



TAKARI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #1

Week 1

Term 1

Thursday 6 February 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Welcome back to a new and exciting year. The school commences the year with an enrolment of 188 students, which is 24 more students than last year and an overall 15% increase. This is great news, as we continue to grow the school, but the late and unexpected enrolments over the holidays (ten in the week before school started) has caused problems with the class structures.

The school commenced Monday with the structure developed by staff last year:

K	P	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3/4	Yr 3/4	Yr 5	Yr 6
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There were too many Yr 3 students for just one class. The distribution of students meant a Yr 3 class and a Yr 3/4 class could not be made without going over the recommended maximums. Having two Yr 3/4 classes allowed total student numbers to be below recommended maximums and also gave students who had been in the same cohort for four and five years to experience working with other students for a year. This structure is quite common in other schools. Opportunities have been planned where cohorts will be grouped together, including the HASS learning area and swimming lessons.

The late unexpected enrolments have put pressure on a number of classes. The school is waiting for the student census day, next Friday, before determining how best to support these classes. Parents need to be aware that this may mean a restructure of the classes. I'll make sure parents are kept informed of any changes.

David Tennant

WELCOME MRS HARPER: The Takari school community welcomes Lil Harper to the school. Mrs Harper is an experienced special needs education assistant who will be working with the Yr 6 class on Thursdays and Fridays.

WELCOME BACK MRS PANZICH: The school welcomes back Mrs Panzich this year. Mrs Panzich has been employed to deliver Science to Yr 1 to Yr 6 classes every Monday and Tuesday. She is very excited to be teaching in the new Science and Technology room.

CLASS INFORMATION MEETINGS: Class Information Meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Please see the schedule below. Meetings will be held from 5.30pm to 6.15pm, and will provide parents with important information about the class and school operations.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVE REQUIRED: All public schools are required to have a School Council, with parent and/or community members being the majority. The School Council is involved in the school's planning and policy development. Meetings are held once per term, directly after school.

Staff and parent representatives of the School Council are voted in for three year terms. The current School Council is:

Principal	David Tennant
Staff Representatives	Liz Hill and Susan Reed (both in their 3rd years)
Parent Representatives	Misty Coulter (3rd year) and Shih Ching Fu (2nd year)

The school is now seeking nominations for two vacant Parent Representative positions. Nominations for this position must be in writing and delivered to Mr Tennant by 3.00pm next **Friday 14 February**. If more nominations are received than the positions to fill, a vote within the parent body will be conducted. Please see Mr Tennant or one of the current School Council representatives if you would like to know more about the School Council.

Class Information Meetings

All classes from Yr 1 to Yr 6 will be holding Class Information Meetings next week. It is important parents attend these meetings as teachers will provide important information on classroom expectations, classroom management program, the academic program, homework and teacher/parent communication procedures. We hope you can make these important meetings:

Tue 11 February	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Yr 1 and Yr 2	Mrs Williams, Mrs Andrews
Wed 12 February	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Yr 3/4 (both classes)	Mrs Reed, Mrs Stark, Miss Jones
Thur 13 February	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6	Mrs Luckhurst, Mr Patterson, Mrs Yost

NB These meetings are for parents, students should not attend

P&C AGM - Tuesday 11 February 6.15pm in the Staff Room

The P&C is a small group of dedicated parents who work together to support the school and students by organising fundraising events and coordinating services including the uniform shop and school banking. The P&C are looking for new parents to join in their dynamic team. It's a little bit of work and a lot of fun. Interested parents should come along to the P&C AGM this Tuesday 11 February. Start time will be 6.15pm, following the Yr 1 and Yr 2 Information Meetings. The meeting will only go for half an hour and nibbles and drinks will be provided. We hope to see you at the AGM!



Takari Primary are always thinking of different ways to keep the school community 'in touch' with what is happening. We are now members of FlexiBuzz, which is a school/group app we can use to communicate with parents.

