



TAKARI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #12

Week 3

Term 3

Thursday 6 August July 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: It is great to see many of our usual programs and activities coming back. Mrs Fleming coordinated a tree-mendous National Tree Day last week, with all students planting trees around the school and enjoying a free sausage sizzle thanks to the support of Big Rock Toyota. Mrs Fleming was ably assisted by the year six students, who worked tirelessly throughout the morning. Thank you to our special guests Mr David Michael MLA, Member for Balcatta, and Mr Karlo Perkov and Mr Chris Hatton, City of Stirling Councillors, who all helped plant trees in and around the nature play area.

Mr Patterson's Wednesday Jump Jam sessions are a real hit with staff, students and parents, and everyone is looking forward to the return of class assemblies, the athletics carnivals, the P&C Father's Day stall and the Yr 6 camp fundraising sausage sizzles. There is a lot to look forward to this term!

David Tennant



CHILDREN AND THE INTERNET: Did you know that internet programs such as Houseparty, Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook have a minimum age requirement of 13 to sign up and open an account? TikTok has a minimum age requirement of 16. While this is primarily a home issue, the school is increasingly having to deal with problems at school that have occurred over the internet at home. This includes on-line abuse, bullying and the sharing of inappropriate photos. School policy is that parents are informed when the school is alerted to students' inappropriate internet use.

The school strongly encourages parents to monitor their children's internet usage closely and report any suspicious or inappropriate behaviour. A special **Helping Minds/Mental Health Social Media** workshop has been booked for students in Yr 5 and Yr 6 in week 7 of this term. Parents can access more information about on-line safety by visiting the government's **eSafety Commissioner** website at www.esafety.gov.au

Mrs Carpenter

NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Congratulations to Mrs Fleming, who has been appointed Deputy Principal, replacing Mrs Yost. Mrs Fleming will continue to teach in the Kindergarten class and put on her Deputy Principal's hat every Monday and Friday.

YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISING SAUSAGE SIZZLES!

The very popular **Year 6 Camp Sausage Sizzles** are back!

Sausage Sizzles will be provided:	Week 6	Tuesday 25 August
	Week 8	Tuesday 8 September
	Week 10	Tuesday 22 September

All money raised will go towards this year's camp. The sausage sizzles will take place at lunch time and will be prepared by the staff, parents and Year 6 students.

Order forms will go home a week before each sausage sizzle.



NEW YR 6 TEACHER: Congratulations to Mrs Flynn, who has been appointed as the Year 6 teacher, replacing Mrs Yost. Mrs Flynn has been a regular relief and short term contract teacher at the school over the past few years and is well known to the students. She will work in the Yr 6 class every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

PROGRESS INTERVIEWS: Thank you to all the parents who took the time to meet with teachers on Tuesday to discuss their children's progress over the first semester. In total, teachers conducted 118 interviews on the day. That's 65% of our student population and an average of nearly 15 interviews for each teacher. Thank you to the parents who were able to support the school and take their children home at 11.45am. This allowed the school to combine the classes, freeing up teachers for the interviews. 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.

TAKING FAMILY HOLIDAYS DURING THE SCHOOL TERM: Research recently undertaken by the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, *Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes: Every Day Counts*, has found a clear link between student absence and achievement in school. Each day a child is absent from school has a direct impact on their educational outcomes. When a student misses one school day per fortnight they will, by Year 9, have missed one entire year of school.

Attendance is one of Takari's priority areas. It has been difficult to keep student attendance high with the COVID-19 situation early last term and the recent direction to keep children home if they have cold or flu symptoms. Thank you to the parents who have supported the school with this.

The Department of Education also has strict guidelines on students missing school due to family holidays. While we understand that there are times that families need to take holidays during the school term, the school cannot approve these. We ask that family holidays are taken during school breaks whenever possible. Consequently, any students taken out of school for family holiday during the term will be recorded as an Unauthorised Vacation.

