**Important Dates**

**TERM 1**

**Week 7:**
- Mon 14th March: Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup)
- Wed 16th March: Governing Council AGM 7pm
- Fri 18th March: JP Assembly – host Room 4

**Week 8:**
- Fri 25th March: 21st March – 25th March
  - Public Holiday (Good Friday)

**Week 9:**
- Mon 28th March: 28th March – 1st April
  - Public Holiday (Easter Monday)
  - Primary Assembly – host Room 6

**Week 10:**
- Mon 4th-Fri 8th April: 4th April – 8th April
  - SAPSASA Softball Carnival
  - Lawn Bowls

**Week 11:**
- Tues 12th April: 11th April – 15th April
  - Yr 4/5 Hot Shots - Nuriootpa
  - School Photos – Mainstream
  - School Photos – Unit
  - Anzac Dedication
  - Last day of Term 1
  - Early dismissal 2:20pm

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**Principal’s Report**

**Information and Communication Technology**

Many thanks to those parents and staff who attended our “Think U Know” cyber safety presentation last night. The session was very informative and provided lots of valuable information regarding on-line safety and issues to be considered when allowing children to use the Internet and social media. The presenters have provided us with a range of materials and information booklets, so if you were unable to attend but would still like a copy, please let us know.

Jody Burton, in her ICT focus role, is working with classes to help children become aware of cyber safety issues and their “digital footprint”. This will be an on-going focus within our learning programs, given the rapid increase in the use of technology by young people.

In line with this focus, Governing Council has also put together an “Electronic Device Policy” to guide children’s use of electronic devices at school. A copy of this policy has been included in the newsletter and we ask for your assistance in helping us prevent the inappropriate use of technology at school. Thank you.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Angela Jenkins who has been appointed to our site for the remainder of the year. Angela has already done a huge amount of work over the past six weeks and we are looking forward to working with Angela over the next three terms.

**Tanunda Show Display**

Many thanks to Deb Walsh for coordinating our display at the Tanunda Show this year. It is always a big task and we really appreciate Deb’s work and oversight. Thank you also to the parent volunteers and other staff who helped erect the display. If you are attending the show this weekend, please keep an eye out for our display as it showcases some of the excellent work being completed by our students.

**Car parking**

With our increasing enrolment levels, parking continues to be an issue at TPS. This has been exacerbated over the past fortnight by the temporary closure of The Rex car park. I have approached DECD to discuss possible options for modifying our car park but am very aware that any redevelopment will be a long term project and require special funding.

We would like to remind students that walking across the roads within the parent car park is not safe, and ask that they use the footpath closest to their parents car. If they need to cross the road they should only cross at the pedestrian crossing.

Staff and parents have also raised concerns about the council car park adjacent to our gym. We have had reports of cars travelling at high speed through this car park and students walking behind cars as they are reversing. If you are using this car park, please encourage your children to walk along the fence line to our gate, rather than along the roadway and behind parked cars. Any vehicles travelling at high speed should also be reported to the local police, as this poses a major risk to safety.

Kind regards, Michelle

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Pupil Free Days  CORRECTION
Apologies for an incorrect date being published in the last Newsletter. It should read:
- Friday 6th May (District Training Day)
- Friday 20th May (District Training Day)
- Monday 8th August (Pupil Free Day)
- Friday 9th September (School Closure Day)
- Monday 14th November (Pupil Free Day)

Bike Safety
Community members and parents have reported a number of “near misses” with students cycling to school on the streets of Tanunda. Inattentive behaviour, such as riding too wide from the curb when cornering and not looking carefully had one student almost have a “head on” with a car. Another was seen weaving from the curb (where the cyclist was launching off) into the middle of the road for fun.

The behaviour may be fun, but it is potentially deadly. Parents are asked to discuss safe road use and road rules with children who cycle to school. The police have been notified and will be keeping a closer eye out too.

Trading Cards
We are currently experiencing some difficulties resulting from children bringing trading cards (eg football cards, Pokemon cards) to school and swapping them at recess and lunch times. A number of parents and staff have dealt with conflicts resulting from the trading of these cards. For this reason we request that children no longer bring these cards to school and trade cards outside of school hours. Thank you.

SUSTAINABILITY/TECHNOLOGY
Tanunda has had a long history of initiating environmental programs within the umbrella of sustainability and conservation. Listed here are some of the task groups that are currently being implemented or maintained.
1. Paper recycling
2. Revegetation
3. School/Class Gardens
4. Maintenance of significant school sites i.e., Cross of Remembrance, Lone Pine Garden
5. Deployment of our purpose built water tanker
6. Rainwater harvesting and storage
7. Solar energy generation
8. Timed switches on class lighting and cooling/heating
9. Composting classroom waste
Some of the very successful programs of the past that need rejuvenating are the litter cops initiative and vermi composting using worms which can be achieved with minimal start up costs. The positive learning outcomes of establishing and maintaining these programs are many and varied. It is my aim to see the whole school participate in most of these programs in order to engage students across all year levels and to participate enthusiastically in sustainable projects.

