



# TAKARI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #4

Week 7 Term 1

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** Firstly, please be reassured that everyone at Takari is here to look after, educate and care for every student, support families and ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone, including staff and visitors. These are most unusual and challenging times. The Coronavirus COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, and it is sometimes difficult to keep up the information, advice and direction we are given.

The Government currently advises that there is no need for school closures. At Takari, we aim to keep things as normal as possible, however schools are required to review their schedule of activities and their ways of operation. This will inevitably impact on the school community.

The school is not aware of any community members either contracting or in contact with anyone with COVID-19.

All international arrivals into Australia are now required to undertake 14 days of mandatory self-isolation. Miss Jones flew back from Bali 24 hours before this requirement came into effect, but it was decided she would take a safety first approach and self-isolate for the 14 days. We look forward to Miss Jones (now Mrs Moroney) returning to Room 3 soon.

The Australian Government announced a series of measures on Wednesday to further reduce the risk of transmission of the COVID-19, including the cancellation of non-essential mass gatherings attended by more than 100 people.

Schools are required to implement sensible Social Distancing (distance from others and no physical contact such as handshakes, hugging etc.....). The Department of Health advises the risk of transmission in Western Australia remains low, but has directed all schools review and reconsider school operations and non-essential activities. Whenever possible, the school will continue normal school activities.

The school Administration have met and made the following decisions:

- All term one whole school assemblies, including the Harmony Day assembly (26 March) and ANZAC service (8 April) have been cancelled. It is unlikely assemblies will proceed in term two.
- The school will conduct assemblies and the ANZAC service over the PA for students.
- The Musica Viva Eastwinds performance (26 March) has been cancelled.
- Mini assemblies in the old undercover area after every recess and lunch will continue, with class groups spaced apart.
- The Yr 5 and Yr 6 Bands will continue, with strict school hygiene protocols in place.
- The Stirling Community Youth Band will continue, with strict school hygiene protocols in place.
- Run Club in term two will still go ahead, but will be reviewed weekly.
- Cross country carnivals and the winter carnival will most likely be cancelled.
- The P&C's Mothers' Day stall and Disco will both most likely be cancelled, or operate in an alternative way.
- The Ride 2 School event (27 March) has been cancelled.
- Mr Patterson's term one Baseball5 and tennis programs will continue, but no other outside organisations will be contracted after these programs have concluded.
- No incursions and excursions will be booked until further notice.
- School Council, P&C and Class Parent Representatives meetings will continue.

The school has implemented numerous other measures to ensure everyone's safety. The above are the measures that are most visible to students and families.

The school will have a strong focus on healthy hygiene habits and Social Distancing:

- The school requests parents keep children home if they show any symptoms of cold or flu eg cough, snuffle, headache.
- The school will contact parents to pick children up from school if they show signs of cold or flu.
- All visitors to the school will be required to follow strict school hygiene protocols.

I know a number of parents are considering keeping their children home over concern for their children or of family members who have health issues and are in the high risk category. The Department of Education considers this to be a reasonable cause for absence. Policy at this stage is that the school will not provide additional schoolwork to students who have been kept home or who are sick. This situation will be reviewed if the school is closed by the Government.

Please contact me if you are thinking about keeping your child at home.

Again, these are unusual and challenging times. Hopefully the measures the school has put in place help keep our wonderful school community healthy and safe. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any of the above with me. I will be talking about the situation and the measures the school has taken at tomorrow's Class Parent Representative morning tea and next week's Student Council meeting.

Thank you for everyone's support.

*David Tennant*

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**PROGRESS INTERVIEWS:** Thank you to all the parents who took the time to meet with teachers last week to discuss their children's progress over the first six weeks of the year. If parents were not able to make an interview last week, they are to contact their child's teacher to organise a convenient time, in the next few weeks. Miss Jones' Yr 3/4 Room 3 interviews will be rescheduled when she returns to work in two week's time.



**CLASS MYSTERY PRIZE COMPETITION:** The school operates a Class Mystery Prize Competition reward program, where classes receive reward tokens for displaying appropriate behaviours in and out of the classroom. There is also a bonus reward for the class that has the best punctuality at the start of the day.

