Tailem Bend Primary School

Wednesday 7th February 2024

Newsletter

Issue 1

Welcome to the 2024 School Year!

Welcome to a new year of exciting learning for us all.

We have 145 students in the school with 21 new reception students and 8 new enrolments throughout the other year levels. We welcome new students and their families to our school community. We all hope you enjoy the experience and take the wonderful opportunity you have to become a positive member of our school community.

A great start!

As I go around to each class every day, I am impressed with how settled classes have started and am excited by the planning that each staff member has begun for our students. Already camps and excursions are being organised, SRC reps are being chosen, and special programmes are up and running. The learning environment is one we should all be proud of.

Staffing 2023

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Naomi Paech	Reception teacher	1.0
Louise Bruce	Year 1 teacher	0.6
Sally Kluske	Year 1 teacher/ Librarian	8.0
Meagan Trembath	Year 2 teacher	1.0
Julie Schutz	Year 3 teacher	1.0
Susan Reeves	Year 4/5 teacher	1.0
Rebekah Richter	Year 5 teacher	0.6
Andrea Hughes	Year 5 teacher	0.4
Daniel Bartlett	Year 6 teacher	1.0
Kaitlin Binney	Health/PE	0.6
Josie Rowswell	German/Performing Arts	0.6
Dani Schubert	Wellbeing Leader	1.0

Melissa Prosser Front Office Administration & Finance Officer

Chris Lucas Front Office Administration

Angie Tomkinson SSO Library

Merryn GibbsSSO – Classroom/interventionKimberley ZadowSSO – Classroom/interventionMelodee Barton-AncliffeSSO – Classroom/interventionTanya BoulterSSO – Classroom/intervention

Tania Scott SSO – Classroom/IT

Trish Bloomfield SSO - Classroom/Intervention Luke Wilson SSO - Classroom/intervention

Carol Bockmann SSO - Intervention
Charlotte Bormann Pastoral Care Worker

Russell Omond Bus Driver Ian Millard Grounds

Our **School Service Officers (SSOs)** have started their partnerships with teachers in every class and with special programmes. These SSOs are an integral part to our learning team and provide great learning opportunities for our students. The extra support we provide in using our SSOs is from within our school budgeting and is above the funding we are designated by departmental sources. We believe this partnership of teacher and SSO working together provides a significant advantage to every child's learning and enhances our teaching and learning programmes.

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Diary Dates

8th February
Lifeguard training, for parents/caregivers, 10am - 12noon.

Monday 12th February SRC Induction, 10.30am

Tuesday 13th February Governing Council AGM 5:30pm in staffroom

> 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 27th March Sports Day

Communication Books

It is great to see the Communication Books being used in each class. One of the reasons for these books is the reinforcement of reading and numeracy improvement - our school improvement priorities. We have a huge priority in ensuring each child reads and practices their numeracy skills at least 3 nights per week, earning points for their house teams with the "Legends Cup". Our behaviour charts are also a great way for all of us to know how each student is going with their learning. It is always wonderful to see the students coming into the office each day to get their stickers for being on "excellent".

Governing Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday the 13th of February at 5:30pm in the staffroom, and you can either nominate for a position on Governing Council at the meeting or lodge an expression of interest at the front office.

First on Mr Schenke!

A big congratulations to Year 3 student Bohdi who was the first student to get his "clip on Mr Schenke" for 2024.



I have loved seeing all students working hard to keep their clips moving up!

I look forward to working with you all in a positive way in 2024!



Travis

Wellbeing news

Hello everyone and welcome to the new school year! My name is Dani Schubert and this year I have the pleasure of being the Wellbeing Leader at Tailem Bend Primary School. I'm excited to have this role as it enables me to assist and support all the students in our school and their families.

Should there ever be an issue concerning your child at school, please don't hesitate to make an appointment via the front office to meet with me. Alternatively, if there is ever an issue with your child which could impact their learning or wellbeing at school, a simple phone call explaining the situation will be much appreciated, as empowering us with knowledge allows us to better support your child at school.

Nut Aware School

Our school has now become a nut aware school. Each classroom has a specific container where, each morning, students can place packaged nuts or products containing nuts. While we are not a nut free school as we know nuts are a healthy food option for students to snack on, we wish to make sure nut products are handled in a manner that keeps everyone safe.

Food at School

We have a rule at our school that no food is to be shared between students. This rule is in place to keep all students safe as there is a huge risk that a child could become very ill due to having an allergy or a reaction to the food consumed.

