

Dear parents, caregivers and community members,

Our Little Eagles Transition group will be starting tomorrow. This exciting programme encourages students who will be beginning school in 2018, along with their families, to come into our school to participate in songs, games, stories and activities to help guide the transition into school life.

This wonderful program is a great way to introduce children to school life and for the children and their families to get to know our school community.

### Wave and say G'Day!

Last Wednesday there was a fantastic story on Today Tonight highlighting the importance of looking out for and helping each other in our community. It's as simple as waving to someone or saying "G'Day". A little wave can go a long way to filling someone's bucket and making them smile. I love being out in the yard in the morning before school and having students and parents come up to say good morning – it's a wonderful way to start the day. Last Friday I took our year 6/7 students out to the highway and we waved to cars as they went past. The students were very quick to point out that as drivers waved back, they were smiling! Let's keep the positivity running through our wonderful community! ☺



### Swearing

It has been brought to my attention that there is an alarming amount of swearing happening in our school yard. Young children often swear because they're exploring language. They might be testing a new word, perhaps to understand its meaning. Sometimes swearing happens accidentally when children are learning to say words. Children might also be trying to express a feeling such as frustration. Or they might simply be saying the word because it sounds funny or gets a reaction. Children might also be imitating others when they swear, **but does this mean we have to accept it?**

Schools and communities are often competing against what children see / hear in the media, in the community or in online games. I do feel however, that our students and staff have the right to feel safe and to work in an environment not filled with colourful language or in some cases, verbal abuse. So how can you help?

- Discuss your family rules about acceptable language with your child. For example, you might say, 'Please use a nicer word', or 'We don't use words like that'. *(continued over page)*

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### Diary Dates

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**TB Football Club  
5pm-7pm  
Theme: Casual dress**

**Term 2 ends  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Early dismissal 2.10pm**

**Term 3 commences  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**STUDENT FREE DAY  
Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

- If you find it difficult to stop swearing yourself, try to find alternative words to use or another way to deal with the situation. Adults often swear when they're frustrated or angry.
- Be aware of what your child watches, listens to and plays with. That means supervising and checking the ratings on TV, movies and other multimedia and music.
- Praise your child when you notice him / her dealing appropriately with anger or frustration. For example, if your child tells you that someone was using swear words to tease him / her, praise your child for walking away from the situation and not using those words himself / herself.

Students were reminded at our assembly last Friday that swearing will not be tolerated in our school, and appropriate and logical consequences will be applied. I thank you for your support with this matter.

Have a great week!  
Travis

## BLUE LIGHT DISCO



Wednesday July 5th

At the  
Taillem Bend Football Club  
from 5pm – 7pm.



Theme: Casual Dress  
The cost will be \$5.  
This covers entry and catering

It is important to remember that children will not be able to leave the disco unless they are collected by a parent or caregiver.

*Please note disco is for primary school children.*

## Cyber-safety

Young people often use the internet to pass time. They may search for videos, interesting information, or use it to answer questions.

**It is important young people learn to question the value and accuracy of the content** they see online. Having open and honest communication with your child about what to do if they see something which upsets them is important.

**Accessing inappropriate material may be psychologically harmful to children and exposure may desensitise** children to extreme material, such as pornography, child exploitation material, radicalised ideologies, and criminal activity.

### **What can adults do to protect their child?**

- Encourage your child to come to you or a trusted adult if they see something online that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- **Know the content your child is searching online.**
- **Know the places your child may access the internet eg. at a friend's house.**
- Discuss **appropriate safety rules** about using the internet and technology.
- Talk to your child about the **importance of understanding that not everything they see online is true.**
- Reinforce that **illegal activities conducted online can be traced by police.**
- Where possible, **supervise internet use of very young children.**
- **Install filtering software, parental controls and safe search controls.**

### What is resilience?

There are many definitions of resilience. One is: **“The ability to bounce back after encountering difficulties, negative events, hard times or adversity and to return to almost the same level of emotional wellbeing; that is, the capacity to maintain a healthy and fulfilling life despite adversity”.**

At our school we work hard to instil resiliency in our students. You are likely to hear teachers and other staff members encouraging children to **“bounce back”** after something may have gone ‘wrong’ for the child.

We are working toward developing skills in children so that they **take responsibility for their actions** and have a “fair” view of why something went wrong.

When you feel unhappy, you can bounce back again and feel better. When things go wrong for you, or you get “knocked down” by what happens

in your life, you can decide to bounce back and be yourself again.

### Holidays

Holidays can provide opportunities for families to do things together.

You could:

- Go to the park
- Fish
- Look at the stars at night
- Go on a treasure hunt
- Play games such as Monopoly
- Colour in
- Make some play dough
- Ride your bikes
- Take the dog for a walk

The list is endless!!  
Have an enjoyable break.

Regards,  
Marie Flavel

### The below course is suggested for high school students

## Beauty Basics

“Life isn't perfect, but your hair can be”

A 4 day course to introduce you to the hair and beauty industry, you'll get the chance to explore make-up, nails, blow-drying, braiding and a wide variety of salon skills.

Nationally accredited and a pathway to the Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics, (SHB20116), enrolment in this course could be just for fun - or a pathway to that new career!

Unit covered is SIRXIND003 - Organise personal work requirements. Students will be able to claim 5 SACE credits at successful course completion.

\$49.00 for eligible students. Eligibility is based on participants' residential postcode. Other eligibility criteria apply. Contact us below to find out if you're eligible. Non-eligible student course cost \$312.00.

Wednesday 12/07 10:00AM  
Thursday 13/07 until  
Wednesday 19/07 4:00PM  
Thursday 20/07

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## Little Eagles Transition Group 2017

Come and join in with songs, games, stories and activities.  
A great introduction to school life.  
All are welcome!

**When:** Every second Wednesday during the school term, beginning the 28th of June

**Who:** Children aged 4-5 years who are starting school in 2018 and their parents/caregivers (younger siblings are also welcome to attend)

**Time:** 9:00am to 10:00am

**Where:** Tailem Bend Primary School Unit  
Please ask at the office if unsure

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** Contact the school on 85 723266



We can't wait to see you there!

Please join us to celebrate

# 30 Years of the

## Tailem Bend Community Centre

### OPEN DAY Friday 28th July 2017

### 3-6 pm | 141 Railway Terrace



RSVP.  
14 July 2017  
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