

# Tailem Bend Primary School

## Newsletter

Wednesday 6th April, 2022

Issue 5

Dear parents, carers and community members;

As I write this newsletter article while in COVID isolation, I continue to thank each of you for your ongoing support as we continue to navigate through the current COVID situation sweeping through our school over the last few weeks. In the coming days and weeks, we will continue to do our best to communicate to you via text message and email if your child is identified as a classroom contact.

I also remind everyone to keep your child at home if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 (even if only mild), and contact the school as soon as practically possible if you receive a positive PCR or RAT test result. We all need to play our part in keeping our school community safe.



A big reminder to everyone (per the email sent out last week), that our **Sports Day originally scheduled for this Friday has been postponed** due to our current COVID situation. Our aim is reschedule this event to early next term – we will let you know as soon as we lock a new date in.

We have also rescheduled our parent-teacher-student interviews which were originally planned for weeks 10 and 11 this term. We will aim to get interviews underway in the first few weeks of term 2. Again, we will let you know as soon as we can confirm.

I thank you all for your understanding with all of the disruptions that have taken place over the last few weeks.

As we draw to the close of term 1, I am proud and grateful for the growth that each student has made in our school so far this year (even through all of the disruptions). From our new reception students beginning their school life in our school, right through to our year 6 students developing and demonstrating their leadership capabilities, we can all be proud of what we have been able to achieve so far this year.

I hope you all have an amazing and relaxing break!

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### Diary Dates

**SPORTS DAY**  
**Friday 8th April**  
**POSTPONED**

**LAST DAY TERM 1**  
**Thursday 14th April**

**2:10 Dismissal**

## **SRC News**

### **Congratulations**

Recently, at a special Induction Ceremony during an assembly, we were able to induct our remaining SRC Representatives for the first semester. Congratulations to Lexi (Yr 5), Curtis (Yr 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ ) and Jasmine (Yr 2) on being officially inducted into the SRC as class representatives for their respective classes.

### **SRC Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the SRC fundraiser casual day on Tuesday 29th March. The students were treated to a performance by Camp Quality in the morning. The SRC proudly gave the Camp Quality performers a donation of \$200 to assist them to support children with cancer. The SRC would like to thank families for their kind donations.

### **Bread Tags**

The SRC would like to inform families that we will continue to collect bread tags in 2022. Thank you to Mrs Kluske for taking the collection of bread tags from last year to a depot in Murray Bridge. Our donation will now be taken to 'Transumation' in Robe for recycling. Bread tags can be collected in classrooms or we have a special bowl in the front office for you to place your donations.

### **Mobile Phones**

Our school will also continue to collect old mobile phones to assist Monarto Zoo in supporting the on-ground work with Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary and the Jane Goodall Institute Australia. Old mobile phones and batteries can be left in the collection box in the Front office.

### **Blue Light**

The SRC were told recently that the Tailem Bend Blue Light Committee are looking forward to restarting Blue Light Discos next term, hopefully as COVID restrictions ease during the year. Watch this space! Sergeant Mariane also shared plans for a Blue Light Monarto Zoo Camp to be held in August for our Year 6 cohort. Again, watch this space!

## **Wellbeing**

The information below is resourced from The Resilience Project

### **Resilience and Wellbeing**

#### **Why is resilience and wellbeing so important?**

1. Children who are not well emotionally will not be able to learn. When we are stressed the part of the brain responsible for learning does not work.
2. Calm children can focus and retain more information.
3. Resilience enables children to take safe risks without fear of failure.
4. The statistics indicate that the number of adults struggling with mental ill health has increased over the years.
5. Statistics also tell us that mental ill health is affecting young people at alarming rates and the onset is getting earlier. Prevention is the key to seeing these figures improve.

## What is gratitude, empathy and mindfulness? Why these?

**Gratitude** is defined as *being thankful for what you have got*. It is about paying attention to the things that we have right now, not worrying about the things we don't have.

- We practise this by taking notice and recognising the positives around us.

**Empathy** is *thinking about what others are feeling*. It's about being kind to others and putting ourselves in the shoes of others to feel and see what they do.

- We practise this by being kind and compassionate to other people.

**Mindfulness** is *bringing your attention to the present moment*. It builds awareness of thoughts, emotions and surroundings, as well as the ability to be calm at any given moment.

- We practise by slowing down and concentrating or focusing on one thing at a time

There is a wealth of supportive academic research on the mental and physical benefits of these strategies. More information can be found on the References & Reading section of The Resilience Project website.

## Is there a best time of day to practice gratitude, empathy and mindfulness?

These are strategies that can be practised any day, at any time of the day.

