



TAKARI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #6

Week 1 Term 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: There have been a lot of changes over the past three weeks. At the end of last term, all schools were busy preparing for the delivery of distance education. Schools were to remain open, but only for the children of essential workers or those who could not be at home. Takari staff worked tirelessly to develop programs of work that they could work through with their students on-line. This was a steep learning curve for many staff, but they all rose to the challenge and, in the end, were all looking forward to deliver their new programs when the new term commenced.

The low level of transmission of COVID-19 in Western Australia is great news and everyone is thankful that we haven't had to experience what others have in other countries. The news late in the holidays that some restrictions were being relaxed was welcomed by most people.

The State Government's position on schools also changed, and parents and carers were given the choice of whether children returned to school or accessed distance education from home. There were also a number of conditions placed on schools, including parents not being permitted on the school site and additional cleaning throughout the school day.

With 75% of Takari students returning to school this week, the school has had to reassess the delivery of programs. Class teachers have had to go back to their classrooms for normal face-to-face teaching. Distance education is still available to students at home, but teachers are now no longer able to support students to the extent that was originally planned. Class teachers have been designated times throughout the week when they are available to assist students and families with their distance education. This isn't what staff had initially planned for, but we are all learning to be flexible and responsive in an ever changing world.

All the staff, from the cleaners and office staff to the education assistants and teachers, have done an amazing job navigating the many changes and extra workloads that have been forced upon them. I am very confident that the Takari students are receiving the very best education possible. And the parents and carers have been so supportive and understanding with everything. Everyone is doing the best they can in this very unique and challenging situation. We really do have an amazing school community.

For me, all the hard work was worthwhile when I stood at the front entrance yesterday and saw the enormous smiles on all the students' faces as they walked, skipped and ran down the path to their classrooms. Everyone was so happy to be back at school. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the good news continues.

David Tennant

Please remember the following:

- No students at school before 8.30am as supervision cannot be guaranteed.
- Parents are asked not to enter onto the school site unless prior permission has been granted. You can contact the school on phone 9253 4550 or email Takari.PS@education.wa.edu.au and make an appointment to come on the school site.
- Kindergarten: Drop students off at the Jones Street staff car park between 8.40am and 8.50am and pick up between 2.40pm and 2.50pm.
- Pre-Primary: Drop students off at the Jones Street staff car park between 8.30am and 8.40am. Pick up at the normal 3.00pm home time.
- Yr 1 to Yr 6: Drop off and pick up students at small gate on Jones Street (near traffic warden) or the front Rickman Street entrance.
- Two cleaners will be on site between 6.30am and 5.30pm, and will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas and play equipment are regularly cleaned and disinfected.
- Students will still be encouraged to maintain social distancing practises when practical.
- Assemblies, excursions, incursions and interschool activities will not be conducted until further notice.
- Soap is available in all toilets and hand sanitiser is available in all classrooms.
- Students who are unwell are to remain home.
- The BKC before and after school care program will operate, but parents are not permitted on the school site.

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APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT IN 2021 K and PP PROGRAMS

Takari Primary School is now accepting applications for enrolment in the 2021 K and PP programs.

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by 30 June 2021 they are eligible for Kindy enrolment next year. If you have children at this school, Kindy enrolment is not automatic. You still need to complete an application for enrolment. If you have neighbours who have children ready for Kindy, please let them know as they may not get this newsletter or be aware they need to enrol. Download an application for enrolment [here](#) please return via email as soon as possible.



The closing date for enrolments is **Friday 3 July**, but enrol now to avoid missing out.



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 from the last week of last term were:

Yr 1	30 minutes of board games
Yr 2	Popcorn for the whole class at recess
Yr 3/4 Rm 2	Popcorn for the whole class at recess
Yr 6	30 minutes of free technology time

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. Go to www.westwear.com.au and use the password TAKARI5607 to order.

PLEASE LABEL ITEMS OF CLOTHING: A lot of students are coming to school in jackets, but taking them off as the day warms up. There are an increasing number of jackets being left around the school. We encourage students to put their jackets into their bags when they take them off, but the lost property box is filling up. Please make sure jackets (and hats) are clearly labelled so they can be easily returned to students.

