

Dear parents, caregivers and community members,

2018 **NAPLAN** results have recently arrived at the school and copies of individual student results have now been sent home to all students involved.

As a staff, we have already begun looking at the results and in particular, focussing our attention on individual student growth and identifying and planning for areas for improvement. This analysis allows us to plan ahead, and continue our work on improving across all areas of literacy and numeracy.

When looking at whole school data, the area that we focus on in particular is the growth rates from years 3 to 5 and years 5 to 7. That is how our students have developed over the two year period. Upper Growth is stated as – “students that progress between tests is high compared with students of similar ability”.

At a quick glance it is very pleasing to see that:

- Growth rates from **year 3 to 5** in the middle and upper levels were **83%** for **numeracy**
- Growth rates from **year 5 to 7** in the middle and upper levels were **88%** for **numeracy**
- Growth rates from **year 5 to 7** in the middle and upper levels were **77%** for **reading**
- **92%** of our **year 3 students** achieved Education Department standards for **both reading & numeracy**.

It is important to note that NAPLAN is not the only test that we rely on for student information; it merely gives a snap shot of your child’s progress.

If you have any questions or concerns in relation to your child’s report, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher(s) and/or myself.

Festival of Music Choir

Well done to all students who participated in the Festival of Music for Choir last Wednesday night. It was a fantastic performance from all. I am extremely proud of the commitment and effort our students (and staff) put in to make these events such a success.



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Diary Dates

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Wed. 26th September

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Town Hall
Wed. 26th September

BIG DAY IN
Thur. 27th September

LAST DAY TERM 3
(2:10pm dismissal)
Friday 28th September

Footy Colours Day/Blue Light Disco

A big reminder that **tomorrow will be "Footy Colours Day"**. The SRC are asking all students and staff to come to school wearing their favourite footy colours (it doesn't have to be AFL) and bring along a gold coin donation which will go towards the "Fight Cancer Foundation".

There will then be a **Blue Light Disco at the Taillem Bend Town Hall from 5-7pm** with the same theme. We are excited to be working in partnership with the Taillem Bend Blue Light Committee to raise money for "Fight Cancer Foundation".

Football is all about spirit, strength, courage and the fight to win. Those touched by cancer need the same qualities to win their fight against the disease. By wearing your football team's colours, and making a donation, you'll help us fight cancer and save lives.

Have a great break!

As this is the last newsletter before the school holidays, **I hope everyone has a happy and safe break**. I am looking forward to seeing everyone after the break ready for a busy term 4 jam packed with swimming lessons, swimming carnival, year 7 class camp, year 7 aquatics camp, transition, excursions, school concert, graduation, and end of year celebrations, just to name a few!!

Have a great week.

Travis

Student Well-being

The virtue of courage

Courage is:

- bravery in the face of fear
- not giving up
- trying new things
- admitting mistakes
- doing the right thing even when it is hard and scary.

Courage is the strength in your heart.

Fun and Games Night

A joint venture by Taillem Bend Primary School Student Representative Council and Student Voice Committee and Communities for Children Feedback from students regarding this event has been very positive with a few suggestions to make it even better next year.

Thank you to:

- Tim and Leah Kowald for the generous use of their popcorn and soft-serve ice-cream machine.

Thanks also to the following people for their help and offers of assistance:

- Lisa Colmer
- Tanya Kowald (including use of sponge throwing game)
- Anne Simcock
- Tom Kerr
- Nadia Clarke
- Kirsten Attrill
- Donna Middleton

It was great to see so many parents stay and enjoy time with their child.

The total amount raised was from the activity was \$885. The Student Representative Council and Student Voice Committee will discuss with students how the money will be spent.

Please see included in this report article written by Karen Parker (Communities for Children).

Big Day-in

Our end-of-term Big Day-in will be held this Thursday September 27th. The Big Day-in celebrates the successes of term 3.

The format of the day will be:

1. Before recess - students will participate in activities organised by staff
2. Recess
3. After recess - the annual staff versus student netball game
4. Lunch – hot dogs (**please note: if your child does not like hot dogs please send along lunch as normal**)
5. After lunch - class activities

Any offers of help from parents will be much appreciated.

