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# Tailem Bend Primary School Newsletter

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Principal: Mr Travis Schenke



Dear parents, caregivers and community members,

## Welcome to the 2018 School Year!

Welcome to a new year of exciting learning for us all.

We have 134 students in the school with 16 new reception students and 2 new enrolments throughout the other year levels. We all welcome the new students and their families to our school community. We all hope you enjoy the experience and take the wonderful opportunity you have to become a positive member of our school community.

## A Great start!

Finishing the 2017 school year in a strong financial position has allowed us to run with 8 classes this year. This means smaller class sizes and ultimately far greater learning opportunities for all students. As I go around to each class every day, I am impressed with how settled classes have started and am excited by the planning that each staff member has begun for our students. Already camps and excursions are being organised, SRC reps and students leaders are being chosen, and special programmes are up and running. The learning environment is one we should all be proud of.

## Communication Books

It is great to see the Communication Books being used in each class. One of the reasons for these books is the reinforcement of reading and numeracy practice. We have a huge priority in ensuring each child reads and practices their numeracy skills at least 3 nights per week, earning points for their house teams with the “Legends Cup”. **Please ensure this is signed off each night.** Our behaviour charts are also a great way for all of us to know how each person is going with their learning. It is always wonderful to see the students coming into the office each day to get their stickers for being on “Excellent”. I am already blown away by the number of stickers and respect raffle tickets I have given away, only after 1 week!

## Pool Open

A very big thankyou to the number of parents and community members who have volunteered their time for our pool to be open for public use over the school holidays and after school hours. The pool is in immaculate condition and, from reports from the pool supervisors, the pool is being used by many people. The excellent maintenance of the pool has ensured a wonderful time has been had by all.

## Bell Times

Please note that school starts at 8.50 am and finishes at 3.10 pm. **Students who arrive after the second bell at 8:55am will need to be signed in by a parent/caregiver at the front office.**

## Governing Council AGM

After several years of wonderful service to the school, some of our Governing Council members are moving on because their children have reached high school age. We are now looking for new parents and friends to join the council. It’s not a lot of time, just 2 meetings each term. Please give this your consideration. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held next Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February at 5:30pm, and you can either nominate for a position on Governing Council at the meeting or lodge an expression of interest at the front office.

**I look forward to working with you all in a positive way in 2018!**

Travis

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## Diary Dates

**GOVERNING COUNCIL  
AGM**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb @  
5.30pm**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**STUDENT FREE DAY  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**GOOD FRIDAY  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**EASTER MONDAY  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**SPORTS DAY  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**LAST DAY TERM 1  
(2:10pm dismissal)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

***“To Be Positive & Successful”***

## Welcome to the new school year

I am continuing in my role as Student Well-being leader and am also responsible for Aboriginal Education and Special Education.

Part of my work involves connecting families with Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) support services such as Speech Pathology, Behaviour, Special Educators, Hearing and Psychology. We are also able to offer support from outside agencies including NDIS, private Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Headspace, Well-being Practitioner, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Mission Australia, Communities for Children, AC Care and Centacare to name a few.

## Recycling

Once again Mr Robbo has taken in a load of recycling for us. We now have another \$175 for the SRC to spend on school projects. Mr Robbo also brings in cans, bottles and cartons donated by members of our community. We thank everyone for their support. Thank you **Mr Robbo**.

## Volunteer Induction Sessions

DECD requirements regarding volunteers are:

- A Police check (now activated at the school front office)
- Reporting Abuse and Neglect (every three years)
- Attendance at an induction session every year

**This year Volunteer Induction sessions will be held on:**

**Wednesday February 7th at 9.10am  
in the Library and**

**Tuesday February 13th at 9.10am  
in the Library**

If you are unsure of whether your Police check and/or Mandatory Notification Training is up to date please speak to the staff at the front office.

Please let us know if you are unable to attend the sessions next week. We can make another time to meet.

We very much value the significant contribution volunteers make to our school and always welcome new people to join us.

Thank you

## A game to play when your family is on the go –

### *Car bingo*

Points: decide on points for different vehicles or car colours – for example, one point for a truck, two points for a purple car, three points for an emergency vehicle, four points for someone walking a dog etc.

The first person to spot one of these things gets the points and the first to 20 wins the round.

## Turtle

While working with Rita, Michael and Audrey in 2017 students painted a large turtle using designs and techniques practised by the Ngarrindjeri people.

Our grounds person Ian Millard has put the turtle in place for us all to enjoy. The turtle is located on the wall outside Mrs Schutz's room. Please have a look the next time you are at school. It looks great!

Regards,  
*Marie Flavel*

## Breakfast Club

Welcome back to the new school year. We will be starting breakfast club for 2018 in week 2 and it will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It will be held in the wet area outside Miss Reeves classroom from **8.30-8.45am** and is open to all members of the school community.

Please complete the consent form if your child would like to come on any of these days. We look forward to another year of delicious food and good conversation.

## School Photos

**School photos will be taken on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

- Payment envelopes were sent home with all students yesterday.
- Family portrait envelopes can be collected from the office.
- **You may return your envelopes with money enclosed to the office anytime from now until photo day.**

## Hello everyone

I will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as the Pastoral Care Worker here at Tailem Bend Primary this year. My role involves providing a caring, supportive place where your child/children can discuss things they are finding hard as well as their successes. I am also available to talk to and support parents through the tricky business of raising children 😊 I have three children and realise that bringing them up is not always an easy job.

