

Dear parents, caregivers, community members,
I trust that everyone had a great break and we are all refreshed, recharged and ready for another busy term full of wonderful learning opportunities and experiences. A very big welcome to our new students and their families. I am looking forward to having you all as a part of our wonderful school community.

NAPLAN Testing

Next week all students in year 3, 5 and 7 will be participating in NAPLAN testing. Unfortunately at the end of last term we received notification that we, along with the rest of the nation, will not be doing testing online this year, which was initially planned. I am extremely disappointed with this decision as we had put in a significant amount of time and effort ensuring that our students, teachers, and technical systems were prepared for this change. However, the show must go on!

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

It is important to note that NAPLAN tests are just one of many tools that we use to track and monitor your child's progress, and to inform teaching and learning programs throughout the school. The results that are gained through NAPLAN tests do not define who they are as a student.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. It needs to be acknowledged that students feel stress or experience pressure about any number of things, from having a shot at goal in a game of footy or netball, or standing up and delivering a presentation to their class. Learning to manage nerves and stress is part of growing up, and reassurance from parents and teachers can not only calm any lingering fears, but also help our students to build resilience. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, I encourage you to make a time to speak with their teacher.

Tailem Bend Hospital Mural

We are extremely excited to be working in partnership with the Tailem Bend Hospital, Communities for Children, Tailem Bend Community Centre and the Coorong District Council with the project of updating the mural on the Tailem Bend Hospital. Yesterday our students began working on the project by designing and carving clay pieces with artists Mel, Susie and Denise and will continue over the next week. I am looking forward to seeing the final product!



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Diary Dates

**SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 3rd May
TOMORROW**

**Dream Big
Opening Ceremony
Children's Arts Festival
Thursday 18th May
Whole school to
Adelaide Festival Centre**

**STUDENT FREE DAY
Friday 19th May**

**CYBER-SAFETY
SESSION
Thursday June 1st
5.30pm-6.30pm
Community Library
at our school**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 12th June**

**Term 2 ends
Friday 7th July
Early dismissal 2.10pm**

Some key dates to put into your diaries for the first few weeks:

- School Photos – **Tomorrow (3/5/17)**
- Whole school excursion – Thursday May 18th
- Student Free Day – Friday May 19th

A reminder that if you have any questions or concerns in relation to your child's learning or wellbeing at school, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, Marie Flavel or myself – we are all here to help!

I look forward to working with you all in a positive way this term.

Have a great week!

Travis

CYBER-SAFETY WORKSHOP for parents and community members

Please see flyer below

Cyber-safety

Think you know?

An information session addressing cyber-safety will be held on:

Thursday June 1st

5.30 to 6.30pm

**in the Community Library,
Tailem Bend Primary School.**

The session will be aimed at adults and all parents and members of the wider community are invited to attend.

There will be no child care facilities.

Coffee and cake, Free giveaways

An opportunity to win a meal for the family.

RSVP:

Thursday May 25th

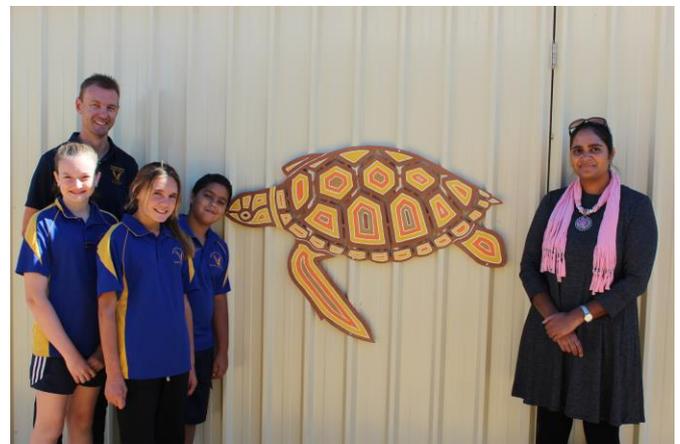
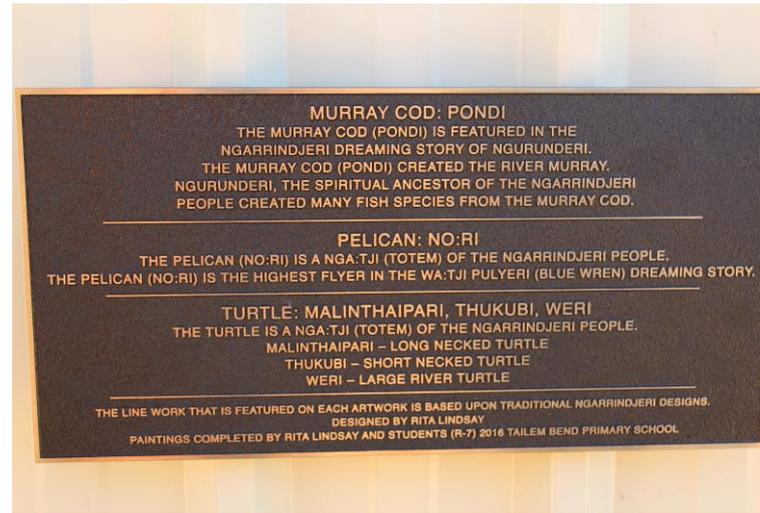
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UNVEILING OF PAINTINGS

We had a lovely gathering to unveil the artworks painted by our students under the guidance of Rita Lindsay. The paintings were completed using the traditional style and techniques of the Ngarrindjeri peoples.