Getting connected with FlexiBuzz

- Go to the app store and download FlexiBuzz
- Log in with your email and your choice of password
- Look for Takari Primary School
- Log into Takari – the password for Takari Primary School classrooms is 2020

SWIMMING LESSONS: Year 3 to 6 students started swimming lessons yesterday. All students reported the water was cool and refreshing in the summer heat. Lessons will continue until Friday 14 February.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS: This year's School Development days are:

Term 1	Week 10	Thursday 9 April	Last day of term one, before Good Friday
Term 2	Week 5	Friday 29 May	The day before the WA Day long weekend
Term 3	Week 10	Friday 25 September	The last day of term three

BEFORE SCHOOL: Classrooms open at 8.30am and formal lessons commence on the 8.50am siren. There is no requirement for students to be at school before 8.30am. If students do arrive before 8.30am, they are required to sit quietly on the bench seats in the old undercover area or around the junior courtyard. The Kindergarten day starts at 8.45am.

STUDENT COUNCIL SPEECHES: All Yr 6 students are busy writing speeches for selection as one of this year's Student Councillors. Students not wanting to nominate will deliver their speeches to the class. Those nominating will deliver their speeches at a special assembly in week three, Thursday 20 February.

ASSEMBLIES: Make sure you keep the term planner (on the back of every newsletter) handy so you don't miss out on assemblies. The potential Student Councillors will be delivering their nomination speeches in week three at a special assembly - Thursday 20 February. The first formal assembly will be held in week four - Thursday 27 February at 9.00am. This assembly will be presented by the Student Council and Yr 6 students and will incorporate School Clean Up Day. We hope to see you then.

P&C MEET & GREET: Make sure you keep Friday 21 February between 4.30pm and 6.30pm clear for the important P&C Meet and Greet afternoon. This is a great chance to meet staff and other parents in a relaxing and fun environment. Amusements for children (and adults who are young at heart) and a Sausage Sizzle will be provided - all free of charge.

WEEK SIX PROGRESS INTERVIEWS: The school will be offering parents a Progress Interview in week six, Thursday 12 March. The school will suspend the normal school timetable at 11.45am which is when students need to go home, and interviews will commence at 12.30pm. Parents will be able to book a time to meet with teachers for 15 minutes to discuss their child's academic, social and emotional progress.

2020 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: A voluntary contribution is an amount sought by an individual school to extend and enrich programs, services and facilities offered by the school. At Takari, your voluntary contributions go towards the cost of general teaching resources and ICT, sport and playground equipment.

Voluntary Contributions for 2020 are: \$60.00 per child (Statements will be issued soon)

If you haven't already paid your voluntary contributions you can pay:

- by direct debit into the Takari Primary School bank account **BSB: 066 040 ACC No: 1990 0241 (using your child's name as reference)**
- or by cash or cheque to the front office

For families with 2 or more students at Takari, the payment is \$120. Remember if you pay the voluntary contributions before the end of term one, you will be entered into the draw to win back your voluntary contribution.

Thank you for supporting our school by paying the voluntary contribution.

SCHOOL BANKING: School Banking is back every Wednesday morning before school. Haven't banked before but wish to start? Talk to the volunteer parents who operate the school banking on Wednesday morning. School Banking is run from the old canteen

SCHOOL BANDS: Mrs Campione and Mr Parise will continue to run the two school bands this year. Interested students from years five and six will receive information about this year's band program soon. Rock on!



CRUNCH AND SIP is a good opportunity for children to stay hydrated as they lose fluid when being active, especially over the summer months. Over the warmer months, a cold drink bottle is ideal for hydration but also keeps lunchbox food items cool.

For the crunch: all fresh vegetables are permitted (e.g. celery, carrot sticks, broccoli bits etc.) and all fresh fruit (e.g. whole fruits, chopped melon etc.)

For the sip: water only please.

As we are a Nut Aware school, please avoid peanuts and any other nuts and nut products.

