



Tarneit Rise Primary School
Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome is extended to all of our children and families. We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

We would like you introduce our staff to you:

Principal

- Nadia Bettio

Assistant Principal:

- Sarah Narres

Leading Teacher (literacy coach)

- Alana Stathoulis

Learning Specialists

- Elaine Stanley
- Lauren Johnstone
- Sarah Gerring
- **Office Staff:**
- Samantha Kelly (business manager)
- Rebecca Santos (accounts receivable)
- Ashleigh Stafford (receptionist)
- Angela Rich (executive assistant)
- **Prep**
- **PA** Jessica Cox (PLC leader),
- **PB** Claire Bennington
- **PC** Nathan Gauci
- **PD** Maddie Sims,
- **PE** Teyha Robertson
- **PF** Tess Rice
- **PG** Jess Bennett
- **PH** Stephane Newman
- **PI** Maggie Ryan,
- **PJ** Teresa Murray
- **PK** Jacquie Franzoni (assistant PLC leader)

Grade 1

- **1A** Lauren Johnstone (PLC leader),
- **1B** Amanda Willcocks
- **1C** Stephanie Brigandi

- **1D** Kain Wilson
- **1E** Kerrie Popczyk
- **1F** Hannah Morley
- **1G** Kathleen Julian
- **1H** Asha McFarlane (assistant PLC leader),
- **1I** Madison Howlett

Grade 2

- **2A** Orla Glover (PLC leader),
- **2B** Grant Dew
- **2C** Liana Agathangelou (assistant PLC leader),

Grade 3/4

- **3/4A** Sarah Gerring (PLC leader),
- **3/4B** Anjali Sharma
- **3/4C** Samara Abbas
- **3/4D** Cobie Canny (assistant PLC leader) and Leah Stephan

Grade 5/6

- **5/6A** Ashlee deLeon and Katerina Blazevska

Specialist Teachers

- **French** Jackie Wale and Erin Mick
- **Performing Arts** Victoria Andrew
- **Visual Arts** Rowena Ostyn
- **PE** Mitch Marley and Sam Hayward
- **Science** Carmen Barnes
- **Library** Petra Parker
- **Library Technician**
- Georgie Parker
- **Literacy Intervention**
- Elaine Stanley
- Anthea McFarlane
- Danni Keck
- Kate Slee

Speech Pathologist

- Jess Shillinglaw

Integration Aides

- Ebony Morren
- Julia Blazski
- Saima Mamhood
- Prabhjot 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.

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 will be used as our major communication tool this year including payments, student reporting, selecting a time for parent/teacher interviews and permission for excursions. The newsletter will be published each fortnight. **Please log onto Compass to read the full newsletter.**

Last week our prep children had their interviews with teachers and for the next two 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.

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 Adriana on 0421 156 450.

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 Centrepay 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. Mobile phones are not permitted in the class and must be left at the office in the morning and collected afterschool.

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'

Assemblies - This year assembly will be every Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm in the gymnasium. All parents are welcome to attend. 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 Image wear (Rushfords) are our uniform supplier and their contact details are:

Shop 1/13 Barnes Place Werribee, 9741 3211 with the cooler mornings approaching we have been noticing some students arriving out of uniform.

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
- Back 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 school uniform 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.

This year we are really focussing on developing our **children's independence** and asking that parents/carers of grade 1-6 children **do not enter the learning pods in the morning.** Please say goodbye to your children outside of the doors and allow your child to walk into the learning pod, and get set up for the day, independently.

We do ask that parents still collect their child from class at the end of the day.

In term two our prep families will be able to say goodbye at the pod doors too, as we find by term 2 the prep children are well and truly ready to be able to go into class independently.

Over the Christmas holidays we had a lot of work completed around the school including the completion of our four new buildings, the installation of our new playground and the installation of shade cloth over our climbing frame. We still have a lot of works planned for this year including landscaping around the new buildings, more new buildings to be delivered/completed, shade sails to be installed over the new playground and sandpit and the completion of our soccer pitch and netball courts. This year will be such an amazing year for us. We have grown our school community which has been built on a very solid foundation. We look forward to our continued growth with our most amazing community.

