

# Tailem Bend Primary School

## Newsletter

Tuesday 20th June 2023

Issue 9

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members;

It has been an extremely busy few weeks for us with so much happening both inside and outside of classrooms.

Firstly, a very big thank you to everyone who braved the exciting weather and came along to our recent Datacom and Google Beacon School launch event. It was great to finally launch this amazing project to our school community.

*The Beacon School project is not about technology. It's about developing 21st-century skills, such as collaboration, communication, personal/social, critical, and creative thinking skills essential for success in the knowledge economy. It's about supporting young people by giving them the opportunity to develop skills that foster innovation from which individuals, communities and countries can thrive.*

A big congratulations to our major prize winners. **Savannah** is off to Google Headquarters in Sydney this coming holidays, while **Lyra** walked away with a brand new Chromebook!

We recently hosted an informal visit from the **Minister for Education Training and Skills, Hon Blair Boyer**, and local **Member for MacKillop, Nick McBride MP**. It was a great opportunity to sit down with them both to "chew the fat", discuss and reflect on current issues affecting local education and the broader Tailem Bend Community. Both thoroughly enjoyed popping into classrooms and meeting students and staff. A very special mention to our SRC President, **Ella**, and Vice President, **Bastion**, for their amazing leadership with meeting and greeting both special guests.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of June we held an emotional farewell and tree unveiling assembly in honour of staff member **Marie Flavel**. Marie has dedicated her life to education and was last year recognised on stage at the Adelaide Convention Centre by Education Minister and Education Department Chief Executive for 50 years of service to our education system. Marie has been at Tailem Bend Primary School since 1996 and has been the heart and soul of the school during her time. We thank Marie for her loyalty and dedication to our school community, and we wish her well for an enjoyable and very well deserved retirement.



Have a great week!

Travis



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### Diary Dates

**Mon 3rd July**  
Year 2 / 3 Class trip  
to Meningie

**Wed 5th July**  
Blue light disco  
Fluro/Neon Colours  
theme

**Fri 7th July**  
Last day of Term 2

**Mon 24th July**  
First day of Term 3

## Wellbeing News

### Completing Homework - Tips for Success

Completing a NAPLAN question and reading each night will help your child significantly on their learning journey. Here are some tips to help with your child's motivation and success.

#### Establish a Set Routine

Encourage your child to set aside a specific time each day dedicated to homework. Having a consistent routine helps develop discipline and ensures that homework is completed.

#### Create a Study Environment

Designate a quiet area in your home with suitable lighting where your child can focus on their homework. Remove distractions like electronic devices or excessive noise to help them concentrate better.

#### Offer Assistance and Support

If your child is unsure about the NAPLAN question, encourage them to ask you for help **after they have had a go themselves**. Remind them that seeking help is a sign of strength and a way to deepen their understanding. Let your child read aloud to you. Your support and encouragement will lead to greater motivation.

#### Time Management

Teach your child the importance of managing their time effectively. Encourage them to estimate how long each task will take and allocate the necessary time accordingly. This skill will serve them well for the rest of their lives.

#### Minimise Distractions

Advise your child to limit distractions during homework time. This includes turning off the TV, silencing their phone, and avoiding social media or any gaming until homework is completed.

#### Study Breaks

After completing homework, you may reward your child with a small break or preferred activity.

#### Communicate with Teachers

Keep in contact with your child's teacher. If their communication book is signed on a daily basis and you are in check with their NAPLAN questions, your child will benefit. If you notice persistent challenges or concerns regarding homework, reach out to the teacher for guidance and support.

***Every child is different and it's important to find strategies that work best for your child's learning style and needs. With consistent practice and support, completing homework will become more manageable.***



Daniel Bartlett  
Wellbeing Leader

## Administration News

### El Shaddai Camp

Thank you to Parent/Caregivers who have already either paid in full or have set up a payment plan for camp. Camp is scheduled for Monday 30th October until Wednesday 1st November. Although this seems like a long way off, time goes by very quickly. Camp needs to be paid in full before students leave. Feel free to come in and pay by EFTPOS or cash; you are welcome to nominate a payment of any portion. The total price of the camp is \$210 per student.

### Uniform Sale

A reminder of our special uniform sale in the front office.

Please feel welcome to view items - lots of shorts in various sizes (including adult sizes) along with a few skorts and long pants. Stock up for the warm weather later this year. Everything must be sold at the unbeatable price of \$5.



### School Fees

Full payment for School Fees were due at the end of Term 1. If you think you may be eligible for School Card please apply online or come in to see either Chris or Melissa for a copy of a school card application.