Pangarinda Aboretum 25th Birthday Celebrations

Over a number of years our school was involved in planting over 2000 trees, bushes and ground covers at the Pangarinda Aboretum. It was rewarding to see the fruits of our labours when I attended the celebration last Sunday. The area certainly looks different from the bare and sandy aspect I remember. Our school featured in a photographic display and our contribution is noted on a permanent sign erected in the area we planted.

Raising responsible kids

Raising responsible kids isn't easy. But is parenting supposed to be easy?

The "why" of parenting is to raise children who are courageous and kind, strong and caring.

There's a second reason – parenting is to teach parents to be better people, more compassionate, understanding and generous.

A parent's purpose is to give children all they need to effectively parent themselves. We need to raise them to know their own values, so they can rely on themselves to make good decisions, avoid emotional pitfalls and bolster their own wellbeing.

The purpose of parenting is also to one day make ourselves obsolete. That's a good thing. Achieving those purposes takes work and resolve. Here are two ways to get on the purposeful (albeit sometimes painful) path:

Do the time. Children need our focus. They need us to invest in them. They need us to switch off the mobile phone and the TV.

Children need us to drop the dogmatic way we push them to live up to our expectations. And we need to embrace these things so we can become less selfish, more refined and better guides. It's our job to pause, listen, engage, understand and be there as wise and patient guides.

See challenges as opportunities. When it gets hard, we have the chance to reconsider our thinking. Rather than being upset at the challenges our children present, we can see them as opportunities for personal growth, and a stronger connection with them.

These "hard" times can quickly become the best times – times that unite you and make you stronger: times you look back on with fondness.

(extract from article written by Dr Justin , Family Ties, 15/09/2018).

Take time to enjoy some activities with your children during the holidays.

Regards,

Marie Flavel
Student Well-being Leader

Year 7 News

On Monday 10th of September the Year 7 and Year 4/5 classes were treated to a visit by Mayor Neville Jaensch in the afternoon. Mayor Jaensch spoke to the students about his role and about being a part of the Coorong Council. The students were then able to ask Mayor Jaensch some questions, which enabled us to get more of an insight into his role. We thank Mayor Jaensch for taking the time to visit our school.



SRC News

Thankyou

The SRC would like to thank everyone who participated in our 'Dress as a Farmer' Day held in week 9. Our school raised \$146.80 which will go towards assisting our Aussie farmers currently experiencing drought conditions.

Fundraising

Don't forget our next SRC Fundraiser will be **tomorrow**. Students are asked to come dressed in their favourite team colours for our Footy Colours Day. A gold coin donation will be much appreciated for those students who choose to participate. Money raised will go towards assisting Aussie kids who are suffering from cancer.

The end of term Blue Light Disco is on tomorrow evening and will be held at the Taillem Bend Town Hall between 5 and 7pm. The theme for the disco is Favourite Footy Colours which fits in perfectly with our fundraiser! Money raised from the Blue Light Disco will also be donated to assist young people with cancer.

Hospital and Kindy Visits

Recently our SRC representatives participated in excursions to the Tailem Bend Hospital and the Tailem Bend Kindy. At the hospital the SRC enjoyed a game of bingo while everyone had loads of fun at the Kindy when playing with the Kindy kids. Our reps were great ambassadors for our school!



Student Voice Committee



Fun and Games Event

Last week the TBPS Student Voice Committee in conjunction with Communities for Children – Murraylands hosted a Fun and Games Event after school in the gymnasium. Around 90 students enjoyed activities including a sticky wall, human hungry hippo inflatable, sponge throwing along with other games and activities. Popcorn and soft serve ice creams were also available for purchase.

I have been working with the SV Committee this year, holding discussions about what they thought they could achieve to improve their school community. This is where the Fun & Games Event came to fruition. They all put their hand up to help in some way and their enthusiasm is to be commended.

