



Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto
"Reliability"

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 24th May
Parent Assembly Room 10
Year 6 Cake Stall
**Wednesday 22nd May to
Wednesday 5th June**
Library Bookfair
Monday 3rd June
Western Australia Day
Public Holiday
Tuesday 4th June
Parent Newsletter

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:

Election BBQ

Many thanks to the P&C members who helped and contributed to the sausage sizzle on election day. It was great to see and I am sure that they would have appreciated a little more help from the parent body. If a few more parents are able to donate a little more time, these types of things are much easier to do and they ultimately benefit all the children in the school.

Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday we are participating in a nationwide reading event called the National Simultaneous Storytime 2019 and run by the Australian Library Association. Every school in Australia has been invited to participate in reading the story 'Alpacas with Maracas' written by Australian author Matt Cosgrove at the same time. Last year there were over 1 000 000 participants at 8000 different locations across the country.

More information can be found at <https://www.alia.org.au/nss>

Security

Due to ongoing vandalism and the continued presence of trespassers on the school site afterschool and on weekends the school has decided to install CCTV cameras. These will hopefully act as a deterrent and any footage that is taken can be used as evidence for police if required. The Education Department will directly fund half of the cost and the school will fund the other half.

Whole School Assembly

Parents don't forget that this Friday we are having a whole school assembly that is being run by Ms Evans and the Year 1 children in Room 10. They have been practising hard and are looking forward to performing.

Moderation

This week and next week teaching staff are participating in two afterschool curriculum moderation sessions. The first is on writing and the second is on mathematics. These sessions will involve our teachers talking with and comparing samples of work with other teachers from Geraldton schools. These sessions are very important as they involve teachers in discussions about how they have assessed student work and then how that applies to the WA Curriculum Outline and the Reporting to Parents grading that we are doing with Semester 1 reports. By participating in this professional learning we are ensuring that our teachers grade allocations are more accurate and consistent with other teachers across the district.

Speaking Out

Information has gone home to randomly selected students in years 4 - 6 who have been given the opportunity to participate in a wellbeing survey that has been commissioned by the Commissioner for Children and Young People Mr Colin Petit. These students will undertake a 30-minute survey and will be asked questions about their background and a range of issues that are important to their wellbeing such as their health, family, friendships, school, involvement in community and cultural activities and safety. The Speaking Out Survey is confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in any reports on the results. Students who have been selected will receive information in the near future to take home to their parents.

Jumpers

With the cold weather we are seeing more and more children wear warmer clothing to school which is great as they are prepared for the conditions. Parents please ensure that you put your child's name on the tag and remind them to check their tag when removing and then putting clothing back on. Our lost property box already had several new track suit tops and jumpers with no names on them.

Paul Luxton
Principal

P & C NEWS

After discussion at recent P&C meetings we have committed to fund a new Interactive screen to replace a classroom whiteboard that is at the end of its functional use. The P&C have been asked to consider funding at least one new board per year, at a cost of about \$6000 per screen. With this in mind we have discussed our options for fundraising this year.

A big thank you to those parents who helped at the Sausage Sizzle with the cooking, setting up and for the donations of cakes, cool drinks and water. We raised approximately \$560.



All students from Kindy to Year 6 will be invited to enjoy music and games at discos in Term 2 and 4. Students have enjoyed these P&C run events—keep an eye out for announcements of dates in the newsletters.

Term 3 will be busy with school run athletic events so the P&C will conduct the ever popular fundraiser, the Year 1-6 Lapathon. This is a great opportunity to get in some steps in the sun and raise money too! Mr Ian Blayney has again generously offered a Giant bicycle which will be first prize in a one day raffle.

2019 will be a time of transitioning the uniform supply to Total Uniforms, with all sales being conducted by them from January 2020. They have a store in Geraldton and have confirmed they will be able to stock our current items year round. This will give families the option of purchasing fewer items at times that are convenient for them. Please be aware that as this time approaches stock at the school will be increasingly limited. The 2nd hand uniform shop has been very popular and the P&C will continue to operate it as a service to our families. We are always happy to receive donations of uniforms, please deliver them to the canteen.

As always, we would like to see new faces at P&C meetings. We meet on Monday evenings in weeks 3 and 8 each term. Meetings run for about an hour and are a great way to contribute to Mount Tarcoola Primary School.

COMMUNITY NEWS

31 MAY EVERY YEAR IS
WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
SPECIAL GUEST
SEAN CHOOLBURRA
FRIDAY MAY 31
2.00 PM - 8.00 PM
Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation
Corner Eastward & Blencowe Roads, Geraldton

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- LIVE BAND - KRUIZE CONTROL
- FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED

Don't Let
TOBACCO
Take Your
BREATH AWAY

The focus of World No Tobacco Day 2019 is on "tobacco and lung health." The campaign will increase awareness on: the negative impact that tobacco has on people's lung health, from cancer to chronic respiratory disease, the fundamental role lungs play for the health and well-being of all people. The campaign also serves as a call to action, advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption and engaging stakeholders across multiple sectors in the fight for tobacco control. #NoTobacco

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES—INFLUENZA VACCINATION INFORMATION

We aim to keep the community informed and up to date with health related information. Please find attached a link to a post on our Facebook page that discusses this year's Influenza vaccination and where people can go to for more information.

The link to the Facebook post can be found here:

<https://business.facebook.com/myhealthmidwest/videos/339156896790387/>