LEAVERS SHIRTS AND JACKETS: Tomorrow, Friday 1 May is the last day for orders to be placed on line for the leavers shirts and jackets. Please ensure you have placed your order by clicking on the link to access the Westwear website <https://www.westwear.com.au/>. The school code is TAKARI5607. Shirts are priced at \$32 and jackets \$42. We would love to see all students wearing the leavers shirt, however the jacket is optional.

NEW CARPETS AND PAINT: The classroom upgrades have nearly reached completion with many of the classrooms/wet areas receiving new paint and carpets. It looks absolutely fabulous!



NEW FORT IN NATURE PLAY COMING SOON

We are currently negotiating with contractors to construct the new fort in the nature playground.

The design will change slightly, but we're sure the students will enjoy it when it is complete.



Chaplains Check-in – Week T2 2020

Good afternoon Takari.

Feeling connected and being connected is part of our human survival mechanism and is vital for our mental and emotional health. We reconnect this month having been separated from each other, our families and friends quite unexpectedly, and some have re-connected in new ways. But it's now deemed safe for us to once again connect with our school face to face. That being said, it's not always easy to let our children go if they (and us) are a little unsure of things.

With this in mind, I've found a few tips that might help you and your children.

We're all looking forward to getting stuck into the learning, playing and connecting – just second nature for anyone at Takari!

Keep sending your child to school:

avoiding situations that make us feel worried can make the worry worse next time. Acknowledge that it is tricky but with practice it becomes easier and...

Lots of detail can be calming:

talk them through their day: where you will drop them off and pick them up – especially with the new routine.

Leave them quickly – even if they're upset,

even if you're upset. Teachers can manage your child once they are at school. Most children recover quickly once they're back in the class.

Praise brave behaviour. Tell your

child how proud you are they went to school and ask them what good things happened at school.

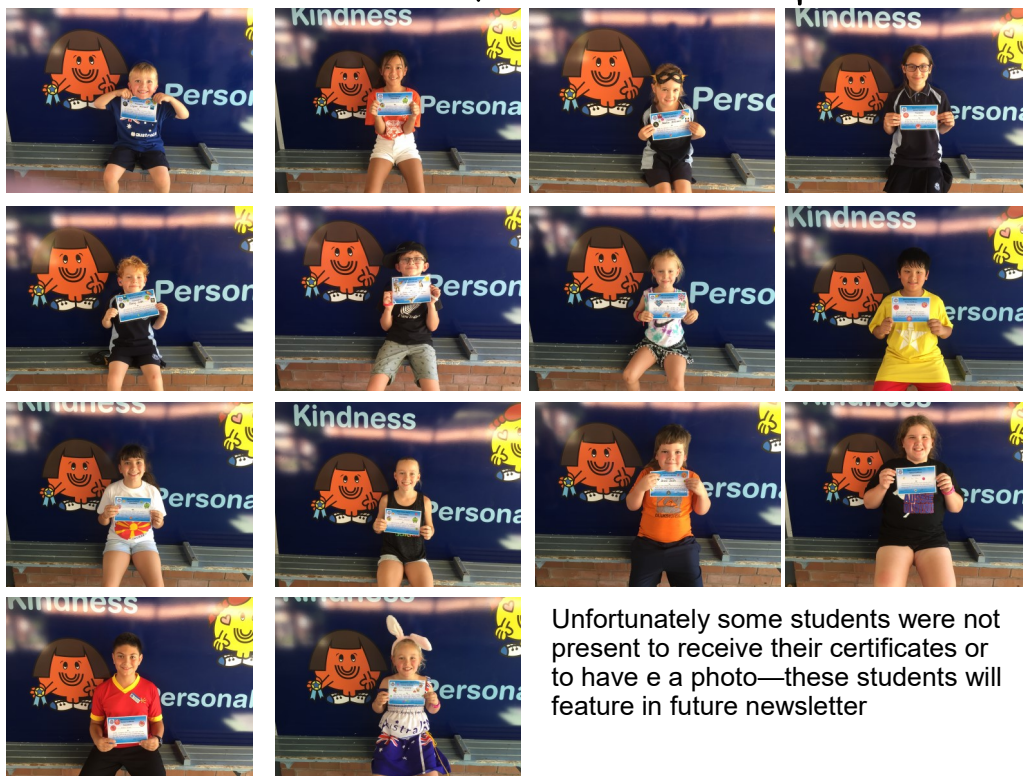
Reflect on how you are feeling.