The winners and their rewards for the first three weeks of the term were:

Yr 2	Most tokens for positive behaviours	Popcorn for recess
Yr 1	Lucky draw prize	Sit in seats of their choice for one day
Yr 3	Best punctuality	Popcorn for recess

**LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE:** The School Council reviewed a number of policies last year, including the School Uniform policy. In feedback, a number of parents requested the addition of a long sleeve polo shirt that students could wear during the colder months. The P&C liaised with West Wear, the school's uniform supplier, and a long sleeve polo shirt is now being offered. The cost of the long sleeve polo shirt is \$26.50, and they need to be ordered by the end of term one to ensure they are ready for day one of term two. Go to [www.westwear.com.au](http://www.westwear.com.au) and use the password TAKARI5607 to order.

**BALCATT SHS SPECIALIST PROGRAMS:** Balcatta SHS offers a number of specialist programs: Gifted and Talented Visual Arts Program, and school based Visual Arts, Dance, Music and Academic Extension programs. Applications for these programs for Yr 7 students in 2021 are now open. All current Yr 6 students received information about these programs today. Representatives from Balcatta SHS will also visit Takari and talk to Yr 6 students about these programs and the enrolment process in week nine of this term.



**Balcatta**  
Senior High School  
Independent Public School

**2020 NAPLAN ON-LINE:** Yr 3 and Yr 5 students will complete National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments on-line again this year. Students will participate in a practice assessment next Monday morning to test the school's internet speed, and laptops and iPads. Formal NAPLAN assessments will take place in weeks three and four of next term. Information on this year's NAPLAN assessments was distributed to Yr 3 and Yr 5 students today.

**HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY:** Unfortunately the Harmony Day assembly has been cancelled. Students are welcome to still come to school dressed in their national costume or wear orange. We will not, however, be holding a parade. Honour Certificates will still be awarded. Presentation of the certificates will be broadcast over the school's public announcement system.

**MUSICA VIVA EASTWINDS:** Thank you to all the parents who have paid \$9.50 for Musica Viva Eastwinds incursion, which has unfortunately been cancelled. The money will be kept in the students' accounts as a credit which can be put towards voluntary contributions or future activities. Parents may also request to have the money refunded. Please email [Takari.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Takari.PS@education.wa.edu.au) to advise where to reallocate the funds or provide your BSB and account number for a refund.

**CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES:** We welcome the newly appointed Class Parent Representatives to a morning tea with P&C and Admin tomorrow at 9.00am in the Science room.

## **Takari P&C**

Takari Parents,

We all know these are challenging times for everyone, please be assured, the P&C is working very closely with the school to support the students and families at this time.

All School and P&C activities for the rest of term one have been cancelled or altered to ensure everyone's safety. Commbank has advised us to cease School Banking for now, so no school banking on a Wednesday.

The uniform shop is closed, orders can still be placed online. Please choose home delivery or school pickup, keeping in mind school holidays are approaching.

The Mother's Day Stall and Disco planned for Term 2 will most likely be cancelled, but we will review these early next term, when we have more information on the current situation.

P&C and Class Parent Rep Meetings will still continue. I'm looking forward to meeting all the Class Parent Representatives tomorrow at 9.00am for morning tea. Mr Tennant will be joining us and we will be talking about the role of the representatives as well as other information.

