



Tarneit Rise Primary School
Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome is extended to all of our children and families for the opening of our brand new school, and the start of a brand new school year! We feel so incredibly proud and privileged to be beginning this journey with you all.

The commencement of each school year offers opportunities for new beginnings and the strengthening of learning from previous years. Beginning in a brand new school makes these opportunities even more special and we encourage all children to take advantage of all the wonderful learning and social opportunities that will be afforded them this year.

We would like you introduce our staff to you:

Principal:	Nadia Bettio
Assistant Principal:	Sarah Narres
Office Staff:	Samantha Kelly (business manager) Rebecca Santos (administration officer)
Prep Teachers	Prep A ~ Lauren Johnstone Prep B ~ Petra Parker Prep C ~ Ashlee de Leon Prep D ~ Asha McFarlane Prep E ~ Sarah Gerring Prep F ~ Jacqui Franzoni Prep G ~ Maggie Ryan Prep H ~ Jessica Cox Prep I ~ Orla Glover
Grade 1/2 Teachers	1/2A ~ Cobie Canny 1/2B ~ Liana Agathangelou 1/2 C ~ Sarah Conway
Specialist Teachers	French ~ Jackie Wale The Arts ~ Rowena Ostyn Physical Education ~ Mitchel Marley

Literacy Intervention

Elaine Stanley and Danielle Keck

Integration Aides

Ebony Morren, Julia Blazeski, Rochelle Osborne

We are absolutely thrilled to have such caring, talented and enthusiastic staff at Tarneit Rise Primary and really appreciate the many, many hours they have contributed to getting our school ready for the start of the school year.

Last week our children had their interviews with teachers and for the next two weeks they will be involved in many 'get to know you' and team building activities designed to strengthen student/student and student/teacher relationships. There will be a big focus in every classroom on 'learning to learn' where school expectations, rules, protocols and norms are taught, developed and practised.

This year all newsletters and notices will be uploaded to the school's website (<http://www.tarneitriseps.vic.edu.au>) and posted on Compass. All families should have received information about Compass and their unique log in details. Compass will be used as our major communication tool this year including payments, student reporting and permission for excursions. **The newsletter will be published each fortnight.**

I would like to remind families that school begins at 8.45am and finishes at 3.10pm. Please note that the school yard is supervised from 8.30am and students should not be left unattended before this time. If parents need to drop their children to school early or pick up after 3:25pm, they may book into our before/after school program, by contacting Ash on 0421 156 450.

As we are working in classrooms and getting to know the children we are really impressed with the lunches the children are bringing to school: lots of fruit and vegetables, very limited "sometimes food" and wrappers. Not only does this ensure that our **children are eating healthy nutritious food**, that sustains them throughout the day it also means we have less litter in the yard. We would like to thank our parents for their effort with this, we really appreciate it.

We would like to remind families that the car park along Hummingbird Boulevard is a **staff car park**. We would suggest that families park in the car park at the sports pavilion in Hummingbird Boulevard when dropping off/picking up children. Parents can then walk their children safely along the walking path beside the oval, enter the school through the double gates, walk long the pedestrian path and enter the school yard through the gates beside the gymnasium. That way parents are not walking through high traffic areas (the staff car park) and ensuring children get safely to and from school. The gate at reception (along Rifflebird Drive) and beside the gymnasium will be locked after 9.00am so anyone coming to the school after 9.00am will need to enter through Reception. They will be unlocked at 3.00pm. We thank you for your cooperation with this. It ensures our children remain safely in the yard at all times, and that all visitors report to Reception before entering the school grounds.

We have had a report of **head lice in prep**. Please check your child's hair for lice and eggs regularly, as left untreated they can quickly spread from one child to another.

While on yard duty I have noticed that there are a number of children without hats. Please ensure your child brings their hat to school every day and that it has their name on it. Children who do not have hats on must play inside or under shade. 'No hat, no play'. Hats can be purchased from our uniform shop or the office.

Some important information and reminders are included below:

Parent Payments (\$235) is due by the end of February. This can be made by cash, BPay or EFTPOS. Payment can also be arranged through Centrepay if you receive any type of benefit from Centrelink which can help families pay over smaller instalments. Please see Samantha, our business manager, if you would like to discuss this option.

Clothing - Please remember to mark ALL of your child's clothing so lost property may be returned quickly.

