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NEWSLETTER #6

Week 1

Term 2

Wednesday 26 April 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Welcome back to the new term. I was on long service leave for the last two weeks of last term, so I didn't have the opportunity to be involved in two important events, the Tough Takari Kids fun run and the ANZAC Day assembly. From all reports, these events were both very successful. Talking with students, they all had a great time running the Tough Takari Kids obstacle course. The P&C did an amazing job of coordinating the event and the number of parent helpers ensured everything went smoothly. In total, the P&C raised over \$3 000. This is an amazing effort for a small school. And congratulations to all the students who took part in the ANZAC Day assembly. ANZAC Day is an important event in Australian and the students ensured the assembly was conducted with dignity and respect.

Dave Tennant

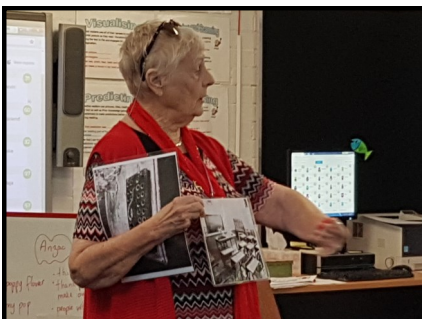


IMPORTANT NOTICE: Parents are informed that the School Development Day planned for week seven, Tuesday 6 June, has been cancelled. Students will now attend school on the Tuesday following the WA Day long weekend. The next School Development Day will now be taken in term four. Apologies if this change has caused any inconvenience.

TOUGH TAKARI KIDS: Congratulations to all of the students who participated in Tough Takari Kids at the end of the term. It was a great afternoon and everyone really enjoyed the slime pit! A special thank you to Mrs Patrick, Ms Wheatley and the amazing team of P&C, and parent helpers who made the day possible.



TALES OF TIMES PAST INCURSION: Thank you to the members of Tales of Times Past for sharing some very entertaining stories about growing up, before the creation of mobile phones and iPads. The students learnt a lot about transport and what it was like to grow up in Europe and Australia after World War Two.



NAPLAN: Year 3 and 5 students will sit NAPLAN assessments during week 3. Information brochures were distributed to students last term. Please come and see the administration team if you have any queries regarding NAPLAN.

Week 3

Tuesday 9 May
Wednesday 10 May
Thursday 11 May

Writing & Language Conventions
Reading
Numeracy

SPECIAL NOTE: Parents may choose to withdraw their children from the NAPLAN assessments. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents in consultation with Mr Tennant. Parents must contact Mr Tennant now if they would like to discuss their child's withdrawal from any or all of this year's assessments.

RANGER ALERT: Rangers patrolled the parking outside of the school at the end of last term, and the school has been informed that this will continue this term. Please ensure you read all signs carefully. The Kiss and Drive bays are 1 minute maximum. The bays are designed so parents can set children down in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon without leaving the car. If students aren't waiting in front of the Library when you get there, please move on and find a more permanent parking space or drive around the block.

The other parking spots on Rickman Street outside of the school, are 15 minute parking bays between 7:30 - 9:00am and 2:30 - 4:15pm. Cars parked there longer than 15 minutes can be fined.

The Rangers also noticed parents parking in the staff car park and highlighted this as a safety concern. Unless you have an ACROD sticker and are legally allowed to park in the Disabled Bays in the staff car park, no parents should be parking here.

Thank you for helping keep our children safe

ANZAC DAY SERVICE:



ANZAC Poem

Boots stepping on the wet grass,
exhausted soldiers, waiting for the fight to pass.
Screams echo in the soldier's mind,
in the trenches they remain, confined.
Smoke, ash and a rotten smell,
One by one the brave soldiers fell.
Tears run from the survivors eyes,
as they see the others meet their demise.
Determination to win,
they fight through thick and thin.
Yelling commands the leader calls "This is war!"
So much death, the soldiers saw.
Poppies, flowers, a sea of red,
Thousands of soldiers rest their head.
So many fought and had to die,
Their families had to say goodbye.
At the going down of the sun,
We will remember every one.
This is ANZAC Day on the 25th of April.
We will remember them.
Together we stand and say,
Lest we forget.