If these concepts are new to you, building a routine to practise them can support wellbeing. Picking a time of day-for example first thing in the morning, or after dinner-can be helpful to create a new habit and give structure to your well-being journey.



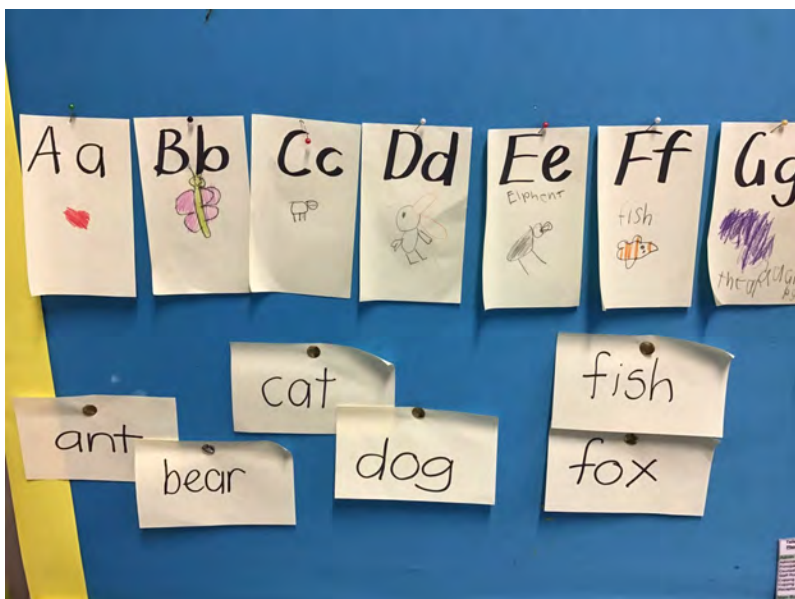
Dani Schubert and Dan Bartlett  
Wellbeing Leaders

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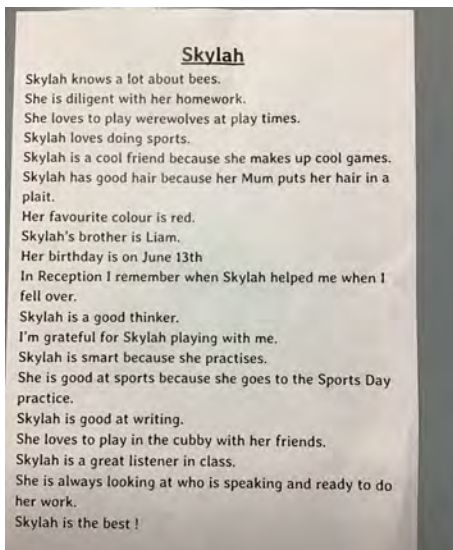
Who is on the way? We are excited!! We hope you are too !!



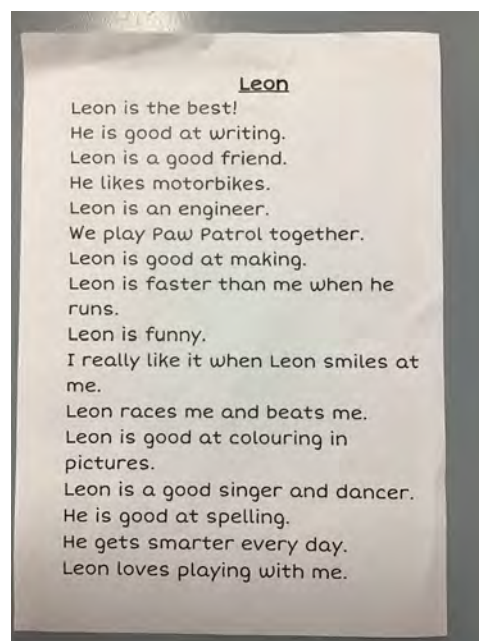
Every day we talk about all the things we are grateful for in our lives. I hope you share these thoughts with us at home. We are very lucky to live where we live.



We are learning about alphabetical order



We love to share how grateful we are for our friends in our class. We take it in turns to write about our classmates.



**YEAR 1**  
**"BITS & PIECES"**

## ***Administration News***

### **Uniform**

For any uniform enquires or purchases, please come into the front office. We have EFTPOS facilities for purchases. The weather will soon be a bit cooler and we have lots of zip jackets in stock.

### **Bus**

If your child is a regular on the school bus and if for some reason your child will not be on the bus please can you contact the school so that each student can be accounted for on the bus roll book.

