

# Tailem Bend Primary School

## Newsletter

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Issue 3

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Starting next Wednesday, students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in **NAPLAN testing**. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

***It is important to note that NAPLAN tests are just one of many tools that we use to track and monitor your child's progress, and to inform teaching and learning programs throughout the school. The results that are gained through NAPLAN tests do not define who they are as a student.***

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. It needs to be acknowledged that students feel stress or experience pressure about any number of things, from having a shot at goal in a game of footy or netball, or standing up and delivering a presentation to their class. Learning to manage nerves and stress is part of growing up, and reassurance from parents and teachers can not only calm any lingering fears, but also help our students to build resilience.

### New Kindy Director

Last week I had the opportunity to meet our new Tailem Bend Kindy Director, **Meagan Wynn**. Megan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our community. I am looking forward to working closely with Megan and her team in the coming weeks, months and years to ensure a sustainable and positive learning community for our students.

Have a great week!

Travis



### Dates to Remember

- Monday 11th March - Public Holiday**
- Wednesday 13th March – School Photos**
- Monday 18th March - Student Free Day**



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### Diary Dates

4th - 8th March  
Book Fair all week

Monday 11th March  
Adelaide Cup - Public Hol

Wednesday 13th March  
School Photos

Monday 18th March  
Student Free Day

Wednesday 20th March  
Governing Council, 5.30pm

Friday 22nd March  
Blue Light Pool Party, 5-7pm

Wednesday 27th March  
Sports Day

Friday 29th March - Good Fri  
Monday 1st April - Easter Mon

Friday 5th April  
Blue Light Disco, Easter Theme

## Wellbeing news

I would like to begin this week with a very big thank you to staff and community members who have generously donated preloved items for our Respect Raffle which we have at every assembly every Friday. Our Respect Raffle is a positive rewards programme where students are recognised and rewarded for their positive behaviour at school.

We have noticed in recent weeks that many students are coming to school very tired after the weekend. We understand that weekends can be busy for families, but we also wish to remind parents and caregivers that a tired, yawning child on a Monday morning will not allow them to fully benefit from explicit teaching and learning. Included below is some helpful information regarding good sleeping habits for children.

### All About Sleep

#### **How Much Is Enough?**

Sleep needs vary by age. There's no magical number of hours all children need in a certain age group. Still, sleep is very important to children's wellbeing. The link between a lack of sleep and a child's behaviour isn't always obvious. When adults are tired, they can be grumpy or lack energy. But children can become hyper, disagreeable, not be able to engage in learning adequately, and can often have extreme changes in behaviour.

Here are some numbers based on age, with tips to help you get your child to sleep .

#### **School-Age Children**

School-age children need 9–12 hours of sleep a night. Bedtime problems can start at this age for a variety of reasons. Screen time (on computers, TVs, smartphones, and other devices) and hectic family schedules all can contribute to children not getting the sleep they need. Sleep-deprived children can become hyper or irritable, and may have a hard time paying attention in school. It's still important to have a consistent bedtime, especially on school nights (including Sunday nights). Leave enough technology free time before bed to allow your child to unwind before lights-out. Consider switching off the electronics at least an hour before bed and keeping screens out of children's bedrooms.

#### **Bedtime Routines**

No matter what your child's age, establish a bedtime routine that encourages good sleep habits. These tips can help children ease into a good night's sleep:

- Stick to a bedtime, and give your children a heads-up 30 minutes and then 10 minutes beforehand.
- Include a winding-down period in the routine.
- Encourage older children and teens to set and maintain a bedtime that allows for the full hours of sleep needed at their age.

Source: Nemours Foundation WCH Website "Kids Health"

## The Virtue of Peacefulness

You are practising peacefulness when you...

- create inner peace with daily reflection
- use peaceful language even when you are angry
- speak gently and respectfully
- avoid harming anyone
- appreciate differences
- find peaceful solutions to every problem



## *SRC News*



Our SRC are very excited about our Zooper Dooper Fundraiser which will be on tomorrow, Thursday 7th March and Friday 8th March. Looks like it will be the perfect weather for it! We are limiting students to one Zooper Dooper treat per day and students can choose either recess or lunch to purchase their Zooper Dooper.

The stall will be run by Executives and Representatives from the Year 5 and 6 classes.

## Blue Light

The Tailem Bend Blue Light Committee would like to extend an invitation to anyone 18 years or older who might be interested in becoming a Blue Light Volunteer to please contact Sergeant Mariane Morgan on 85692211 (Mannum Police Station) for more information and application forms.