Written by Kelly S, Yr 6

RUN CLUB IS BACK! Run Club began today. Run Club will run on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8:00-8:30am. Parents are welcome to join the staff and students as they complete laps around the oval.

Today's numbers: 17 students ran a total of 91 laps = 30.3km
Pre Primary - Tylar P 3 laps and Solomon P ran 4 laps. Well done boys!
Year 1 - Justine L ran an amazing 10 laps
Year 2 - Victoria L ran 7 laps
Year 5 - Hayley G ran 10 laps
Year 6 - Ruby H ran 10 laps

Leader Board: 1st Year 6 - 28 laps 2nd Year 5 - 28 laps 3rd Staff - 15 laps



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL POLICY AND MOBILE PHONE POLICY: Two new policies have been developed this year. The Before and After School policy and Mobile Phone policy have been uploaded onto the school website for review. Please take the time to read over both policies and email or talk to one of the School Council representatives, if you have any feedback. The School Council will then discuss any potential changes and feedback by parents at the School Council meeting next term. The policies can be found in the *Information* section on the website under *Policies*.

DO YOU KNOW ANY THREE YEAR OLDS ELIGIBLE TO COMMENCE KINDY IN 2018?

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 JULY 2013 AND 30 JUNE 2014

WE ARE NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT!

TELL YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND FAMILY

PLEASE SEE CATHERINE OR ANN IN THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION



School Council Term 1 Report

We started an exciting 2017 year off by welcoming a new parent and new community representative to the Takari School Council. Mr Blake Farrow joins the council as a parent representative and has 2 children here at Takari. Councillor Andrew Guilfoyle represents the Hamersley Ward in the City of Stirling local Council and joins us as a community member, which is a role that has not been filled at Takari for quite a few years. It is a pleasure to have both of them on this years School Council.

During term one, we had the opportunity to meet with former Minister for Education, Peter Collier, and local member for Balcatta, Chris Hatton, and expressed our concerns over the development of the Education system in WA becoming two tiered, with a clear advantage falling to schools that have become Independent Public Schools. This was something that Mr Collier took on board, however disagreed with. It will be interesting for Takari PS to see what the new government chooses to do with education moving forward, especially the IPS program. As a School Council, we all believe in the advantages of being an IPS school and so will continue to work towards this goal and enter for the next intake. This is something that is better when more parents get involved within the School, so please feel free to let any of us know if you are interested in being involved at Takari in one way or another. Just sharing your thoughts, opinions, issues or celebrations is a good start.

This year, Takari PS had 162 students at census (down 15 on last year). With this years student centred funding model, this means we get less funds to run the school. This also made class sizes and age distribution challenges for the school's administrative team, but they are doing an amazing job of stewarding this funding and managing the school to get great results for our children.

As I mentioned last year, Takari received very encouraging NAPLAN results in 2016. I believe these results come as a direct result of focus and planning at all levels of the school. So to continue this and improve even more there are a range of new priority areas that are being addressed in 2017:

- **Writing** – Focus switches from Reading to Writing this year (you have likely all noticed this, just ask about your child's journal, or what a narrative is?).
- **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) – Working with SciTech and other network schools to introduce 'coding' into Takari at all levels.
- **Grounds** – Revitalise Joel Park, develop a sustainability area in K/PP area (We would like volunteers to be a part of a working group for this project – See Mr Tennant if interested please).
- **Facilities** – Continue to push for better facilities, especially toilet upgrades.
- **IPS** – Continue to push towards IPS.

Across the course of this year, the Council will continue to meet twice per term and address issues and concerns with the ultimate aim to make Takari a great place for our children. In term two we will meet on Thursday afternoon of week 3 (11 May) and week 8 (15 June). Let me lastly reinforce, as a Council we do not know everything, so it is always great to hear from other parents and teachers to feed ideas and concerns into our discussions and to get working on. Please speak to us whenever you can.

