Message from the Principal

The last two weeks have been very busy (as well as quite warm) with the teachers and children working very hard across the College.

Our Gymnasium and Performing Arts building will be completed by the end of this week. Already a couple of classes have used the gymnasium for Phys Ed. We also had Jess, the Ministry of Dance, a “Hip Hop” instructor, take a large group of students for a dance session in the drama room on Tuesday.

Next week Mr Teazis our Phys. Ed. Teacher will be taking all lessons in the Gym and our Performing Arts lessons taken by Ms Corben and Ms Duarte will also take place in our new facility.

Several parents have raised the issue of security fencing for our college now that the builder’s fencing is being removed. Security fencing was not included in the building project and as a result it will have to be funded from the school budget. We are hoping to install the fencing most likely in term three when our budget position is clear for this year.

On Tuesday the council surveyors were taking measurements for the installation of a school crossing in Brinbrook Street. Hopefully it will be in place by the end of the term.

Student Representative Council
Mr Murdoch is organising the Junior School Council this year. This group will be a voice for our students and assist us in planning resources to meet the range of students needs across the school. Congratulations to the Junior School Councillors for 2013:

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Peter Devereux
Principal
Mathematics at Tarneit College

At Tarneit College teachers engage children in learning Mathematics by choosing rich mathematical tasks.

Children are provided with opportunities to explore mathematical concepts using hands on, real life and authentic learning experiences.

Problem solving and open ended tasks are used to stimulate understanding and fluency in mathematics.

We will be running a Mathematics competition in every newsletter where students are given 4 problems of various difficulties to work out at home. Submit your answers (with working out) to Mrs Markham and be in the draw to win some maths prizes at the following assembly.

Andrea Markham
Numeracy Coach

Using some guidelines for assistance, the children will be encouraged to take responsibility for choosing Just Right Books that they would like to read. The children will be expected to read every weeknight.

Books chosen for the Home Reading Program will come from the classroom, as these books will be suitable for your child’s age and reading ability. We also encourage children to read books chosen from the local library, magazines, newspapers and other reading material from home to extend their reading enjoyment.

Parents can help to ensure the success of the program by encouraging their child to read regularly, listening to them read, discussing the child’s story with them and by assisting with record keeping in their reading log.

Instill a love of reading in your child by sharing bed-time (and other-time-of-the-day!) stories. This special, one-to one time, where you and your child can escape into all sorts of adventures and amazing worlds, is precious.

Let your child choose the book they want you to share even if this seems to be the one hundredth time in a row that they have chosen the same book! Young children particularly love repetition and familiarity, and it really does help them to develop reading skills! Encourage them to always have a go.

Continue to read with your child way past the usual early years. There’s plenty of evidence that reading with and to children even if they are already fluent, continues to develop their vocabulary and joy in reading. It also demonstrates that reading is something to be enjoyed throughout their life.

Libbi Posar
Literacy Coach

Literacy at Tarneit College

HOME READING PROGRAM

How can I best help my child to read at home?
Teachers are asked about this all the time and reading progress is one of the areas that parents worry about more than any other. Your child will have already commenced a Home Reading Program.

The objectives of this program are to practise and consolidate reading strategies, foster children’s enjoyment of books and to encourage children to develop a ‘personal reading habit’ that may become life-long.
**Reminder: Outstanding 2013 School Fees**

The College would like to remind all families that payment of school fees will impact on our school’s ability to provide quality facilities and programs.

We encourage all families who have not yet paid their school fees to arrange payment with the College as soon as possible. The College appreciates the financial support of its school community.

**Parents & Friends Association**

The College would like to encourage families to participate in our Parents & Friends Association. The first meeting will be held in the staffroom on Friday 22 March 2013 at 9.30am.

The Parents & Friends Association will discuss a number of issues including fundraising options for the College to purchase a variety of resources to enhance the school.

**Performing Arts News**

We have some very talented students at Tarneit College. Whilst teaching Performing Arts across the school over the past few weeks I have discovered some amazing voices and exceptional dancers. In order to foster our students’ talents in Performing Arts we have started a number of lunchtime activities. Below is a brief description of the ensembles and choirs and a copy of the weekly lunchtime rehearsal schedule.

**Choirs**

Mrs Duarte, Miss Tawfik and I have established a 3/4 Choir and a 5/6 Choir. Any students from years 3-6 who love to sing are welcome to join these Choirs, although it is important for the students to understand that once they have made a commitment to join Choir they must attend rehearsals on a regular basis.