### Student Absences

Department policy requires that we know where each of our students are every day. If your child is going to be absent please contact school with the reason for absence. While it is preferable that you call the school with absence details, to ensure student safety, we will make contact with you to ascertain the reason for absence if we have not heard from you.

If your child/ren are late to school, please come via the Front Office and sign in your child providing a reason as to why they are late. Students should come to school everyday. Learning is a progressive activity. Each lesson builds on the previous lesson. What a child learns today will help them with what they learn tomorrow. Missing days or parts of days creates gaps in their learning. A day away can mean missing out on important learning information or social activities and experiences.

What we ask from parents:

- Take holidays during the school holiday period. If a holiday cannot be arranged outside of the school term, parents must discuss this with Travis to arrange for an Exemption before they go
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours

Things that will help:

- Arrive early and on time. This can boost your child's confidence for the day. It will get them in the right frame of mind for learning and achievements
- Learning is a progressive activity. Each day's lessons build on the previous day's lessons
- Arriving late or leaving early often can lead to gaps in learning. This might mean your child misses out on blocks of learning. They might also miss out on important social activities
- School is often the first place a child learns why being on time is important
- Being punctual and having good attendance will help develop good habits. These habits are important at school now and later at work
- Late arrivals can impact the whole class. Teachers have to stop the lesson and repeat instructions. This can mean valuable teaching time is lost

## Tailem Bend Blue Light Disco

The next Blue Light Disco will be held on Wednesday 5th July at the **Tailem Bend Town Hall**.

Theme: Neon/Fluro Colours

Time: 5pm-7pm

Cost: \$5 per child (includes food, drinks, games and music).

\*To be paid on the night directly to Blue Light volunteers.

This disco will be for Primary School children only (Reception to Year 6).

As the disco is a Blue Light SAPOL event, children attending the disco will need to resolve any issues which may occur on the night with Sergeant Morgan and/or Blue Light Committee Members. We kindly ask that any issues affecting your child are not brought to school.

As a new safety requirement, parents/caregivers will be asked to provide a phone number to the committee on the night of the disco.

The number provided by parents/caregivers will be used to contact parents/caregivers in the case of an emergency.

A form requiring this information will be sent home for each student in the school.

The form will need to be completed and returned to school before the disco.

The information will be passed on to the Blue Light Committee.

Your support with this is much appreciated.

Thank you,

Dani Schubert

(On behalf of the Tailem Bend Blue Light)





# Musica-Viva



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## “Moon Radio Hour”

TO TAILEM BEND PRIMARY SCHOOL



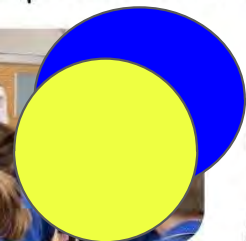
On Monday, week 8, Tailem Bend Primary School had Sam, Matthew, and Evan from Musica-Viva crash land their rocket into the school gym!

They presented a magnificent performance called “Moon Radio Hour” ... Not only did it have us laughing in our seats, but also took us on an imaginative fast-paced journey through space, time... and the unexpected!



Students AND staff were involved in a variety of learning experiences. We learnt lyrics to funky songs, we used our hands to create cool musical beats AND some TBPS volunteers also created some unique vocal sounds which were then incorporated into a story!

Saxophones, guitars, and an electronic sampler were some instruments played. We even had a whole school dance party!



## **Week 6 Class Awards**

### **Year 5/6 Mrs Schubert**

**Stella**

For being such an enthusiastic, hardworking student. Consistently demonstrating her kindness to all

### **Year 4/5 Mrs Richter & Mrs Collins**

**Brody**

For being thoroughly engaged and producing in lessons. Great job reading your poem this week

### **Year 3/4 Miss Reeves**

**Oscar**

Teaching & Learning: Applying himself during lessons and persisting when new concepts put him in the "Learning Pit" especially "Fractions" in Maths

### **Year 2/3 Mrs Schutz**

**Jasmine**

For working hard on her Cheese Please project and for attempting new challenges with enthusiasm and a positive attitude

### **Year 1/2 Miss Trembath**

**Jacob**

For completing his homework to an exceptional standard everyday this week. Keep it up Jacob!

### **Year 1 Mrs Kluske & Mrs Bruce**

**Kayla**

For showing a dedicated attitude when completing her phonics work, a great achievement Kayla!

### **Reception Mrs Paech**

**Arlo**

For showing improved concentration and participation during whole class activities and discussions

## Tailem Bend Community Library School Holiday Times – July 2023



School Holidays will commence on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
School will resume on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July

*Holiday times will apply*  
Monday 8.30- 12.30 1.30pm -4.30pm  
Wednesday 8.30-12.30 1.30pm -4.30pm  
Friday 8.30-12.30 1.30pm -4.30pm



The Community Library is **CLOSED** on all Public Holidays,  
and Tuesday & Thursdays during the School Holidays.