Thank you

**Dani Schubert**  
**Wellbeing Leader**



**Tailem Bend Primary School**

**House Team Captains 2024**

**WOMBATS**

Lochie

Jett

Bella C

Bella D

Daniella

**DINGOES**

Ceara

Yasmeena

Stella

Hailee

Maddie

**KOALAS**

Brody

Sierreh

Ruby

Pippa

Kailee

**KANGAROOS**

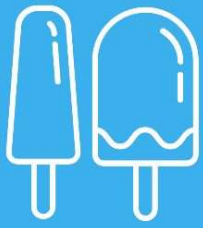
Tylar

Elliot

Savannah

Ava

Ruby Rose



**ZOOPER DOOPER DAY**



**ONLY 50 C !!**



**SRC FUNDRAISER**



**ON AT RECESS AND LUNCH**



**7TH AND 8TH OF MARCH 2024**

**WEEK 6 THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

## Administration news

### School Fees :

School fees are due by **12th April 2024**. If you are having difficulty paying, please come in and see Melissa in the front office and we can set up a payment plan. In addition, if you have any queries regarding the \$100 Government Rebate please contact Chris or Melissa and we will be happy to explain it to you.

School card families please apply now using the link below.

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

### School Photos

2024 School photos are a paperless ordering system this year. MSP sent emails to parents/caregivers on Friday 23rd February. If you have not ordered online, please do so before our school photo day (13th March). If you have not received your email, please look in your junk folder or let the front office know ASAP. If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact the front office. A detailed flier is included in the newsletter.



### School Uniform

New uniform stock has arrived. Please call into the Front Office if you wish to purchase an item, particularly with school photos next Wednesday, you may wish to update uniform items.

We also have plenty of school shorts - even though the weather is cool in the mornings, we are still having warm days. Please feel welcome to come in and make a purchase - only \$5 - heavily discounted from \$15.





# Say Cheese



School Photo Day is: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

*Have your child's school memories captured forever*

To order school photos please keep a look out for your email containing your child's unique shoot key & remember these helpful tips:



- Keep a look out for an email from MSP Photography – Check you junk folder
- Use the unique shoot key provided in the email to place your order online before the close date. If you have more than 1 student at the school you will also receive a FAMILY shoot key. Use this to order Family photos.
- Your child is not required to hand anything in on photo day.
- If you do not have an email address please collect a spare envelope from the schools front office.
- Please call our office if you require your order to be collected from the schools front office.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.  
email: [admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au](mailto:admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au) ph: 08 83913951



# YEAR 5 ART

In our Visual Arts lessons we have been experimenting with watercolour paints to create artworks.

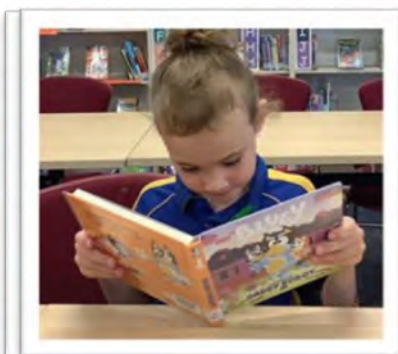




**Library News** The classes of Mrs Richter/Hughes & Mrs Schutz came in to look at the new books in our Library.



These books are ready for borrowing. Come in and see what books you would like to read.



# SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

**Don't forget the BOOK FAIR is on this week until Friday 4pm. Come in and help the School get some extra books for the Library.**

## **Week Class Awards** **Week 4**

### **Year 6 Mr Bartlett**

**Brody**

Respect for Teaching and Learning; Having a go and working hard on all tasks in class, especially numeracy lessons.

### **Year 5 Mrs Richter & Mrs Hughes**

**Isabella**

For demonstrating initiative and kindness, cleaning up and packing our Art equipment this week.

### **Year 4/5 Ms Reeves**

**Riley**

For always putting 100% into all learning areas. Keep up the fantastic work!

### **Year 3 Mrs Schutz**

**Bodhi**

For supporting his peers during Digital Tech lessons by showing them how to use different features on the Chromebooks.

### **Year 2 Miss Trembath**

**Elijah**

For stepping up as a leader and setting a good example to his peers by making good choices, helping others and working hard!  
Keep it up Elijah!

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

**Xavier**

For confidently working on addition problems with accuracy and for also showing his working out neatly.

### **Reception Mrs Paech**

**Violet**

For sharing her observations in our Class Meeting and demonstrating confidence as Chairperson.

## **Week Class Awards** **Week 5**

### **Year 6 Mr Bartlett**

**Savannah**

Respect for Teaching and Learning: Going above and beyond to help others with jobs and excellent participation in class discussions.

### **Year 5 Mrs Richter & Mrs Hughes**

**Mia**

For trying something new and creating a Google Quiz about Leap years and sharing it with the Year 3 class.

### **Year 4/5 Ms Reeves**

**Liam**

For returning to school with enthusiasm and a positive attitude to his learning. We are so happy to have you back with us!  
Keep up the great work!

### **Year 3 Mrs Schutz**

**Jayden**

Respect for Teaching and Learning:  
For correctly using speech marks in a writing task.

### **Year 2 Miss Trembath**

**Claire**

For working hard during phonics lessons to learn her new sounds.

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

**Xavier**

For showing a confident attitude when blending and segmenting his sounds during phonics lessons, well done!

### **Reception Mrs Paech**

**Taaliah**

For trying hard to improve handwriting and showing improved accuracy and neatness when writing her name.

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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