If you would like to contact me either drop into the buzz box (next to Mrs Harvie's room) on a Tuesday or Wednesday or leave a message with the front office staff and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Let's work together to make this a successful year of learning and emotional development.

*Megan Lehmann*

### Materials & Services Charges 2018

Invoices and School Card information were posted to families in January. Please see the office staff if you did not receive yours.

If you are eligible for School Card this will cover student materials and services charges for 2018. Please return the form to the office as soon as possible.

**You are also able to apply for School Card on line now, at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) then go to Education, Skills & Learning to find the application.**

**Fees are to be paid by the end of term one.** Time payment is available. Please call into the office to complete the required paper work.

### Life Jackets

Do you have any children's life jackets in good condition that you are not using anymore?

We could certainly use them in our school community pool and would appreciate any donations. These can be left at the front office.

With thanks,  
Jeanette



## Back to school asthma Put your child's asthma plan TOP of the back to school list.

At back to school time, ensure you:

- Review and update your child's asthma plan with your GP.
- Visit a pharmacist to purchase the necessary reliever medication, spacer or spacer and mask.
- Talk to a pharmacist about your child's asthma management in preparation for school.
- Provide the school with a copy of your child's asthma plan and a reliever and spacer/spacer with mask, to be kept at school in case of an asthma flare-up.

Reliever medication and spacer should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Medication should be in date and with sufficient medication remaining.

### TERM DATES 2018

Term 1	29 <sup>th</sup> January – 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	30 <sup>th</sup> April – 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	23 <sup>th</sup> July – 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 14 <sup>th</sup> December

### Governing Council Fund Raising Christmas Pageant Raffle Winners

1<sup>st</sup> : A3 B Parkyn  
2<sup>nd</sup> : A40 Marion Martin  
3<sup>rd</sup> : A55 A Gumbleton  
4<sup>th</sup> : A8 Kristy

All activities are FREE for Children aged 4-12 years and their families from Tailem Bend.

Communities for Children Murraylands



# Meet the animals!

Come along for 5 weeks after school for an interactive learning experience.

DATE	THEME	SPEAKER	LOCATION	TIME
13th Feb	Bats	Dennis Mathews & Aimee Linke	TBCC	6:30pm – 8:30pm <i>*Sausage sizzle provided*</i>
20th Feb	Frogs	Regina Durbidge	TBCC	4:30pm – 5:30pm
27th Feb	Fish	David Cheshire	TBCC	4:30pm – 5:30pm
6th March	Reptiles	Wendy Conaughty	TBCC	4:30pm – 5:30pm
13th March	Birds	John Gitsham	TBCC	4:30pm – 5:30pm

This project is a collaboration between: The South Australian Museum, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin), Mid Murray Landcare SA, UniSA's Discovery Circle

**General Enquiries**  
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**Participants MUST book 85723513**

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## The nbn™ Sky Muster Satellite Roadshow

Tailem Bend, Coonalpyn & Tintinara

The nbn™ Sky Muster Satellite Truck is on its way to you.

Visit the nbn local team to experience and learn more about the nbn™ Sky Muster Satellite, fixed line and fixed wireless services.

**For information on times, dates and events, please visit**  
nbn.com.au/roadmuster

Tailem Bend, opp Foodland 16 February, 10am-5pm  
Coonalpyn, opp Post Office 13 March, 10am-1pm  
Tintinara, opp Post Office 13 March, 2pm-5pm

Keith, 34 Hender St 15 February, 2pm-5pm  
Bordertown Civic Centre 16 February, 10:30-2pm  
SE Field Days 16-17 March

# LEGO CLUB

© the Library

Come along to the Murray Bridge Library Lego Club and let your imagination run wild!

Tuesday 6 February  
Tuesday 20 February  
Tuesday 6 March  
Tuesday 20 March  
Tuesday 10 April

From 4.00-5.00pm

An adult must accompany children aged 12 years and younger

Bookings are essential, limited to 20 spaces!  
Contact the library on 8539 1175 to book your place or speak to the staff

### TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER EXPERIENCE FRANCE AT HOME HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

In June each year, students aged 15 - 16 years from France will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 12 weeks. Opportunities are available to become a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your French, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance, a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your extended family and friends will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, we would love to hear from you...

For further details, please contact Jenny Hanson (SPANZ SA Placement Co-ordinator)  
Ph: 08 8323 0973 / Mob: 0409 890 184 / Email: [info@studentplacement.com.au](mailto:info@studentplacement.com.au)

**experienceiseverything**



We are back in Term 1 of 2018 and we hope your children will join us! Kids aged 8-12 for main choir (MBCC) and kids aged 5-7 for Junior Choir.

This year we are introducing African Drumming as part of the choir curriculum! You won't want to miss this!

Rehearsals will run during school term:  
Jr. Choir - Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
MBCC - Tuesdays, 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Unity College Performing Arts 9.

All children are invited to come and see for themselves how much fun they can have with music and new friends!

We will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, 13th of Feb at Unity College. For more information see below. [Director@mbchildrenschoir.com.au](mailto:Director@mbchildrenschoir.com.au)  
Or find us on Facebook:  
Murray Bridge Children's Choir

## Murray Bridge United Soccer Club Registration / Information / Player Nomination / Come N Try Night

Friday 9th February  
4.00 to 6.30pm.

There will be a sausage sizzle and Come N'Try sessions.

All New and Returning players welcome.  
All Enquiries and/or Player Nominations to Grant [klenkegc@internode.on.net](mailto:klenkegc@internode.on.net)  
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