



NEWSLETTER #1

Week 1 Term 1

Wednesday 2 February 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Welcome back to a new school year. I have been very impressed with the way students have started the year, and it's been a joy to go into all the classes and see so many smiling faces. The school commences the year with an enrolment of 185 students, which is a slight increase on 2021 numbers. There wasn't a lot of movement over the holidays, so we have been able to run with the class structure developed last year.

K P Yr 1 Yr 2 Yr 2/3 Yr 3/4 Yr 4/5 Yr 5/6

Thank you to everyone for their understanding and support of the current COVID-19 restrictions. All parents and carers would have received a copy to the Department's *Back to school - Keeping your children safe fact sheet* last week. The most pertinent points of the fact sheet are:

Vaccination Status

- All staff are fully vaccinated, including booster vaccines for those eligible.
- Parents and carers are not required to show proof of vaccination when dropping off or picking up students, or when entering classrooms on an adhoc basis.
- Any parent, carer, volunteer or contractor working at the school must show proof of vaccination.

Wearing Masks

- Parents and carers are required to wear masks inside, and when they cannot socially distance (1.5m) outside.
- Staff are required to wear mask inside, but can remove them when teaching or instructing students.
- Primary aged children are not required to wear masks.

Ventilation

- The Department of Education has assessed the ventilation in all schools.
- All classrooms at Takari PS have been provided air purifiers to increase ventilation.

Health and Hygiene

- The school will continue to encourage the regular washing of hands and the use of sanitiser.
- The school will continue to regularly clean high traffic areas, including drink fountains and play equipment.
- Staff and students are requested to stay home if they are feeling unwell.
- If a student shows possible COVID-19 symptoms, parents will be contacted to collect them. Students waiting to be collected will be isolated and given a mask to wear.
- Physical contact and physical greetings are to be avoided where possible.

School Activities

- Parent Information Meetings have been cancelled. Staff will instead provide parents with a Class Information Pack.
- Assemblies, swimming lessons and the upper primary faction swimming carnival will all proceed.

The Education Department takes advice from the Health Department and the Chief Medical Officer. It is highly likely that further restrictions will be enforced as community cases and transmissions of COVID-19 increase. It is not known what these additional restrictions might be, but the Minister for Education has made a commitment to keep schools open for face to face teaching wherever possible.

David Tennant

STAFF ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE: Mrs Van Delft, Mrs Stark and Mrs Campione are all taking long service leave this term. We wish them a fun and relaxing break and look forward to them returning later in the near future.

WELCOME MISS JOHNSON: The Takari school community welcomes Miss Emily Johnson, who has been appointed as a teacher in the Yr 3/4 class.

NEW TIMETABLE: Following the success of the lunch before recess trial, the School Council has endorsed a change to the school's timetable this year. The new timetable will see: **Lunch 11:20am to 12:00pm**
Afternoon Recess 1:40pm to 2:00pm

CLASS INFORMATION PACKS: Class Information Meetings will not be conducted this year. Teachers will instead distribute Class Information Packs to all families in Week Two. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for your pack.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ONLINE COMMUNICATION: School Star is our online communication app. Is available on the App store (see instructions within this newsletter). If you do not download the app, any messages are sent as text messages.

The app allows you 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, and to call the school with a one touch button. If your child is absent, and you have not informed the school, a message is sent to advise you. MGM Outreach and School Star are a Department of Education based platform.

Seesaw is the communication app used between teachers/classes and parents, details on how to download are also within this newsletter.