Visitors - All visitors to the school (including parents) between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm are requested to sign in at the front office and wear a badge. Parents that help in school are required to have a valid Working with Children Check. Parents can fill in an application form online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and then lodge it at a post office. The volunteer Working with Children Check is free but you will need to provide a passport photograph with the application when lodging it at a post office. When applying for a Working with Children check please be sure to list Tarneit Rise Primary School as a volunteer organisation so we are provided a copy of the Working with Children Check directly from the Department of Justice and Regulation. We look forward to having you working with us. Training for parent helpers will be provided this term and more information will follow soon.

Change of Contact Details - It is absolutely critical that the school is advised immediately of any changes to parent or emergency contact details (mobile phone numbers, addresses etc). These become vital when children are unwell or injured. Prompt contact with families can avoid a lot of distress and confusion. The Department of Education does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian. Parents are liable for all medical expenses incurred because of student injury, including transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs, which can be very expensive. **We would recommend that all families have their ambulance subscriptions up to date.** People who have a health care card are covered for ambulance transport.

Absences - At Tarneit Rise Primary School we actively encourage all students to come to school every day. If children are unwell then home is the best place for them, but obviously the more time students spend at school the more learning they do. Please plan ahead and **book holidays and appointments during school holidays or after school** and avoid allowing students to stay at home for 'special' days such as birthdays or visits from extended family members. REMEMBER **every learning minute counts at Tarneit Rise** and "it is not ok to be away." If your child is sick and is absent from school please send a note to the class teacher when they return or phone the school (7002 6580) explaining the absence. Choose option 2 to leave a message.

Staff Meetings - This year staff and our Professional Learning Communities (PLC) meetings will be held every Monday and Tuesday afternoon directly after school. Our leadership team meets Wednesday after school. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please make an arrangement to meet on nights other than Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Valuable Toys/Trading Cards/Mobile Phones etc - We request that valuable items be left at home including toys, electronic games and equipment as it is extremely difficult to ensure their security.

Road Safety - Please take extra care when driving along Hummingbird Boulevard and Rifflebird Drive in the mornings and afternoons. We ask that you obey the speed limits and parking regulations to ensure the safety of our students as there will be a significant increase in traffic and children crossing the road. We also request that adults model the right safety messages to their children and ensure they use the school crossing in Rifflebird Drive when dropping off and collecting children. We are very thankful to the Wyndham City Council for their responsiveness and consideration in ensuring the school crossing was completed before the children commenced school.

Please enter the school through the gates located at Reception (along Rifflebird Drive) or along the pedestrian path and gate beside the gymnasium. **Parking in the car park on Hummingbird Blvd is restricted to staff only.**

Assemblies - This year assembly will be every Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm in the gymnasium. All parents are welcome to attend.

Uniform Shop – We are very proud of our uniform – it looks smart and fresh and really unites us as a school community. Noone Imagewear (Rushfords) are our uniform supplier and their contact details are:

Shop 1/13 Barnes Place Werribee, 9741 3211

Have a great week - Nadia and Sarah

News from Mitch – PE Specialist

Our school has registered for the **Rebel Sports – Community Kickback Fund**.

Whenever anyone purchases anything from Rebel and mentions they are associated with Tarneit Rise Primary School, and the Community Kickback Fund, 5% of the total sale is deposited into our Rebel Sports account. Please mention this to your family and friends, as every little bit helps, and all money raised will be used to buy more sports equipment for our children to use.

We have also registered for the **Coles Sports program**. If you shop at Coles, please collect the sports tokens and send them to school with your child. This will be a great way for our school to build its sport equipment.

Messages from the office team:

Medication:

We have a number of students that have asthma or allergies that we have not received medication or plans for. Please see Rebecca or Samantha in the office if you require these forms.

School Council meets every third Thursday of the month. Our School Council members are:

Jacky Rambridge (Jenna OG)

Anastasia McMahon (Madylin OI)

Lakshman Singh (Aawick OI)

Naomi Cash (Nevaeh OH)

Mittal Patel (Reya OE)

Nadia Bettio (Principal)

Sara Narres (Assistant Principal)

If you have any suggestions that you would like to be brought up at these meetings please email, Tarneit.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and it will be passed onto our council members for follow up.

Sickbay:

Parents will receive an email from sick bay if your child has attended. If it is of an urgent matter or a bump to the head we will call you. There will also be a slip given to your child.