to log in to the Compass Portal to stay up to date with school communications. The Seesaw App is no longer being used by the school.

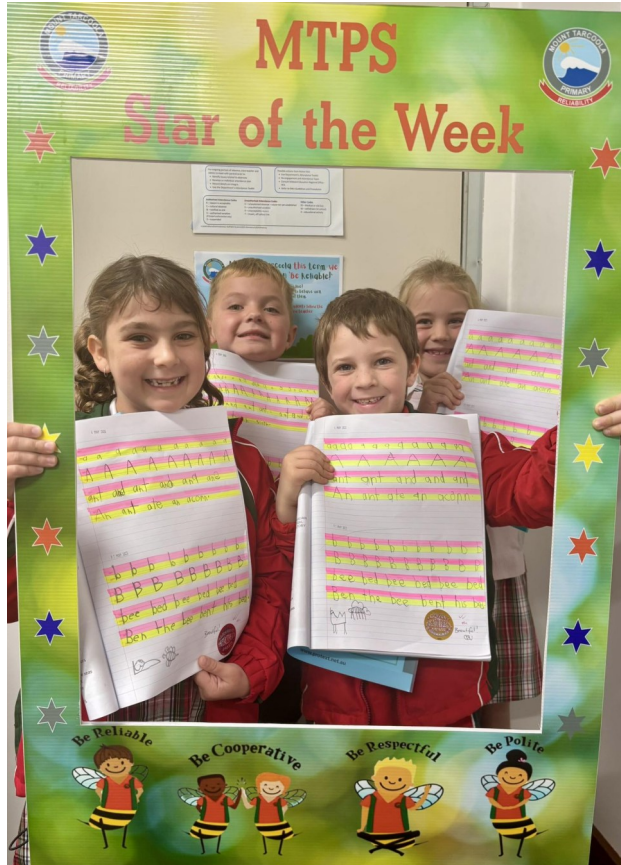
You can access Compass Portal by downloading the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or by using the login link previously sent to your email. This email includes your username and password for first-time access.

You can also refer to the following link for assistance: [Program+Kaartdijin-SOP+Parents_guardian_Login-\(KTSS-66\)-CS-L \(2\).PDF](#)

Thank you for your support during this transition!

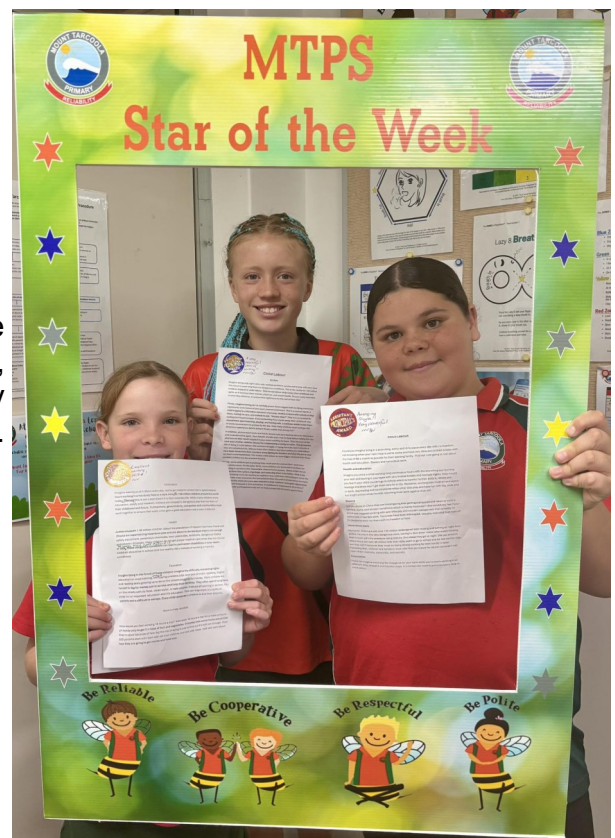
A graphic titled 'What's in the Compass parent portal?' on a blue background. On the left, there is an illustration of a laptop and a smartphone displaying the Compass portal interface. To the right, a list of features is presented in white boxes with yellow arrows pointing to a smartphone mockup on the far right. The features listed are: 'Your child's profile' (view attendance and behaviour/wellbeing records, email teachers, submit notes), 'Important reminders' (attendance notes, excursion consent), 'Latest school news' (receive updates), and 'Calendar' (view upcoming events). The smartphone mockup shows the actual app interface with a header for 'Angus' and 'Hayden', a notification for an attendance note, a section for alerts, favourites, and a news item about a 'Cake Stall School Fundraiser'.

**** Stars of the Week****
Strive, Embrace, Commit



Our Year One students have been shining brightly, showcasing their excellent handwriting skills. Congratulations to Harper, Grayson, Marney and Aiden. Keep shining!

Our Year 6 students have been writing persuasive texts about 'Child Labour'. Congratulations to Myla, Millie and Shyla, who demonstrated some very powerful literary devices to persuade their audience. Well done!



Literacy Lift

We've had a fantastic start to Literacy Lift last week at MTPS!

Each morning, our Year 3 and 4 students have been working alongside our amazing Year 6 mentors, building confidence and enjoying some extra reading and spelling practice before the day begins.

It's been great to see the teamwork, encouragement and positive energy in the room, with our senior students stepping up as leaders and role models.

