MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As this is my last report for the 2015 school year, I would like to say what a great year we have had at Tarneit College. Throughout the year, a lot has been achieved with our students being involved in camps, sleepovers, family nights, sports days and nights, our Spring Showcase arts evening, and of course the great learning program we have in place across the college.

Next year our first Year 9 cohort will commence, and I know Ms. Spencer and her team have put a lot of work into ensuring the start to our year nine program will be highly successful. Also next year will see the commencement of the construction of our Stage 2 building project; this will be an exciting but challenging time for our college.

As the school year ends, we are saying farewell to a number of our staff who are moving on to other schools. Ms. Harwood, Ms. Roach, Ms. Harmer, Ms. Pfister, Ms. Jenna, Mr. Jull, Mr. Spudvilas-Powell, Mr. Henry, Ms. Blake, Mr. Nash, Ms. Sidebotham and Ms. Mitchell. We wish all these teachers well for the future and thank them for their wonderful contribution to our school.

Next Friday will be the last day of the school year and our students will be dismissed at 1.30pm.

A special thanks to Ms. Anderson, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Healy and Ms. Corben, our Leading Teachers and Professional Learning Team Leaders for the wonderful work they have done providing leadership to our great school. Thanks also to Jen Treloar and our School Councilors for the work and support they have given to the College this year; it has been very much appreciated. Also thanks to Kirsty Evans and the Parents Association for their fundraising and support of the College this year. It has been fantastic. A very special thanks to Ms. Calderone and our Administration Team for all the work they do supporting the staff and our families. Our teaching and support staff have done a sensational job this year and we thank them sincerely for their wonderful efforts. And finally but most importantly a big thanks to the inspiring students at our College who have worked hard and always display a friendly and positive attitude to learning, their families and our community.

I hope every family in our school enjoys a wonderful festive season and a restful summer break. I look forward to seeing everyone back at our school at the start of the 2016 school year.

Peter Devereux
Ms Kate Lachmund

A MINUTE WITH THE TEACHER

Kate Lachmund joined us January 2015 and currently teaches Grade 5/6 students.

Something most people don’t know about me is... I nearly became a pharmacist instead of a teacher.

Furthest place from Tarneit I’ve been... Geelong (a very VERY long drive!)

My typical Saturday involves... Yoga (for absolute beginners!), farmers’ markets and taking my kids to swimming lessons.

I would love to invite to dinner... Douglas Adams

I am amazed by ....the return of 90’s fashion. I never thought that I would see those outfits again!

People say I have... a lot of patience.

Tarneit College is.... a long drive for me every day, but well worth it!
Important Reminders

CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder to all parents and students that the canteen will not be open for lunch or lunch orders on the last day of school – Friday 18 December. The canteen will be open for recess only.

Thank you for your support this year.

Marlo
Canteen Manager

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Important Reminder
Early Dismissal – Friday 18 December

The last day of Term 4 is on Friday 18 December.

To celebrate our last day of Term 4, we invite families to join us as we hold a Year 2-8 Assembly in the Gymnasium from 12.45pm – 1.15pm.

Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday 18 December.

We wish all of our families a safe holiday and a happy new year.

Learning | Inclusive | Responsible | Pride

IF YOU ARE NOT RETURNING IN 2016

An important reminder to all families, if you are not returning to Tarneit College next year, please advise the office staff as soon as possible.
Office Reminders

2016 FEE PAYMENTS

The start of the year can be quite busy. Avoid the lines, and pay your 2016 school fees now! The College offers BPAY options, as well as cash & EFTPOS.

ALL STUDENTS STARTING 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

2016

Thursday 28 January 2016
Years 1 to 9 students start back at school

Monday 1 February 2016
Prep Students start back at school with every Wednesday off school for the month of February.
**Important Dates in Term 1, 2016**

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<td>Starting dates for Grade 1 to Year 9 students. <strong>College Fees to be paid by this date.</strong> See Reception hours below.</td>
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<td>Monday 1 February</td>
<td>Starting date for Prep students. Prep students will have every Wednesday off until week ending Friday 26 February.</td>
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<td>Monday 29 February</td>
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<td>School Photos payable to MSP on the day</td>
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**College Reception Hours - January 2016**

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**Prep - Grade 2 Daily Timetable**

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<td>Homeroom (Year 7 &amp; 9 only)</td>
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<td>Students to line up (Grade 2-6)</td>
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Congratulations

PRINCIPAL READING CHALLENGE

And the winners of Tarneit College’s 1st Principal’s Reading Challenge are...

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<td>Damon Gulino</td>
<td>Joshua Chand</td>
<td>Amber Carter</td>
<td>Dhaiya Shah</td>
<td>Abdullahi Abdulla</td>
<td>Darshneet Kaur</td>
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<td>Parva Patel</td>
<td>Nevaeh Afamasaga</td>
<td>Olivia Lee</td>
<td>Gurshant Singh</td>
<td>Alphonane Jule</td>
<td>Beth Evans</td>
<td>Monique So</td>
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These lucky winners will enjoy a Subway lunch with Mr Devereux next **Thursday 17 December in the PD Centre at 12:30pm**.

School Community Advertising
Beyond the Gates

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

PETS HOMELESS

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Christmas holiday period is especially tough for the less fortunate and their companion animals.

PLEASE HELP US THIS CHRISTMAS

We urgently need the following items:

- Dog and Cat Food
- Dog and Cat Toys
- Dog Treats

Donations can be left at our drop-off points. To find the one nearest to you please visit us on Facebook/Pets of the Homeless Melbourne.
Performing Arts

Pop Up Concert on Thursday 10 December (3.15pm – 4pm)
@ Tarneit College

Community Carols on Tuesday 15 December (1pm – 1.45pm)
@ Pacific Werribee

And finally……

From all the staff at Tarneit College, we wish our families a Merry Christmas and a safe & Happy New Year!