The SV Committee also sought assistance through this year's SRC to grow their ideas and they plan to work together to make decisions on where best to spend the funds raised at the Fun & Games Event, in the hope to improve their school in some way. I am sure there will be updates on this very soon.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank not only the 2018 Student Voice Committee, but also Marie Flavel, Dani Schubert and Travis Schenke for allowing me the opportunity to work with these amazing young people, it has been a pleasure to watch them work as a team throughout the year. Also Melissa in the front office for dealing with the permissions and payments for the event.

I would also like to thank the parents that offered to help out at the Fun & Games Event, it was great to have your support before, during and after the event. Many hands definitely make light work!

Finally, if any children are interested in attending any of our Free School Holiday activities on offer during the October Holidays, please go to our Facebook page for further information – Communities for Children Murraylands

YEL - Day

Youth Environment Leaders Day

Last Tuesday our Youth Environment Leaders travelled to Murray Bridge to join students from other schools in the Murraylands at Kinchina Conservation Park.

The students participated in a range of activities which taught them about the park and about connecting with nature.

While there was loads of walking, climbing and hiking (there were some very tired legs at the end of the day!), a great day was had by all the students. Well done Elyssa-Kate, Sophie, Adam and Brandon for being great representatives for our school and thanks Mrs Scott for providing transport and supervision.



Library Reading Corner



Spring into
a NEW BOOK!

Books for September 2018

Children's Picture Books

Thimble
Monsters
Tiger's Roar
The All New Must Have Orange 430
Errol

Children's Easy Fiction

The Great Cycle Challenge

Ella & Olivia –
Little Lifesavers

Children's Fiction

Battle for the Shadow Sword
Pirate Blunderbeard
The Audition

Pokemon-

The Pokemon School Challenge

Dork Diaries –

Crush Catastrophe

Diary of a Minecraft Zombie –

Attack of the Gnomes

Diary of a Minecraft Creeper –

Creeper Life

Children's Non Fiction

My Outback Childhood

Impossible Inventions – Ideas that Shouldn't Work

Secret World of Butterflies

Machines

So You Think You've Got it Bad – A Kid's Life in Ancient Egypt

Mr Schenke's Maths Group

School Attendance Term 3

In Mr Schenke's maths group this term we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. A focus of ours has been tracking and monitoring our school's attendance (by class). Our goal is to achieve 95%.

Here are the results so far for term 3.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Jungle Class	96%	76%	82%	89%	78%
Garden Class	97%	79%	87%	97%	86%
Ocean Class	85%	97%	92%	97%	86%
Rainbow Class	99%	97%	94%	96%	96%
3/4 Class	93%	91%	88%	100%	94%
4/5 Class	91%	94%	88%	90%	86%
5/6 Class	86%	89%	87%	96%	93%
S Team	85%	94%	90%	91%	89%
Total (R-7)	91%	91%	89%	94%	89%

	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Jungle Class	69%	87%	96%	98%	
Garden Class	93%	94%	96%	87%	
Ocean Class	91%	95%	91%	95%	
Rainbow Class	99%	91%	94%	90%	
3/4 Class	99%	95%	91%	89%	
4/5 Class	92%	88%	90%	88%	
5/6 Class	96%	93%	91%	94%	
S Team	91%	95%	97%	95%	
Total (R-7)	92%	93%	93%	92%	

Medication in Schools

General use adrenaline autoinjectors (EpiPen®)

Information for parents and legal guardians

All Department for Education preschools and schools must have a general use adrenaline autoinjector so they can provide emergency medication to treat anaphylaxis. The department specifies that preschools will keep an EpiPen® Jr (0.15mg adrenaline) and schools will keep an EpiPen® (0.3mg adrenaline).

The 'general use' adrenaline autoinjector is not a substitute for children and young people who are at high risk of anaphylaxis, and who have been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector. In these cases, you need to notify the preschool or school that your child is at risk of anaphylaxis and provide an Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) action plan.

