



Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome is extended to all of our children and families. We were thrilled to see familiar faces and new faces too and hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

There has been so much activity on our school site over the holidays preparing new classrooms. We really appreciate the time and effort our builders, contractors and foremen have put in over the holidays to ensure classrooms are ready on time. There is still some work to be done which will occur between now and over the Easter holiday break including the installation of a new playground, gaga pit and shade sails, installation of drinking fountains, blinds, landscaping works and concreting works. We look forward to our continued growth alongside our most amazing community

As our school continues to grow, we welcome new staff to our community. It gives us great pleasure to introduce the 2020 Tarneit Rise Staff:

Principal:

- Nadia Bettio

Assistant Principals:

- Sarah Narres (grades Prep – 1)
- Missy Kloss (grades 2-6)

Leading Teachers:

- Alana Stathoulis
- Sarah Gerring
- Cobie Canny
- Lauren Avdyl
- Elaine Stanley
- Gemma Skeen

Learning Specialists:

- Lauren Fleurette
- Orla Teague
- Jessica Cox

Prep PLC:

- PA Jacque Franzoni(PLC Leader)
- PB Tess Rice
- PC Jake Sewell
- PD Tina Mercieca
- PE Ashlee DiMartino
- PF Hannah Piacentini
- PG Jess Bennett
- PH Renee Glanville
- PI Alexandra Cook
- PJ Laura Madigan
- PK Amanda Willcocks
- PL Adelle Grigsby
- PM Jess Cox
- PN Jade Anderson

Grade 1 PLC:

- 1A Asha McFarlane(PLC Leader)
- 1B Paris Enever
- 1C Amity Pope
- 1D Kathleen Julian
- 1E Shannon Briscoe
- 1F Samara Abbas
- 1G Maddison Lin
- 1H Hannah Morley
- 1I Maddie Sims
- 1J Kain Wilson
- 1K Lauren Johnstone
- 1L Jessica Vernon

Grade 2 PLC:

- 2A Maggie Ryan(PLC Leader)
- 2B Nikita Nikita
- 2C Grant Dew
- 2D Krystal Brocklesby
- 2E Stephanie Brigandi
- 2F Matthew Tivendale
- 2G Pawan Bhullar
- 2H Monica Ghattas
- 2I Chloe Baiano
- 2J Amy Jones

Grade 3 PLC:

- 3A Liana Agathangelou(PLC Leader)
- 3B Allison Pattenden
- 3C Leah Stephan
- 3D Adrian Zammit
- 3E Ken Igba

Grade 4 PLC:

- 4A Claire Bennington(PLC Leader)
- 4BAnthonyHeffernan
- 4C Cass Elorza
- 4D Anjali Sharma
- 4E Phyllis Fernandez

Grade 5/6 PLC:

- 5/6A Katerina Blazevska(PLC Leader)
- 5/6B Orla Teague
- 5/6C Christian Garcia
- 5/6D Joana Sestokas
- 5/6E Justin Perryman

Specialist PLC:

- Mitch Marley (PE)
- Tom Nguyen (PE)
- Sam Hayward (PE)
- Kerri Popczyk (Art)
- Victoria Andrew (Performing Arts)
- Teyha Robertson (PA and Art)
- Anna Koehne (French)
- Marina Bestawrose (French)
- Irena Fitzsimon (French)
- Carmen Barnes (Science)
- Mel Gunsman (Science)
- Haslinda Gould (Science)

Administration:

- Samantha Kelly (BM)
- Angela Rich
(Executive Assistant)
- Daniela Catania
(Enrolments' Officer)
- Allison Winter
(Receptionist)
- Allyssa Tobin
(Accounts
Receivable)
- Ebony Morren (First
Aid)

Library:

- Georgie Newton

Intervention:

- Elaine Stanley
- Anthea Bowen
- Danni Keck
- Kylie Flower
- Olivia McNamara
- Kate Slee

Speech Pathologist:

- Jess Shillinglaw

Social Worker:

- Sue Jensen

Integration Aides:

- Ebony Morren
- Julija Blazeski
- Anchal Patidar
- Anna Cabral
- Kristine Date
- Kunjan Shah
- Sumaira Akhtar
- Zamina Butt
- Beata Werner
- Prabhjot Kaur
- Ashleigh Stafford
- Riddhi Kotadi
- Fahmida Rahman
- Jolly Gupta
- Kirti
- Mariya Imran
- Arjana Sheremetaj
- Mandeep Kaur

We are absolutely thrilled to have such caring, talented and enthusiastic staff at Tarneit Rise Primary and really appreciate the many, many hours they have contributed to getting our school ready for the start of another school year. A lot of this work was done over the school holidays and long weekends!

This week our children had their interviews with teachers and for the next few weeks all children will be involved in many 'get to know you' and team building activities designed to strengthen student/student and student/teacher relationships. There will be a big focus in every classroom on 'learning to learn' where school expectations, rules, values, protocols and norms are taught, developed and practised.

