PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE: Yesterday, staff prepared a special morning tea to acknowledge and thank all the wonderful parents who have supported the school throughout the year. In total, over 70 invitations were sent out, which is a lot for a school the size of Takari. This is a good indication of a very healthy school community. Takari PS certainly wouldn’t be as successful or operate as smoothly without this support. If you weren’t able to make yesterday’s morning tea, thank you very much for your support this year.

There is only a week and a half to go, and everyone is busy preparing for the all important End of Year Concert and Graduation Ceremony. I hope as many parents as possible can get to these events.

And finally, I wish all the graduating students all the very best next year in high school and in their future lives. This is an exciting time for these students and I hope they all take great memories of Takari with them.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas break and I’ll see everyone back next year.

David Tennant

STAFF NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR: The Takari PS student population is in decline and next year we will only have enough students to offer a six and a half class structure (we currently operate seven and a half classes). With the decline in numbers, we also lose some staff who are on fixed term contracts. Following is a list of staff who will not be returning to Takari next year. Who knows, if numbers pick up again, we might see them back.

Natasha Malinovic: Ms Malinovic took over from Mrs O’Mara as Music Specialist half way through the year. Ms Malinovic has been responsible for coordinating student performances, including yesterday’s Parent Help Morning Tea and the WAGSMS concert at the Burswood Theatre. We hope to see Ms Malinovic back at Takari some day.

Elise Dumont: Miss Dumont was our very capable Kindergarten teacher this year. The students and parents have really appreciated Miss Dumont’s kind and caring nature. The Kindergarten students are now more than ready to take on the challenges of Pre-Primary next year. Miss Dumont recently announced she is expecting her second child in May next year. The school wishes her all the best next year.

Mel Hoff: Miss Hoff has been teaching in the middle primary at Takari since early in 2014. In that time, she has proven herself to be a very competent teacher and has formed strong relationships within the school community. The staff, students and parents will miss Miss Hoff’s bubbly personality and wish her well in the future.

Anne Trigg: Mrs Trigg is retiring after 44 years’ service to the Department of Education, the last 13 as Music Specialist at Takari. Mrs Trigg has been responsible for overseeing Takari’s very successful Music programs, including performances at assemblies and special events, WAGSMS concerts at the Burswood and the School Bands. The school community thanks Mrs Trigg for her significant contribution to Takari. We wish her all the best in retirement.

2017 CLASS AND TEACHER ALLOCATIONS: The school is still working through class and teacher allocations for next year. The difficulty we are having is trying to fit the six year groups (Yr 1 to 6) into just five classes. This means there will need to be a number of composite classes. At present, we are looking at the following class structure:

- K (one group)
- PP
- Yr 1/2
- Yr 2/3
- Yr 3/4
- Yr 4/5
- Yr 5/6

Some of the composite classes only have a small number of one year group (eg there are five Yr 2 students in the Yr 1/2 class). This is not ideal, but is unfortunately unavoidable. Staff have developed classes in the best interest of students. Parents of students who are in the minority of a composite class have been contacted and invited to meet with Mr Tennant and staff to discuss reasons their child was placed in a particular class. Final class lists and teacher allocations will be available next Year, Monday 30 January.

YEARBOOK: Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered their 2016 Year Book. If you have not already collected your Year Book, please do so as soon as possible from the office. A parent must sign for the year book to prevent any losses. We will be selling the Year Books at the end of year concert.

BOARDIES DAY: Friday 2 December was Boardies Day to raise money for Surf Lifesaving. We want to say thank you to the children who dressed in their beach finery, and the whole school community for raising $185 to this worthy cause!

End Of Year Concert

The End Of Year Concert is tomorrow!

Snacks and drinks will be sold at 5.00pm and the concert starts at 5.30pm SHARP.