NEWSLETTERS: Newsletters will be published every second Thursday. Hard copies will be given to the eldest child in the family as well as being sent electronically through FlexiBuzz. If you would like a copy of the newsletter and/or notes from the school emailed directly to you, please contact Catherine or Ann in the office, with your email address.

STUDENT UPDATE FORMS : The student update forms, accompanying this newsletter, are for us to ensure we have all the current information pertaining to your child. Changes may have happened over the holidays. Please complete the forms by either ticking the no changes box or amend the information on the sheet, sign and return to the office by Friday 14 February. All forms must be signed and returned please whether there are changes or not. Thank you.

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL: This week, the State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020. The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on aeroplane mode during this period.

As we already have a phone use policy that meets these minimum requirements, there will be no changes for our school. Our existing policy will remain in effect.

2020 Staff Profile

Administration	Principal	Mr David Tennant	
	Deputy Principal	Mrs Paula Yost	Monday and Tuesday
		Mrs Amy Carpenter	Wednesday to Friday
	Mgr Corp Services	Mrs Catherine Van Delft	Monday to Thursday
		Mrs Ann Harper	Friday
	School Officer	Ms Ann Harper	Thursday
		Mrs Michelle Gagg	Monday and Friday
Classrooms	Kindergarten	Mrs Rose Fleming	Tuesday to Thursday
		Mrs Marie Russo-Battaglio	(EA) Tuesday to Thursday
	Pre Primary	Miss Tarryn Coad	
		Mrs Carina O'Mara	Thursday
		Ms Georgina Downey	(EA)
	Year 1 Room 10	Mrs Kim Williams	
	Year 2 Room 8	Mrs Justine Andrews	
	Year 3/4 Room 2	Mrs Susan Reed	Monday to Wednesday (alternate)
		Ms Mandy Stark	Wednesday (alternate) to Friday
	Year 3/4 Room 3	Miss Michaela Jones	
	Year 5 Room 4	Mrs Heather Luckhurst	
	Year 6 Room 5	Mr Craig Patterson	Monday and Tuesday
		Mrs Paula Yost	Wednesday to Friday
Education Assistants		Mrs Chris Donis	Monday to Thursday
		Mrs Liz Hill	Monday to Wednesday
		Mrs Lisa Rogers	Monday to Wednesday
		Mrs Lil Harper	Thursday and Friday
Specialists	Physical Education	Mr Craig Patterson	Wednesday to Friday
	Music	Mrs Colleen Campione	Tuesday to Thursday (am)
	Italian	Mrs Simona Demaio	Thursday and Friday (am)
	Science	Mrs Beck Panzich	Monday and Tuesday
Support	Library Officer	Miss Belinda Jarvis	Tuesday to Thursday
	School Psychologist	Mrs Alicia Wills	Thursday
	School Chaplain	Mrs Gwyn Bishop	Wednesday and Thursday
	Cleaners	Mr Ken Crotty	
		Ms Sally Vannasopa	
	Gardener	Mr Roger Corica	Monday, Wednesday to Friday

STAFF CAR PARK: A number of parents are using the staff car park to drop off or collect children. This is a very dangerous practice. The school has had serious accidents in the past involving parents reversing their cars in the staff car park. **Please do not use the staff car park to drop off or collect students.** There is ample parking available in the car parks across Jones Street. Why not park there and walk across with the assistance of our crossing warden? If you have a reason why you need to use the staff car park please make an enquiry at the front office. The disabled bays under the shelter are for ACROD parking permit holders only.

KISS AND DRIVE: The 'Kiss and Drive' bays are situated at the front of the school on Rickman Street, outside the library. This is so your children can wait in the shade, on benches outside of the library. Please ensure these bays are used correctly. The last four bays on Rickman Street should only be used to drop off and pick up children while you are still in the car. There is also a one minute limit with these bays. Parents parking and leaving their cars for more than one minute risk a fine. The other bays along Rickman Street, have a 15 minute time limit between the hours of 7.30 - 9.00am and 2.30 and 4.15pm. Again, there is ample parking available in the car parks across Jones Street.