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:
Most tokens for positive behaviours Yr 6, popcorn for recess
Lucky draw prize Yr 2, 10 mins extra recess & Yr 1, Zooper Doopers



EASTWINDS PERFORMANCE: We are looking forward to a performance by 'Eastwinds' on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th August, Week 5. Eastwinds is a unique quartet that weaves together music from the east and the west, folk, jazz and improvisation. Mark (Australian), Sanshi (Japanese), Esfandiar (Iranian) and Kristiina (Estonian) will mesmerise Takari students with their interactive performance of cultural instruments and voice.

Notes have been distributed to students, acknowledging credits for those students who had previously paid for this incursion in Term 1. Please return and make payment if required by Thursday 13th August.

WANTED - NEW STIRLING COMMUNITY YOUTH BAND MEMBERS: The **Stirling Community Youth Band** rehearses weekly in the Takari Primary Music Room each Tuesday afternoon, 3.30 - 4.30 pm. It is open to **school-aged musicians** of the **Stirling area** and currently consists of 10 amazing young people from Year 1 to Year 7. We have room for a few more and particularly students who have a little experience under their belts! We accept practically any instrument and we love variety, which is reflected in our repertoire! If you are interested, or know someone in the area who might be, please contact Mrs Campione for a chat and audition on Colleen.Campione@education.wa.edu.au



YEAR 3/4 ASSEMBLY: The assemblies are back! The two Yr 3/4 classes are combining to present the first assembly after the COVID-19 restrictions. Parents and community members are invited to attend the assembly in week five, Thursday 20 August. The assembly commences at 9.00am. Parents are asked to observe physical distancing practices and sit 1.5m apart. We look forward to seeing you all at the assembly.



NEW PARENT COMMUNICATION APP: Our new communication app is up and running—you should have received a text message from us last week with the following message:

Takari Primary School is pleased to announce an upgrade to our school communication services. News, Events, Notices and general messages will now be sent using the School Star app. Only parents and community members can access content in this secure app for iPhone and Android.

Please download here: www.mgmw.co/8511fzP



The app allows to see any notices that are sent from the school on a news feed, receive and send messages to the school notifying us of absences or for any other message to admin, (no other community member will be able to see these messages) and to call the school with a one touch button.

You may have also been made aware that if your child is absent, and you have not told the school, a text message is sent to advise you, this will hopefully reduce the need for absence letters to be sent out.

MGM Outreach and School Star are a Department of Education based platform, so we are confident that this will be the only time we have to change.

NATIONAL TREE DAY: Last Friday 31 July, the students at Takari Primary participated in National School's Tree Day. Each class from Pre-Primary to year 6 had the opportunity to plant trees in Joel Park and the nature play area. There were 31 trees altogether planted throughout the day. The children came out class by class, we discussed the importance of trees and the need for them in our environment. I was very impressed with the knowledge that the children had regarding our need for trees and benefit that our environment gets from them. We also had the support of David Michael MLA and Councillors Karlo Perkov and Chris Hatton from the City of Stirling helping plant our trees.



Big Rock Toyota donated \$500 worth of Bunnings vouchers to purchase trees, as well as providing a sausage sizzle and drinks for the entire school lunch on the day. We sincerely thank Big Rock Toyota for their continued support over the years. Mr Corica, our amazing gardener, had the mighty task of preparing the grounds for planting. He also provided us with one very special tree which was a descendant of the pine trees from the site of the 'Battle of the Lone Pine' on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey! We are very lucky to have this special tree on our site.

Congratulations to all the staff and students on an extremely successful and very fun day.

Mrs Fleming



National
Tree
Day





SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING Thursday 14 August

Our school photo day is coming! Last week, every student received their Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. If you pay online, there is no need to return the order envelope to school.

Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. Please note the photographers cannot open sealed envelopes and cannot provide change.

Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture. You can place an order online at any time for the remainder of the current school year however a \$15 fee will apply if you order more than 10 days after photography.

If your child is in a sports or special group photo, you can use the same school code on your order envelope to view and order these photos on Kapture's website, around the time that school photos are ready to be delivered.

Please note; Class group, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

*All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.*

Please note: Members of the Year 5 band will need to be at Takari at 8.15am ready for 8.20am photo and Year 6 band need to be at Takari at 8.25am for a 8.30am photo.