We have our **Meet and Greet** parent teacher interviews on Friday March 1st. You will be receiving a letter about the Meet and Greet interviews through Compass, explaining the process for the interviews and for making an interview time.

Please log onto Compass to book a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher and if you like, their specialist teachers. [Compass will be open for booking interview times from Wednesday February 14th](#). Interviews will be held in your child's classroom and specialist teachers will be having their interviews in the library. On this day children will be dismissed from school at 12.25pm and interviews will begin at 1.00pm.

Big Child Care will be providing care on this day from 12.25pm. Please call Adriana on 0421 156 450 to arrange care if you need it.

We look forward to seeing you at these interviews as they provide the opportunity for you to share important information with your child's new teacher and to set up some learning goals, providing a great opportunity for families and staff to get to know each other a little more and to continue to build on our strong home-school partnerships benefiting our students.

Have a great week - Nadia and Sarah

PREP COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to Tarneit Rise Primary School! We are very excited to begin the school year and cannot wait to see what our new prep students can achieve. Please make sure your child is at school on time every day because every second and every minute counts! School **starts at 8:45am** and finishes at 3:10pm.

For the **first term only**, parents and carers are welcome to bring their child(ren) into the classroom of the morning but we kindly ask that you quickly say goodbye, enabling your child(ren) to settle into school routines quickly and with ease. We also expect students to carry their own school bag and put away their belongings on their own to develop and increase their independence.

For the first few weeks, our preps will be 'Learning to Learn'. This short program will teach students the expectations of school, how we work with others and show kindness and how to learn best.

What to Bring

You child(ren) will be required to wear the **school hat with the logo during Term 1 and Term 4**. Without the broad brimmed hat, students will need to sit in the shade during recess and lunch play times. We also ask that your child has their reading satchel packed in their bag everyday as well as a lunchbox that contains food for snack and lunch. We encourage to pack a leak proof drink bottle with **water only** for students to sip on. You can also pack some fruit or vegetables that are not messy, i.e. carrot sticks, blueberries, grapes, cut apple etc., for students to have as part of our **Sip and Crunch** throughout the day. Do not pack Fruit juice, flavoured milk as it is a high in sugar & is a 'sometimes' food.

Take Home Readers

At Tarneit Rise, we want to see all the prep students achieve **200 nights of reading**. This is very achievable by reading every week night during the term. Your child(ren) will bring books home each week, they will have their own day to change their books at school. Please fill in the diary, otherwise we will be unable to see how many nights your child has read. They will be bringing home books that they can read to you, books they can read with you and books that you can read to them.

Staff at Tarneit Rise Primary School

The staff here at Tarneit Rise Primary School believe having a strong home-school partnership is essential to the development of the whole child. We encourage our parents to discuss any concerns or worries with the teacher. If you need to meet with your teacher, please make an appointment as our staff are very dedicated and attend many Professional Learning opportunities and meetings after school. They will need to schedule a time. Thank you for being so understanding.

We thank our families for their support so far,

Kind Regards,

Prep Team

1/2 COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome back Grade Ones!

Our students have settled well into their new classes and they have been busy learning their classroom routines. We ask that parents and carers encourage their child's independence by saying goodbye at the doors to the learning pod in the morning.

This week students have started their take home reading. Students have been assigned one day of the week to change their books with the teacher. If you are unsure of your child's day just ask the classroom teacher. Please fill out the reading log every week night. Teachers will be monitoring this and we are aiming for all our students to reach 100 nights by the end of Term 2.

Next week we are looking forward to writers' notebook decorating day on Tuesday 12th February. If you have items at home that can be used for decoration, your child can bring them to school. We will also be having a teddy bear picnic on Thursday 14th February. We ask students to bring their favourite soft toy or teddy bear.

We are super excited for the year ahead!

Kind Regards,

Grade One team

Hello Grade Two Families!

