PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE: The position of Student Council is highly sought after at Takari Primary School. This was shown in the large number of students nominating this year. In total, twenty Yr 6 students nominated and gave election speeches at a special community assembly last week. This represented 90% of the Yr 6 student population. All twenty students presented strong and compelling cases for why they should be in this year’s Student Council.

The Yr 5, Yr 6 students and Staff voted for the six positions on this year’s Student Council. The voting was very tight, and I would like to congratulate all the nominees for nominating and putting an enormous amount of time and effort into their speeches. All the staff and parents who heard the speeches were high in their praise for all the students. It augers well for Takari when there are so many students so eager to take on leadership roles within the school.

The 2016 Student Councillors are:

Lilly Hill  Kartia Paolino  Aksah Mathew  Seth Betti  Ritesh Dindyal  Dante McGee

Head Boy and Head Girl will be announced when badges are presented at the Clean Up School assembly in week five.

FACTION CAPTAINS: This year, Faction Captains for all sporting events will be chosen on merit. Yr 6 students who demonstrate good ability, attitude, sportsmanship and leadership will be chosen to captain their factions in the individual sports and carnival. Students will have the opportunity to captain their faction in the Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals. Team captains will be chosen for the Winter Carnival sports.

NO INTERNET ACCESS IN WEEK FOUR: From Monday 22 February, the school will be swapping over to a new operating system in week four (next week) and will not have internet access for the entire week. Parents are advised they will not be able to communicate with the school via email. Please use the telephone if you need to communicate with the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: The School Council representatives are:

Staff: David Tennant, Amy Carpenter, Kim Williams and Liz Hill
Parents: Katja Sterbuc, Cat McGee and Brad Butler

We still require two more parent representatives

The School Council meets after school on a Tuesday, twice per term. Please see Mr Tennant or one of the current School Council parent representatives if you are interested in joining the School Council.

HOT WEATHER POLICY: The school has a ‘wet weather policy’ for days when it is too wet for students to play outside at recess and lunch times. Because of the extreme heat last week, the school implemented a ‘hot weather policy’. Rather than brave the 40 degree heat, students were given a choice of four square in the undercover area, reading and drawing in the Library, or watching the movie Matilda in the LOTE room. Let’s hope that is the end of the severe weather.

PARKING: Parking is an ongoing issue and continues to cause concern with parents and staff, and was discussed at length at Monday’s P&C meetings. There have been a number of incidents where children have been put at considerable risk. The following should be observed for everyone’s safety.

Staff Car Parks  Parents are not permitted to enter the staff car parks to drop off or collect children.

Kiss and Drive  There are four parking bays directly in front of the school that are designated as Kiss and Drive bays. They have a time limit of 2 minutes. Please do not park in these bays.

Double Parking  Double parking to drop off or collect children is a very dangerous practice.

Verge Parking  Please read the parking signs carefully. Traffic Wardens from the City of Stirling regularly patrol the area and you will be fined if you do not obey the parking signs. You have been warned.

Can’t find a parking spot?  Park in one of the two car parks directly across from the school on Jones Street. There are always plenty of spots available and you also have access to the school’s Crossing Warden.

Please help us to keep our children safe.
AWARD FOR MR CORICA: Mr Corica, the school’s amazing gardener, was recently nominated for a Mount Lawley Rotary Club Pride of Workmanship Award. Mr Corica’s nomination was successful and he was presented with his award at a special presentation ceremony last week. This award is well deserved recognition of Mr Corica’s outstanding work at Takari. Congratulations!

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS: Parents are requested not to bring dogs onto school grounds when students are present - this includes drop off and pick up times. This request is made for the safety and well being of all children on the school site. It is difficult to police dogs on the school site after hours. If you do bring your dog onto the school grounds after hours, please do not let them into the Kindergarten and Pre Primary enclosure and ensure you pick up and take any mess with you. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRE-PRIMARY ON-ENTRY ASSESSMENT: During weeks 3 – 6 of Term 1 all Pre-Primary students will be participating in the Department of Education’s state-wide On-entry Assessment Program. The main purpose of the program is to provide teachers with an opportunity, early in the year, to collect information on the essential literacy and numeracy skills and understandings of each child in the Pre-Primary class. This will assist the Pre-Primary teacher to develop informed and intentional teaching for play-based programs, designed to foster each child’s learning, reflective of individual needs.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM: The after school sports program for this term is Tee Ball. The program is run by "Sporting Kids." This program will run on Tuesdays (PP to Yr 3) and Thursdays (Yr 4 to Yr 6). The program commenced yesterday. Notes went out last week. Extra notes are available from the front office. The program costs just $35 for the term for each participant. This is a reduced price as the school has received funding from “Sporting Schools”, a government body that assists these types of initiatives.

STIRLING JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLINICS: Stirling Junior Football Club is conducting free clinics on the school oval for any student from PP to Yr 6. The clinics are on Wednesday 24 February and Wednesday 2 March from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. Just turn up if interested.