### **Late to school**

Preferably we would appreciate that all students are at school on time. The first bell goes at 8.50am and that is when all students get ready for going into class. The second bell goes at 8.55am and that is when all students should be in class and ready for learning. If your child is going to be late to school, it is department policy that a parent or caregiver comes into the front office and signs your child in with an explanation of why the child is late.

### **Student absence**

If your child is going to be away for the day or you have a planned absence please contact the school to inform the front office staff, this makes for a streamlined process.

### **After school late pick up**

It is preferred that you are on time to pick up your child, but sometimes there is unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case please contact the school office and we can arrange for your child to be sent to the front office to wait for pick up.

### **Messages to students**

If you have a message that you need to get to your child, it would be appreciated if you call before the lunch break so that the message can be relayed to the teacher during the lunch break and then front office staff do not have to interrupt afternoon learning by calling the classroom. We understand that sometimes decisions are not made until later in the day and therefore this can not be helped.

### **School Fees**

School fees are due to be paid for in full by the end of Term 1. If you are needing a time payment please come into the front office to see Melissa to make arrangements. Alternatively, if you are wanting a hard copy of a school card application, please call Melissa and she will send a copy home with your child. For any other enquiries please call the front office.

## Week 8 Class Awards

### Year 5/6 Mrs Schubert & Mr Bartlett

**Max**

*For working hard in all subject areas, always helping others and producing a high standard of work.*

### Year 4/5 Mrs Richter & Miss Saddlier

**Hailee**

*For showing respect for teaching and learning by always having a positive attitude.*

### Year 3/4 Miss Reeves

**Cruz**

*Respect for Teaching and Learning: for taking responsibility for his own learning, staying on task and concentrating hard.*

### Year 2/3 Mrs Schutz

**Talan**

*For attempting all tasks with a positive attitude, even when the task is challenging and he is in the learning pit.*

### Year 2 Miss Trembath

**Violet**

*For consistently displaying a hard working attitude and applying herself to her learning.  
Keep it up!*

### Year 1 Mrs Kluske

### Reception Mrs Paech

**Maddison**

*For working hard to learn letter sounds and always showing a positive attitude to learning.*

## Week 9 Class Awards

### Year 5/6 Mrs Schubert & Mr Bartlett

**Ella**

*For working extremely hard on her checklist and producing her best possible work all week in all subjects.*

### Year 4/5 Mrs Richter & Miss Saddlier

**Ava**

*For showing respect for teaching and learning by showing confidence in doing her addition sums today.*

### Year 3/4 Miss Reeves

**Lochie**

*Respect for Teaching and Learning: for working independently to successfully complete his "Decimal & Fraction" sorting task.*

### Year 2/3 Mrs Schutz

**Jake**

*For concentrating hard with writing his persuasive text and almost convincing me to get a pet tarantula.*

### Year 2 Miss Trembath

**Alexis**

*Respect for Teaching and Learning: for being consistent in her effort to complete her work and present it to a high standard.*

### Year 1 Mrs Kluske

**Bodhi**

*For excellent spelling results throughout Term 1.*

### Reception Mrs Paech

**Toby**

*For always using beautiful manners in class.*

# Library News

Author Mark Carthew came to visit the Tailem Bend Primary School students last week.



Dr Mark Carthew is an award winning editor and children's author well known for his many books, including the recent *The great Zoo Hullabaloo!*, and his series that explore wordplay, music, movement, drama, jokes, rhymes and riddles! One of Mark's recent picture books *The Gobbling Tree* was a winner of Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year. Mark is also a primary teacher, poet, musician and playwright well known for his books and series celebrating language and wordplay.



The students had a great time and all learnt something about writing books and even about illustrations that go into a book to make it even more interesting.

*Community News*



**HOLIDAY FUN**

**FRIDAY APRIL 22ND**  
MURRAY BRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS & FUNCTION CENTRE  
11:00AM (DOORS 10:30AM)  
**TICKETS \$12.00**  
CHILDREN 2 YEARS & UNDER - FREE  
AVAILABLE ONLINE  
[www.ticketboxit.com.au](http://www.ticketboxit.com.au)  
OR MURRAY BRIDGE REGIONAL GALLERY  
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Scott STUNZ  
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**MAGIC MUSIC SHOW**  
Australia's intriguing music and magic combined show!





PLANNED ABSENCE NOTIFICATION TO TAILEM BEND PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME:- \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR LEVEL:- \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER NAME:- \_\_\_\_\_

The above named student will be absent from school on:

\_\_\_\_\_ (please list date/s)

Reason:- \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:- \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Caregiver)

Please send this notification in with your child to give to their classroom teacher  
Please also note that extended leave needs approval by the Principal Travis Schenke with an exemption form

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