### July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 <sup>th</sup> Closed	10 <sup>th</sup> OPEN	11 <sup>th</sup> Closed	12 <sup>th</sup> OPEN	13 <sup>th</sup> Closed	14 <sup>th</sup> OPEN	15 <sup>th</sup> Closed
16 <sup>th</sup> Closed	17 <sup>th</sup> OPEN	18 <sup>th</sup> Closed	19 <sup>th</sup> OPEN	20 <sup>th</sup> Closed	21 <sup>st</sup> OPEN	22 <sup>nd</sup> Closed



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Website: [tailembendlibrary.com.au](http://tailembendlibrary.com.au)  
Online catalogue: [www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong](http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong)



## Do you know!

The Tailem Bend Library is a community Library, Adults are able to come in. We offer services to you with free internet (to adults over the age of 18) Photocopying, printing, free online books and Audiobooks.

We also have a range of books for all ages, music, toys and dvd's for you to borrow.

Come in and see our lovely staff who can help you with all your Library needs.



## Community News

### Are you a Carer?



A Carer is someone who helps a family member or friend with:

- emotional support
- grocery shopping
- preparing meals
- administering medicine
- personal care
- paying bills

### Is this you?

Free support is just a phone call away.  
Contact Carers SA via the Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737 or visit [carerssa.com.au](http://carerssa.com.au)



Connecting carers to support services



**CAT KENNEDY**  
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### Peer Groups



Carers come together in a group and meet with people in similar caring situations. It is an opportunity to connect, share, and learn from each other.

Peer Groups are free and available to all Carers who would like to:

- Connect with the local community
- Connect with people in similar circumstances
- Develop networks to help support and connect with one another
- Meet with other Carers to share experiences, stories, and knowledge
- Learn from one another and hear from a range of guest speakers on identified topics
- Discuss ideas and strategies that Carers may use to overcome challenges in their caring role.

To find out more about a local Peer Support Group please contact Carers SA via the Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737

Carers SA is committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children and young people.

*If you provide assistance to a family member or friend who is frail due to age, has a disability, a drug or alcohol related problem, is experiencing mental illness or has a long term medical condition, Carers SA is here to support you*

*"I want to thank you for the extraordinary support you have given me through some challenging times. I would like to acknowledge your staff who are the most compassionate and empathetic people I have come across. All this has made a huge difference in my life and quite frankly have been overwhelmed by the kindness of your organisation."*

*Lucy*



Connecting carers to support services

### Where carers can find support.

Do you look after a family member or friend who is ill or has a disability? Reach out to Carer Gateway and improve your wellbeing.

- We're here to support carers.



Connecting carers to support services  
[carergateway.gov.au](http://carergateway.gov.au)  
1800 422 737 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm



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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# JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2023

<b>Monday 10th</b>	<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	<b>Thursday 18th</b>	<b>Thursday 18th</b>	<b>Wednesday 19th</b>
<b>Bike Basics</b> Adventure Ride Callington 10:00am AND 1:00pm Callington Hill Trailhead 8215 6347	<b>Bushland</b> Exploring Walk Mannum 10am - 12pm AND 1pm - 3pm Mannum Waterfall Reserve 8215 6347	<b>Art Workshop</b> Karoonda 10am - 12pm Lutheran Church Hall East Terrace 8572 3513	<b>Art Workshop</b> Karoonda 10am - 12pm White Park Hall Mulgundawah Rd 8572 3513	<b>Teddy Bears Picnic</b> Karoonda 1pm - 3pm Lutheran Church Hall East Terrace 8572 3513	<b>Art Workshop</b> Murray Bridge 10am - 12pm 1:00pm Sturt Reserve	<b>Art Workshop</b> Taillem Bend 10am - 12pm Taillem Bend Community Centre 8572 3513	
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# July School Holiday Activities



## Animals Anonymous

Monday 10 July

Session 1: 10:30am-11:30am

Session 2: 12pm-1pm

All Ages

## James' Travelling Magic Show

Wednesday 12 July

Session 1: 11am-12noon

Session 2: 2pm-3pm

Ages: 5-12yrs

## Escape Room:

### Lost in Space

Wednesday 19 July

Session 1: 10am-10:30am

Session 2: 10:30am-11am

Session 3: 11am-11:30am

Session 4: 11:30am-12noon

Ages: 8-14yrs

## Family Film

### Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

Friday 21 July

Session 1: 10am-12noon

Session 2: 2pm-4pm

All Ages



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**children's**

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