WOW! What a great start to the year. We are so excited in Grade Two to see so many familiar faces again this year and to have so many new students joining us. The Grade Two teachers this year are Orla Glover (2A), Grant Dew (2B) and Liana Agathangelou (2C). The grade twos have already made such a fantastic start to the year, coming to school every day, becoming 5 days smarter!

At the moment we are practising our classroom routines such as getting ready for our learning when we come inside, demonstrating our school values in the classroom and showing what independent learning looks like. Our Take Home Reading program has also begun this week. We can see a lot of students have remembered to bring their Take Home Reading folders however if you are needing to purchase a Take Home Reading folder, this can be done at the school office. We are so excited to start reading every night because we know that the more you practice, the more you get better and better, so having the Take Home folders ready for your child's homework day is very important. As a part of the program, five class library books will be sent home each week with the intent on reading a book each night. This can be documented in the yellow reading journal that will be found in your child's folder. The teachers will be

checking these journals weekly on your child's assigned homework day. In Grade Two we are so passionate about reading and hope to become the first year level to have all students reach 100 nights of reading!

As we are still getting into routine we have a few reminders. We please ask that all students bring a black school hat to school in order to enjoy the most out of snack and lunchtime. We also ask that only water be sent to school in a drink bottle that is secure and unlikely to leak. Students may also bring 'Sip n' Crunch' to school. 'Sip n Crunch' is a small snack (separate to recess and lunch) that is comprised of pre-cut/peeled fruits and vegetables. Students will be needing some 'Sip n Crunch' on their tables to help power their brains for all the learning we will be doing! Also our specialist classes have started. These include French, Performing Arts and PE. You can check what day these classes will be for your child by checking the windows outside of their classroom.

We can't wait to have a fantastic year in Grade Two and we look forward to meeting and working together with you all.

Thank- you,
Grade Two Teachers.

3 - 6 COMMUNITY NEWS

Hi all 3 to 6 families.

Firstly we would like to welcome all of our new families to Tarneit Rise Primary School and welcome back those who were with us last year. Thank you so much for all of your support with ensuring a smooth start to the school year. All of the staff at Tarneit Rise are very much looking forward to getting to know and teaching your child/ren this year!

Over the first couple of weeks, all classes will be busy setting up the classroom expectations and conducting assessments so that we can best cater for every student's learning needs. We thank you in advance for your support in making sure your child is at school every day and on time. If students arrive after the 8:45 bell, they will be required to sign in and get a late pass from the front office.

This week, all grade 3/4 students will receive a note with information for our camp in April. More information will follow this note in the upcoming weeks.

This Friday, Mr Marley will be holding swimming time trials for the district swimming competition. Mr Marley will also be holding a running club every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:10 am in the school gym. All students are very welcome to come and participate. If you require more information on these please see the notice put up on the COMPASS portal.

We very much look forward to meeting families at our Meet & Greet in March. Should you require to meet with the classroom teach prior to this time, meetings can certainly arrange a time after 3:10 on Thursday and Fridays after school. If it is an urgent matter, please also feel free to use the Green Homework reading log as a communication tool.

It is great to see most of our students confidently representing our school in the way they wear the school uniform. Please continue to ensure your child is in full school uniform every day, wearing the correct school jumper and wearing a school hat (hats are required to be worn in term 1 & 4). If you require more information on the school uniform, please see the Uniform Policy or discuss this with the classroom teacher or the team in the front office.

We look forward to working closely with you, so that together we can support all students to achieve and grow this year!

Have a great week!

From the grade 3 - 6 teachers.

A Message from Mr Marley

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of the School Sport Victoria competitions the Tarneit District Swimming Carnival will take place on the 18th February. In preparation for this, the school will be holding try-outs & training this Friday (8th) and next Friday (15th) from 4:00pm-5:00pm at Werribee Outdoor Pool.

I will be in attendance to time-keep but as an after school event you will have to arrange transport and supervise your child. The try-outs are free to attend and all students in Grade 3-6 are welcome.

Kind regards,

Mitch Marley

Health & P.E Coordinator

A Message from the Arts

Hello!

