



TAKARI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #7

Week 3 Term 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: I have just returned from two weeks long service leave, and it was great coming back into a far less restrictive environment. The removal of the mask mandate, and the return of gatherings on site, are very much welcomed by the staff and the school community. There has been an increase in the number of student absences over the past week. A significant number of students have been isolating at home because they have tested positive for COVID-19, while others are away sick with seasonal coughs, colds and sniffles.

Over the last three days, the attendance rate for students has dropped to just 82%. We have been fortunate that our staff have not been affected to the extent other schools have. With relief staff in very short supply, many schools are struggling to maintain normal teaching and learning programs. For those interested, 29% of students at the school have tested positive to COVID-19 since the start of the year.

Thank you to Miss Jongen, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Moroney, who all took on additional administrative responsibility in my absence. They did a great job over the past two weeks.

Good luck to the Yr 3 and Yr 5 students who are currently sitting National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) over the next two weeks. We have already completed the Writing and Reading assessments, with Conventions of Language and Numeracy still to come. NAPLAN reports will be provided in September.

David Tennant

COVID-19 UPDATE: While COVID-19 restrictions have eased, we still need to take care. At school, students will continue to observe appropriate hygiene practices. The school still requires families to inform the front office if a student tests positive for COVID-19. This assists the school in managing packages of work while the student is in isolation.

The lifting of restrictions mean:

- Staff and students are no longer required to wear masks indoors or at gatherings, though masks are still encouraged when distancing cannot be observed.
- **If a student has any symptoms, they should stay home and test.**
- **If negative, students should return to school when they have no symptoms.**
- **If positive, inform the school and commence 7 days isolation.**
- Families have been provided with 20 RATs (per student) for testing purposes.
- The school will not inform families if a student in a class tests positive.
- Students are no longer classified as close contacts at school, and are not required to isolate.
- Parents are welcomed back into the classroom and school buildings.
- Assemblies and other special events have resumed.

If you have any questions or concerns, or require additional RATs, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.



THE ROCK BANDS ARE BACK!

The school's Yr 5 and Yr 6 Rock Band Program kicks off this week. Mrs Campione and Mr Parise will be working with selected Yr 5 and Yr 6 students every Wednesday morning. This year, numbers in both bands have been capped at 10 students. Interested students were required to submit an application and sit an interview. Congratulations to those students who were selected. Everyone is looking forward to being entertained by the bands in the near future. Rock on!

YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY: Everyone is invited to the Yr 1 assembly next Thursday 19 May. We hope to see you there.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT IN 2023 KINDY and PP PROGRAMS

Takari Primary School is now accepting applications for enrolment in the 2023 Kindergarten and Pre Primary programs.

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by 30 June 2023 they are eligible for Kindy 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.

The closing date for enrolments is Friday 1 July, but enrol now to avoid missing out.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS WANTED: If anyone has any unwanted school uniforms, the second hand uniform shop is taking donations. Please bring any clean items to the front office.

TEAM TAKARI



This fortnight the procedure we are looking at is

Going to the Toilet.

It is important that all Takari students follow the same procedures to make everyone feel safe at school.

Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

Personal Best

TREASURE HUNTERS STARTS TOMORROW: Treasure Hunters is a Youth Care operated program that delivers life skills for students. Trained volunteers share values and beliefs through Bible stories, games, activities and music. The program is offered to students in Yr 1 to Yr 6 every Thursday at lunchtime. Students must have signed permission from parents to attend. Interested students have been given  permission forms. Extra permission forms can be collected from the front office.

RUN CLUB

Run Club will operate for all students and parents every Tuesday and Friday morning between 8:00am and 8:30am. If parents ran last year, you will find your own QR Code card in the black box in the undercover area. If not, grab a Parent spare card, write your name on the back and a card will be made up for you later. Make sure you get to school a few minutes early so you can collect your scan cards and are ready to run at 8.00am.

Parent supervision of Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students is required.

How many laps can you do?

Individual Awards	ECE	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Diamond
	K - PP	20 laps	40 laps	60 laps	80 laps
	Junior	Yr 1 - Yr 3	30 laps	60 laps	90 laps
	Senior	Yr 4 - Yr 6	40 laps	80 laps	120 laps

Award Runners



Division	Junior - K to Yr 3	Senior - Yr 4 to Yr 6	Staff & Parents
Bronze	Lewis S, Harper B, Theo W, Emilia L, Isla W, Noa J, Benji S, Harry B, Mia D, Danuli W-D, Rory N, Kazran F, Olive P and Asha F	Xavier K, Heath D, Oska B, Isla N, Brianna D and Isla F	Jonelle Schultz Victoria Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS to the Year 4/5 class who made bracelets and cookies to raise money for Wheelchairs For Kids. They managed to raise over \$400. We received this thank you letter from their organisation last week:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your generous donation. Wheelchairs for Kids is run by an army of enthusiastic volunteers, mostly retirees, from all walks of life and professions. This ensures that your entire donation is used to manufacture wheelchairs. With your donation we can continue to provide ALL TERRAIN wheelchairs to disabled children in rugged areas of developing countries around the world.