SCHOOL BANDS: The school bands will rehearse before school this year.
Year 5 Band (new) will rehearse Wednesday mornings 8.00am to 8.45am.
Year 6 Band (returning students) will rehearse Monday mornings 8.00am to 8.45am.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL: The Yr 4 to Yr 6 swimming carnival will be held in week five, Friday 4 March. More information will be distributed soon. We desperately require the services of anyone with a swim qualification (Bronze Medallion or similar) and someone with an F class license who could assist in driving a coaster bus. Please see Mr Patterson or Mr Tennant if you can assist.

STUDENT UPDATE INFORMATION: We have been reviewing student information, in particular student health and media consent. We require some updated information and relevant forms have been sent home recently. It is imperative that the information we have regarding your children is as accurate as possible. Please take the time to check the details, make any necessary corrections and return the forms to the school office by Friday 26 February.

P&C Meet and Greet

The P&C invites all Takari families to its annual Meet and Greet fun afternoon on Friday 26 February.

The fun starts at 4.30am. Bring along a picnic dinner. Enjoy a free sausage sizzle and amusements for the children.

CANTEEN SELLING DRINKS & ICECREAMS

Don’t miss out - this is going to be LEGENDARY!
Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Monday night and we would like to thank everyone who attended and congratulate those who were elected to a position or onto a committee. We have 15 members this year and it was lovely to see some new faces come along too!

- **President:** Katja Sterbuc
- **Vice President:** Chelsie Crutchley
- **Secretary:** Misty Coulter-Uepa
- **Treasurer:** Cat McGee
- **Canteen:** Katja Sterbuc, Chelsie Crutchley, Misty Coulter-Uepa, Tracey Farrow, Cat McGee
- **Uniforms:** Katja Sterbuc, Chelsie Crutchley, Wendy Lewis, Cat McGee
- **Safety House:** Chelsie Crutchley, Leanne Patrick, Wendy Lewis
- **School Banking:** Trisha Burgess
- **Fundraising:** Cat McGee, Leanne Patrick, Katja Sterbuc, Chelsie Crutchley, Misty Coulter-Uepa, Trisha Burgess, Karena Taylor, Jacqui Rooney, Wendy Lewis, Kyli Boyle, Siti Zachariah, Tracey Farrow

2016 is set to be a great year! We are looking forward to seeing you all at the **Meet and Greet on Friday 26 February**.

**Bulb Fundraiser**

Bring some colour to your Home and to Takari! Our first fundraiser of the year is a beautiful one! You can make your garden look pretty this spring as well as fundraise for the school by purchasing some of these bulbs. Who would have thought! Watch out for your order form with this newsletter.

**Orders need to be placed:** no later than Wed 9th March. **Delivery will be week 9** of school just in time for planting before spring, so you can have some beautiful colour at your home this year!

**Community bulb planting at Takari**

You may want to donate some colour to the school to pretty up the grounds? If you do, you and/or your child can take part in the **BULB PLANTING DAY AT TAKARI** with Mr Corica! This is scheduled for **Thursday 7 April at 1pm**.

You can be part of adding some colour to the school grounds and then once you are back from holidays you will see a whole lot of colour in the garden! If you are keen to be part of the bulb planting day, **Takari would love donations of number 1, 4, 5 and 12** on the catalogue (these are 1.Freesias, 4.Grape Hyacinths, 5.Anemones mixed colour and 12.Sparaxis). Thank you in advance for helping to fundraise for Takari! **Please place all orders (including money) in the P&C box in front office by Wednesday 9 March!**

**Bunnings Balcatta Sausage Sizzle – Sunday 13 March**

Calling all volunteers! We will be running the sausage sizzle at Balcatta Bunnings on Sunday 13 March. If you are available to help on Sunday 13 March, please contact us at takaripc@gmail.com or call Cat McGee on 0419949532. We will need volunteers throughout the day (7am until 4pm), so if you have a preferred time to help, please let us know.

**Uniform Shop**

We are open on Thursday mornings from 8.30am – 9am. Alternatively, order forms are available from the front office which can be completed and placed into the P&C Box in the front office, and we will deliver the items ordered to your child to bring home.

**Your P&C** takaripc@gmail.com

Join us on our secret facebook page by requesting Takari PS as a friend to keep up-to-date with all things Takari!
Help keep our school safe and secure
If you see or hear suspicious behaviour immediately contact School Watch Security or the Police. Thank you for your support.

## 2016 Term Planner

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## Community Notices

**Free to a good home**

There is a large organ in the music room that was originally donated to the school, which is no longer in use. It does work, but not perfectly. We would like to see it donated to a family who would get good use from it. Please forward your interest to the front office.

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**TAKARI PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are coming to your school for your free AFL skills clinics..............

Please join us on

Wed 24th Feb and Wed 2nd Mar 2016 from

3.30pm to 4.15pm

Please bring your hat, sunscreen, a friend and your sense of sporty fun!!!!!

Proudly supported by:

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**CARINE NETBALL CLUB**

Welcome to the beginning of the 2016 Winter Season. Online registrations are open until Fri 12 Feb 2016.

Registration day: Sun 14 February 2016, 3.00 - 6.00pm at Kingsway Sporting Complex.

Please ensure you have registered and paid online prior to attending registration day!


Flyers available in the office.