



Tarneit Rise Primary School
Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our **Meet and Greet Interviews** will be held on **Friday 1st March 2019**. This is a chance for you to meet with your child's teacher for 10 minutes to talk about their learning goals and how they are settling into school, as well as for us to learn more about your child so that we can best meet their needs. You would have received 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. Interviews will be held in your child's classroom and specialist teachers will be having their interviews in their rooms. PE interviews will be held in the gymnasium. Interviews will be held from **1:00 pm to 6:30 pm**. **Students will be dismissed from school at 12:25 pm on that day.**

For **3/4D and 5/6**, there will not be enough interview slots available on 1st March so we will also be offering interview times on **Friday 8th March 2019** from **9-11 am (3/4 D)** and **11:30 – 1:30 (5/6)**. **Students will be required at school on this day.**

If you would like to book your child/children a place at Big Child Care for that afternoon, please call Adriana on 0421156450.

Annual Implementation Plan

At our school council meeting last Tuesday, our Annual Implementation Plan was endorsed. We have set goals in improving outcomes in reading for all children and building our school community. A copy of our AIP will be available on the school's website.

Facilities and Grounds

This week School council also discussed at length the resourcing of our school moving forward. We were in an exceptionally privileged position last year to open our school for just prep – grade 2 children which meant we had a small enrolment base and that gave us the opportunity to develop a strong foundation on which to build our expected growth. We embedded strong teaching and learning practices, protocols for learning and a strong mission, vision and values statement. We always knew our school would grow quickly – we are in the fastest growing suburb in Australia, so this growth was always expected. We have been in discussions with staff from our regional and central offices since July last year, ensuring the Provision and Planning division of our department were aware of our expected growth and would be able to resource it adequately. We have had contractors out to the school to 'master plan' for additional buildings and we are now waiting for extra classrooms to be delivered. On Tuesday we were notified that we would be getting an additional two buildings this term. We have also engaged a contractor to complete some major concreting works over the next holiday period. The extra concrete will be lined marked to create an extra play space for children. The school has also engaged a contractor to provide addition shade sails over the new playground and sandpit. The school is in a position this year, to invest school based funds to install another playground. Once the master planning has been received we will proceed to work with the student leadership team to find a suitable place for the playground and a preferred playground design. Wyndham City council has appointed a contractor to complete works for our new soccer pitch and netball courts. It is expected that the first planning meeting (between the City Council, the school and the contractor) will occur next week. The school has also purchased additional storage facilities that will be installed once the works begin for the soccer pitch and netball courts. We are very confident we

have plans in place to develop our school and grounds so all children have opportunities to engage in learning and play in a well-resourced school. Unfortunately, with such developments it does take time, and even though these plans and discussions were started mid last year, we are reliant on other departments and contractors to complete works. We anticipate all planned works will be completed for the beginning of the new semester and we thank families for their support, understanding and patience.

Harmony Day

We are so proud to be part of such a wonderfully diverse school community. Did you know that over 74% of our children speak a language other than English at home? What clever, clever children we have!

On March 21 we celebrate our diversity through Harmony Day. This will be a great celebration for us. All children and staff will come to school dressed in their national costume or wearing orange.

We will spend the day learning about our cultural backgrounds and those of others through stories, dance, art, sport, food and play. More details about Harmony Day will follow in the next newsletter.

We have a beautiful **school uniform**, and one that we are very proud of. Lately we have been noticing some children not wearing hats, or wearing hats that are not our school uniform. School uniform hats are available for sale through Reception for **\$17.00**. If you need to purchase a hat for your child you may do this directly through Reception or by sending the money to school with your child in a named envelope.

Jumpers and cardigans are now available for purchase through our uniform suppliers, Rushfords (Noone Image wear) in Werribee.

Have a great week!

Nadia and Sarah

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are thrilled to be able to extend our extra-curricular program at TRPS this year.