Kids pick up on their parent's emotions very easily. Modelling calm behaviour and tone of voice can really help.

Cheers to a fabulous term ahead,
Gwyn Bishop (Chaplain – Wednesday and Thursday)

Honour Certificate Recipients

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



Pre Primary	Harry G Logan M Amelia W
Year 1 Rm 10	Kaysharn C Olive P
Year 2 Rm 8	Alivia M Dominic S
Year 3/4 Rm 2	Dimitrij N Justine L
Year 3/4 Rm 3	Eva J Isla F Deon N
Years 4 Rm 4	Julia K Aleksandra D Charli P
Years 5 Rm 5	Alexis M Ben D Hristian D
Music	Brock S Rubi R

Unfortunately some students were not present to receive their certificates or to have a photo—these students will feature in future newsletter

Congratulations!

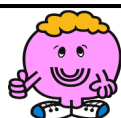
In these unprecedented times we're all being asked to change the way we work and live. Our tradition of putting books into the hands of kids isn't going to change, but for Term 2, we're doing things a little differently.



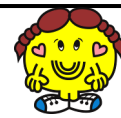
For the first time in Scholastic history—they will offer a Virtual book club for Term 2. **What does this mean?**

To access the virtual catalogue, go to <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/> The easiest way to order is to use Loop via Scholastic, however we will still accept cash orders at school.

Please note: all orders must be in to Takari by **Tuesday 12 May** for processing.



TEAM TAKARI



Welcome back to Term 2. Things have changed dramatically over the last month. As we prepared for distance education, the situation within the community has changed so that our schools are now open to all students. COVID 19 has caused a great deal of angst and uncertainty within our community and around the world. However, it has also shown people at their best, being positive and creative in challenging times.

Over the last two days we have seen 75% of our students return to school and numbers are increasing each day. These encouraging numbers show the support and respect the school community has for the decisions being made by the Department of Education and the staff at Takari.

Our behaviour focus for the first half of this term is respect, an appropriate and relevant behaviour value in the current climate. To be respectful means to have due regard for the feelings, wishes and rights of others. We can show respect by maintaining social distancing, being aware and adhering to the restrictions put in place at school and within our community, and to be aware of how people are feeling. Showing understanding, taking the time to listen to people and supporting our front line workers means we are being respectful and knowing that we are all in this together.

Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

Personal Best

Takari P&C

What a strange time we are all going through at the moment. I hope all the students have enjoyed coming back to school to see their friends. I know mine were very excited. For the students remaining at home, we hope all is going well on your end. I'm sure I'm with everyone when I say a huge shout out and Thank You to the Takari staff who have done a tremendous job at the end of last term organizing distance education, and then everything changing again. I give a huge pat on the back to each and every single one of the staff.

Normally at this time we would be organising the Mothers Day Stall, how things can change so quickly.

If you haven't already joined our Takari Facebook Page please do as a way we can stay in contact with everyone

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/526471980717851/>

Kelly Praetz, P&C President

2020 Term Planner

Term 2

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27/4 Anzac Day Public Holiday	28/4 Staff return to school	29/4 Students return to school	30/4 Newsletter #6 Kindy day	1/5
2	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5
3	11/5 School Council Meeting 3.15pm TBC	12/5	13/5	14/5 Newsletter #7 Kindy day	15/5
4	18/5	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5
5	25/5	26/5	27/5	28/5 Newsletter #8 Kindy day	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
7	8/6	9/6	10/6	11/6 Newsletter #9 Kindy day	12/6
8	15/6	16/6	17/6	18/6	19/6
9	22/6	23/6	24/6	25/6 Newsletter #10 Kindy day	26/6
10	29/6	30/6	1/7	2/7	3/7 Last day for staff and students

School Holidays

2020 Term Planner

Term 3

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	20/7 Staff and students return to school	21/7	22/7	23/7 Newsletter #11 Kindy day	24/7
2	27/7	28/7	29/7	30/7	31/7
3	3/8	4/8	5/8	6/8 Newsletter #12 Kindy day	7/8