USING THE CROSSING WARDEN: The school is fortunate to have the services of a crossing warden. Unfortunately, it has been reported many children (and parents) are not utilising this service and crossing at the roundabout or near the oval, both less than 40 metres from the official crossing. Please use the safe option and cross with the assistance of the crossing warden.

Thank you for helping keep our children safe.



P&C Meet and Greet

The P&C invites all Takari families to its annual Meet and Greet Friday 21 February.

The fun starts at 4.30pm.

Enjoy a free **sausage sizzle.**

Amusements for the children.

Dunking Timetable

Yr 6 Students	4.30pm to 5.00pm
Staff	5.00pm to 5.10pm
Yr 5 Students	5.10pm to 5.40pm
Yr 4 Students	5.40pm to 6.10pm
Community	6.10pm to 6.30pm

Don't miss the fun!

2020 Term Planner

Term 1

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	3/2 1ST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR P – 6 STUDENTS	4/2 1st day for Kindy students	5/2 School Banking Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6	6/2 Newsletter #1 Kindy Morning Tea	7/2
2	10/2 Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6	11/2 Parent Information Evening Year 1 & 2 P&C AGM 6.15pm	12/2 School Banking Parent Information Evening Year 3 & 4	13/2 Parent Information Evening Year 5 & 6	14/2
3	17/2	18/2	19/2 School Banking	20/2 Newsletter #2 Assembly Student Council Speeches	21/2 P&C Parent Meet and Greet
4	24/2	25/2	26/2 School Banking	27/2 Assembly - Clean up Takari	28/2
5	2/3 Labour Day Public Holiday	3/3	4/3 School Banking	5/3 Newsletter #3	6/3
6	9/3	10/3	11/3 School Banking	12/3 Progress Interviews Lessons finish at 11.45am	13/3
7	16/3	17/3	18/3 School Banking	19/3 Newsletter #4 Assembly—Harmony Day	20/3
8	23/3	24/3	25/3 School Banking	26/3 Musica Viva Incursion “Eastwinds”	27/3
9	30/3	31/3	1/4 School Banking	2/4 Newsletter #5	3/4
10	6/4	7/4	8/4 School Banking Assembly Anzac Day	9/4 School Development Day Students do not attend	10/4 Good Friday

Have you heard that the Stirling Community Youth Band rehearses at TAKARI Primary School each Tuesday afternoon? We have vacancies for new young musicians for 2020. We kick off with a parent/band member meeting in Week 3 then rehearsals start in Week 4.

The SCY Band is for **school-aged** musicians, Years 1 to 12, from schools in the **Stirling** area

- * The purpose of the SCY Band is to give young musicians in our local area an outlet to **make music** and **perform** with other musicians, and to encourage their continued learning
- * Selection is by **audition**. There are a few places left for 2020 Auditions will be held after school **by appointment only**, for a limited time. Please email ASAP.
- * It is **not** a concert band or a rock band - our repertoire is varied and chosen to suit the band members' skill level and interests, with a mix of different genres and eras
- * Young musicians of **all levels of experience** are encouraged to apply. Sorry, no vocalists
- * Rehearsals are held in the Music room at **Takari Primary School** each **Tuesday** after school, **3.30 to 4.30 pm**. Setup will be from 3.15 pm
- * A band **registration fee (t.b.a.)** will be required to cover purchase of sheet music, folders and other ongoing costs
- * If you are interested in auditioning or would like more information, please ask your parent/carer to email Mrs Colleen Campione (Music Specialist at Takari Primary School) at colleen.campione@education.wa.edu.au or call the school office on **9253 4550** and leave your details. Feel free to share this opportunity with other students you know in the Stirling area and encourage them to email Mrs Campione as soon as possible.