The PE and Sport timetable is listed below but sessions of note are the three before school running club sessions on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The running club sessions are free to attend for any age group, including parents & younger siblings and “run” from 8:10-8:40am.

The school is offering free after school Rugby League coaching on a Monday & Tuesday for Grade 1 & 2 students. If you would like your child to attend extra sessions outside of their designated class session please see Mr Marley to arrange this.

There is also free Baseball Coaching for Grade 5/6 students on Monday after school, if your child is in grade 3 or 4 and would be interested in attending these sessions please see Mr Marley to arrange this.

Alongside the free sports clubs the school has formed a partnership with Hoppers Crossing Tennis Club. Tennis coaching takes place on a Monday, Thursday and Friday after school. The coaching is provided by Ryan Meehan & his coaches, with a ratio of 1 coach to every 6 children to ensure high contact time and quality coaching. The Tennis sessions do come with a cost. Please see Mr Marley or the office for contact details of Ryan Meehan.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School (8:10-8:40)	Running Club (Free)		Running Club (Free)	Running Club (Free)	
Recess			Grade 3/4 Basketball	Grade 5/6 Soccer	Grade 2 Skittles

Lunch	Grade 3/4 Soccer	Grade 5/6 Basketball	Mr Dew Cricket		Miss Jess C Netball
After School (15:15-16:00)	Tennis (Meehan Academy - Paid) Rugby League – Grade 1&2 (free)	Rugby League – Grade 1&2 (free) Baseball – Grade 5&6 (free)		Tennis (Meehan Academy - Paid)	Tennis (Meehan Academy - Paid)

Our school choir has started choir for the grade 1-6 children and takes place after school on a Tuesday with Ms Andrew in the performing arts room. Prep children will also have the opportunity to participate in choir at lunchtime on Thursday with Ms Popczyk.

On Wednesday lunchtime Madame Wale and Madame Mick are providing extra French sessions at their French Club which takes place in the school library and is a great way for students to extend their French vocabulary, speaking, listening and writing skills.

Ms Ostin is extending the visual arts provision with a lunchtime club on **Tuesday**. At the club students will be given the opportunity to develop and further their art skills and knowledge across the visual art spectrum.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This week seen TRPS attend our first Tarneit District Swimming Carnival, we had nine children representing the school with four of our students being awarded ribbons in their events. Most importantly, throughout the day all of the students displayed the school values and competed with a great sense of sportsmanship and fairness.



PREP COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello from the prep team,

What a start it has been. We are so impressed at how well the preps have settled in.

A few important reminders:

-we have meet and greet on the 1st of March. Students will finish at 12:25pm on this day. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know the classroom teacher and share information about your child.

- We are currently trying to teach your child independence. It is important that you have your child bring their school bag into the learning pod and set up for their day by themselves. We kindly encourage you to say goodbyes at the door for the day.

-We have handed out homework and reading books to students who have brought in their reading satchels. If you have not brought one of these in it is important that you bring one in. The teacher will check these every day and will put in important notes in the satchel. The books will be swapped over on your child's assigned homework day and the teacher will also write a comment in the reading journal on this day.

-school photos will be taking place on the 28th of February. If you wish to order photos please hand in the note that you received to either the classroom teacher or the office on photo day.

-At Tarneit Rise P.S we have sip and crunch in our classrooms. During this time students are allowed to eat cut up fruit and vegetables (that have already been cut and peeled) and drink their water. We encourage students to bring water to school and leave their fruit juices and flavoured milk at home.



Sugar snap peas and tomatoes.



A tub of frozen peas. Cherry tomatoes and mushrooms.



Melon balls.



Grapes and mango.



Kiwi fruit with spoon.



Spicy choice: radish, rocket and cucumber.

1/2 COMMUNITY NEWS

The Grade 1 Team has been very busy over the last few weeks. Students have settled well into their new classrooms and have been easing back into their academic routines. All Grade 1 students should now have received their yellow home reading journal for 2019 along with a selection of books to read at home. Students (or parents/carers) should record their reading in the journal every night and return it with their take home reading books on a designated day each week. If your Grade 1 child has not commenced home reading yet, or if you need more information about filling in the reading journal, please liaise with your child's classroom teacher – we are here to help!