It is important that students have enough food for the day including brain food and a drink bottle of water. Students who do not have lunch will need to speak to their class teacher who will then direct them to the office where we will be able to supply a sandwich to get them through the day. Students who simply "don't like" what they have for lunch will be encouraged to try to eat what they have got. A note will then go in their Communication Book to inform parents/caregivers. The student will be encouraged to have a chat with their parents/caregivers as well.

Don't forget Breakfast Club will run on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings for students to have a healthy breakfast if they have not been able to have anything at home. Breakfast Club runs from 8:30 am until 8:45 am.

Respect Raffle

To acknowledge positive, respectful behaviour the students are given Respect Raffle tickets in acknowledgement of their positivity at school. The students have an opportunity to choose a prize if their name is drawn at each week's assembly during our Respect Raffle draw. In the past we have received wonderful donations of amazing preloved and new products for our students to choose from and enjoy at home. We would like to thank the Collins Family who made a generous donation of prizes at the beginning of the year. Of course we would be very appreciative of any more donations of new or preloved items for our raffle. Preloved items must be clean and in good working order. Batteries do not have to be included in items which need them. Donations can be made via the front office.

SRC 2024

Our Year 6s have been very busy recently in writing applications for SRC Leadership positions within our school. After much discussion, Mr Schenke and I have decided on our SRC Executive for 2024. Classes have also voted for their class representatives who will be a part of our SRC in Semester 1. All of our Executive Members and Representatives will be inducted into the SRC on Monday 12th February at 10:30am in our school gymnasium. Parents/caregivers will be invited to attend a special morning tea with the newly inducted SRC leadership group and staff members in the staffroom.

What a great group we have for semester 1!

Congratulations and welcome to our Receptions and new students to our school in 2024. We hope your primary school journey is a positive and successful one. I would also like to wish our Year 6 students all the best for a wonderful year for their very last year of Primary School this year. Have fun and enjoy every moment!

Dani Schubert, Wellbeing Leader

Administration news

<u>School Fee</u>s: Invoices for School Fees were sent home with students last Thursday. Please be advised that all school fees are to be paid in full by the end of Term 1. If you are having difficulty paying the invoice in full, please contact Melissa who will assist you in setting up a payment plan. School Card Applications are now available online or paper copies can be obtained from the front office.

<u>Uniform</u>: New items of school uniform can be purchased from the front office including legionnaire hats, wide brimmed hats, polo shirts and school zip jackets along with a small amount of second hand uniforms for \$3 per item. A selection of new navy shorts are also available at the reduced price of \$5 (previously priced at \$15). Please feel welcome to come in and purchase any items you might need.

<u>Consent Forms</u>: Thank you to those who have returned their Media and Swimming Consent forms to the front office. If you have not yet done so this year, please return them asap. We are currently updating our records.

<u>School Photos:</u> Our School photo date this year is booked for Wednesday 13th March. Order forms will be distributed in the next few weeks.

<u>School Dental Visit, 2024</u>: We have a new school dentist visiting our school this year in Term 2, Monday 1st July until Wednesday 3rd July. Dental For Schools is very professional and organised and we are super excited to have them on board with us this year. Paperwork will be sent home closer to the date.

<u>Front Office Entry</u>: A reminder that the back access door to the administration building is for staff and students only. Parents/caregivers must always access the office by the front door of the administration building. Thank you.

<u>Changes to Information</u>: Please update the school if you have changes to your personal details such as phone, address or emergency contacts. It's important we are able to reach families quickly, particularly in times of emergency. This also applies to any medical conditions your child/ren may have acquired recently. Up to date records assists in keeping students safe while they are at school.

Spare Clothing: If your child/ren borrowed any of the school's spare clothing last year, please return items to school. Borrowed items must be washed and returned promptly as we are currently in short supply due to some items not being returned. If we don't have clothing available when they are required, families may be requested to deliver items to school when the need arises. If you think your child may need a spare change of clothes at sometime, please pack a spare set in their school bag. This can be very helpful and also be comforting for the child to wear their own items.

<u>Contact with the school:</u> If you have any questions or concerns please feel welcome to come in and speak with Chris or Melissa in the front office. We look forward to helping you and if we are unable to assist we will happily organise a suitable time for you to speak with Travis or Dani.

We hope you all have a wonderful year here with us at Tailem Bend Primary School.

Administration Team

Melissa and Chris

TALENT WINS GAMES, BUT TEAMWORK WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Breakfast Club

All students who have been given parent/carer consent are invited to attend Breakfast Club on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, between 8:30am and 8:50am. Breakfast Club is a service provided by volunteers from our community and is held in the Middle Primary area in the main building. **Please note that students will not be served breakfast after 8:45am.** This allows students time to finish eating before the bell for the start of school.