Orders for sibling photos close on Tuesday 11 August at 12 noon. Please ensure your order is made online before then.



JUMP JAM: Jump Jam is back! We welcome all students to the under cover area on Wednesday mornings at 8.00am for a full half hour of energetic movement and singing.

Lead by Mr Patterson, Jump Jam is the place to be on a Wednesday, especially on these chilly mornings!



TEAM TAKARI



For the first part of this term our behaviour value focus has been **KINDNESS**.

It has been wonderful to see the students making use of the Buddy Benches around the school, as a way of showing Kindness in the playground. Keep it up!

For the next two weeks, our whole school focus will be **Following instructions the first time**.

Students have been exploring situations where following instructions is very important, such as when cooking from a recipe, playing a game with special rules or keeping safe in our community.

It is also important to think about following instructions the first time while we are in class, and in the playground.

Following adult instructions **the first time** is a way we can show **Respect, Responsibility** and our **Personal Best** at Takari.

Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

Personal Best

Takari P&C

THANK YOU

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Thank you to each and everyone who donated drinks, sauce, napkins and onions for the sausage sizzle. It is greatly appreciated. Also a huge thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, it was a fantastic day and we made a total of \$1500+ for the school. WELL DONE!!!

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 20 August at 7pm. Now that restrictions are easing I thought we could group together and plan some fun exciting things for the children.

Also don't forget we are always looking for new members to come on board and help us.

POSITIONS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

- Vice President
- Fundraising Co-Ordinator
- General P&C Members

If you think you would like to assist with these roles please get in touch with me and I will be able to provide you with more information, or please come to our meeting (we have coffee/tea and cake).

Thank you
Kelly Praetz
P&C President



2020 Term Planner

Term 3

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	3/8	4/8 Band 8am Upper Primary Progress Interviews	5/8 Jump Jam 8am	6/8 Newsletter #12 Kindy day	7/8
4	10/8	11/8 Band 8am Upper Primary Sibling Photo Or- ders close 12 noon	12/8 Jump Jam 8am PM—Kindy Photos	13/8 School Photos BSHS Art Exhibition	14/8
5	17/8	18/8 Band 8am Upper Primary	19/8 Jump Jam 8am Eastwinds - Musica Viva Incursion	20/8 Newsletter #13 Kindy day Assembly Yrs 3 & 4	21/8
6	24/8 Going for Gold	25/8 Band 8am Upper Primary Year 6—Sausage Sizzle	26/8 Jump Jam 8am	27/8	28/8
7	31/8	1/9 Band 8am Upper Primary	2/9 Jump Jam 8am Helping Minds/ Mental Health Social Media Workshop Yrs 5 & 6	3/9 Newsletter #14 Kindy day Assembly Yrs 2 & 6 P&C Fathers Day Stall	4/9 Faction Athletics Carnival
8	7/9	8/9 Band 8am Upper Primary Year 6—Sausage Sizzle	9/9 Jump Jam 8am	10/9 R U OK Day	11/9
9	14/9	15/9 Band 8am Upper Primary Interschool— Jumps & Throws	16/9 Jump Jam 8am	17/9 Newsletter #15 Kindy day	18/9 Interschool Athletics Carnival
10	21/9	22/9 Band 8am Upper Primary Year 6—Sausage Sizzle	23/9 Jump Jam 8am	24/9 Last day for Students Assembly—Italian Yrs 1 & 5 Italian Day—Gelare!	25/9 School Development Day
School Holidays					

Community Notices

Relationships Australia.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1300 364 277

www.relationshipswa.org.au

As you will be aware, at the commencement of the COVID-19 pandemic Relationships Australia had to cut short all scheduled courses and put our Education Services on hold. Now, with the easing of restrictions we are very pleased to offer a range of parenting workshops and courses which will be delivered face-to-face at our West Leederville Branch along with several **online** offerings.

These courses along with all other courses listed on our website at www.relationshipswa.org.au/courses include a downloadable PDF with tips and information taken directly from the course which are available free of charge.