IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 4 – Friday 28 October
Life Ed Van

Saturday 15 October
Seussical the Musical

Monday 17 – Tuesday 18 October
Crepe Day

Wednesday 19 October
Outdoor Ed: Rock Climbing

Friday 21 October
VICSEG Presentation – Werribee Secondary College

Friday 21 October
Poverty Awareness – Free Dress Day

Monday 24 October
Year 8 – Deakin Community Day

Tuesday 25 October
Year 8 Girls Basketball

Thursday 27 October
Year 7 Immunisation

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians

Term 4 has got off to a wonderful start. Our students have come back from the holidays rested and ready to learn and lots of exciting things have already happened. A few highlights so far, include:

- Our Prep -6 students have enjoyed and learnt a great deal from the Life Education Van. These sessions will continue until the 28 October. If your child attended the Life Ed Van, make sure you ask them about Harold; he is always a favourite of any age group.
- The teachers and Year 7 students had a fantastic time on camp this week. The kids were well behaved and made the most of every experience.
- Our wonderful Arts Working Party and very talented cast of Seussical Jnr. have been rehearsing and getting ready for their performance. The snippets I have seen so far are wonderful and we cannot wait to see the full production tomorrow – Saturday 15 October. A reminder that tickets will still be available on the day prior to the two performances.
- Upon returning from holidays we were all very excited to see the addition of the Tuscan topping in our Community Garden and the construction of an undercover walk-way in the Year 2 corridor. It looks fantastic and is only the start of our grounds development.

Unfortunately over the last fortnight I have received two reports from families regarding unsafe driving and parking around the school and even more concerning, a damaged car and aggressive disputes between parents. Once again, I would like to remind our community that we have a collective responsibility for the safety of our students. In addition to this, we are role models and we expect that our community act in an appropriate manner when in our school or around our students.
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Every day in my role as Principal, I have teachers approach me to share the wonderful things your children do, say or learn. I hear and see firsthand the effort our teachers put into supporting our students. I often receive emails late at night or over weekends from teachers who are worried about a social or learning concern of a student and have a great idea for what they can do to support them. Our teachers give up their recesses and lunchtimes to run social groups to assist students in building friendship groups, they spend hours of their own time creating costumes for productions or resources for classrooms. They care not only about your children’s learning but their general wellbeing and happiness. I have confidence in our teachers and their unrelenting belief in your children. The Principal Team and staff at our College are always available to meet with parents or families. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and caring staff. We expect that if there are concerns of any sort, that they are addressed in a constructive manner. We will not tolerate aggression or yelling at our staff under any circumstance.

As most of you are aware there are lots of rumours going around our community regarding the hoax clowns currently featured in the media. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure our community that in the case of an emergency our College would implement an appropriate response. This would include lock down procedures, notifying the police and of course keeping you informed. Today we met with the students to reassure them our school is safe. I ask that all parents please continue these conversations at home. If you would like to discuss this further, please call the office on 9749 0506.

On a final note, I would like to wish the cast of the Seussical Jr. all the best for their performance on Saturday 15 October. It is going to be a wonderful event and you should be both excited and proud.

Rynn Anderson
Sam Carlton
Assistant Principal, Community Engagement

As current Acting Student Wellbeing and Community Engagement Assistant Principal, I am excited to be part of the leadership team at Tarneit P-9 College. The college is a high achieving school with strong values and extensive curriculum and programs to which I am committed.

I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with your children and with dedicated and professional staff. I have been warmly welcomed and introduced to amazing, talented and curious students, committed and eager staff and parents. I look forward to experiencing positive interactions and building relationships with the community.

As a leader in the college, I bring leadership in student wellbeing and engagement, inclusivity and focusing on the ‘whole child’, supporting students and families and diverse relationships throughout the community.

Currently we are running at lunch times a passive play space for our students which focuses on building relationships and having fun in calm and supported environment.

Also starting this Monday is Smalltalk Supported Playgroup aimed at pre-school children where you will learn how to support your child’s learning. Smalltalk aims to increase parents confidence to do the things we know can have positive impact on their child’s learning. It is about using everyday opportunities and the activities that many parents already do in the home to enhance their children’s learning and development. These include the way they talk, listen and play with their children, read together and how they engage them in interesting and stimulating activities. Smalltalk also includes ideas on how parents can look after themselves and helps build links with their community and local services.

I look forward to working with the school community to ensure each student has every opportunity to achieve their best and enjoy the celebrations and successes along the way.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.
Welcome back to Term 4. By now all existing families would have received their fee schedules for the 2017 school year. Families are encouraged to pay for their fees before the end of term if possible. Please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Peckitt in the office, if you anticipate any difficulties in paying your fees. These fees are kept to a very minimum to ensure that your child has the essential items required and as such your support in paying the yearly fees, is vital in supporting student learning at the College.