This year all newsletters and notices will be uploaded to the school's website (<http://www.tarneitriseps.vic.edu.au>) and posted on **Compass**. All families should have received information about Compass and their unique log in details. Compass is our major communication tool including payments, student reporting, selecting a time for parent/teacher interviews and permission for excursions. **The newsletter will be published each fortnight.**

We would like to remind families that school begins at 8.45am and finishes at 3.10pm. **Please note that the school yard is supervised from 8.30am and students should not be left unattended before this time.** If parents need to drop their children to school early, they may book into our before school program, by contacting Rob on 0421 156 450. This year teachers will be on yard duty after school at each of the three exits (Cloverdale Road, Rifflebird Drive and the park at the sports pavilion in Hummingbird Boulevard) from 3.10-3.25pm. Any child who has not been collected from school by 3.25 will be brought to wait outside the front office (inside the school fence) and will need to be collected from there.

Some important information and reminders are included below:

Parent Payments are due by the end of February. This can be made by cash, BPay or EFTPOS. Payment can also be arranged through Centapay which can help families pay over smaller instalments. Please see Samantha, our business manager, if you would like to discuss this option.

Clothing - Please remember to mark ALL of your child's clothing so lost property may be returned quickly.

Visitors - All visitors to the school (including parents) between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm are requested to sign in at the front office. Parents that help in school are required to have a valid Working With Children Check. Parents can fill in an application form online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and then lodge it at a post office. The volunteer Working With Children Check is free but you will need to provide a passport photograph with the application when lodging it at a post office. When applying for a Working With Children check please be sure to list Tarneit Rise Primary School as a volunteer organisation so we are provided a copy of the Working With Children Check directly from the Department of Justice and Regulation. We look forward to having you working with us. Training for parent helpers will be provided this term and more information will follow soon.

Change of Contact Details - It is absolutely critical that the school is advised immediately of any changes to parent or emergency contact details (mobile phone numbers, addresses etc). These become vital when children are unwell or injured. Prompt contact with families can avoid a lot of distress and confusion. The Department of Education does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian. Parents are liable for all medical expenses incurred because of student injury, including transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs, which can be very expensive. **We highly recommend that all families have their ambulance subscriptions up to date.** People who have a health care card are covered for ambulance transport.

Absences - At Tarneit Rise Primary School we actively encourage all students to come to school every day. If children are unwell then home is the best place for them, but obviously the more time students spend at school the more learning they do. Please plan ahead and **book holidays and appointments during school holidays or after school** and avoid allowing students to stay at home for 'special' days such as birthdays or visits from extended family members. REMEMBER **every learning minute counts at Tarneit Rise** and "it is not ok to be away." If your child is sick and is absent from school please send a note to the class teacher or phone the school (7002 6580) explaining the absence. Compass can also be used for this.

Staff Meetings - This year staff and our Professional Learning Communities (PLC) meetings will be held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon directly after school. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please make an arrangement to meet on Thursday or Friday afternoons.

Valuable Toys/Trading Cards/Mobile Phones etc - We request that valuable items be left at home including toys, electronic games and equipment as it is extremely difficult to ensure their security.

Road Safety - Please take extra care when driving along Hummingbird Boulevard and Rifflebird Drive in the mornings and afternoons. We ask that you obey the speed limits and parking regulations to ensure the safety of our students as there will be a significant increase in traffic and children crossing the road. We also request that adults model the right safety messages to their children and ensure they use the school crossing in Rifflebird Drive when dropping off and collecting children. Please enter the school through Rifflebird Drive, Cloverdale Road or beside the gymnasium. All gates are locked at 8.55am and children will need to enter through reception and sign in as 'late'. We do have a disabled parking spot along Rifflebird Drive and this is only for permit holders.

Assemblies - This year assembly will be held for 'mini schools' each week. Grades P-2 will be every Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm in the gymnasium and grades 3-6 will be Tuesday afternoon 2.15-3.15pm in the gymnasium. We will have one whole school assembly per term. Our whole school assembly this term will be to celebrate Harmony Day on March 20th at 9.00am. All parents are welcome to attend our assemblies. Prep students will begin attending assembly in March.

Uniform Shop – We are very proud of our uniform – it looks smart and fresh and really unites us as a school community. Noone Imagewear (Rushfords) are our uniform supplier and their contact details are:

Shop 1/13 Barnes Place Werribee, 9741 3211. 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
- Black tights

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.

Hoodies are not part of our school uniform should not be worn.

Cultural or religious headwear should also be in school colours (black, white, teal or grey).

Our school photos are booked in for February 28th. All children must be in full school uniform.

With today's newsletter we have included privacy information and advice from the Department of Education about the Coronavirus for your information that was updated yesterday.

We look forward to seeing all of you next Tuesday February 4th for another fantastic year of learning and fun

Have a great week – Nadia, Sarah and Missy

Coronavirus advice for parents, families and school communities

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

PRIVACY INFORMATION for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy

including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Term One Dates 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Curriculum Day (Pupil free day)	4 All students begin (8:45am start)	5 No preps at school	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 No preps at school	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 No preps at school	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 No preps at school	27	28 School Photos (full school uniform)	29