



Tarneit Rise Primary School
Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came dressed in their PJs today and donated a gold coin. We are using these special days to raise funds for a **new playground**. This will cost us approximately \$50,000-\$60,000. I'd like to thank our fundraising team who are working so hard organising fundraising events that will go towards grounds/school improvement.

Over the past few weeks the leadership team has been attending a professional learning course. The course is designed to assist us in 'culture building' for our new school and managing change. We have come away feeling pretty good about our school, the work we do and the community input we have. **One of the responsibilities of leadership is to protect instruction time, so teachers can focus on their core work – teaching.** We know that every learning minute counts, and we know how much our children learn in each of these cumulative minutes. For this reason, **parents/carers are requested not to come into the leaning pods in the morning.** Children have been developing their independence by coming into the pods each morning (on their own) and getting organised for their learning. When parents/carers pop in for a 'quick' chat with the teachers, first thing in the morning, it takes up valuable learning time, for the whole grade. If there is something you really need the teacher to know, please tell the office staff so we may pass on the message for you without interrupting the learning time. Our morning sessions are when we teach mathematics and English and we don't want our children missing out on this valuable learning.

We have been receiving a lot of **enrolments for 2019** and our information session was very well attended last week. If you have another child starting at Tarneit Rise Primary School next year, or know anyone who does, please get all enrolment forms into the office as soon as possible so we can accurately plan for 2019.

Our teachers are working very hard completing summative assessments to support the report writing process. This includes after school meetings, so teachers can meet in their teams to talk about, and moderate, the assessments, ensuring accurate and detailed school reports. Teachers are meeting after school every Monday – Thursday. Your children will be receiving their very first Tarneit Rise Primary School reports in the last week of term two and parent teacher interviews are scheduled for the first week of term three, so **we ask that you save any queries and/or meeting requests for parent teacher interviews**, rather than meeting after school during this assessment and report writing period. Of course if there are urgent matters we will assist. Teacher workload during assessment and report writing time is greatly increased so we thank you for your support and understanding.

Today we were contacted by the Wyndham North Police who were following up a number of community complaints about **illegal car parking/unsafe driving/passenger safety/pedestrian safety** concerning our families. Please obey all parking signage, and remember as adults we are role models for our children. We do not want to be giving them the wrong messages about safety, or about the way we treat/speak to others. Please display kindness and consideration in all interactions with others. We have also been concerned when we see parents/carers holding their babies, rather than having them safely restrained in an appropriate car seat. Our children are so very precious, and we must ensure their safety at all times. The school council is currently writing letters to the Wyndham City Council requesting a 40km zone to be enforced around the school and for a great local laws presence. Concerned families may also put requests into the Wyndham City Council via their website.

Please remember that tomorrow is a Pupil Free Day (for report writing). **Children are NOT required at school tomorrow.** OSHC will be operating if you need child care.

Every Minute Counts

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**. A major concern for us is families booking extended holidays during the school term. **Please note family holidays will be recorded as 'unapproved'**. We understand that family time is precious, and so is school. Please book family holidays during the term breaks so your child has the best possible opportunities to increase their learning. **We have included the term holiday dates in this newsletter so you can pre-plan or book any family holidays during the school holidays.**

Classroom Helpers:

We are very lucky to have such engaged families here at TRPS who are always willing to assist us around the school and in the classrooms. We had such a great turn-out for our Term One **Classroom Helpers' Course**, we have decided to run another session for any families that missed out last time. This will be run at **12:30 pm on Friday 22nd June**. A note will be sent home on Monday. Please fill it in and return it by Friday 15th June if you are interested in attending.

For any family members who attended the Term One Classroom Helpers' Course, please don't forget to complete your **Volunteer Working with Children Check** and link your card to the school, so that you can come in and help. Thank you to those of you that have already done so and are helping out around the school in so many ways. For those people that are helping around in the school, we look forward to seeing you at our **Thank you Lunch on Wednesday 20th June**.

