



Tailem Bend Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal: Mr Travis Schenke



Dear parents, caregivers and community members,

We frequently report on and hear about the importance of attendance at school. We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students attending school each and every day. We all know that missing school can have a major impact on a child's future. Did you know that a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year? By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Our yearly attendance rate as a school is currently sitting at 93.8% which is just shy of the DECD target of 95% - our very achievable goal is to bring it up to the 95% target. How can we achieve this? It's simple: **every day at school counts for everyone!**

The table below shows the weekly attendance rate for each year level. Congratulations to our year 1 and 3 students who have been able to maintain above 95% for all of 2017!

TERM 2	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Term 2 (Total)	Total for 2017
Reception	94.0%	88.0%	93.0%	89.0%	92.0%	87.0%	90.8%	93.2%
Year 1	96.9%	87.7%	95.4%	96.9%	98.5%	96.9%	95.5%	97.0%
Year 2	100.0%	92.3%	86.2%	94.6%	100.0%	93.6%	94.7%	94.5%
Year 3	96.8%	94.7%	97.9%	93.2%	92.1%	97.4%	95.5%	95.2%
Year 4	92.5%	93.8%	90.6%	82.5%	90.6%	92.5%	90.7%	91.9%
Year 5	95.0%	94.7%	88.4%	90.0%	95.3%	98.4%	93.9%	93.7%
Year 6	95.4%	97.7%	96.9%	91.2%	94.6%	91.9%	94.8%	94.2%
Year 7	94.0%	90.0%	94.0%	83.0%	88.0%	93.3%	90.7%	91.7%
Whole School	95.4%	92.7%	93.2%	89.7%	93.5%	93.6%	93.3%	93.8%

SAPSASA News

Congratulations to both Sophie Edwards and Noah Attrill-Podirsky who participated in SAPSASA netball and football state carnivals last week. From all reports, both students had a fantastic week away. We are extremely proud of their achievements!



Have a great week,
Travis

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Diary Dates

Term 2 ends
Friday 7th July
Early dismissal 2.10pm

Term 3 commences
Monday 24th July

STUDENT FREE DAY
Wednesday August 2nd

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Friday 1st September

"To Be Positive & Successful"

Cyber-safety workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the workshop on cyber-safety. We all found it informative and picked up some great tips. The workshop raised our awareness of how to use electronic devices safely and what to be wary of.

- Thank you to **Communities for Children, Murraylands Newsagency**, Murray Bridge and **Hughes Newsagency**, Taillem Bend for donating goods for our goody bags
- Thanks also to **Jagers BP, Taillem Bend** who donated two \$50 vouchers and **Murray Computers, Murray Bridge** who organised the donation of Norton pens, antivirus devices and notebooks.

Cyber-safetytips:

There are lots of ways to connect online by using apps, social networks and gaming.

Any device or app when used incorrectly has the potential to cause harm.

Here are some of the common activities.

Social networking – Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, Musically, What sapp, Skype, Twitter and Periscope.

Gaming – Call of Duty, Minecraft, Candy Crush and Clash of Clans,

Apps – Happn, Messenger, Pokemon Go, Tinder, Musically and Kik.

What adults can do to:

- Research or download the apps, games and websites your child uses so that you become familiar with how they work. The **ThinkUKnow website** has lots of tips for apps.
- Before you download and install an app, check which features on your device (such as GPS function) the app wants permission to access. Disable any features which are unnecessary for the app to access.
- Check the classification, as these can be a good indication as to whether the content and functionality is suitable for children. Classifications are sometimes set by game or app developers and not independently assessed.
- Many apps contain in-app purchases which can lead to a hefty bill – it is a good idea to disable in-app purchases. Only download apps from the official stores, such as Apple's App Store or Android marketplace.
- Make sure your child has people they know and trust as online friends and contacts.

- Talk to your child about not being pressured into sharing or doing something online that they are not comfortable with.
- Ensure your child is aware that children should never arrange to meet someone they've met online in person without taking along a trusted adult.

ThinkUKnow

Thinkuknow.org.au

Talking to your children about terrorism

The recent terrorist attacks, where children and young people were among the victims, have spread shockwaves across the globe. With media coverage reaching saturation levels it's difficult to shield children from these events. The task for parents is to reassure children, while trying to explain events that for most of us are beyond understanding.

Whilst most parents don't want to discuss terrorism with children, it's not a topic that you should avoid, particularly if your children ask pertinent questions.