2022 Staff Profile

Administration	Principal	Mr David Tennant	
	Deputy Principal	Miss Jess Jongen	
	Mgr Corp Services	Ms Ann Harper	
	School Officer	Mrs Britt Katselas	Wednesday
Classrooms	Kindergarten	Mrs Hayley Wilson	Tuesday to Thursday
		Mrs Marie Russo-Battaglio	(EA) Tuesday to Thursday
	Pre Primary	Miss Amy Goodwin	
		Mrs Rose Fleming	Thursday
		Ms Georgina Downey	(EA)
	Year 1 Room 10	Mrs Justine Andrews	
	Year 2 Room 8	Miss Tarryn Coad	
	Year 2/3 Room 3	Ms Susan Reed	Monday & Tuesday
		Mrs Kim Williams	Wednesday to Friday
	Year 3/4 Room 2	Miss Emily Johnson	
	Year 4/5 Room 4	Mrs Heather Luckhurst	
	Year 5/6 Room 5	Mrs Michaela Moroney	
Education Assistants		Mrs Chris Donis	Monday to Thursday
		Mrs Liz Hill	Tuesday to Thursday
		Mrs Lisa Rogers	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Specialists	Physical Education	Mr Craig Patterson	Monday to Wednesday
	Music	Mrs Colleen Campione	Tuesday to Thursday
	Italian	Mrs Simona Demaio	Thursday
	Junior Primary	Mrs Anna Humphries	Thursday
Support	Library Officer	Miss Belinda Jarvis	Tuesday to Thursday
	School Chaplain	Mrs Gwyn Bishop	Wednesday and Friday
	School Psychologist	Ms Sendra Jugov	Wednesday
	Gardener	Mr Roger Corica	Monday, Wednesday to Friday
	Cleaners	Mr Woo Seok Kim	
		Ms Sandaya Jayalathge Don	
		Ms Sadeera Dissanayaka Mudiyanse	

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	Susan Reed, plus two others still to be elected
Parent Representatives	Tracey Farrow (3rd year), Russell Sykes (2nd year), and one position vacant
P&C Representative	To be confirmed at first P&C meeting
Community Representative	Karlo Perkov

The school is now seeking nominations for one vacant Parent Representative position.

Nominations for this position must be in writing and delivered to Mr Tennant by 3.00pm next **Friday 11 February**. A vote within the parent body will be conducted if more than one nomination is received. Please see Mr Tennant or one of the current School Council representatives if you would like to know more about the School Council.

YR 4/5/6 SWIMMING LESSONS: Students in Yr 4 to Yr 6 will commence swimming lessons in Week Three. Information and permission slips were distributed to all students on Monday. Please try to have all forms and money in as soon as possible. Students need to have completed swimming lessons to participate in the fantastic Takari Faction Swimming Carnival, which will be held in week five. We have not had a Faction Swimming Carnival for a few years due to upgrades at Balcatta Senior High School, so this carnival will be one you won't want to miss!

2022 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 2022 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.

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 Wednesday 17 February. All forms must be signed and returned please whether there are changes or not. Thank you.

NEW NEWSLETTER DAY: Newsletters will now be published every second Wednesday. The newsletter is sent electronically through SchoolStar/Outreach and email. It is also published on the website. The P&C also add it to the Facebook page. If you would like a copy of the newsletter and/or notes from the school emailed directly to you, please contact Ms Harper or Mrs Katselas in the office, with your email address.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL AND CLASSES

Takari uses two programs to communicate with families. Seesaw is used for communication with your child's teacher. School star is our online communication app. This is how the school communicates newsletter, notes and absentees. It is important families have the School star app for immediate communications from the school that may be necessary in current times.

School Administration Communication

Newsletters, special news and notices, absentees, contacting the school administration

School Star may be downloaded for both iPhone and Android devices. Installing School Star is easy. Follow the instructions below to download and install the app..

iPhone users:

1. Open the App Store on your iPhone by tapping the icon.
2. Search the App Store for "MGM School Star"
3. Tap the button that says "+GET", the "INSTALL"
4. If asked, enter your Apple ID password.
5. The "INSTALL" button will turn into an indicator that shows the progress of the download.

Android users:

1. Open the Play Store on your Android Phone by tapping the icon.
2. Search the Play Store for "MGM School Star", and tap the search result in the list.
3. Tap the button marked "INSTALL"
4. The "INSTALL" button will turn into an indicator that shows the progress of the download.
5. Once the download has finished, tap "OPEN" to launch School Star.