There will be music, dancing, awards and the Christmas raffle will be drawn! Please join us in the lower undercover area, for our final performance of 2016.
Honour Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received Honour Certificates at the last assembly:

- **Golden Ticket Winner**:
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- More congratulations to the following people who were presented with their certificates for earning over 20 golden tickets:
  - Thomas M,
  - Jada W,
  - Angelina R,
  - Jasha R,
  - Walid B,
  - Denis H,
  - Ruby H,
  - Panda M,
  - Noah U,
  - Georgia K,
  - Laila B,
  - Ashton S,
  - Ryley A,
  - Carmen D,
  - Amy K,
  - Kaitlyn L,
  - Nicholas S,
  - Denis H,
  - Sune N,
  - Jasha R,
  - Zahra M,
  - Hayley G,
  - Sune N,
  - Georgia K,
  - Jazmin R,
  - Louis T,
  - Lucy T,
  - Jasha R,
  - Ashtyn A,
  - Carmen D,
  - Alexys H,
  - Zachary S.

- And to Mia H and Boni H for earning 50 golden tickets!

**2017 Year 4 to 6 Swimming Lessons:**
Next year, the Year 4 to 6 swimming lessons will be conducted in weeks 3 and 4 of Term 1. Notes with full details 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. The Department covers all other associated costs. Students must attend the swimming lessons to participate in the faction swimming carnival, which will be held the week after lessons finish.

The Pre-Primary to Year 3 swimming lessons will be held at the end of Term 3, 2017.

**Takari School Banking will be Going Strong Until Last Tuesday of Term!**

I would love to congratulate the following people who were presented certificates at assembly on Thursday 24 Nov 2016. Well done to Shyanne P, Jacob P, Sibel H, Denis H, Ayden H and Amid H who all have banked 10 times this year and received a Bronze certificate. Also to the very consistent bankers who have banked 20 times and over and received a Silver certificate Hayley G, Momoko P, Joel P, Maja H, Mia H, Olive P, Charli P, David R, Katerina R and Angelina R.

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 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
GYMNASTICS EXCURSION: Over the last two weeks, students from Years 1 to 4 attended an excursion to Northern District Gymnastics Club. They were able to use lots of different gymnastic equipment and try quite a few varied activities. The feedback was very positive with lots of students asking when they could go back. All students who attended received a free “Come and Try” voucher for an additional free lesson. Mr Patterson has a few spare vouchers for anyone who missed out or who lost their voucher. Gymnastics Australia has also supplied the children with a gymnastic ribbon and postcard, which has been distributed this week. Thanks to parents who attended and assisted students.

GOLF EXCURSION: Last Wednesday, 22 students from Years 4 to 6 attended an after school golf session at Marangaroo Golf Club. Student were able to practise chipping and putting before testing their skills on the golf course. Each student received a golf ball and a large tee. A number of students showed plenty of potential. Funding for this event was provided through Sporting Schools. Thanks to all parents who transported students to the event.

GOING FOR GOLD: Congratulations to our Going for Gold, gold winners,

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Certificates will be distributed with the reports, next week

Student Council: The year that was!

This year, Student Council was amazing! There were a lot of opportunities to help the school and build our leadership skills. After being elected, six awesome student leaders had the opportunity to participate in the GRIP leadership day. At the leadership day, we learnt to make our school a safer environment by saying “Bye Bye” to bullying. We ran a poster competition about Bye Bye Bullying and the winners were displayed in the office. We also presented plays at assemblies about bullying and what to do when you are being bullied. We visited classes and ran an awareness campaign.

In Term 2, the Stirling Community Men’s Shed delivered our new Buddy Bench. We were really thrilled to introduce the Buddy Bench program to Takari, by presenting six plays to show how to use the bench correctly. The Buddy Bench has been very successful; we now have two of them.

We had lots of success fundraising for SIDS for kids, Surf Lifesaving WA and Year 6 Camp. We hosted lots of assemblies throughout the year, including the ANZAC Day Ceremony. We developed our confidence every time we presented.