During this term we have looked at the distinction between Science and Technology and concentrating on the building nature of Design/Technology in preparation for Term 2. To keep costs down children at various times will be asked to bring in small items to help achieve our tasks as it is impossible for one classroom budget to support 14 classrooms. I will attempt to have children actively engaged in building various technological challenges so they can develop their design, construction and evaluation skills. In sustainability we have built our very own compost bin and our own design worm compost bin and started our large worm farms in the outdoor garden area.

With thanks, Mostyn Daniel

TANUNDA PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Staffroom.

We encourage you to attend, so please mark this date in your diary.

Our Governing Council comprises of 10 elected parents of the school.

At present we have 5 vacancies and each of these vacancies is for a 2-year term

Nominations can be made prior to the AGM and Nominations forms are available from the Front Office.

Please forward Nominations to the Front Office by Friday 11th March 2016

(If insufficient nominations are received by this date there will also be an opportunity for nominations to be made at the AGM).

Ice blocks for sale
Room 5 & 6 are selling ice blocks on Mondays and Fridays and some other days over 30 degrees

“Quelch” $1
Various flavours

99% Fruit Juice

Money raised will support the Year 7 Camp.

Thank you
Marbles Awards

**Week 5 Term 1**

**Manners** – Lilly N, Emma S, Molly T, Hayden S, Sophie S, Sophie E, Makayla D, Mackenzie L


**Respect** – Ashlee G, Aidan B, Chantelle B, Noah S, Tyrell B, Angus E

**Body**

**Language** – Jacob M, Jasmin H, Imogen F

**Effort** – Imogen B, Brianna S, Amity W, Emily T, Vashly S, Stephanie B, Emily H, Hannah J, Julian O, Tatjana P, Trent S

**Smile** – Holly N, Jackson W, Dakota B, Tyiah S, Nash R, Henry L, Samantha P, Darcy S, Ethan J, Bradley H,

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**Headlice**

We remind families to continue to regularly check children’s hair for headlice. We have had a couple of cases reported in the school. Children who have headlice can return to school following initial treatment. For best results it is recommended that treatment should be repeated within seven days. Information brochures are available from the front office. For more information visit: [www.health.sa.gov.au/pehs/environ-health-index.htm](http://www.health.sa.gov.au/pehs/environ-health-index.htm)
TANUNDA PRIMARY SCHOOL  ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Electronic devices include mobile phones, MP3 players, tablets, hand held electronic games and notebooks (laptops). Where possible, we advise children not to bring any electronic devices to school or to school based activities, such as camps and excursions. Whilst these devices can have many positive uses, if used inappropriately in an educational environment they can adversely affect the core business of teaching and learning as well as student and staff wellbeing. In particular mobile phones have some inherent social dangers.

We understand that, under some circumstances, families may feel that children need to bring these devices, particularly phones, to school for safety reasons. Children who bring electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. The school does not take responsibility for damage or theft that may occur to personal electronic devices.

When children bring electronic devices to school they are to be handed to front office staff on their arrival and can be collected when students leave for the day. All devices will be securely stored in the office. Children are not permitted to have electronic devices in their bags, pockets or the classroom during the school day.

Within school hours important messages can be managed through the front office. This ensures children can be communicated with quickly and allows for assistance to be provided to the child if necessary. If there is a situation in which children need to make a phone call this will be managed through the front office. Where children are unwell or injured families will be contacted through the front office.

Some children may have Negotiated Education Plans which include the use of personal electronic devices including tablets and notebooks to support their learning. In these cases the devices are used within the classroom, under the supervision of the teacher, to support children to achieve their individual learning goals.

Tanunda Primary School staff will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft of electronic devices. Any child found to have an electronic device on them during school hours or any child using a device without permission from the school will have the item confiscated, to be collected at the end of the school day.

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Parent Information Session – How to read with your child

On Wednesday 30th of March at 9am I am offering an information session for parents/families focusing on reading with children. This session is a repeat of the sessions held a few years ago and will run for approximately 45 minutes.

The session will cover:

- The importance of reading at home and your child’s reading growth
- Reading skills children need at all ages to become competent readers
- Reading levels – what they are all about
- Reading comprehension- it’s not all about just reading the words
- How to help your child with their reading at home

This session will be held in the Staff Room so please enter through the front office just before 9am.

Could you please return the below slip by Friday the 18th of March indicating your attendance.

Thanks,  Andrea Clark

______________________________  ____________________________
Name: ________________________________  Child’s Name:

Yr Level:____  Class Teacher:______________________________

☐ I will be attending the Reading Session in Week 9 on Wed 30th at 9am

☐ I am interested in this session but am unable to attend. The following time/s would suit me better…
  - 3:30pm after school
  - 5pm