PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE: Parking is an issue at most schools, and Takari is no exception. I have been out the front of the school in the afternoons for the past two weeks and observed parking behaviours that are putting the students (your children) at considerable risk. There have been a number of near accidents that I’ve witnessed, so there must be many more I don’t see. Parents are using the kiss and drive bays for long term parking, double parking in the middle of the road, pulling into bays facing the wrong way, using the staff car park, parking on the footpath ... and list could go on. It doesn’t help when students waiting for their parents mill around on the footpath running around and, on one occasion, playing a game of soccer where the ball was continually kicked onto the road. This is an accident waiting to happen.

It doesn’t have to be this way at Takari. We are a small school and have ample parking areas within safe walking distance. If car parks around the school are full, parents are encouraged to use the car parks on the west side of Jones Street and have children use the crosswalk warden to assist them crossing. These car parks are never full.

The four kiss and drive bays are not being used correctly. One of the problems is that the bays are located so that students waiting to be picked up must wait on the footpath.

Parking and student safety was discussed at yesterday’s School Council meeting and it was determined that the school develop a comprehensive Parking policy and a Before and After School policy. These policies will not be ready until next year, but we can take immediate steps to ensure safety. All students waiting to be picked up at the front of the school are being asked to wait within the school boundary on the south wall of the Library. Bench seating is being constructed so students have a place to sit (under shelter) and the school has put in a request with the City of Stirling to move the four kiss and drive bays to the east, directly opposite the Library. If the bays can be moved and the kiss and drive bays used correctly, students will be able to wait for their parents in safety.

The new policies and changes to the kiss and drive bays may take a while, but there are still things parents can do in the meantime. Please use the car parks on the west side of Jones Street if required, use the traffic warden to cross the road, do not use the staff car park or driveway, do not double park or park across footpaths and always be mindful that there are children around. Thank you for your assistance in making our school safe for everyone.

David Tennant

YEARBOOK: This year, the Yearbook is bigger and better than ever. With 80 colourful pages and a student designed front cover, this year’s book is fantastic! Pre-order and pay for your 2016 Takari PS Yearbook now! Anyone who pre-orders and pays for their Yearbook before 30 November 2016, will get a discounted price of $15.00 per book. Any books sold after 30 November 2016, will cost $20.00. Notes have gone home about how to order your Yearbook. If you have lost your note, please come and see the office ladies for another one. Yearbooks can also be paid for via direct deposit to the school’s bank account.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW: Selected Year Six students will be presenting tomorrow’s assembly and have organised for the Kindergarten students to perform three Christmas songs. Make sure you don’t miss out on the entertainment. The assembly starts at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, CHARGES AND BOOKLIST: Accompanying this newsletter is the Voluntary contributions, charges and booklist for next year. You can see we have changed the way the voluntary contributions are collected. Pay before the end of term 1 2017 and get a $10 rebate from further school charges.

ORIENTATION: Year 6’s are at Balcatta Senior High School on Thursday 24 November and the Kindergarten orientation will be held next week on November 29.
Next year the Year 4 to 6 swimming lessons will be conducted in weeks 3 and 4 of Term 1. Notes with exact costing will go home during week 1 of next year. The cost will be $65.00, which includes admission to the pool and bus hire for ten days. Students must attend the swimming lessons to participate in the faction swimming carnival, which will be held the week after lessons finish. The Department covers all other associated costs. The Pre-Primary to Year 3 swimming lessons will be held at the end of Term 3, 2017.

BOARDIES DAY: Friday 2 December 2016, is Boardies Day to raise money for Surf lifesaving. We want to say thank you to the thousands of volunteer surf lifesavers who spend each summer protecting us at beaches. The concept of Boardies Day is simple. Wear board shorts or beach attire, with appropriate school shoes. All you have to do is bring in a gold coin donation, which will be collected by the Student Council in the morning. (NO BIKINIS OR SINGLETs)

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN ENTERING YEAR 7 IN 2018: Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs provide challenging and highly motivating learning opportunities for children with exceptional academic skills and creative talent. These Academic, Arts and Languages programs are taught by teachers with expert skills and knowledge. Programs are available at 18 selected public secondary schools, including Takari’s local feeder high school, Balcatta SHS.

Balcatta SHS is holding a Gifted and Talented information session on Thursday 2 February 2017. A note regarding this information session has been distributed to all current Yr 5 students. If you can’t wait until next year to find out more about the Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs, visit the DoE website www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented

ATTENDANCE: If your child is absent please contact the school to advise, or provide an explanation note on their return. Thank you to all the parents who have completed and returned the attendance letters from last fortnight. Unexplained absence letters have been distributed with this newsletter. Please complete and return.