Here are some ideas that may help:

1. Discuss age-appropriately

It's best to shield pre-schoolers completely from frightening or traumatic world events. This means protecting children from media coverage and mindful of adult conversations around young children. However even young children overhear conversations and know what is happening, so be prepared to discuss events in ways they understand.

Primary school aged children have more exposure through the media and the schoolyard. However children can easily misinterpret events so be prepared to clarify misconceptions and open the way for conversations.

Older children are usually very aware of media coverage, and have an understanding of the ramifications both personally and politically. Opening the way for more in-depth conversations as well as processing any feelings that arise is important for this age group.

2. Manage yourself first

Children of all age's take their cues about unusual events need to think carefully about the emotions you communicate to your children. First and foremost they need to feel safe, so it's best to keep extreme emotions in check in front of your children. **Share how you feel with your children but make sure you are in control of your emotions. Air any strong feelings you may**

have with trusted adults if you feel you need to “vent”.

3. Find out what your child knows

Children often confuse time and place so they easily think that an event that occurred on the other side of the world will directly impact on them. Young children, in particular, usually personalise situations. They may, for example, think that an older relative is in danger because they go to concerts or like to walk on bridges.

4. Keep conversations simple

Let children steer the conversation with their questions and worries. Answer their questions simply, while bringing issues down to their level if necessary by talking about why people get into fights, and pinpointing appropriate and inappropriate reactions. With older children and teens you may have discussions about politics and religion but do so without stereotyping, or providing narrow analysis of events.

5. Listen to their worries

Encourage your children to talk about their **feelings** as well as their thoughts about the events. If possible, help them give their feelings a name. Assist them to understand that it's normal to feel scared, sad and angry when events like this happen. Some children may want to spend more time around you, which is a natural reaction to distressing events.

6. Monitor media exposure

Limit children's exposures to television as the constant viewing of images of tragedy and terror can reinforce that the world is a dangerous place. Be mindful that constant repetition can de-sensitise some children which impacts on their ability to feel empathy. If news is being seen, join children and young people to watch those media stories of terrorism so that you can provide an adult perspective and clarity to what they are seeing.

7. Help children feel empowered

Keep reminding children and young people that their world is basically a safe place. Focus on simple ways children can remain safe such as wearing a seatbelt and using a helmet when riding a bike. Children may decide to fundraise for a charity organisation so that they learn that they can make a positive difference. You may also hold discussions with older children about current safety measures such as airport security and possible increases in security at future entertainment and sporting events.

8. Remind children that people are good

Although we may not directly be affected by terrorism it can lead to mistrust and stereotyping of others including those of different political groups and religions. It's easy to lose sight of the basic goodness in us all. It may be useful to highlight stories of heroism and goodness that come out of terrorism attacks. (Extract from article written by Peter Grose www.parentingideas.com.au)

Regards,
Marie Flavel

SRC News

In week 5 the SRC held two fundraising activities to support the chosen charity for this term 'Cows for Cambodia'.

On behalf of the SRC, I would like to thank everyone who bought a juice box or who had a guess in our 'Snakes in the Jar' competition. The money we raised is going to a very good cause.

The total amount of money raised by holding both activities in week 5 was \$180.20.

Thank you to Mrs. Kozikowski for managing the funds for us and to Mrs. Schubert for doing all the shopping!

Thank you.
Sakinah Karras SRC President 2017

BASKETBALL SKILLS

Coached by
**EASTERN MAVERICKS
PREMIER LEAGUE PLAYERS**

*Alex Wilson, Kadisha Kartinyeri, Shayelan Paech,
Keeleha Seidel, Joe Cuffe, Lashlan Barker*



IMPROVE YOUR BASKETBALL SKILLS

8-11 Years

Program aimed at Advanced skill development :
Learn new skills, improve shooting, dribbling & passing

IN A HEALTHY & FUN ENVIRONMENT








\$5.00 per player for the session (cash payment only)

Participants receive **FREE ENTRY** into the Premier League game starting at 6.30pm

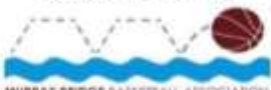
Venue: Murray Bridge Basketball Stadium, Princes Hwy
Date: Saturday June 17th 2017 Session Time: 4.00pm - 5.00pm

For bookings email Admin Officer: admin@easternmavericks.com.au
with your child's name and DOB

MURRAY BRIDGE



IS COMING TO THE



MURRAY BRIDGE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION


**COME ALONG TO SEE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF
BASKETBALL IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

EASTERN MAVERICKS vs CENTRAL DISTRICTS LIONS

WHEN: Saturday June 17th
Women start at 6:30pm
Men start at 8:15pm

WHERE: Murray Bridge Basketball Association
Showgrounds Complex, Murray Bridge

COST: Adults \$8
Children \$3



See local players KEDEISHA KARTINYERI, SHAYELAN PAECH and current WNBL Premiership player ALEX WILSON in action
Bar, Meals and Canteen Facilities available

More information on the Murray Bridge Basketball Association and Eastern Mavericks FACEBOOK pages and at www.easternmavericks.com.au

TAILEM BEND KINDERGARTEN DISCO NIGHT

Tuesday 14th June 6-8pm
Entry cost is \$6 which includes
A sausage sizzle, drink, ice pops
And a glow stick!