After you register a new account, only parents whose phone numbers are registered with the school are permitted to create an account and log in to School Star. School Star will automatically detect your school and check your ID credentials. This means that any posted content is protected and confined to the school community only.

While you are logged in to School Star, any messages sent by the school will arrive as a School Star notification, allowing you to reply to important messages from the school



Classroom Communication

Communicating with teachers, student work and assignments, class news, special notices,

iOS and Android Smartphones

Search for "Seesaw Family App" in the iTunes App Store or Google PlayStore (Make sure the one you are downloading is FREE and that it says Family)

1. Download the app and scan the PRINTED QR Code in the handout provided to your child (once Third Party Consent forms have been signed)
2. Create an account and allow notifications

Steps:

1. Grab your smart device and your QR code printed page
2. Open the app on your smart device • Choose "Create Family Account"
3. Scan the QR Code printed page with your smart device
4. Create your account

Other Smartphones and computers:

1. Go to the link provided by the teacher in any web browser (email)
2. Choose your child from the class list and create an account

Web Portal app.seesaw.me



Students currently in Year 5 can now apply for Gifted and Talented programs for 2023.

**For more information and application go to
<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>.
Applications close Sunday 13 February 2022.**



Our Scholastic catalogues have been distributed this week. Online ordering is still available through Loop. We are also processing the book orders through the office.

Please have your order back to school by **Tuesday 15 February**. Remember a percentage of all books purchased goes towards books to restock our library. Thank you for your support!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP

or



TEAM TAKARI: We are looking forward to a wonderful term with lots of positivity and enthusiasm. This week, the Takari students are revisiting their Transition from the classroom to the undercover area at Recess and Lunchtime.



Takari Primary School

Recess and Lunch Transition

1. Teacher dismisses students.



2. Students use toilets if needed.



3. Students wash hands.

4. Quietly collect food and hat from bag space.



5. Walk quietly, without eating or opening food, to the undercover area straight away.



6. Sit down to eat.



Takari P&C

Welcome back Parents and Students, I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing break.

The time has come for me to step down as President of the P&C. I have had the best time being president for this school. I will never forget the fun events that I have experienced during my time.

If you have ever thought about joining the P&C, now is the time to step forward as I would hate for it to have to fold if no one comes forward to participate. We rely on families and the community to keep the P&C running.

The AGM date will be released in the next newsletter, which is where all positions will be available. I hope to see lots of parents in attendance.

In the mean time, if you have any questions please, don't hesitate to contact me or see me at the school.

Wishing everyone a fantastic 1st term.

Thank you Kelly Praetz P&C President 0417761749 praetz_85@hotmail.com

**YOUR
SCHOOL
NEEDS
YOU!**

2022 Term Planner

Term 1

1	31/1 1st Day of Term	1/2 Kindy Commences	2/2 Newsletter #1	3/2	4/2
2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2 Student Council Speeches 9am	11/2
3	14/2 Swimming Lessons Years 4-6	15/2	16/2 Newsletter #2	17/2	18/2
4	21/2 Swimming Lessons Years 4-6	22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2
5	28/2	1/3	2/3 Newsletter #3 Faction Swim Carnival	3/3 Assembly - Clean Up School Day	4/3
6	7/3 LABOUR DAY	8/3	9/3	10/3	11/3
7	14/3	15/3	16/3 Newsletter #4	17/3 Progress Interviews	18/3
8	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3 Assembly - Year 5/6 Harmony Day	25/3
9	28/3	29/3	30/3 Newsletter #5	31/3	1/4
10	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/4 ANZAC Assembly Last Day of Term

PARKING AND TRAFFIC AROUND THE SCHOOL

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 - 4.15pm.

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 services of the Cross Walk man to ensure the safety of your children.