NOT RETURNING TO TAKARI NEXT YEAR?: The school is well into planning the classes and staffing for next year. It is important the school has accurate information. Could parents please contact and inform the school if their children will not be returning to Takari next year. Thank you for your assistance.

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA: The invitations to the Parent Helper morning tea have been distributed with this newsletter. We hold this event every year to thank all the individuals who have helped this year, whether it be in the classroom, at a sports event, or any other way which they have assisted the school and therefore the children. We would appreciate it if you could RSVP by Thursday 1 December, so we can prepare the feast!
The Canteen Committee is currently looking for a new Canteen Manager for 2017. We would like to know if any member of the Takari community would be interested in filling the role. If you are interested and would like further information on working hours and rate of pay, please contact us by email at takaripc@gmail.com by Friday 25th November.

**PLEASE NOTE**

*If the position of a Canteen Manager is not filled, the canteen will be unable to operate in 2017.*

**Christmas Raffle**

We will be running a Christmas Raffle again this year, which will be drawn at the End of Year Concert on Thursday 8th December. The P&C would appreciate donations to make up Christmas baskets.

Along with this newsletter, each family will receive a note with 10 raffle tickets attached to it for purchase. *If you would like to be in the draw, please return your ticket butts with your name and phone number on each of them, along with your payment to the P&C box by Wednesday 7th December 2016.* The cost is $1 per ticket.

We would also appreciate donations to make up Christmas baskets as prizes. Items for children (toys, fun stationery, sports equipment etc), for yourself (chocolate, wine etc), or for the kitchen, BBQ, garden or car would all be great! Donations can be dropped off to the canteen on Fridays, or alternatively to the front office.

Your support and help is greatly appreciated!

*Takari School Banking will be going strong til last Tue of term!*

We will continue banking til the last Tuesday of school 13th Dec, so you can keep collecting tokens right until the end of the year! Please hold on to your tokens til next year and you will be that little bit closer to ordering in first term next year! Next year we will have all new prizes! Can't wait.

If you are interested in helping out next year with school banking please let me know. I am flexible with days, it does not have to be a Tuesday. Just so you all know I do not work for the bank and I can teach you the ropes, no experience necessary. It is great to spend time with the kids every week and they really love getting the rewards every 10 bankings. It is like being Santa every week! Hope you want to come and give it a go next year.

*School Banking Co-Ordinator*

Trisha Burgess

*Uniform Shop*

Would you like to beat the 2017 rush and get organised for next year? The uniform shop is open every Thursday morning from 8.30am to 9am, so come and see us in the undercover area near the canteen. Please note that the uniform shop operates on a cash only basis.

*Your P&C*

takaripc@gmail.com

**AFTER SCHOOL GOLF:** As a culmination to the golf lessons taught this term, Year 5 and 6 students are invited to attend an after school session at Marangaroo Golf Club, where students would be able use the club facilities, under the direction of coaches from Marangaroo. This opportunity would be fully funded by Sporting Schools. Parents would need to transport their students to and from Marangaroo Golf Club or make arrangements to car pool. The after school session is next Wednesday November 30 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. As there is extra capacity, Year 4 students who would like to try golf are also welcome to attend.

**GYMNASTICS:** Students from Years 1 to 4 will be travelling to Northern Districts Gymnastics Club for a special one hour lesson either tomorrow Thursday November 24 or Tuesday November 29. All students involved have received a separate note giving full details.

**NOTES FROM SCHOOL:**

Are you missing notes from school? Would you like the newsletter in colour? Would you like them directly emailed to you? To ensure you receive all notes from school and /or the newsletter, please drop into the admin office or email us on Takari.PS@education.wa.edu.au, providing us with your preferred email address.
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.
School Watch Security : 1800 177 777

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Community Notices
Charity Clothing Drop-off Day
Having a winter wardrobe clear out, getting ready for Christmas or have old clothes you want to move on? Donate them to a good cause at the City’s Charity Clothing Drop-off Day to support local charities.

Date: Saturday 3 December
Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm
Venue: City of Stirling Administration Centre
25 Cedric Street, Stirling

Complete Youth Cricket Development
Join us on January 9th till the 12th, 9.00am to 1.00pm each day
For 4 days of cricket fun.
Western Warriors players will visit the camp.
Cost $120 – Earlybird offer before Jan 1st (save 10%)
Call David Virgo M: 0439 091 418 or email info@cycd.com.au