Whilst today's newsletter is being distributed as a hard copy, all other newsletters and notices for excursions, events and reminders are being distributed via Compass. **Please ensure you log in to Compass so you can keep up to date and not miss out on important information.**

Thank you,

Nadia and Sarah

Prep Community News

Hello parents and families!

What a busy time it has been in grade prep. The teachers have been completing their final assessments and are now beginning to write student reports. All prep teachers are amazed at not only the student growth since starting prep, but are so impressed by the effort of all students to work independently during assessment time!

In reading, students are currently still practicing their learned MSL strategies such as segmenting and blending, and are also learning to retell stories. It would be great to also practice retelling stories at home with the books from the take home reading program and/or stories you read together at bedtime. We greatly encourage rich discussions about what has happened in read texts and encourage a lot of questions to be asked after reading to ensure students are understanding what they have read.

In writing, once again students are still practicing their learned MSL strategies such as matching sounds to letters and finger spelling CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. Keeping up the practice is essential for helping our students to write more than one sentence which is a goal we are all working towards achieving. We will soon be focusing on writing the genre of recounts. We encourage all families to have discussions with their child about events that have happened/things they have done ensuring they are recounting what took place in order. A great topic would be asking what happened at school every day!

In mathematics, students have just completed the unit on statistics and measurement. Students are now focusing on patterns. They have been working hard to name, copy and continue patterns.

To celebrate all of our preps hard work over the last few weeks, as well as raising money for a new playground, today the grade preps celebrated *Pyjama Day*. All students looked great in their pyjamas! The students were able to participate in listening to stories, relaxation and mindfulness activities, dancing and even had milo! YUM! Next week we also have another exciting event. We are going to Werribee Zoo on Friday the 8th of June. Just a reminder to all parents, if you have not provided consent for the excursion, that you can do so via Compass. Furthermore, if you are a parent with a valid Working with Children Check and would like to volunteer, please pop into the office to let them know you are available. We can't wait to go to the zoo!

A final reminder that as we are approaching reports, the grade prep teachers are extremely busy! There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and learning at our parent teacher interviews in beginning of Term 3, however a friendly reminder that teachers will be unable to meet for such discussions (unless it is urgent and well-being related) before and after school. We appreciate your acknowledgement and co-operation in this.

Thanks,

The Prep Team ☺

1/2 Community News

What a busy few weeks for the 1/2s!

In mathematics, we have begun our unit on addition and subtraction. We have been busy learning new strategies for solving addition problems. We have learnt how to use the efficient strategies such as friends of ten, near doubles and make to ten. In subtraction, we are beginning to learn how to count back and count up and decide on the most efficient strategy.

In writing, the 1/2s have started learning about information texts. We have been learning all about the features and starting to gather facts to start writing our amazing information report.

In reading, we have been focusing on the features of a nonfiction text, and have been closely linking our learning to writing. Students have been having the opportunity to read a variety of different non-fiction texts within the sessions.

Thanks for your ongoing support,

The 1/2 Team

A Message from the office.....

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.
- On Compass. Log in and select "Attendance Note/Approval" and enter the relevant information.
- Email: tarneit.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.

Sickbay

Can we ask that all children have a spare pair for clothing kept in their bags in case of toileting accidents at school. We would suggest a pair of black tracksuit pants, socks and underwear.

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.

Staff Profile



Mrs Ostyn – Art Teacher

What is your favourite colour?

Any kind of blue, with midnight blue and cornflower blue being my 2 favourite shades.

What is your favourite season of the year and why?

Spring - the flowers start to blossom and everything seems bright and fresh

What is your favourite number and why?

5 - because we have 5 fingers on each hand and our hands are amazing tools.

What is your favourite book and why?

Too many to choose just one! But a few of my favourites areThe day the Crayons quit by Draw Daywalt, Possum Magic by Mem Fox, Piranha's don't eat bananas by Aaron Blabey and In my Heart by Jo Witek.

What is your favourite food?