A big well done to everyone involved. We're excited to see this continue throughout the term!



P & C Volunteers Needed

Our Mount Tarcoola P & C urgently needs a new P&C President and Secretary and also other volunteers to help keep the P&C running. Whether you can spare a little time or get more involved, every bit of help makes a difference for our students and school events.

It's a great way to meet other families and contribute to our wonderful school community.

If you'd like to get involved, they would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with them via email on mounttarcoolacanteen@outlook.com



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at the ECE

Our recent Mother's Day afternoon tea at the ECE was a lovely opportunity for families, staff and students to come together and connect. Parents and students enjoyed delicious treats in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and to those who attended—your support made it a great success and enabled the children to show their mums how much they mean to them. More lovely photos are on our Facebook page.



Girl's Football Carnival

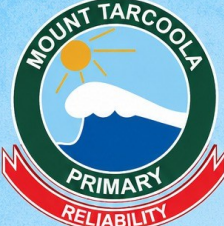
On 1 May 2026, our Year 5 and 6 girls proudly represented Mt Tarcoola at the regional football competition. They played with outstanding sportsmanship and true Mt Tarcoola spirit, winning two out of their three games. A fantastic effort—well done, girls!



Basketball Slam 2026

Well done to the three teams that represented Mt Tarcoola in the regional Basketball Slam competition held on Friday, 15 May 2026. The girls' team placed second, and the boys played very competitively. Thank you to Miss Chambers, Mrs Savage and Mrs Smith for their encouragement.





MT TARCOOLA SCHOOL

RUNNING CLUB

TERM 2

 **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
MORNINGS**

 **8:15 – 8:30AM**

 **ON THE OVAL**

 **A PBS TOKEN WILL BE
AWARDED FOR EVERY 5 LAPS!**

GET FIT! HAVE FUN! BE YOUR BEST!



School Photo Days – Save the Dates!

We're excited to announce that our School Photo Days will be held on Monday 8 June and Thursday 11 June 2026— be sure to mark these dates in your calendar!

As in previous years, all photo orders will be completed **ONLINE ONLY**. Ordering is now open, and we encourage families to place their orders early to avoid missing out.

To order, your school photos:

Go to www.photohendriks.com.au

1. Click on **Order Your School Photos**
2. Enter your Access Key **FU4GLMNP**

A detailed schedule for both photo days will be shared closer to the dates.

Why Online Ordering?

- ✓ No envelopes to return to the office
- ✓ No cash needed at school or in children's bags
- ✓ Simple order tracking and easy record keeping
- ✓ Choose from 18 different backgrounds at no extra cost

Thank you for your support — we look forward to capturing some wonderful school memories! 

Mount Tarcoola Primary School

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! Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **FU4GLMNP**



Scan to order!



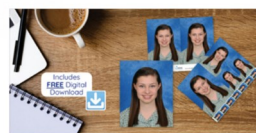
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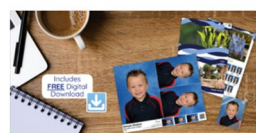
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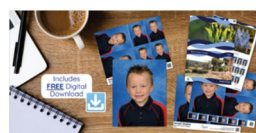
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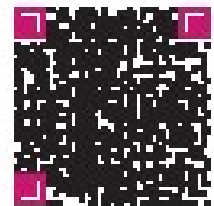
Shaping the future

Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child will be **4 years old**
by **30 June 2027**, enrol them
in Kindergarten now.

Visit your local public school or
community kindergarten to apply.
Apply to enrol before 24 July 2026.

Find out more:
education.wa.edu.au/enrol





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Shaping the future

School enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child is starting **Kindergarten**,
Pre-primary, **Year 7** or **changing
schools** you will need to apply
to enrol by **24 July 2026**.

Find out more:
education.wa.edu.au/enrol



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6 May

27 May

17 June

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Standard Mental Health First Aid in the Workplace

The Standard Mental Health First Aid® (MHFA®) in the Workplace course teaches participants how to provide initial support to another adult who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis, until professional help is received or the crisis resolves.

With course materials tailored for workplaces, course participants learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in a co-worker or another adult, how to recognise and respond to an emerging or worsening mental health problem, and the treatments and supports available.



Intervene early

Recognise the warning signs of mental health problems in other adults.



Offer support

Learn the skills to speak openly and accurately about mental health.



Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems in adults
- Use an evidence-based action plan to initiate a mental health first aid conversation
- Assess for a range of crisis situations and provide initial support
- Understand the prevalence and impact of mental illnesses, risk factors and treatments and supports available
- Apply self-care practices as a Mental Health First Aider.



Respond in a crisis

Respond across a range of crisis situations where an adult may be at risk of harm.



Reduce stigma

Reduce stigma and increase support for adults experiencing and living with mental health problems.

Duration & Format



Blended Face-to-Face

Self-paced eLearning (5-7 hours), followed by a 4-hour face-to-face session

The Standard Mental Health First Aid course is based on guidelines that are informed by people with lived experience, their caregivers and health professionals.

Dates

Cost

Venue / Delivery Method

Times

Facilitator/s

*Costs include course participation and all relevant teaching materials.

To learn more about MHFA training and becoming an MHFAider visit mhfa.com.au

Anyone can have a conversation that may save a life. Everyone should know how.

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