General use EpiPens®

Adrenaline autoinjectors for *general use* are most likely to be used when:

- an individual who is known to be at risk of anaphylaxis does not have their own device immediately accessible or the device is out of date
- a second dose of adrenaline is required before an ambulance has arrived
- an individual's device has misfired or accidentally been discharged
- a previously diagnosed individual with mild allergy who was not prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector has their first episode of anaphylaxis
- less commonly, an undiagnosed individual has a first episode of anaphylaxis and was not previously known to be at risk (eg a child having their first reaction at school).

Keeping your child safe

Our preschools and schools must have sufficient staff on site with:

- current first aid training (that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how to administer emergency asthma and anaphylaxis medication)
- training through the ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training course for schools and childcare
- practical training in how to use an EpiPen®

In an emergency, if there is no other person nearby who has had basic training in the use of an adrenaline autoinjector, it is reasonable that someone without specific training will administer adrenaline by following instructions on the device. Where there are reasonable grounds for believing an individual is having an acute allergic reaction, adrenaline will be administered.

Taking precautions

An ambulance will be called in all cases where adrenaline is administered and care for the person will be transferred to the ambulance officer. The patient will be taken to hospital to remain under observation until symptoms have resolved. No serious or permanent harm is likely to occur from mistakenly administering adrenaline to an individual who is not experiencing anaphylaxis. Temporary side effects of adrenaline may include increased heart rate, trembling and paleness.

Further information

Contact your preschool or school for further information.



Community News



WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

Junior Blasters – Ages 5-7

Junior Blasters teaches boys and girls of all abilities how to bat, bowl field and catch through exciting game-based activities with friends.

Join the fun at your local centres:

Murray Towns Cricket Association, Homburg Oval
Wednesday 7 November, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

For more information and to register, visit
www.playcricket.com.au.

Master Blasters – Ages 7-10

Master Blasters is an action-packed program for kids with basic skills, who are ready to play short games of cricket in a fun and social setting.

Join the fun at your local centres:

Murray Towns Cricket Association, Homburg Oval
Wednesday 7 November, 4:30pm – 6:00pm

For more information and to register, visit
www.playcricket.com.au.

Taillem Bend Community Library – October 2018

School Holidays will commence on Monday 1st Oct
School will resume on Monday 15th Oct

Holiday times will apply
Monday 8.30-12.00pm 1.00-4.30pm
Wednesday 8.30-12.00pm 1.00-4.30pm
Friday 8.30-12.00pm 1.00-4.30pm

October 2018		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 rd	CLOSED	24 th	OPEN	25 th	OPEN	26 th	OPEN
24 th	CLOSED	1 st	CLOSED	2 nd	CLOSED	3 rd	OPEN
25 th	CLOSED	8 th	OPEN	9 th	CLOSED	10 th	OPEN
26 th	CLOSED	15 th	OPEN	16 th	OPEN	17 th	OPEN
27 th	CLOSED	22 nd	OPEN	23 rd	OPEN	24 th	OPEN
28 th	CLOSED	29 th	CLOSED	30 th	CLOSED	31 st	CLOSED

Phone: 08 85723266
Email: taillembendlibrary@pblm.sa.gov.au
Website: taillembendlibrary.com.au

The Library is CLOSED Tuesday's and Thursday's during the Holidays and on all Public Holidays.

Tailem Bend Basketball

TAILEM BEND COMBINED INDOOR SPORT AND RECREATION CLUB INC

Our A. G.M. is Friday 28th September 2018
7pm in the school gym

All players, parents and anyone interested in coaching or umpiring are asked to come along.
All welcome.

Junior basketball Our next season will commence on Friday 19/10/2018. If you would like to play please fill in a nomination form and return it to us by Friday 28/9/2018 to be placed in a team. Beginners; Rec-Year 2, Juniors; year 3-5. Seniors; year 6-8. We require umpires and coaches to keep this basketball program running so if you are able to help or know someone who can please fill out the form below.

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ YEAR LEVEL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

I would like to coach/umpire for the 2018/19 summer season.

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PHONE NO: _____

Please send your nomination to P.O Box 363 Tailem Bend 5260

Find us on facebook; TAILEM BEND SUMMER BASKETBALL

For further information contact Wendy on 0407 604 110 or 85 723 512