

Tailem Bend Primary School

Wednesday 5th February 2025

Newsletter

Issue 1

Dear parents, caregivers and community members,

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2025! We are thrilled to have all our students and their families back for another exciting year at Tailem Bend Primary School.

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to all our students and staff for a fantastic start to the year. Your enthusiasm and dedication have set a positive tone for the months ahead. We are grateful for the support and cooperation from everyone so far, which has made the transition back to school smooth and enjoyable for everyone.

We extend a warm welcome to all new students and their families joining our community. We are excited to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you better. Our school is a place where every student is encouraged to thrive, and we are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment for all.

As we embark on this new year, let's keep the momentum going! Together, we can achieve great things and make 2025 a year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Opening of the New Community Garden & Station Master's House

Last Friday our entire school had the pleasure of attending the opening of the new Community Garden and Station Master's House on Railway Terrace, which has been created by the Tailem Bend Community Centre. It was a fantastic event that provided our students with the opportunity to engage with the community and learn about sustainability and local history. We are proud to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community.



Governing Council AGM

We would like to invite all families to attend our School Governing Council Annual General Meeting, which will be held on **Wednesday, 19th February at 5:30pm in the library**. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the decision-making processes that shape our school community. We hope to see many of you there!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to a positive and successful year ahead!

Have a great week!

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Diary Dates

6/2	SRC Induction Assembly, 10.30am
19/2	Governing Council AGM, 5.30pm
3/3	Student Free Day
10/3	Public Holiday
12/3	School Photos
12-14/3	NAPLAN
19/3	Governing Council
26/3	Sports Day
31/3-2/4	School Dentist
11/4	End of Term 1, Early Dismissal

Don't forget!
Pupil Free Day
3rd March, 2025

Wellbeing News

Hello everyone and welcome to the new school year! My name is Dani Schubert and this year I have the pleasure of continuing the role of Wellbeing Leader at Tailem Bend Primary School. I am 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 is a nut aware school. Each classroom has a specific container where 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 are packed enough food for the day including brain food and a water bottle. Students who simply "don't like" what they have for lunch will be encouraged to try to eat what they have been packed; a note will be written in the student's Communication Book to inform parents/caregivers. The student will also be encouraged to have a chat with their parents/caregivers about the lunchbox food they would prefer.

Breakfast Club

Eating a healthy, nutritious breakfast is so important to help young minds learn. Beginning in **Week 3 (Monday 10th February)** Breakfast Club will be open **every morning** at our school. We are able to provide this service for our students due to a wonderful group of Rotary volunteers, and caring and dedicated staff members who are willing to go out of their way to provide help. Breakfast Club will run between 8:30 and 8:45am. No students will be served if they arrive on or after 8:45am. After this time, students needing breakfast will be helped by office staff once their names have been marked on the class roll.

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 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.

Assemblies

Due to timetable changes, parents and caregivers are respectfully reminded that assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons at 2:30pm. As we gather for our school assemblies, we kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that younger toddlers and babies are kept with you and under control throughout the duration of the assembly. This helps create a focused environment for all students and minimizes distractions. Your understanding and support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Dani Schubert

Wellbeing Leader

Administration News

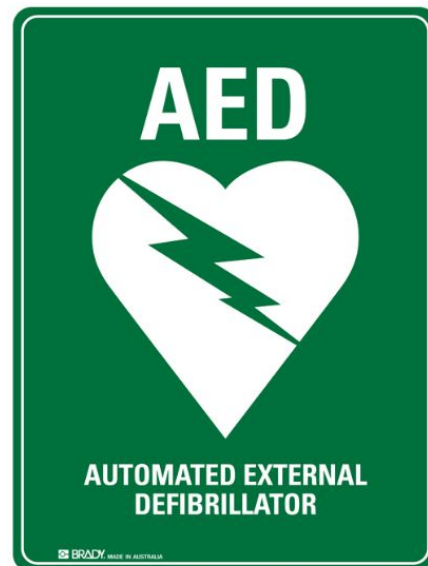
Automated External Defibrillator: The school now has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site; located in the front office. The machine is registered and is available for use by the school, community and general public. The device is located in the Front Office in the Admin block during school office hours : Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4pm. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the school.

School Fees : Invoices for School Fees will be sent home with students this week. 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.

School Photos: School Photo date March 12th 2025. Envelopes will be out soon.

Clip Chart Achievement...