Lots of glow prizes
And prizes for best dressed!
Care children and
their families are welcome!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Sea Grass Basket Weaving

Tuesday July 11
Sessions 1: 10:30am to 12:00pm
Sessions 2: 12:30 to 2pm
Recommended for ages 5-11

Create a Caterpillar Garden

Wednesday July 12
10am to 11am
Recommended for ages 5-8

LEGO Fun Day

Monday July 17
1pm to 4pm
Recommended for ages 4-10

Captain Pina Visit & Story Time

Wednesday July 19
10am to 11am
Recommended for ages 3 to 9

Bookings are essential
Please contact the library
on 8539 1175 to book your
place or speak to the staff



Vinnies

Tailem Bend Shop

Corner of Station Drive and
Kulde Road
Tailem Bend

Join us in changing lives
Do you have a genuine desire to help
others? If so, we would love you to
volunteer in our Tailem Bend Shop



**To register your interest in
volunteering contact us today.**
Phone 8112 8711 or email
volunteering@svdpsa.org.au

BOATING INFORMATION SPECIAL PERMIT & LICENCE EXAM

THE TALLEM BEND COMMUNITY CENTRE
141 RAILWAY TERRACE TALLEM BEND 5PM WEDNESDAY 26 JULY

REGISTER YOUR NAME AND CONTACT NOW!

THE DAY STARTS WITH A 90 MINUTE PRESENTATION COVERING POSSIBLE QUESTIONS IN THE EXAM, FOLLOWED BY THE EXAM ITSELF.
REGISTRATIONS START FROM 1.30PM. THE COST IS \$30 ADULTS, \$17 FOR 12-18 YEAR OLDS.
PLEASE BRING ALONG A PEN AND 2 FORMS OF ID (DRIVERS LICENCE, CREDIT CARD, MEDICARE CARD, STUDENT ID).
THE COURSE FEE IS \$20. DO IF YOU NEED YOUR BOAT LICENCE, DON'T MISS!

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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
TELEPHONE TBCC 08 8572 3513
LIMITED NUMBERS. PAYMENT PRIOR TO FRIDAY 30 JUNE GUARANTEES YOUR SEAT



Our Languages Matter
2-9 JULY 2017

NAIDOC Week
Bridge Walk 2017



Monday July 3,
9.30am East Side

Join us as we walk together on Ngarrindjeri Ruwe
Acknowledge local achievements at the flag raising and awards ceremony from 9.45am in front of the Local Government Centre: 2 Seventh St, Murray Bridge

For more information contact:
8539 1182 or s.zma@murraybridge.sa.gov.au



**COONALPYN & DISTRICT
73rd SHOW**
Will be held on
**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21st, 2017**
KEEP THE DATE FREE

- ~ Jumping Castle, Children's Entertainment ~
School Displays
- ~ Great Food ~ Landmark Schools Farming
Challenge
- ~ SHOW Trail; Traders & More
Winners in all Junior Sections
receive Prize Money.
- Lots of trophies for Most Points or Most
Outstanding Exhibits

THEME: Upcycled - special classes with prizes available for all

NEW SECTION:

Metal Sculpture Competition - get out into the shed to see what you can find to weld into a sculpture. Open Classes are:

1. Small decorative item up to 50cm high
2. Large item - garden art
3. Person, animal or bird sculpture.

Junior Shed Sculpture: make something useful out of recyclables or junk from the shed

1. Small & Ornamental
2. For the garden or Outdoors

Artists- This year's special classes are Portraits, so get those pens, pencils, paints and easels out now!

Go to: www.coonalpynshow.info for entry information,
2017 new pages will be uploaded soon

FIRE TRAINING

**Chief Warden
Evacuation
Extinguisher
Chemical spills**

Friday 11 August 2017
9am—4.30pm
**Cost \$220 including breaks/
lunch**

**Minimum 15 participants for training
to proceed**

Bookings essential
Call 8572 3513

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