This year, we introduced golden ticket awards at assemblies. The students earned the golden tickets by showing the five You Can Do It values in and out of class. We were very impressed with how the students behaved and how many golden tickets were earned by students, especially in Year 5.

Being on the Student Council was a great experience and we are proud of our school. We hope that the Student Councillors in 2017 do a good job, and we wish them the best of luck.

Thank you
Lilly, Ritesh, Kartia, Dante, Aksah and Seth
Student Council 2016

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 before the end of term.

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

KIDS NATURE CLUB

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 1 January (save 10%) Call David Virgo M: 0439 091 418 or email info@cycd.com.au

The Westminster Dental Therapy Centre will be closed for the holidays from 16 Dec - 1 Feb. If you have an emergency during this time please contact: Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre on 93130555 or the Oral Health Centre of WA on 93464400 (if you are eligible).

Summer Arts and Sustainability Day Camps for kids and School Holiday Circus Classes.

Various dates in January. For more information and bookings, which are essential, visit: www.cirquest.com.au

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A reminder to all the Year 6 Students going to High School. You are still eligible for free dental treatment with the Dental Service until the end of Year 11.

Please contact us if you have a change of address as all the appointments are now sent to your home address.

Westminster Dental Therapy Centre 93453331 WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

Nearer to Nature Community is running school holiday activities, bookings are essential.

Contact Nearer to Nature on (08) 9295 2244 (9am to 4pm Mon to Fri).
For full activity timetable go to nearertonature.dpaw.wa.gov.au
An important message from your Canteen Committee

We are sad to inform you that we have not been successful in finding a new Canteen Manager to take on the role in 2017.

This means that the canteen will not re-open when school goes back in February 2017.

We hope someone will step forward to take on the position in the near future, but in the meantime, this Friday is the last day of operation for the year and for the time being.

We would like to thank the school community for their support by way of the number of lunches that have been ordered during the years. Thank you to the volunteers who came and helped us during the term and on special occasions.

We would especially like to thank Katja Sterbucl, Misty Coulter-Uepa, Chelsie Crutchley and Caterina McGee, who enabled this canteen to remain open until the end of the year. Your help and willingness to come in at any given time have been remarkable and truly appreciated.

Thank you – The Canteen Committee

Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Concert is on this Thursday. Our lovely Canteen Ladies will be selling treats from the canteen from 5.00pm to 5.30pm. Please note we will not be serving dinner or hot food! Only cupcakes, slices, ice-creams and drinks will be sold. If you would like to donate some baked goods to be sold on the night, please let us know and you can either drop them off to the canteen at drop off or pick up on the day.

Our Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the night, so please do not forget to return your sold tickets with the money to the P&C box by 3pm Thursday (please include your name and contact number on them). There are over 50 prizes up for grabs and we would like to thank everyone who has donated prizes to our raffle. Good luck!!!

Uniform Shop

Thursday 8 December is the final day that the uniform shop is open for the year.

We will not be open next Thursday 15 December.

In 2017 we will open on Tuesday 31 January to cater for all of your back to school needs from 9.30 to 11.30am. The uniform shop is in the undercover area near the canteen. Please note that it operates on a cash only basis.

And on a final note…

It has been a busy year for the Takari P&C, with many fundraising events filling our calendar. Our children were well entertained with bulb planting, a disco, Tough Takari Kids and more, while parents and carers were looked after too with stalls for Mothers’ and Fathers’ days and the Bogan Trivia night. These events, along with many others not mentioned, have enabled us to make some significant contributions back to the school in 2016. Such contributions include purchasing new barbeques, purchasing bench seating for our children to sit on at recess and lunch, supporting school programs (such as Mathletics and the school bands), supporting the Year 6 camp and graduation and beautifying the school grounds with colourful bulbs.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and contributed throughout the year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we look forward to continuing to work with our wonderful school community in 2017.

Your P&C
takaripc@gmail.com