Well done to year 2 student, Milly, for being the first student in the school to get their clip "on Mr Schenke" in 2025!



Week 1 Class Awards

Year 6 Mrs Richter

Abel

For a positive start to the new school year.

Year 4/5 Ms Reeves

Heath

Teaching & Learning: For making a positive start to 2025, working confidently with others and staying on task.

Year 3/4 Mrs Schutz

Tully

For settling into our Rainbow class and achieving great things in her first week.

Year 2/3 Miss Trembath

Carl

For stepping up and displaying excellent leadership skills by helping his peers and setting a positive example.

Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske and Mrs Bruce

Eli

For impressing us with his amazing story about his holidays.

Reception Mrs Paech

Hunter

For showing great leadership and being very helpful towards others all week.



Introducing our new Reception students...



Don't forget!
Pupil Free Day - 3rd March, 2025



YEAR 6

What are you looking forward to this year?

Riley - Designing the year 6 jumpers and going to the camps.

Sienna - I am looking forward to all the excursions for this year, and graduating.

Mason - I'm looking forward to camp

Nic - getting our year six jumpers and being able to run assembly

Bella- Year six jumpers, graduation pool party and graduation

Tillie - I am excited to wear year 6 jumpers and hopefully help make them.

Anikah - Year 6 jumpers and pool party

Vinny - I'm excited for school camp but mostly aquatics

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Kailee - I'm happy to be a Junior Liaison Officer and graduation

Liam B - Going to high school transition

Milly - Designing the year six jumper, going on camp and running assembly

Mia - I am very VERY excited for year 6 jumpers and camp. I am ready and very excited to be running assembly.

Liam D - I am looking forward to going to all of the camps, being a role model for the younger students, house captains and all of the other roles.

Pippa - I am looking for to camp, aquatics, sports day and our year 6 jumpers.

Anthony - I am very excited to do aquatic lessons and being in the SRC as President.

Abel - I'm looking forward to camp

Harry - Getting to design and wear our year 6 jumpers and running Assembly and blue light

Mikaela - I'm looking forward to excursions

Community News



Skylight Murraylands

SEE MENTAL HEALTH DIFFERENTLY

COUNTRY WELLNESS CONNECTIONS

MORE INFO:
Please call Customer Relations Team on 8378 4100

COUNTRY WELLNESS CONNECTIONS

PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN THE MURRAYLANDS.

Country Wellness Connections offers one-to-one coaching and group activities that support recovery for people with mental health challenges, who are not currently supported by the NDIS.

Whilst walking with you as you work on your recovery, support can also focus on receiving practical help with daily living, looking after your general health, finding a home, gaining employment as well as improving your connections with family, friends and the community.

You'll learn strategies and develop skills which help you to:

- Identify your strengths
- Develop and achieve your goals
- Build resilience
- Find people to help you improve your wellbeing
- Connect with family or with your community
- Explore accessing the NDIS
- Enjoy a full and vibrant quality of life

We believe that recovery is an individual process and with the right kind of support each person can move towards a life that matches their values and goals for the future.

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SEE MENTAL HEALTH DIFFERENTLY

The **Murray Bridge United Football Club, (Soccer)**, will be holding their 2025 **Player Nomination / Registration Information Night** on Thursday 30th January, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, (Week 1), at the Beatty Terrace Clubrooms, Murray Bridge.

All Enquiries and/or Player Nominations to Kate please;
registrar.mbufc@mail.tidyhq.com or

0422 248 350.

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

We will continue to welcome any additional enquiries as well after this date, if further notices can be included during following weeks.

Our playing season is expected to start Saturday 5th April.

As has been the case in previous years, the response from families in early 2024 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.

Thank you.

Grantley Klenke

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STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES: COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Struggling with everyday life due to your mental health, life stresses, floods or drought? You're not alone. This **FREE 5-week** program is designed to help you move forward by providing education, practical support, and connections to services. Each session is 3 hours per week and focuses on giving you the tools and skills to improve your wellbeing and build your resilience.

Program Locations:

- Tailem Bend - February 4th
- Mypolonga
- Mannum
- Bow Hill
- Walker Flat/Wongulla
- Swan Reach
- Riverland locations (TBC)
- and everywhere in between!

For more information and bookings contact:

Cathy Smith
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PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- What is mental illness?
- What is anxiety and depression?
- Low Intensity Cognitive Behaviour Therapy skills
- Communication Skills
- Self Care Strategies
- Mental health support services in my area and how to connect with them



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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