The 5/6 Choir performed for the first time at assembly last Friday performing the song by Of Monsters of Men, Little Talks. The 3/4 Choir will be performing at assembly next Friday March 15.

**Dance Ensembles**

This week we started two dance ensembles, a Jazz Dance Ensemble and a Hip Hop Dance Ensemble. Students from years 3-6 expressed their interest in joining the ensembles and teachers nominate students based on their behaviour both during class and in the playground.

The Jazz Dance Ensemble is being led by year 3 teacher Miss Simpson who has a vast experience in dance. She is a qualified dance teacher with the BDA (British Dance Association), traveled the world extensively with her dancing performing at events such as the World Expo in China and dance in video clips with Brian McFadden and Guy Sebastian.

The Hip Hop Dance Ensemble is being led by Dancer/Choreographer, Jess Quinn. We have engaged Jess through our partnership with Jason Coleman’s Ministry of Dance. Jess most recently performed on Australia’s Got Talent as a member of ‘Team Rocket’.

**1/2 Choir and Dance Ensemble**

We are hoping to establish a 1/2 Choir and a 1/2 Dance Ensemble in the coming weeks.

**End of Week Assembly**

Every Friday afternoon from 3:00pm-3:30pm we will be conducting an Whole School Assembly in the Gym.

These assemblies are led by our students and will include weekly performances, whole school notices, classes sharing learning experiences and our Student of the Week Awards.

We would like to invite parents and members of our school community to join us at our school assemblies. Students will be dismissed from the Gym on Friday afternoons.
**Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Performance at Assembly**

During Music over the past few weeks the students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 have all been learning the song Marmite and Cheese. All students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing this song at Assembly tomorrow, 8 March.

Ms Rachel Corben  
Performing Arts Specialist  
Assistant Principal

**Congratulations to our Students of the week!**

![Image of students holding signs]

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**Introducing our 2013 Student Representative Council**

Congratulations to all of our students who were nominated by their peers to represent the student body. We look forward to the SRC being actively involved within our school community throughout 2013.

This year at Tarneit College, we have voted two students from each grade 3 to 6 as our SRC’s. The purpose of the SRC is getting ideas from students. SRC representatives are the voice of the students. They take ideas back to class for approval. They also receive suggestions from their class to take to SRC. Suggestions can help fundraise to provide students with much needed resources.

Students who wanted to be an SRC representative read a speech to their grade. The students then voted on other student who they liked the best. Teachers counted all of the votes and announced who was the SRC representatives for their grade. Congratulations to all of our SRC representatives.

By Kiah & Dinali

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**Numeracy Parent Information Session: Prep – Grade 2 students only**

The College would like to invite all parents of Prep – Grade 2 students to a Numeracy Information Session.

The Information session will be held at 2.45pm on Thursday 14 March.

Parents will be provided with information on how to support your child’s numeracy development through real-life authentic maths activities that you can do at home together.
The College encourages parents to ensure their children attend school every day.

Please remember the importance of children attending school on a regular basis before deciding to keep your child at home.

If your child is unwell and cannot come to school it is important you inform the office on 03 9749 0506 and make sure a note is handed to the classroom teacher on your child’s return to school.
ACTIVATING GODDARD STREET RESERVE
COMMUNITY FORUM

This is your chance to shape the future activities at Goddard Street Reserve, Tarneit

Wyndham City wants to hear from you to discuss which activities you would like to participate in at Goddard Street Reserve. We are seeking to hear from everyone, including players, parents, family and friends, of all backgrounds and abilities and invite you to attend a community forum to discuss the activation of this new reserve.

This is your chance to help decide which new opportunities will be available in your community!

What: Community forum to discuss the activation of Goddard Street Reserve, Tarneit
Who: All residents interested in potential future activities at the reserve
When: 7:00pm on Friday 15 March 2013
Where: Tarneit Community Learning Centre, 150 Sunset Views Boulevard, Tarneit

Light refreshments provided

For any access requirements or more information contact:
Simon Crawford - Leisure Planning & Policy Officer
Email: simon.crawford@wyndham.vic.gov.au
Phone: 8734 5488 ext. 2080

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au
Math’s Puzzles

Please submit your answers (with working out) to Mrs Markham and be in the draw to win some maths prizes at the following assembly.

Q1.

A square picture frame covering 81 cm\(^2\) is cut up and made into a cubic frame. What is the cube’s volume?

Q2.

Peter wants to hang five towels on the line. He can hang them separately using two pegs for each towel or he can hang them with one peg on the corner of two towels. How many pegs will each method take?

Q3.

Revision of shapes

Colour:

- red
- yellow
- green
- blue

How many?