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NEWSLETTER #1

Week 1 Term 1

Thursday 3 February 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Welcome to the beginning of 2023. My name is Leah Clegg and I would like to introduce myself as the newly appointed Principal whilst David Tennant is on leave. It is with great excitement that I return to Takari Primary School as previously was Deputy Principal seven years ago. In this time, I have been leading at Duncraig Primary School as both Deputy Principal and Principal. I feel privileged to work alongside the extremely dedicated team here at Takari PS and I look forward to supporting your children so they meet their full potential.



As a compassionate and responsive leader I draw upon my experience working in diverse remote, regional and metropolitan schools. My focus is providing an inclusive and supportive learning community that strives to empower students. I will be focused on promoting and building effective relationships, whilst supporting and delivering relevant and engaging programs to meet the social, emotional and academic needs of all students. I look forward to building partnerships with families and students to encourage engagement, full participation and empowerment of all.

We have had a wonderful first two days with students settling into their classrooms and meeting their teachers and friends. It was pleasing to see so many students arriving, ready to learn and get on with their day. Thank you for supporting your children to have a smooth transition to school, setting them up for success. I look forward to meeting you as the year progresses.

Leah Clegg

CLASS STRUCTURE:

Year	Room	Teacher
Kindy	KIndy	Hayley Wilson
PP	PP	Amy Goodwin/Rose Fleming
Yr 1	Rm 10	Justine Andrews/Kate Walkerden
Yr 2	Rm 8	Tarry Coad
Yr 3	Rm 2	Kim Williams/Susan Reed
Yr 3/4	Rm 3	Josh Tully
Yr 4/5	Rm 4	Heather Luckhurst
Yr 5/6	Rm 5	Michaela Moroney

NEW STAFF: We welcome Josh Tully as the Year 3/4 teacher in Room 3. Josh has been teaching at Joondalup PS and is excited to join our team.

Additionally, we welcome Kate Walkerden to the Year 1 class in room 10. Kate is an early childhood teacher who is coming from Malvern Springs PS and is ready to get started at Takari. She will be working in partnership with Justine Andrews as the classroom teacher. Justine will be joining the leadership team as one of the Deputy Principals on Thursdays & Fridays and alternate Wednesdays.

Welcome back to Amy Carpenter as she returns from her maternity leave. She remains a valued member of the leadership team as Deputy Principal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS: We look forward to seeing you at the parent information meetings where you will have an opportunity to learn about important aspects of your child's learning program. Additionally, this is a chance to hear from your child's teacher about how you can be in partnership and to support your child's learning.

SCHOOL CULTURE SURVEY: This year we will be planning for our next School Strategic Plan and preparing for the Public School Review. To support this process we would value your feedback about how we are going. I would like to hear from you about the following three areas, Teacher Quality, Relationships and Student Achievement. If you could take a short time to complete the following survey, I would really appreciate this information to support our future planning. Your feedback is a valued part of this process. [2023 School Culture Survey-Parent](#)

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) FEEDBACK: At the end of Semester One, Takari PS will be required to run a tenure process regarding OSHC as mandated by the Department of Education and Use of Community Facilities Policy. In preparation for this the current provider, Balcatta Kids Club and the school would appreciate some feedback about the service. If you have utilised this service please take the time to complete this brief survey to provide valuable feedback. [Takari PS OSHC Review](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ONLINE COMMUNICATION: School Star is our online communication app. It 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.

2023 Staff Profile

Administration	Principal	Miss Leah Clegg	
	Deputy Principal	Mrs Amy Carpenter	Monday - Wednesday
		Mrs Justine Andrews	Thursday - Friday
	Mgr Corp Services	Ms Ann Harper	
	School Officer	Mrs Elizabeth Johnson	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	Monday - Wednesday
		Mrs Kate Walkerden	Thursday - Friday
	Year 2 Room 8	Miss Tarryn Coad	
	Year 3 Room 3	Ms Susan Reed	Monday & Tuesday
		Mrs Kim Williams	Wednesday to Friday
	Year 3/4 Room 2	Mrs Josh Tully	
	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 & Friday
Specialists	Physical Education	Mr Craig Patterson	Monday to Wednesday
	Music	Mrs Colleen Campione	Tuesday to Thursday
	LOTE	TBA	Thursday
Support	Library Officer	Miss Belinda Jarvis	Tuesday to Thursday
	School Chaplain	Mrs Gwyn Bishop	Tuesday and Friday
	School Psychologist	Ms Sendra Jugov	Tuesday
	Gardener	Mr Roger Corica	Monday, Wednesday to Friday
	Cleaners	Mr Woo Seok Kim	
		Ms Sandaya Jayalathge Don	
	Ms Sadeera Dissanayaka Mudiyansele		

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	Leah Clegg
Staff Representatives	Susan Reed, Rose Fleming
Parent Representatives	Tracey Farrow (3rd year), Leanne Patrick (2nd year), Shih Ching Fu (2nd year).
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 and Chairperson position.

Nominations for this position must be in writing and delivered to Ms Clegg by 3.00pm next **Friday 10 February**. A vote within the parent body will be conducted if more than one nomination is received. Please see Ms Clegg 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 Four. Information and permission slips will be distributed to all students this week. 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 seven at Balcatta Senior High School.

2023 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 2023 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, that will be distributed this week, 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 15 February. All forms must be signed and returned please whether there are changes or not. Thank you.

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



Takari P&C

Welcome to 2023 from the Takari P&C!

Hope you had a great holiday and are ready to go for another great year. To those of you joining Takari in 2023, welcome! We are always looking to add to our P&C Team, so if you have any questions or would be interested in joining the P&C, please email us at takaripc@gmail.com

Our first meeting will be held on Monday 13th February, at 7pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible, either in person or online.

Please keep an eye out for our 2023 P&C Questionnaire going home this week. We would love any feedback, suggestions, ideas etc you have.

Jonelle Schultz P&C President



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 7 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  

2023 Term Planner

Term 1

1	30/1	31/1	1/2 All students Commence	2/2 Newsletter #1	3/2
2	6/2	7/2	8/2 Parent Information Evenings	9/2 Assembly - Student Council Elections	10/2
3	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2 Newsletter #2	17/2 P&C Meet and Greet
4	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2
5	27/2 Swimming Lessons Yrs 4 - 6	28/2	1/3	2/3 Newsletter #3	3/3
6	6/3 LABOUR DAY	7/3 Swimming Lessons Yrs 4 - 6	8/3	9/3 Assembly	10/3
7	13/3	14/3 Swimming Carnival	15/3	16/3 Newsletter #4	17/3
8	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3 Assembly - Harmony Day	24/3
9	27/3	28/3	29/3 Progress Interviews	30/3 Newsletter #5	31/3
10	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4 Anzac Day Ceremony	7/4 Good Friday Public Holiday
				Last day of Term 1	

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.



Students currently in Year 5 can now apply for Gifted and Talented programs for 2024.
For more information and application go to
<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>.
Applications close Sunday 12 February 2023.