Premier's Reading Challenge



THE HON PETER MALINAUSKAS MP
PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TO: THE PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

RE: PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Welcome back to a new school year and the 21st year of the Premier's Reading Challenge in South Australia

I am challenging South Australian students from Reception to Year 12 to read 12 books by 8 September 2024.

The Premier's Reading Challenge continues, with over 122,450 students from 696 schools completing the Challenge in 2023. Many students educated at home also took part in the Challenge.

Almost 97 per cent of all South Australian schools had students completing the Challenge. This is an outstanding achievement and I thank you all for your time and efforts in supporting children and their families to complete the Challenge.

I congratulate all these schools on their results.

The Challenge has been fortunate to have 22 high profile and enthusiastic ambassadors who inspire students to enjoy reading and achieve their goals. Adelaide United Football Club, Adelaide Lightning Basketball Club, Adelaide 36ers Basketball Club, Port Adelaide Football Club, Adelaide Football Club, Thunderbirds Netball Club and SA Scorpions have also thrown their support behind the Challenge and Premier's be active Challenge as joint ambassador teams.

The Premier's Reading Challenge continues to be an important initiative that supports the State Government's commitment to Literacy Guarantee for young South Australians and encourages them to enjoy reading.

All information about the Challenge is on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at www.prc.sa.edu.au, phone (08) 8226 2006 or email prc@sa.gov.au. A school contact person is requested to coordinate your school's participation on behalf of all teachers, staff and students at your school.

I encourage all students to discover the world of reading with the Premier's Reading Challenge and keep up the momentum. I wish you every success in 2024.

Yours sincerely

Hon Peter Malinauskas MP PREMIER

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Library News

The Library has a lot of new books to read. Come in and check them out.



Week 1 Class Awards

Year 6 Mr Bartlett

Josie

Respect for Teaching and Learning - Showing enthusiasm, working hard and asking questions in all learning areas.

Keep it up!

Year 5 Mrs Richter & Mrs Hughes

Liam

For a successful first week.
Welcome to Tailem Bend Primary School.

Year 4/5 Miss Reeves

Hollie

Teaching & Learning: Great participation in lessons. Fantastic focus and a very positive attitude to her learning.

Year 3 Mrs Schutz

Walter

For showing persistence and a positive attitude during week 1 testing and for setting an example to others with his organisation and focus during learning times.

Year 2 Miss Trembath

<u>Mia</u>

For participating in all activities and being kind and helpful to her peers and teachers.

Keep it up Mia!

Year 1 Mrs Kluske & Mrs Bruce

Oliver

For settling into Tailem Bend Primary School and trying hard to listen and follow the rules.

Reception Mrs Paech

Xavier

A positive start to school and trying his best in all areas and being a caring friend.



Community News

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The Murray Bridge United Football Club, (Soccer), will be holding their 2024 Junior Registration / Information / Player Nomination Night on Friday 9th February, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, (Week 2), at the Beatty Terrace Clubrooms, Murray Bridge.

All Enquiries and/or Player Nominations to Grant please; klenkegc@internode.on.net or 0411 057 039

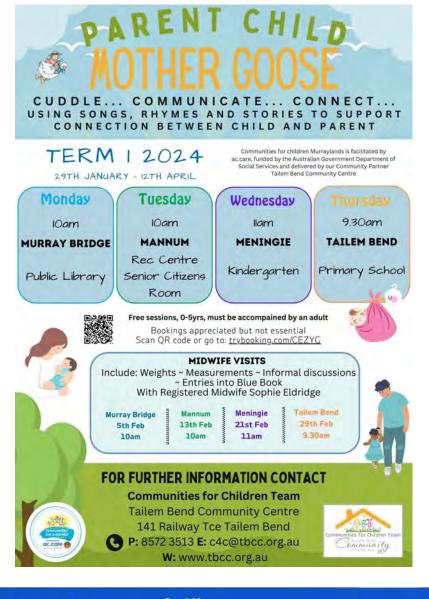
If you require any further details, please don't hesitate to contact me.

We will continue to welcome any additional enquiries as well after this date.

Our playing season is expected to start 6th April.

As has been the case in previous years, the response from families in early 2023 that became aware of our event from their children's school's media outlets was fantastic, again with many new players and families welcomed into our Club.







BreastScreen SA's Mobile Screening Unit is visiting Murray Bridge from early January to late April 2024



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along for their 2-yearly screening mammogram (breast X-ray) We're inviting all women aged over 40, especially 50 to 74 years, to come

- It's FREE and quick It can take as little as 15 minutes
- You can make a booling with a friend, family member or group
- it's the best way of detecting breast cancer early (before symptoms start to show) giving you a greater phance of successful treatment

Call us on 13 20 50 to book or visit www.breastscreen.sa.gov.au

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