Cheers

Brad Butler on behalf of the Takari School Council



P&C News

Tough Takari Kids created a great start to our fundraising efforts for 2017. All together we raised \$3,036.55 for the school, which will be put towards new playground equipment in Joel Park! Well done everyone!



A huge thank you to all the parents who made this event possible by setting up, supervising the obstacles and cleaning up after the event. It was also fantastic to see how many parents came to watch and participate in running the course!

Thank you to Mrs Carpenter and students from Year 2 to Year 6 for completing our survey on the event, we'll be sure to take your comments on board for the next Tough Takari Kids.

Class Rewards

The class that raised the most sponsorship monies on the day of the event was the Year 4/5 class, they enjoyed a special yummy morning team on the last day of Term 1, courtesy of the P&C and an extra long recess. The Year 2/3 class had the most parent volunteers so the students also received an extra long recess as well.

Mothers Day Stall - Thursday 11 May

Kids it's time to crack open your piggy bank!

Our first fundraising event for Term 2 is a Mothers Day Stall. Held on Thursday 11 May, the stall will be packed with a range of bargain gifts that the students from Kindy to Year 6 can purchase. Look out for more details in the flyer to be sent home next week.



Parents - If you are able to help out working on the stall, please drop a note into the P&C box in the front office or email us at Takaripc@gmail.com

Find out the latest P&C news and photos by joining the Takari School Facebook page

Your P&C

2017 Term Planner

Term 2

1	24/4 School Development Day No students present	25/4 ANZAC Day	26/4 Run Club 8am Newsletter #6 Students attend	27/4	28/4 Run Club 8am
2	1/5 P & C Meeting 7pm	2/5 School Banking Uniform Shop	3/5 Run Club 8am	4/5	5/5 Run Club 8am
3	8/5 NAPLAN	9/5 School Banking Uniform Shop	10/5 Run Club 8am Newsletter #7	11/5 Mothers Day stall	12/5 Run Club 8am K & PP Mothers Day morning tea Yr 6 Sausage sizzle
4	15/5	16/5 School Banking Uniform Shop	17/5 Run Club 8am	18/5 Assembly -Yr 1/2	19/5 Walk to School Day Run Club 8am
5	22/5	23/5 School Banking Uniform Shop	24/5 Run Club 8am Newsletter #8	25/5 Dental Screening PP, Yr 5 & Yr 6	26/5 Winter Sports Carnival Run Club 8am
6	29/5	30/5 School Banking Uniform Shop	31/5 Run Club 8am	1/6	2/6 Run Club 8am
7	5/6 Western Australia Day	6/6 School Banking Uniform Shop	7/6 Run Club 8am Newsletter #9	8/6 Assembly - PP	9/6 Cross Country Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle Run Club 8am
8	12/6	13/6 School Banking Uniform Shop	14/6 Run Club 8am	15/6 School Council Meeting	16/6 Run Club 8am
9	19/6	20/6 School Banking Uniform Shop	21/6 Run Club 8am Newsletter # 10	22/6	23/6 Interschool Cross Country Run Club 8am
10	26/6 NAIDOC WEEK	27/6 School Banking Uniform Shop	28/6 Run Club 8am	29/6 NAIDOC Assembly	30/6 Run Club 8am LAST DAY OF TERM

ABSENTEE LETTERS: All student absentees are to be advised either written or verbally. Letters are sent home to parents of students with unexplained absences. If you receive an absentee letter with this newsletter, please complete, sign and return to the class teacher or the admin office as soon as possible. Thank you.

HOMEWORK CLUB: Is held every Monday afternoon for students in Years 4 to 6. Last term, homework club was very popular! If you would like to attend homework club, between 3 and 4pm Mondays, please see Mrs Luckhurst or Mrs Panzich.

BOOKCLUB: Issue 3 has been handed out with this newsletter, please be reminded that all orders must be placed in the admin letterbox by May 10 2017

Community Notices

Relationships Australia
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Relationships Australia are running parenting courses in May 2017. For further details and bookings. www.relationshipswa.org.au or call 1300 364 277 or 61640200

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