



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have our meet and greet parent teacher interviews on February 28th. You would have received a letter about the Meet and Greet interviews through Compass, explaining the process for the interviews and for making an interview time. Please log onto Compass to book a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher and if you like, their specialist teachers. Interviews will be held in your child's classroom and specialist teachers will be having their interviews in their rooms – PE will be in the Library. As the preps have not been at school on Wednesdays, some children may not yet have had their PE/French/Art classes. We look forward to seeing you at these interviews as they provide the opportunity for you to share important information with your child's new teacher and to set up some learning goals, providing a great opportunity for families and staff to get to know each other a little more and to continue to build on our strong home-school partnerships, benefiting our students.

We would like to remind families that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. We highly recommend that families have their own Ambulance coverage/insurance, and please ensure that we have up to date details at the front office in case of an emergency.

At our school council meeting last Thursday, our Annual Implementation Plan was endorsed. We have set goals in improving outcomes in English for all children and building our school community.

We have a beautiful school uniform, and one that we are very proud of. Lately we have been noticing some children not wearing hats, or wearing hats that are not our school uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Hats are available for purchase at reception for \$15.50. Jumpers and cardigans are now available for purchase through our uniform suppliers, Rushfords (Noone Imagewear) in Werribee.

Attendance

At Tarneit Rise Primary School EVERY LEARNING MINUTE COUNTS!

In just over three weeks, our preps have been learning the letters, and sounds, of the alphabet, how to write their names using correct pencil grip and letter formation, when to use upper and lower case letters, the vowels, how to hear sounds and syllables in words! They have learned the routines of school – how to come into school and get organised for the day's learning, how to line up and play, how to make friends and what respectful listening is. That's A LOT of

learning in two weeks! Every minute is precious and filled with learning opportunities. We want children to be at school every day so they can be the best they can be.

Cumulative absence has a negative impact on student learning and we must work together to have children at school every day. Missing even one day a fortnight, can have a massive impact on learning, and that is why we must phone families, to follow up, on absences and why we will not be approving extended family holidays as children will be missing important learning. **Please invest in your child's education and future outcomes by booking family holidays during the school holidays.**

Every day that your child is away from school impacts their learning.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but....			
If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	Which over 13 years of schooling is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?			
He/She will only miss...	That equals...	Which is...	Which over 13 years of schooling is...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	100 minutes per week	More than 2½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

Have a great week

Nadia and Sarah

Prep News

Thank you for all of your support and assistance over the past few weeks as we have worked to introduce your child to the different school routines. We hope your child has enjoyed the beginning of the school year as much as we have enjoyed teaching them!

Just a few friendly reminders:

- Please ensure you have booked a 'Meet and Greet' for next Wednesday through Compass. If you are having any difficulties with this, please see our lovely ladies in reception.
- Please ensure your child has their hat at school every day. For your child's safety, we follow a 'no hat, no play' policy. If your child does not have a hat, they will be directed to stay in the shade during recess and lunch.
- The doors for both learning pod 1 and 2 will remain locked prior to 8:45 am and 3:10 pm each day. We greatly value learning time at Tarneit Rise, so please see that your child is at school when the music begins. Teachers use the first 10 minutes in the morning to mark the roll and organise the daily schedule, so should you require to speak to your child's teacher, please arrange to do so after school so that we can chat without interruptions.

Homework:

By now your child would have been allocated a day to change over their reading books. On this day, your child will receive three new books, which they will read with your assistance over the week. If you have books at home, you are more than welcome to read these also. Please fill in the yellow reading log each day so that we can all work together to keep track of how many books have been read.

In addition to the reading, an alphabet sheet has been sent home so that students can practise their automatic recall of the letters. Please practise saying each of the letters each night. In class we have been practising identifying capital letters, lower case letters and the vowels. If you would like to further extend your child an idea would be to ask them questions regarding these.

Thank you again for a marvellous start to the school year! We look forward to what promises to be an exciting term with lots of learning!

Grade 1/2 News

Firstly, thank you for such a supportive start to the year! It has been great to not only get to know your children, but it has been amazing to see and to start to get to know parents, carers and other family members over the past few weeks. Every day we are constantly amazed at the things your children are able to do and at the rate they are learning, from setting a good example for the younger students, showing resilience when things get tough right up to the learning happening in the classroom. It is truly amazing to be able to work within such a fantastic community of learners!

Also, well done to the grade 1/2 students who have already had their first performance at assembly!! To be able to sing like that after just two weeks is a credit to you all. Parents and carers, keep an eye on the newsletter for further performances. They were amazing!

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 - If your child is late to school, please send them to the office before their classroom so we can ensure attendance is marked accurately.

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In addition to the reading, students will receive a game to play with you around identifying the beginning sounds in a word. It is played like I spy, your child will be able to tell you how it works but if you would like further clarification, please do not hesitate to check in with your child's teacher, remembering that after school would be the best time for this.

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Administration news

School photos

Student's photos will be taken on the 8th of March, if you have not received your form there are spares at the office.

Family photos are available on this day and forms are also at the front office.

Hats

There are limited hats available for sale at the office. The cost is \$15.50. Hats need to be worn in terms 1 & 4.

Harmony Day

March 21st is Harmony Day. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Held every year on 21 March, the day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

At Tarneit Rise Primary School we will be celebrating Harmony Day by inviting all children to come dressed to school on March 21st in national costume, or wearing orange. We will have a whole school assembly at 9.00am to celebrate our cultural diversity and then children will spend time in class, rotating through different activities, celebrating different cultures and celebrations around the world.

On this day we will also be having a special lunch, where children will be able to order pizza for lunch and buy an icy pole. More information will follow closer to the date.

School fees

School fees are due by the 28th of February. If you require a payment plan please see Samantha Kelly

Compass

All families should have their Compass log on. If you have not received this yet please see the office.

Active Travel Paths

You may notice walking to school there are some lines/writing on the concrete (orange, yellow or green)



The Wyndham City Council have been working with Tarnet Rise to create active travel paths for our students. These paths are designed to show the safest route to school. Individual maps are available upon request.



School Banking day is Tuesday



Remember, **Tuesday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Tarneit Rise Primary School. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking