

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for attending our meet and greet parent teacher interviews last week. It is so nice to be able to form such strong partnerships with our families that benefit our children!

We had our very first Tarneit Rise Primary School photos today – which included promotional photos of the school and a whole school photo that I'm sure we will look back at over the years to come and remember fondly our foundation year!

We are also running a '**parent helpers**' course tomorrow so we can prepare parents and carers to help in the classroom, or further support their child's learning at home. We look forward to speeding this time with you.

We have started to include a few **extracurricular** events in the school calendar:

- a puppet show for the children on March 16 run by Camp Quality,
- Harmony Day on March 21
- AFL clinics for the preps March 8 and 15
- after school cricket

Our preps started school fulltime this week and are doing a great job. It has been so lovely to see the way they have settled into school, the routines, expectations and it has been wonderful to see the amazing learning gains they are already showing. Walking through the learning pods each day, we can see the consistent teaching right across the prep and 1/2 classes. The PLCs have started their PLC planning cycles, using pre- assessment data to plan for the learning of every child, and to monitor their progress. We are very proud of our staff and their high levels of teaching and team work!

With the cooler mornings approaching we have been noticing some students arriving out of uniform. **We are so very proud of our school and our uniform unites us as one community.** Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform and wearing the right combination of uniform items:

Sports Uniform

- Windcheater (black and teal with logo)
- Black track pants/black shorts/skorts
- Black and teal polo top (long or short sleeved)
- White or black socks with runners (black if possible)

Academic uniform

- White striped shirt with logo (long or short sleeved)
- Grey pants (please note the grey pants are not track pants and are dark grey)
- Black pullover (jumper) with logo
- Black cardigan with logo
- Tunic (summer/winter)
- White or black socks with black shoes

The soft shelled jacket may be worn with either the spots or academic uniform. A black hat with the logo must be worn in terms 1 and 4. Please remember to clearly name all items of school uniform.

Over the past couple of weeks we have had parents and concerned community members come to see us worried about the safety of some of our students when travelling to and from school. While on yard duty it is very insightful to actually stand at our crossing for 10 minutes of an afternoon and observe the traffic. The traffic volume and the number of students crossing the road are both large. We encourage students and drivers to be patient and to obey all directions from the crossing attendant. The attendant has a particularly hectic job to do and needs our co-operation. ALL students and parents/carers should be using the school crossing in Rifflebird Road to cross safely or park in the car park at the sports pavilion in Hummingbird Boulevard and use the pedestrian path to enter school alongside the gymnasium. Please do not park in the staff car park. Children need to dismount from their bikes/scooters and walk across the crossing rather than ride their bikes across so cars are better able to see them. We ask that children do not ride their bikes or scooters inside the school yard as it is quite busy and crowded.

It's Not Okay to Be Away It is vital that students come to school every day so their academic and social skills can develop. It is a real worry to see any student missing more than 12 days of school over the year, but particularly for children in their early formative years. If a child is sick then home is the best place for them, otherwise **ALL** children should be at school **EVERY DAY**. Please remember, **it's not okay to be away**

Thank you to all parents, carers and friends who have been collecting Coles Vouchers for our school. We appreciate your support and hope you all enjoy the long weekend and the extra time with your children.

Nadia and Sarah

Prep

It was great to see the preps in their academic uniforms for their first school photos. We are looking forward to Harmony Day next week where we will be doing rotations that celebrate diversity. In reading and writing, students have continued to develop their awareness of the relationship between sounds and letters. We have also begun segmenting and blending sounds. In numeracy, students have been learning to connect number names to numerals and groups. It has been great to see students engaging in hand on maths activities. The note that went home this week explained that it is important that students reading folders are brought to school every day and their reading logs are completed every night. Well done to the students that have already reached 25 nights. Well done to all preps for completing your first full week of school!

Grade 1/2

Grade 1/2 students looked fantastic in their first Tarneit Rise school photo. We are proud of the way the grade 1/2 students are taking on the role of leadership and modelling the behaviours expected at our school. In reading and writing, students have been working on blending and segmenting words. It is great to see students finger spelling to help them write words. This term we are continuing to focus on the writing genre of recounts. This week in numeracy students have been learning to read, write and order numbers. Please ensure that your child is reading every night and that you are together completing the reading log. We hope that all students reach 25 nights as quickly as possible, however, it must be logged in the book.

~A message from the ART Room~

Hi Tarneit Rise community,

It is great to see so many amazing artists in the art room. Your children are all very creative!

Just a reminder that we will be starting our work with paint in the next few weeks, and we want to keep those beautiful, new uniforms looking great.

Your child will need a smock in order to paint. An old baggy tee shirt is fine, otherwise Kmart have children's smocks for \$3.

Could you please put your child's name and grade on the smock so that it can be returned to your child at the end of the semester.

Thank you for your continued support of our young artists.

Mrs. Ostyn. ☺

Office news

Prep parents who have applied for the Camps Sports & Excursion fund are eligible for a winter warmer pack. Forms are available from the office. These are due back by the 16th of April.

Pizza order forms for Harmony Day are due back along with money by the 16th of March so we can order the YUMMY pizza. Icy poles will be sold on the day for 50c. We are looking for volunteers to help serve the pizza on the day please see the office if you are available.

School fees are now due. Please see the office if you have not already paid.

Dear Parents,

Tarneit Rise Big Childcare welcomes all children to participate and experience a variety of fundamental learning activities and games that are planned on a weekly basis, we also cater for breakfast and afternoon snack. Our main focus for this term is building relationships with children and families in order to achieve a foundation built on trust, understanding, inclusion and respect.

Our April school holiday program is fast approaching with less than 5 weeks away, we would absolutely love to have your child with us these school holidays so if you are wanting to book your child in please do so as soon as possible. You can collect an enrolment form at our centre which is located in the canteen attached to the gym or you can enrol online @ Bigchildcare.com

Below are some details in relation to the upcoming school holiday program;



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please find attached the **full detailed brochure** for our **SUPER** School Holiday Program (April 3-13).

We are only **5 weeks** away from **9 SUPER DAYS OF FUN!**

Ensure to book in soon to guarantee your child's place. Please fill out the booking form and return it to your centre ASAP. Bookings made before **March 19** will be deemed a secured booking.

Your child will love the **Avenger's S.T.A.T.I.O.N.**, making their Australian debut in Melbourne. They will L.O.L. during our private booking at **Luna Park**, enjoying incredible rides for over 2 hours. Plus they will **Skate and Fly** at Obrien's Ice Skating Rink and the Melbourne Star Ferris Wheel.

We also have amazing incursions like **Karate Kidz**, **Who Dares Wins**, **Foodology** and **Mini Golf**. **Don't let your child miss out on all the fun! BOOK TODAY!**

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Kind Regards,

Ash Stafford

Big Childcare Manager

50 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF “HOW WAS YOUR DAY?”

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile?
What made her frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?