

Tailem Bend Primary School

Newsletter

Tuesday 29th August 2023

Issue 13

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Many of you will be well aware of the potential disruptions being caused by proposed industrial action being taken by school staff from across the state.

I wish to acknowledge that while there is the potential for disruption, this action is not solely about more pay which has been widely publicised by the media.

The potential for industrial action is about 3 main points:

1. **More time for quality teaching** - providing and acknowledging that teachers are needing more time to build a strong classroom culture to help every child to grow and flourish.
2. **More support for students** - More funding to provide more SSO support in every classroom so that our students get the focus and support they need
3. A salary increase that **values educators** and the importance of their work.

I will endeavour to keep you updated over the next day or so once a decision is made about how the proposed action may impact our school community.

EduTech Visit

Last week I had an opportunity to visit and present at the EduTech Australia Conference in Melbourne. I was asked to share the amazing journey that we have begun undertaking as part of our work with the Datacom Beacon School Project. Throughout my time in Melbourne, I was also able to work with delegates from all partners with this project, while also connecting with our colleagues from Mount Waverley Heights Primary School, Australia's other Beacon School based out of Melbourne. It was amazing getting the opportunity to connect with our students here in Tailem Bend and also see them connecting and sharing with students in Melbourne. Getting to see the power of technology and redefining learning experiences for our students was an absolute highlight!



Have a great week!

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Diary Dates

3rd September
Fathers Day

4th September
School Closure, Royal Show

5th September
Student Free Day

6th September
Book Week Parade 9.15am
Little Eagles 9am - 10am

7th September
Datacom Excursion
Years 2/3 & 4/5

13th September
Festival of Music Concert
Governing Council Meeting
5.30pm

Wellbeing News

Social Media and the impact it can have on individuals and the community

In today's modern digital age, social media has changed some of the ways that we communicate, connect, and share information. Both students and parents are active participants and play a part in the way social media influences various aspects of our lives, especially education and social wellbeing. Let's delve into the significance of students and parents on social media and its implications for our school community.

The current generation of students are competent with social media platforms, using them for personal interactions as well as self expression and learning. Students are able to showcase their talents and thoughts in several ways, and even explore educational content outside of the classroom. It is however essential for anyone involved to help guide them through understanding the importance of safe and reasonable online behaviour for this to be successful.

Educators and Parents role

Educators and parents have a significant role to play in teaching students about the safest and most appropriate ways to use social media. Encouraging them to think critically about the content they post, promoting empathy in online interactions, and emphasising the long-term impact of their social media use can help shape students into responsible digital citizens. It is important that educators and parents are aware of age limits, the other people that their students are or may be interacting with and all privacy involved with their online interactions.

Parent Engagement/ Bridging the Gap

Parents and carers embrace social media as a means of staying connected with friends, family, and increasingly, the educational journey of their children. Platforms like our Facebook page, Messenger and other forms of communication can provide parents with a positive platform to discuss school-related matters, share resources, and seek advice from other parents. This collaborative approach can foster a sense of community and support. They can also be helpful when communicating about common interests and extracurricular activities their children may be participating in outside of school or events organised by our school.

While parent involvement on social media can be beneficial, it's crucial to maintain open lines of communication between parents and educators. Regular school updates through official channels remain essential to ensure that accurate information reaches all parents, regardless of their level of social media engagement. Issues that may happen at or through school should be maturely communicated through the students' teachers or via the office as a first port of call. It is important that parents understand this so the issue can be resolved before it is taken out of context or amplified. If a parent/ carer is not comfortable communicating with the people involved, we hope they ask for help, demonstrating that they are a good role model for their children.

Daniel Bartlett
Wellbeing Leader

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Last week the Year 2/3 and 4/5 classes were invited to participate in a Google meet with some students from the first Beacon school, Mount Waverley Heights Primary School, while they attended the EduTECH conference in Melbourne.

Students were asked questions about the opportunities, highlights and benefits we have received being a beacon school. They were also asked what they had already learned using Google Workspace on the chromebooks and what learning they were excited about.

We also took the opportunity, as the first beacon school in South Australia, to ask what it has been like for them being a beacon school and how they use technology for their learning.

It was a great experience to reflect on the opportunities we have given already in the first year of the project and open our minds to the possibilities ahead of us.



Mr Schenke also joined us via Google Meet for assembly from the EduTECH conference and took us for a tour of all the stalls.