Next time you are at our school ask your child/children to show you the paintings of the pelican, turtle and Murray Cod.

Thanks once again to **Anthony Robinson** for putting the paintings and plaque in place.



Numeracy

Shower head

At the centre of a shower head there is a ring with five holes. In the second ring there are ten holes. See if you can predict a way to work out how many holes there would be in the eighth ring and then check your answer.

You may like to do the same activity by looking at the shower head you have in your home.

Regards,
Marie Flavel

FAMILY STRENGTHS

Quality	Key expression
TogetherNESS	TogetherNESS is the invisible “glue” that bonds and connects family and gives family members a sense of belonging.
Sharing activities	When families share, they participate with each other (as a unit) in activities such as sports, camping, playing games, reading stories, socialising, hobbies and holidays.
Support	Family members show support for each other when they assist, encourage, affirm, reassure and look out for each other. Where support is a key strength in a family, family members feel equally comfortable about both offering and asking for it.
Acceptance	Family members can show acceptance by respecting, appreciating and understanding each other’s individuality and uniqueness. Acceptance is a particular strength if family members value each other’s differences, and allow each other “space” to be themselves.
Commitment	Commitment means that family members show dedication and loyalty towards the family as a whole. They view the wellbeing and unity of their family as a high priority. Commitment means not giving up when the going gets tough and not giving up on each other.
Resilience	Families cope when they respond positively to family challenges and adapt to changing circumstances. They deal with challenges through talking, supporting each other, seeking outside support when needed, and pulling together to form an united front to solve problems.



You are invited to attend

OPAL Celebration Event

You're invited to the following events as a celebration of all that OPAL has achieved before it transitions out of the community, please join us for a fun filled day.

All welcome!

Tintinara Oval
7th May, 10am-3pm
Bubble soccer, games, kite making, food, giveaways & much more!

Meningie Area School Gym
10th May, 3.45pm – 6pm
Circus skills workshop & display, photo booth, food, games, giveaways & much more!

Tailem Bend Primary School Gym
12th May, 3.30pm – 6pm
Circus skills workshop & display, food, photo booth, games, giveaways & much more!

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Communities for Children

Come and be a part of the National Families Week celebrations and see the amazing artworks created by local Murraylands children

ART DISPLAY Celebration

Murray Bridge Market Place Shop T 26
Thursday 11th May - 4.00pm to 6:00pm

ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AT VARIOUS TIMES until 18th May
Chosen Art Work will then be printed in the 2018 Communities for Children Creative Kids-Family Calendar

Come on in for a chance to WIN one of several raffle prizes... All you have to do is vote for your favourite picture...

The top 10 voted pictures will go into the 2018 Calendar!

Bring your Family. Bring your Friends.

FREE ACTIVITIES
Face Painting
Balloon Artist
and Giveaways

The artworks on display have been created by local Murraylands children and represent the theme: "what is important to me"

Participants include: St Josephs School, Callington Primary School, Jervois Primary School and Mannum Community College.

When: Thursday 11th May 2017
Where: Shop T26
Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm

For more details contact the Communities for Children Murraylands Team at ac.care: 8532 6303

National Families Week 10-15 MAY 2017
Murray Bridge
Information on Family Support Programs offered through ac.care.
ac.care



AGED CARE WORKSHOP

Friday 23 June 11.30am

Kate Phillips from Tend Financial Planning has built a reputation as Adelaide's 'Aged Care Guru'.

With a background developed from teaching, Kate will educate and guide you around:

- The aged care fee structure;
- The complicated aged care process; and
- The opportunities that maybe available to lower the cost of ones care.

Kates key focus is to assist you in saving time, your energy and your worry.

At the Tailem Bend Community Centre 141 Railway Terrace on Friday 23 June at 11.30am to listen to Kate for a FREE information session.

A workshop not to be missed please tell your family and friends to come along for an informative session.

Please stay for our monthly 'Our Golden's' lunch at 12 noon cost is \$10pp for a two course meal.

Limited seats please call 8572 3513 to book by Friday 26 May.

This FREE workshop normally cost \$200 per couple.

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