Welcome to all of our new families joining Tarneit Rise and a big welcome back to all of our existing families. My name is Mrs. Ostyn and I am the Visual Arts teacher at Tarneit Rise! I feel very lucky to get to work with the amazing children at Tarneit Rise, sharing my passion for Art and watching them explore the different ways they can express themselves.

“Art has the role in Education of helping children become like themselves instead of more like everyone else”. ~ Sydney Gurewitz Clemens ~

I will be teaching Grades 1, 3/4 and 5/6 for the first Semester and grades Prep and 2s in the second Semester. I have some exciting projects and mediums planned for the students, surrounding the elements of art and am already amazed at the creativity that fills our school. Each child will need a clearly labelled art smock to ensure their uniform stays clean, which can be handed to the child's classroom teacher and kept in the classroom. I will be running an Art club every Tuesday lunchtime in the canteen, where each grade will be allocated a term in which they can attend. First term will be allocated to the Grade 5/6s. I look forward to unlocking the Art that is in your child's heart!

Mrs. Ostyn :)

Visual Arts Teacher

Hello everyone! I'm very excited to be teaching music, drama and dance this year! I wanted to share a little about myself so you can get to know me.

I have worked at Coles for over 10 years whilst teaching music and performance for the last 6 years. I also direct a local non-for-profit community choir which is a lot of fun! I have a Bachelor degree in Music and a Master's degree in teaching which I am putting to good use now as I'm following my dream to be a Performing Arts Teacher!

In 2019, I will be teaching Preps and Grade 2s for Term 1 & 2, then Grade 1s, 3/4s and 5/6s in Term 3 & 4! I can't wait to get to know you all — and if you enjoy singing, I will be starting a school choir: rehearsals will be on Mondays after school from 3:30pm! If you are interested, please email me on Andrew.Victoria.v@edumail.com

Thank you,

Message from Victoria - Performing Arts Teacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Elections Effective school councils are a key factor in good governance. Effective councils have a wide range of skills, expertise and knowledge about how to improve school governance to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. Here at Tarneit Rise Primary School we are very proud of our school, our students and community. One of the reasons our school has started so strongly is because of our active and enthusiastic School Council. This year we will be conducting elections for School Council. Parents and Department of Education and Training (DET) members are elected for a period of two years. As we are going through our first election there are three parent positions to be filled for a 2 year term and two parent positions to be filled for a one year term. There is also one DET position (two year term). Current parent school councillors are: Jacky Rambridge, Naomi Cash, Lakshman Singh and Anastasia McMahon .

I would encourage people to seriously consider getting involved in School Council which meets once a month (every third Tuesday from 6.00pm) and is an important decision making body in the school.

Any parent or carer of a student can be on School Council. School Councillors need to be prepared to work in a positive and constructive way with other parents and staff to shape the future of our school, support our students and improve our school. No experience is necessary. Information and induction/training sessions will be provided.

How do I nominate for the election?

If you decide to stand for election, collect a nomination form from the front office, or call so we can arrange to have one sent home with your child. **Nominations open on Monday February 18th and close Monday February 25th** Complete all details and return the form to school. It's that easy! A ballot will only be held if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacant positions. Please see us or any school councillor if you would like more information or have any questions about being on School Council. Current councillors are Nadia Bettio, Sarah Narres

Remember these dates:

- Monday February 18th – Nominations Open
- Monday February 25th - Nominations Close (4.00pm)
- Tuesday February 26th – Ballot Papers issued (if required)
- Tuesday March 5th – Close of ballot (4.00pm)
- Thursday March 19th – AGM and first meeting of new School Council

SCHOOL BANKING INFORMATION SESSION

Tarneit Rise Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2019 are:

- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Yeti Fluffy Notepad
- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

School Banking day is **WEDNESDAY**. Each week you need to complete Dollarmite Deposit slip and stub. Place money in Dollarmite wallet and hand wallet to Classroom Teacher on Wednesday Morning.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8:15

Date: 11 Feb 2019

Location: At the entrance of the school

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.