

Dear parents, caregivers and community members,

I need to start by saying a very BIG congratulations to all students for their efforts at our school concert last night. WOW! What a fantastic show it was, one that we are all proud to be part of. A very big thank you to all parents, caregivers and community members who were able to attend – it was a sell out crowd, and the students were excited to have you all there to witness the fantastic show!

Staffing/Class Structures for 2018

We can finally announce our staffing and class structures for 2018! I am happy to announce that **Daniel Bartlett** and **Meagan Trembath** have been reappointed for the 2018 school year. I am also happy to announce that Julie Schutz has successfully been appointed to fill the contract for our additional 8th class.

We sadly say goodbye to **Nat Baker** who will be leaving our school at the end of the year. Nat has been fortunate to win a contract closer to her home, to be closer to her family. We thank Nat for her contribution to our school over the last 7 years, in particular in the area of performing arts.

Class Structures

- **Reception**– Bec Schenke (0.6) & Sal Kluske (0.4)
- **Reception/Year 1** – Naomi Paech (0.8) & Rebekah Richter (0.2)
- **Year 1/2** – Meagan Trembath (1.0)
- **Year 2/3** – Julie Schutz (1.0)
- **Year 3/4** – Marlene Harvie (0.6) & Rebekah Richter (0.4)
- **Year 4/5** – Daniel Bartlett (1.0)
- **Year 5/6** – Susan Reeves (1.0)
- **Year 7** – Dani Schubert (1.0)

Josie Saddler – German (1 day)
Josie Saddler – Performing arts (3 days)
Marie Flavel – Wellbeing Leader/Special needs
Travis Schenke- Principal & PE teacher

All classes will also be allocated with similar SSO support which was offered throughout this year.

Final words for 2017

I congratulate and thank all students on their attitude, efforts and achievements this year. I am extremely proud of each and every one of you for what you have been able to achieve this year.

We are extremely fortunate to have a group of hard working staff (this includes all teachers, SSOs, admin, grounds, maintenance and cleaners) often going above and beyond the call of duty to create positive learning opportunities for our students. The quality of staff and the potential we have for making a profound difference in the lives and the learning of the students at our school, continues to be a priority for all of us. Our school relies on staff who are not only very good at what they do, but understand that students learn best, when they are working in a safe, respectful, supportive and creative learning environment.

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Diary Dates

**Year 7 Graduation
Thursday 14th December**

**Term 4 ends
Friday 15th December
2:20pm dismissal**

**VACSWIM AT OUR
SCHOOL POOL
8th- 12th January 2018
Enrol on line
Co-ordinator
Denise Edwards**

**Term 1 2018
commences on
Monday 29th January**

We have known for some time that our school is performing well and is punching well above its weight, but we don't want to be just "good", we are striving to be the best! This year we introduced the mantra of ***"good is often the barrier of being great, because you can get comfortable being good. We need to progress"***. We are extremely fortunate to have the calibre of staff at our school who share this belief, and as time goes on, we are seeing the improvements and progress of all the hard work and collaboration from everyone.

Congratulations and thank you to our school Governing Council and sub committees who have provided a significant amount of time and input towards our school's direction this year. We thank everyone for all the time, effort and consideration into a range of strategic directions that continue to benefit our whole community, in particular, our students.

A very big thank you to all those people who have volunteered their time to come into our school to help on so many different levels, to support our students and our school. We are in debt to you all and your input is valued.

Tomorrow we unfortunately say goodbye to our year seven students. We thank you for your contributions to our school during your time with us and wish you well on your life journey. We hope you leave with fond memories of Tailem Bend Primary School.

We can all be proud of the hard work that has been put in by our entire school community to reflect our school's vision "To Be Positive and Successful".

I am extremely proud of what we have been able to achieve as a collective. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you in a positive way in 2018!

Travis

Pageant Competition

I am very pleased to announce that the winners of this year's Pageant Prince and Princess Competition are

Paul Agalidis and Layne Clarke.

Paul and Layne will ride in a very special vehicle in the Tailem Bend Christmas Pageant as Prince and Princess of the Pageant. Remember to give them a big wave as they go past!
Congratulations to both students and thank you to everyone who entered the competition.

Recycling Venture

Again thank you to everyone who supports our venture.

Just a reminder:

- if you accumulate cans, plastics or cartons over the break you can "post" them in our recycling chute. The chute is located on the galvanised fence on the side of the school house.

Mr Robbo will be taking another load into the recycling centre over the holidays and it would be good to have his trailer full once again.

Volunteers

We are thankful to have a large number of people who volunteer at our school. We thank you once again. Your contribution is greatly valued.

Early in 2018 I will be running volunteer induction sessions once again.

Please remember that you require a:

- Police check (you are required to come into the school to initiate this)
- Mandatory Notification training (online or with me)
- Volunteer Induction form to complete

The administration staff are always available to guide you through the process. It is not as cumbersome as it first appears!

The festive season

This is an exciting time of the year but it can also be a sad time. People may be experiencing a sense of loss, have budgetary worries and/or emotional and physical concerns. And of course, Christmas and New Year is a time when family members who may not get along are expected to do so!!

Many support services are closed down or run by skeleton staff so assistance is not available.

Christmas and New Year is the season to be especially mindful of others and to reach out and offer support. Please check to make sure that others are OK.

