



Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto
"Reliability"

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 29th April
Students commence Term 2

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

Wow where have the last few weeks gone? Our worlds have certainly been turned upside down. On behalf of our staff I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our school community for the way in which they have taken the directions of the Education and Health Departments in regards to the Corona virus school restrictions. Parents have done an amazing job in supporting their children with some fantastic educational opportunities being seen on Facebook. We also celebrate those parents who are working and have had to send their children to school during this time. Hopefully over the holidays we are all able to take some time and quietly celebrate these achievements.

We have been busily preparing ourselves for a much different educational landscape for Term 2. WA schools will need to provide their families with 3 different modes of curriculum delivery - online, work packages and face to face. This is going to be very challenging for us all. Thank you to all the parents who have responded to their class teachers phone calls for information on where they are placed to be able to access the different modes of delivery.

We will be using a predominantly online method for educational delivery. Seesaw will be the main platform that teachers will use to send work to children and to interact with them and parents. Our teachers will be planning for a variety of online and activity based learning opportunities for their students. Teachers will also be organising online video streaming contact with children via the WebEx program. These WebEx video meetings will be scheduled at different times across the course of the week in order to accommodate those families with more than one child accessing a single device or computer.

School will reopen after the school holidays on Wednesday the 29th of April. The Education Department is recommending that parents keep their children home to help reduce the spread of the Corona virus. The exceptions are for those parents that are working and have no other option and for vulnerable families to send their children to school.

We will be sending home via the post, school information, work packages and also arranging for the safe pick up of student resources heading into the holiday break and also again at the start of next term.

I would also like to thank all our staff for their efforts not only for the last few weeks but for the next several weeks as well. The nature of our profession and work place exposes us to a wide range of the community, in a world where the virus is predominantly spread by social contact this does place a large amount of stress upon us all. Staff have had to deal with this as well as having to learn and develop new skill sets in a very short space of time. It has been very heart-warming to see the staff supporting each other every step of the way.

Wishing everyone a safe and refreshing Term 1 break. I know I am hoping to have some mental time away and escape to the back yard and my shed..... for a few days at least!! 😊

Paul Luxton
Principal

SUNSMART TIP

It does not have to be hot for sunburn to occur—UV radiation is not the same as heat. Most people get burnt when the temperature is between 18 and 27 degrees. Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!



*Happy Easter
everyone and
stay safe!*