Kind regards,
Nim Kerai
Donor Coordinator Wheelchairs for Kids Ltd



Takari Primary School

Going to the Toilet

Always chose an appropriate time!

1. Raise your hand to ask the teacher, 'may I go to the toilet please?"



3. Write your name, date and time on the class record sheet.



4. Go to the toilet quickly and quietly.



5. Wash your hands and leave the toilet tidy and ready for others to use.



6. Quickly return back to work.



To leave and return to class safely.



Wheelchairs For Kids
Giving freedom & mobility worldwide



We had a fantastic day on May the fourth testing our strength in a mighty tug of war contest. The winning team was awarded the very suitable prize of a lightsaber each. Thank you to Alan Woodward (our mighty crosswalk man) for his donation of the lightsabers! **May The Fourth Be With You!**



ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE: The Year 6 students and parents will be holding a sausage sizzle on election day, Saturday 21 May at the school to raise money for camp. So please be sure to bring some coins when you come down to vote and grab your democracy snag to support our kids reach their goal!!



PARKING AND TRAFFIC AROUND THE SCHOOL

SAFE PARKING PRACTICES: The city of Stirling has received complaints from residents close to the school in regards to unsafe parking practices occurring around the school and surrounding streets and of drivers not observing general road rules. The City of Stirling will be sending out a Ranger to patrol at drop off and pick up times.

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.





Help keep our school safe and secure
 If you see or hear suspicious behaviour immediately contact School Watch Security or the Police. Thank you for your support.
 School Watch Security : 1800 177 777



2022 Term Planner

Term 2

3	9/5 NAPLAN	10/5 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am	11/5 Newsletter #7	12/5	13/5 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am
4	16/5 NAPLAN	17/5 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am	18/5	19/5 Assembly- Room 10	20/5 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am
5	23/5 First Aid Focus Incursion Yrs 2- 6	24/5 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am	25/5 Newsletter #8	26/5	27/5 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am
6	30/5	31/5 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am	1/6	2/6	3/6 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am
7	6/6 WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY	7/6 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY (Students do not attend)	8/6 Newsletter #9	9/6 Assembly - Room 2	10/6 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am
8	13/6	14/6 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am	15/6 Faction Cross Country	16/6	17/6 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am
9	20/6	21/6 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am	22/6 Newsletter #10	23/6 Flamingo Strings Music Incursion	24/6 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am Interschool Cross Country
10	27/6 NAIDOC WEEK	28/6 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am	29/6	30/6 Assembly - Room 3	1/7 Run Club 8.00- 8.30am

Community Notices

Stirling Leisure Centres have got a new junior coaching program at Stirling Leisure Centres - Hamersley! Cricket has been added to our Term 2 timetable and is available for children aged 5-11 on Wednesday afternoons. Your child will have fun learning and working on hand eye co-ordination, balance and fitness.

Plus, register for this term and receive a FREE water bottle on arrival.

REGISTER NOW |
[www.stirling.wa.gov.au/
coaching](http://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/coaching)



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Online Information Session



Join us on Zoom to learn how you can receive up to \$500 for school costs by growing your savings.

Friday 27th May 2022
10am - 10:30am

You are welcome

Click the ZOOM link to join:
<https://thesmithfamily.zoom.us/j/99783597751?pwd=UHFCaTVzUm5HV1dWzR4eUYzK29tZz0>
 You can join from your phone, iPad, tablet, laptop or computer.
 No registration required

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BADMINTON GO GIRLS!

IN THE PINK... DAY OF BADMINTON

Saturday 21st May
 Venue: Kingsway Stadium Madeley
 Time: 10am- 3.00pm





FUN and GAMES

- All equipment provided
- Qualified coaches in attendance
- Fun minor games
- Some coaching hints
- Prizes
- Make new friends

ALL WELCOME

8-18 years
 Never played before...
 Play with family members...
 Play at school...
 Play in a club...

REGISTER NOW: \$10 per player
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events/&cat=5395/](http://www.revolutionise.com.au/badmintonwa/events/&cat=5395/)

CLOSING DATE: Monday 9th MAY