Thank you

See you in 2018

Marie Flavel

Student Well-being Leader

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS 2017

Congratulations to the recipients of the Student Excellence Awards and the Student of the Year Awards listed below.

Student Excellence Awards

Academic Excellence Award

Sakinah Karras

Donor: Probus Club of Taillem Bend

Respect in all Areas

Noah Attrill-Podirsky

Donor: The Schenke Family

Literacy Award

Ace Cheso

Donor: Governing Council,
Taillem Bend Primary School

Numeracy Award

Hannah McNamara

Donor: Governing Council,
Taillem Bend Primary School

Citizenship Award

Sophie Edwards and Elyssa-Kate Zadow

Donor: Taillem Bend Community Centre

Student Leadership Award

Sakinah Karras

Donor: Rotary Club of Taillem Bend

Choir Awards

Britney Kowald and Luke Morris

Donor: Taillem Bend Singers

Performing Arts Award

Pearl-Lana Woolger

Donor: The Scott Family

STEM Award

Ace Cheso

Donor: Murray Computers

Bounce Back Award

Jacquelin McDowell

Donor: Rivercity Agencies, Murray Bridge

Sporting Excellence Award

Dillon Prokop

Donor: Knights of the Southern Cross
Taillem Bend

KidsMatter Award

Daniel Nedelkov

Donor: Coorong District Council

Kiwanis Terrific Kids Awards

Violet Shepherd and Riley Harris

Donor: Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge

Environment Award

Stephanie Brumfield

Donor: Knights of the Southern Cross
Taillem Bend

LOTE Award

Kayley Kemp

Donor: Probus Club of Taillem Bend

Student of the Year Awards

Reception – Mrs Schenke and Mrs Kluske

Shayla Ariffin and Mathew Cobain

Reception/Year 1 – Miss Trembath

Sophie Paech and Kevin Nigro

Year 2/3 – Mrs Paech, Mrs Kluske
and Mrs Richter

Kaya Goodwin and Zak Baxter

Year 3/4 Mrs Harvie and Mr Bartlett

Stephanie Gower and Boyd Mitchell

Year 4/5 – Miss Saddler and Mr Bartlett

Andriana Karras and Ethan Baxter

Year 5/6 - Ms Reeves

Lilah Avion and Danny Ashton

Year 6/7 – Mrs Schubert and Mr Schenke

Layne Clarke and Patrick McEntee

YEAR SEVEN GRADUATES

The Class of 2017

Bonnie Ashman

Noah Attrill-Podirsky

Layne Clarke

Rylee Gayford

Riley Harris

Zainab Hassooni

Sakinah Karras

Shaylee Kartinyeri

Kayley Kemp

Jessica Martin

Sheridan Martin

Jacquelin McDowell

Patrick McEntee

Hannah McNamara

Daniel Nedelkov

Dillon Prokop

Emma-Lee Ryman

Makaylah Ryman

Violet Shepherd

Jacob Smith

Pearl-Lana Woolger

TAILEM BEND PRIMARY SCHOOL/COMMUNITY POOL

Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed to enable us to have our pool open regularly after school and during the school holidays.

If you are able to help please return the below slip to the office.



I / We would like to volunteer as a pool supervisor.
I understand that I will need to do a CPR course which will be organised and paid for by the school.

As a volunteer, reporting abuse and neglect training and child related employment screening is also necessary. Costs for these are covered by the school.

NAME/S: _____

Phone number: _____

TAILEM BEND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Volunteers needed!



The School Governing Council Fundraising Committee are holding a stall again this year at the Christmas Parade. We will have for sale on the night hot doughnuts, show bags and water.

We are looking for helpers on the night to be able to have the stall running smoothly. If you are able to help on the stall even if it's just for an hour we would really appreciate all the help we can get. Please circle one of the times that you are able to help with. Place your name and number below and return back to the front office.

Many thanks
Kirsti Gale



I am able to help:

SET UP (from 3pm)
6pm to 7pm
8pm to 9pm

5pm to 6pm
7pm to 8pm
PACK UP

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____



8th – 12th January 2018

Tailem Bend Primary School Pool

Register online at vacswimsa.com.au

Online registrations close on Monday 18th December at 6pm.

On site enrolments will be available at limited locations.

TAILEM BEND CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2017

PARADE STARTS AT 6PM

ENTERTAINMENT

JUMPING CASTLES
MASCOTTS & FACE PAINTING
PRINCE & PRINCESS OF THE PARADE
CHALK DECORATING
COMMUNITY RAFFLES & FOOD STALLS
"SANTA'S WONDERLAND"
CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CAROLS
HELD IN WILLOW ST. BY LOCAL ARTIST
ACCOMPANIED BY MURRAY BRIDGE BAND &
"Lee Brocky & Outback Overdrive"

YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR PARADE ENTRY FORM & MAPS FROM
HUGHES NEWS NEWSAGENCY, TAILEM BEND POST OFFICE,
ELDERS MURRAY BRIDGE, TAILEM BEND ELDERS REAL ESTATE
OR IN THE TAILEM TOPICS IN NOV/DECEMBER

Trophies and Prizes are for:
Prizes for Best Overall, Most Original, Most Humorous
And the Les Scott Memorial and the most Community Spirited

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