In other news, last week the Grade 1 students participated in a fantastic Teddy Bears Picnic. The sun was out, the snacks were delicious and everyone had a great time singing songs and playing games together.



The Teddy Bears Picnic provided some rich seeds for writing, and the Grade 1s enjoyed recording their experiences in their newly-decorated Writer's Notebooks. We will continue to use these books throughout the year to collect special words, thoughts and memories for writing.

Finally, we are commencing our first Mathematics unit on Number and Place Value this week. Further information about this unit, including how parents can support their child's learning at home, will be made available shortly. In the meantime, please enjoy these recent photos of some of the Grade 1s using counters to represent their mathematical thinking. We love hands-on learning!

We do ask that parents wave goodbye at the start of each day, and not come into the pod/room. This is to develop your child's independence. At the end of the day please wait until the bell goes before entering the pod/room. We look forward to meeting with you all next Friday March 1st at the Meet and Greet. Students finish at 12:25pm on this day.



What an exciting start to the school year we have had! It has been great to see students independently walk into their classrooms and unpack their bags in the morning, eager to learn. This term in grade two, we will be learning how to write recounts. Please keep an eye out as we hope to be publishing some pieces around the school. In reading, we are focusing on building our independent readers and practising our reading stamina. In Numeracy, our focus over the next few weeks will be on place value. It would be great for you to work with your child on building their number fluency by practicing counting forwards and backwards from various starting points, skip counting by fives, tens, twos and threes, as well as recognising and reading numbers in your surrounding environment. Board games are also a great way to enhance your child's number knowledge.

We are excited to be having a visit from the Bravehearts Foundation next week. Bravehearts specialises in providing personal safety education programs for children to support, encourage and nurture a culture of child protection within organisations working with and providing support to young people.

Just a few friendly reminders,

- School photos are next Thursday the 28th of February.
- Our Meet and Greet interviews are on Friday the 1st of March. Please ensure that you book an interview with your child's teacher on Compass as time slots fill up quickly.

Lastly, teachers are currently completing assessments and getting to know your child as best as they can and as such are quite busy in the lead up to the meet and greet interviews. You will be able to discuss any matters relating to your child at the interviews. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the meet and greet interviews.

The Grade Two Team.

3 - 6 COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear 3-6 families,

Thank you so much for your support over the first few weeks. We have been busy in the classroom, conducting assessments and beginning our first units of work, Poetry and Place Value. We are very impressed with the way students are applying themselves towards their learning. We look forward to sharing what we are doing and the learning goals at our upcoming Meet and Greet. These will be held on Friday the 1st of March. Please book in your times through COMPASS. Children finish at 12:25pm on this day.

A big well done to the students who represented Tarneit Rise at the Wyndham District Swimming competition, these students have been training at the outdoor pool the last two Friday nights and represented us well on Monday the 18th of February. We are very proud of you all!

Lady Northcote camp for our 3/4 students will be the first week of term 2. This camp is highly recommended as it will be a wonderful learning experience for students and an opportunity for them to bond with their peers in a new setting. The cost of camp is \$205. The \$50 deposit is due now and can be paid at the office. We will be sending out more information regarding the camp shortly.

School photos are on the 28th of February. All students will be required to be in the formal school uniform on this day. We are also noticing a number of students currently out of uniform, especially wearing the incorrect school jumper. We encourage all students to take pride in their appearance and represent our school well by wearing the correct school uniform all of the times. If you have any questions regarding our school uniform please see the front office who will be able to provide you with the school uniform policy. Please note 'Hoodies' are not part of our uniform.

We are very excited about the upcoming learning that will be happening in the classroom! Please ensure that your child is at school, on time, every day so that they don't miss out on any opportunities!

Have a wonderful week!