If your child/ren are NOT intending on returning to the College for the 2017 school year, please contact Reception ASAP to let us know. If you are planning on being away in February 2017 for any period of time after school commences on 31 January (Grades 1-9) please contact Reception to complete a Census Absence form.

For those new students joining us in Prep 2017, please make sure you refer to the Community Calendar to keep the three (3) Orientation mornings free in your diary. We hope that you will use the Community Calendar to support you in your busy lives.

Within the Administration Team, Sick Bay plays a vital role in the day to day running of our school. Sick Bay is a very busy place which sees a varying degree of illness/injuries on a day to day basis. As such, it is very important that you keep Reception updated should your mobile/contact numbers change and that of your listed emergency contacts. I would also like to remind families that if you have Private Health Cover, to please check that it actually includes Ambulance Subscription. If you do not have Ambulance Cover please consider joining and covering your loved ones in the unlikely event of an emergency. Please visit http://ambulance.vic.gov.au/membership/ to find out more.

Reception has been selling tickets to our first musical – Seussical Junior. We still have seats available and hope that more families will consider joining us on Saturday 15 October to celebrate the enormous talent we have at this school.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge that we have been experiencing issues with our phone system. We understand that this is very frustrating for those trying to get through to the school and have put all our efforts into resolving the problems. **If your matter is urgent please email the school account tarneit.p9@edumail.vic.gov.au and we will call you back.**

We look forward to seeing your friendly faces at Reception! Have a lovely weekend.
CASEA Program Update

WEEK ONE

This week sees the beginning of the CASEA Program for a selected group of children in Grades Prep to Nine. The eight week program, run by staff from The Royal Children’s Hospital in conjunction with Tarneit P-9 College aims to help these children learn important skills for managing their emotions and behaviour.

During Week One the group focuses on “Getting to Know Others”, creating rules and appropriate consequences, and helping understand their strengths and differences. All children in Grades Prep to Nine will participate in classroom activities where they “get to know” others and develop an understanding of each other’s strengths.

Congratulations to those children selected to participate in the group this term!!

Next week: Feelings

WEEK TWO

During Week Two of the CASEA Program the focus of the group is on “Feelings”. Children will discuss how they identify and express their own feelings, and talk about how to recognise how others are feeling.

In particular the importance of recognising feelings by looking at facial expressions and body language, and listening to a person’s tone of voice, will be discussed. The session also focuses on Strong Emotions.

The aim is to assist children in understanding that some emotions are more intense than others. They will learn to identify how to recognise their body’s “warning signals” so that they can identify when they are becoming angry.

All children in Grades Prep to Nine will participate in classroom activities that focus on identifying and recognising feelings.

Next week: Managing Strong Emotions
Kids often have trouble getting things done, such as remembering to do their homework, clean out their bags, and give you notes they bring home from school. Here are some tips that might help you get through the after and before school hours.

1. Empty bags everyday – When your child gets home from school they should take everything out of their bag. This way they remember to give you notices and remember what homework they have to complete.

2. Organise homework – Have your child decide in what order he is going to do his homework. Then make a pile in this order. For example, working from easiest to hardest may not make the pile seem so big. Try and make a set time for your child to do his homework every weekday.

3. Clean up when finished – once homework is finished have your child put her homework in her bag.

4. Get ready for morning – at night time, have your child get her bag ready for the next morning. This includes lunch, lunch order money, and anything else she wants to take to school. Laying out clothes for the next day is also a good idea.

5. Enforce bedtime – If your child is having trouble waking and takes a long time getting ready, try making bedtime 15 minutes earlier. If your child cannot get ready in time for school by getting up at 7:30am, have him get up at 7:15am.

6. Morning routine – Getting your child into a morning routine may require you to create a reminder poster which goes on the wall/fridge that reads:
   - Eat
   - Brush teeth
   - Dress
   - Shoes
   - Hair
   - Gather bag

   Do not allow television during the early morning rush if your child has trouble getting ready on time.

7. Rewards! – If your child gets most, or all of these steps done, praise him. You may even give your child a reward for getting their homework done on time, most days for a week. A little incentive can often go a long way when trying to get your child to do what they have to do.
Year 7 Wheel Talk – Thursday 3 November, 2016

| Description | Students will participate in an incursion to discuss the importance of disability awareness and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. The program encourages students to think about diversity, acceptance and disability sports as well as give a greater understanding of the issues facing people with disability. |
| Payment Amount | Total Cost is $5.00 |
| Due Date | Friday 28 October, 2016 |

If you wish to use your CSEF for this camp please contact Sarah Peckitt, Finance Officer on 9749 0506.

Grade 1 Stay Late – Friday 4 November, 2016

| Description | Students will come back to school at 5pm on Friday 4 November and participate in a range of activities, please refer to the information note sent home at the start of term 4 or see your child’s classroom teacher for another copy. |
| Payment Amount | Total Cost is $6.00 |
| Due Date | Friday 28 October, 2016 |

If you wish to use your CSEF for this camp please contact Sarah Peckitt, Finance Officer on 9749 0506.