No Stopping Zone

A reminder to everyone that the cul de sac access to our school on Murray Street is a "No Stopping Zone". This includes the footpath. We ask that everyone please respect the line markings and signage for the safety of our students.

We encourage families to use the gym car park, Russell Street, or Railway Terrace as pick up and drop off points as an alternative. Thank you!



Front Office

We respectfully remind parents, caregivers and school visitors there is strictly "NO ACCESS" to the back of the administration office area via the rear entry door. This door is for student and staff use only; at times there may be confidential situations being managed and privacy is required. If you enter via the back access door you will be asked to leave and enter via the front office door.

We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.



MURRAY BRIDGE CODS SWIMMING CLUB

WHY SWIMMING?

Swimming is one of Australia's most popular sports. Our country is surrounded by water and swimming is one of our nation's great passions. As well as being awesome fun, swimming is a great way to make new friends, keep fit and learn exciting new skills - one day you might swim for Australia!

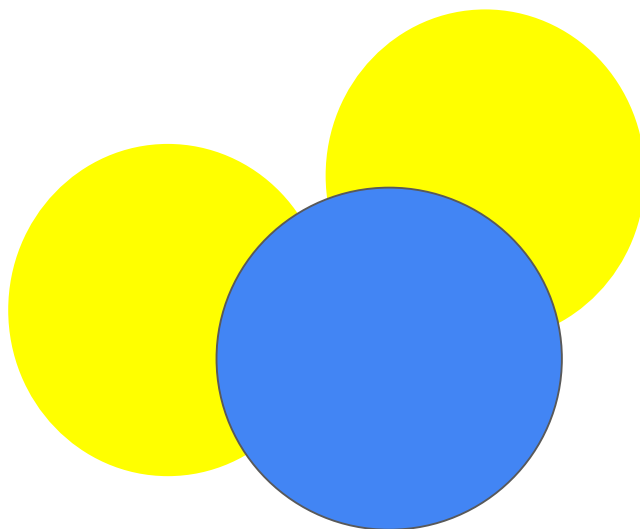
Joining Murray Bridge Cods Swimming Club can teach young people important life skills like water safety, commitment, time management, leading a healthy lifestyle, social skills and plenty more. Our swimming club provides a fun and safe social environment for swimmers and their parents.

Swimming helps you live a healthy lifestyle - dive in today!

LOCATION	DAYS AND TIME
Murray Bridge Swimming Centre	Swimming Season: October 30th 2023 to March 28th 2024 5:30 - 6:30pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs. You pick and choose your days

Email: murraybridgecodsswimclub@gmail.com

Website: murraybridgecods.swimmingclub.org.au





Supercar Excursion



The Year 3/4
class waiting
inside the
marquee for the
other classes to
arrive.



V8 Supercar Driver conference with Jack Le Brocq, Declan Fraser
and Bryce Fullwood





Brooke, Curtis and Ms Reeves were lucky enough to be able to experience what it is like to be behind the wheel in a V8 Ute, thanks to Dave Casey's pit crew.
A very special memory from our day.



Courtney Prince, a Porsche driver was happy to stop and chat with us about her pink car.

Todd Hazelwood, a V8 supercar driver showed us through his team, Cool Drive's transporter as well as the pits where the mechanics and engineers were working on his car.



Library News



Book Fair September 2023



With regret the Book Fair has been cancelled for term 3.
Look out for the Book Fair next year in Feb/March 2024



Don't forget the **Book Week Parade**
Wednesday 6th September 9.15am at the Gym



Week 5 Class Awards

Year 5/6 Mrs Schubert

Jett

For teaching and learning: For demonstrating confidence in sharing his learning with others, especially in Numeracy and Science lessons

Year 4/5 Mrs Richter & Mrs Hughes

Sierreh

For showing respect for teaching and learning with her increased effort in her school work

Year 3/4 Miss Reeves

Sahara

Teaching & Learning: Always maintaining her concentration in lessons and striving to achieve her best across all learning areas

Year 2/3 Mrs Schutz

Chloe

For being supportive towards her peers and lends a helping hand when needed. Chloe perseveres at challenges and remains positive at all times

Year 1/2 Miss Trembath

Tanayah

For working hard to sound out and read her words and persisting even when it was challenging

Year 1 Mrs Kluske & Mrs Bruce

Claire

For taking responsibility for her own learning, trying to complete her homework and sound work

Reception Mrs Paech

Bethany

For excellent participation during Heggerty and for showing her ability to hear syllables in words

PLANNED ABSENCE NOTIFICATION TO TALEM 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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