Scones fresh from the oven served with Jam and cream

What do you love about your job?

I love that I get to spend time with every single student in the school each week, sharing the passion, magic and freedom of art. I love that the students inspire me as much as I hope to inspire them and I love hearing 'Wow, Mrs Ostyn, look what I made!' whilst watching a student try something new. I am one very lucky ART Teacher and love being creative with the Tarneit Rise kids!



Ms Glover – Prep I

What is your favourite colour?

Yellow

What is your favourite season of the year and why?

My favourite season is Autumn. I love seeing all of the different colours on the leaves as they crunch under your feet. It is also when the weather becomes cooler and I love to rug up under my doona, without being too cold or too hot.

What is your favourite number and why?

247. I love the numbers 2, 4 and 7 but I can't pick so I put them together to make 247.

What is your favourite book and why?

Girl on the Train because I love a mystery!

What is your favourite food?

Anything with potatoes. Mashed, roast, scalloped... I love them all!

What do you love about your job?

I love the school community! Everyone is so supportive and friendly!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 31 st May	Subway Lunch
Thursday 31 st May	Pyjama Day
Friday 1st June	Pupil free day
Wednesday 6 th June	Wacky Wednesday–Milo 50cents
Friday 8 th June	Prep excursion Werribee Zoo
Monday 11 th June	Queen's Birthday (Public holiday – no school)
Wednesday 13 th June	Wacky Wednesday –Popcorn 50cents
Wednesday 20 th June	Thank you luncheon
Wednesday 20 th June	Wacky Wednesday–Milo 50cents
Friday 22 nd June	1/2 Excursion – Werribee Mansion
Friday 22 nd June	Parent helper course 12.30-3pm
Wednesday 27 th June	Bastille celebration day
Wednesday 27 th June	Wacky Wednesday –Popcorn 50cents
Friday 29 th June	Last Day of term 2 (2.30pm finish)

Term dates 2018 & 2019

2018

Term 1: 29 January (school teachers start) to 29 March (Thursday) *

Term 2: 16 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

2019

Term 1: 29 January (school teachers start) to 5 April *

Term 2: 23 April to 28 June

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

The Music Bus – Open Day

Tarneit Primary School is proposing to bring an exciting new music program to school – *The Music Bus!*

Offering weekly lessons in keyboard, guitar, ukulele, singing, drums and rock band, The Music Bus program provides the teacher and the instruments, all inside a high-tech, mobile music classroom (the bus!),



To give both parents and students a better idea of what's involved, we're holding an Open Day at school. Here you'll have the chance to visit the bus, meet the teacher and ask any questions you might have along the way. All students will also be invited to take part in a short, interactive session on the bus throughout the school day.

At the end of the activities, students will be given an Expression of Interest form, which you will need to returned to school **within 7 days**. From there if there we can start booking lessons with The Music Bus!

Mark Your Diaries – Next Friday June 8

1. Parent Info Sessions - 8:30am and 3:00pm

Parents can visit the bus, meet the teachers and ask questions if they wish.

2. Student Tours - All Day

All students will take part in a short interactive session on the bus throughout the day.

To find out more, visit www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742.



JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAM - Featuring Imax & Museum

5 WEEK COUNTDOWN - BOOKINGS CLOSE SOON

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Don't let your child miss out on our 10 HOT EVENT DAYS this July.

Your child will love our excursion to **Imax and the Museum!**

It will be Panda-monium when children see the 3D film about Chen Chen. It will feel like they are actually in the jungle with the Panda's. Join the adventure as Chen Chen is released back into the wild to save the species. Plus children will experience the wonder of Melbourne Museum. Walk in a mountain forest or walk amongst pre-historic dinosaurs. Visit the bugs alive display (with real tarantulas) or learn more about the history of Melbourne (the world's most liveable city)!

Please call your centre below for more details. We can't wait to see your child again!

BOOK  **TODAY**

BEFORE CARE | AFTER CARE | HOLIDAY CARE