The Grade 3 - 6 Team.

School photos

We are having our school photos on the 28th of February. You will receive your photo forms today. If you do not receive one there will be spare forms available at the office. Family envelopes are attached to the back of your individual photo form.

Students are required to wear:

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

Please send envelopes back on photo day.

Messages from the office

2019 School fees

2019 school fees are now due and are payable at the office by cash or card until 28th February. If you have a valid healthcare/pension card and have not yet filled in the CSEF application form this also must be completed ASAP in order to receive the camp, sports & excursion payment of \$125.00.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

COMPASS login

Every family should have received a login to Compass. To access the parent portal go to our website and click the Compass link on the homepage. Please see the office if you haven't received your details.

Student absence

If your child is absent an explanation must be provided to the school. There are a few options for providing this information;

☑ Call the school on **7002 6580** and press option 2 to leave a message. Clearly state your child's name, class and reason for absence.

☑ Email: tarneit.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Late arrivals

School starts at 8:45 am and at Tarneit Rise we believe Every Minute Counts. If your child arrives at school after 8:45 they must receive a late pass from the office. This will ensure their attendance is correctly entered.

Returning notes and permissions

☑ Notes that get sent home with your child via the classroom need to be returned by your child via the classroom. Teachers need to keep track of the notes being returned and this also builds independence and responsibility in your child. Therefore we will no longer be accepting notes at the office.

☑ Notes with money must be returned in an envelope or zip lock bag with your child's full name and class clearly written on the front. We do not keep cash in the office therefore no change can be provided so please always include the correct amount.

Hot Lunches

Please ensure your child always has their lunch and snacks provided in their bags before school. We cannot accept hot food or take-away meals at the office. If you would like your child to have hot food then please use a thermal container so it can stay warm until lunchtime. Please ensure you are packing spoons and forks if required for your child's food.

Sickbay

We highly recommend that all children have a spare pair for clothing kept in their bags in case of toileting accidents at school. We also suggest packing a pair of black tracksuit pants, socks and underwear.

We would like to remind families that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. We highly recommend that families have their own Ambulance coverage/insurance, and please ensure that we have up to date details at the front office in case of an emergency.

Lost Property

Near the entrance of each learning pod you will find a large grey laundry basket for lost property. Please ensure your child's items are clearly marked with their name so that they can be easily returned.

Also please check that your children are coming home with the correct items. If they bring home an item with someone else's name, please return it to the office.



International Woman's Day

Friday 08 March is *International Women's Day*, a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day is **#BalanceforBetter**. The campaign aims to increase awareness of gender balance and highlight the role everyone has to play- all the time, everywhere, to build a gender-balanced world.

To raise awareness and celebrate, we invite **all our Mums with daughters who attend Tarneit Rise Primary School** to an International Women's Day buffet breakfast of fruit, cereal, mini quiches, and croissants.

Date: Friday 08 March

Time: 7:30am-8:45am

Location: Gymnasium

Who can attend: Only Mothers and their daughters who attend Tarneit Rise Primary School. We kindly ask all younger children to remain with a caretaker at home.

What to wear: Internationally, purple is the colour for symbolising women, whilst historically, the combination of purple and green symbolises women's equality, with purple signifying justice and dignity, and green symbolising hope. **All children** are invited to wear purple and/ or green on this day if you would like! If not, your child will need to wear full school uniform.

For catering purposes, please indicate if you and your daughter/s will be attending by completing the slip below, and returning it to the school by Wednesday 06 March, 2019 via your (eldest) daughter's teacher, or by handing it in at the office.

The future is exciting! Let's together raise awareness and join the fight to build a gender- balanced world!

Kind regards,

School Events Co-ordinators ☺

ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BUFFET BREAKFAST

I _____ (Mother's name) will be attending the International Women's Day buffet breakfast on Friday 08 March, 2019 at 7:30am with my _____ (number) daughter/s who attend Tarneit Rise Primary School.

Signature: _____