Grade 2 Sleepover – Friday 4 November, 2016

| Description | Students will participate in a sleepover at school on Friday 4 November, please refer to the information note sent home at the start of term 4 or see your child’s classroom teacher for another copy. |
| Payment Amount | Total Cost is $15.00 |
| Due Date | Monday 31 October, 2016 |

If you wish to use your CSEF for this camp please contact Sarah Peckitt, Finance Officer on 9749 0506.

iPad & Notebook – 1:1 Program

| Description | Term 3 payment of your child’s iPad is now due. Families who have an outstanding balance for their child’s notebook also need to settle their accounts. |
| Due Date | NOW |

If you have any queries regarding your outstanding amount, please contact Sarah Peckitt, Finance Officer on 9749 0506.

2017 FAMILY INTENTIONS

The College would like to remind families who are NOT intending on retuning to our school in 2017 to please contact Mehgan Uren ASAP on 9749 0506. An Exit/Transfer form needs to be completed to finalise your child’s exit from our college.

If your family is intending on being away in February 2017 can you please see the office to complete a CENSUS Absence Form. This will ensure that the college knows your child’s whereabouts at the start of Term 1 in 2017 and does not assume he/she will not be returning in the 2017 school year.
Sick Bay

HAYFEVER

Spring has sprung and so has the watery itchy eyes, sneezes and allergies. If your child suffers from Hayfever please ensure they take adequate medication prior to attending school to alleviate the symptoms.

If your child requires medication at school - please submit medication along with written approval and dosage to front office. Medication will be held in sick bay for use when necessary.

The College is only permitted to administer medication with your written authority.

Please remember that students cannot leave medication in their school bags or carry it with them at school. Medication must be submitted to Sick Bay.

For more information about Hayfever in children, please read the below link taken from the RCH website:
http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/hay_fever/

IMPORTANT REMINDER: ASTHMA

At the end of Term 3 notes went home to students who have been recorded as having Asthma who need updated Action Plans and Ventolins.

If you have received one of these letters and have not yet responded to Gillian Wright please do so as soon as possible.

If your child no longer suffers with Asthma please get a letter from your doctor stating this and our details can be updated.
Library News

ISSUE 7 BONUS BOOK BONANZA FOR EXTRA CHRISTMAS GIFTS!
Your parents could get up to FOUR BONUS BOOKS!

We currently have 1200 overdue books for the next two weeks we will not charge for any overdue book if they are returned.

Please have a look for books that may be left in your child’s room or house.

Happy reading!

Susan Grieve
Library Technician
FRENCH NEWS

We are very excited to once again share with you the long awaited results of the finals of the Berthe Mouchette French Recital Competition 2016, organised by Alliance Française, Melbourne.

This is the first year Tarneit P-9 College entered the Berthe Mouchette Competition with over 200 students. This year, 13,500 students from 107 schools across Victoria entered the competition and over 1000 students from Year 3-10 were in the finals.

We are very pleased and proud to present our 2 students who are laureates in their respective category:

In 1st place in Year 7 - Shekinah

In 3rd place in Year 4 – Amber

Please join me in congratulating Shekinah and Amber for their outstanding achievement and all the other 6 finalists Bilal, Sukayna, Tanvi, Rajvi, Manya and Ritu for their hard work and brilliant performances.

We would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the support of the parents and teachers who have contributed to the success of our students.

On Thursday 8 September Tarneit P-9 College celebrated R U Ok? Day. Every class participated in one hour dedicated to a wellbeing activity.

Such activities included role plays, lesson plans, classroom discussions and creative artworks to demonstrate awareness of mental health and wellbeing, as well as identifying appropriate coping strategies.

A big thank you to our whole school community for supporting such a worthy cause, with special mention to those staff who proudly dressed in their R U Ok? Day t-shirts to further encourage awareness!

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**JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT**

All chess players (ages 6-13) are invited to participate in our annual Junior Chess Tournament.

Play for the prestige of being crowned Junior Chess Champion, or just for the fun and excitement! Players must know how to play chess, however no previous tournament experience is required. All participants receive a certificate, plus top three place-getters receive trophies and gifts.


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**YOGA FOR KIDS**

Teach your children the power of Om and encourage them to participate in a relaxing yoga class with a trained instructor.

Please see below for location and times:-

**Plaza Library**
Tuesday 11 October
4pm-4.45pm
Make a booking by calling 8734 2600

**Julia Gillard Library Tarneit**
Thursday 13 October
4pm-4.45pm
Make a booking by calling 8734 0200

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**COLOUR ‘N CHILL**

This fun, interactive session will help children develop their coping strategies while under stress.

Children will learn mindfulness and relaxation techniques that will help them to recreate calm and tranquillity for themselves in any environment.

For children aged 3-12.

Point Cook Library – Thursday 13 October (6-7.30pm) Ph: 9395 7966