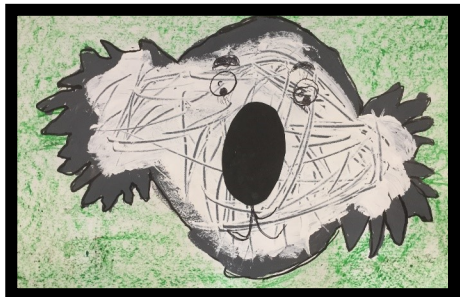
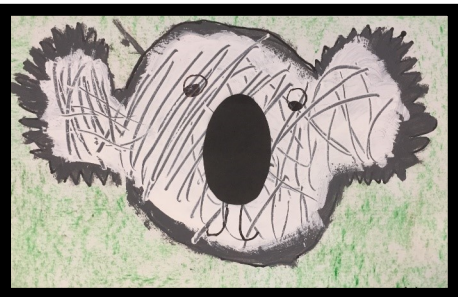
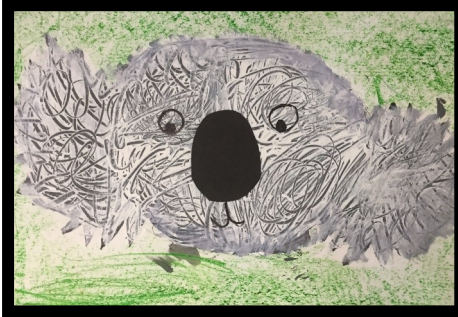
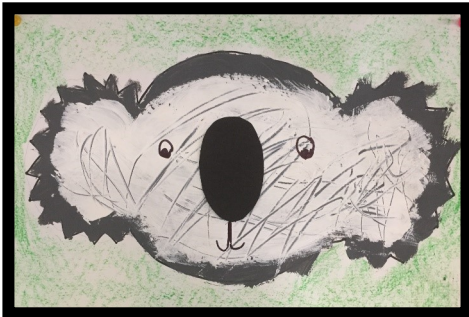
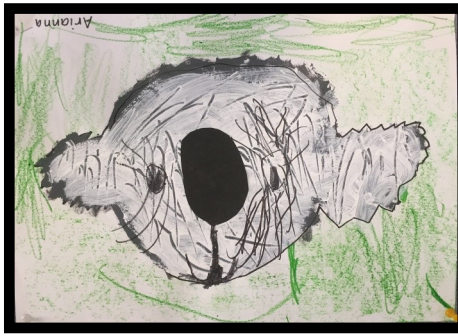


If you would still like to help our school fundraise we are doing the Entertainment Books, please go online to purchase yours knowing it will help us and go towards the kids.

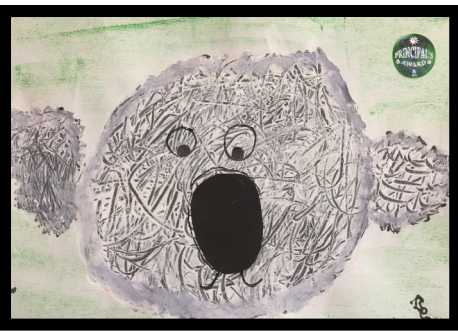
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Kelly Praetz, P&C President





A page full of koalas from year 1 to brighten your day!





# 2020 Term Planner

# Term 1

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3 Newsletter #4	20/3
8	23/3 School Council Meeting	24/3	25/3	26/3 Harmony Day	27/3
9	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4 Newsletter #5	3/4
10	6/4	7/4	8/4 Anzac Day	9/4 School Development Day Students do not attend	10/4 Good Friday

# 2020 Term Planner

# Term 2

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27/4 Anzac Day Public Holiday	28/4 Staff and Students return to school	29/4	30/4 Newsletter #6	1/5
2	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5 Assembly—Yr 1 TBC  P&C Mothers Day Stall TBC	8/5
3	11/5 School Council Meeting 3.15pm  Naplan	12/5	13/5	14/5 Newsletter #7	15/5
4	18/5 Naplan Catch up	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5 CPR Morning Tea
5	25/5	26/5	27/5	28/5 Newsletter #8 Assembly—Yr 2 TBC BSHS Yr 6 Spelling Bee TBC	29/5 School Development Day Students do not attend
6	1/6 Western Australia Day Public holiday	2/6	3/6	4/6	5/6 Winter Sports Carnival TBC
7	8/6	9/6	10/6	11/6 Newsletter #9	12/6 Faction Cross Country TBC
8	15/6	16/6	17/6	18/6	19/6 P&C Disco TBC
9	22/6	23/6	24/6	25/6 Newsletter #10	26/6 Interschool Cross Country TBC
10	29/6	30/6	1/7	2/7	3/7 Last day for staff and students