Message from the Principal

It’s been a busy few weeks at the College.

NAPLAN testing for Grade 3 & 5 students starts on Tuesday and I am pleased with the preparation that has taken place in the classroom. I wish all these students the best of luck.

You will notice that the school crossing is almost complete. I have spoken with the Wyndham City Council and once the crossing is ready, they will appoint a crossing supervisor. We will keep you updated.

The library is coming together well, with books being data entered into the system and covered by a generous group of mums. We are grateful for all the assistance we are receiving from parents as we establish our school.

A big thank you to the Parents Association for the huge amount of work they have put into setting up a Mother’s Day Stall. Students have enjoyed selecting gifts for their mothers and grandmothers.

Wishing all our mum’s a wonderful Mother’s Day on Sunday.

Peter Devereux
Principal
Family Group Photos by MSP Photography

A date for the sibling photos will be confirmed shortly.

No school for students on Wednesday 22 May

School Council has approved a Curriculum Day for the College on 22 May 2013. This means that there will be NO school for students. Please make alternative arrangements for your child on this day.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

The College has registered for the Biggest Morning Tea on Tuesday 23 May 2013. All money raised will go towards providing much needed funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. More information will be sent home next week.

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing for Year 3 & 5 students will begin on Tuesday. The tests will run over three days from 14 to 16 May.

All children in Grades 3 & 5 must arrive on time to class so that testing can commence promptly.

Please ensure that your child is well rested and receives a nutritious breakfast each morning, to increase their concentration span.

It’s important that in preparation for these tests, that your child is reading every evening for at least half an hour.

We believe that our children are well prepared and wish them the best of luck.

Ian Murdoch
Grade 3-6 Coordinator

Attendance and Punctuality

‘Beat the Bell’ and the ‘It’s Not Okay to be Away’ Program

This term, Tarneit College will be introducing two new competitions aimed at promoting punctuality and attendance:

The ‘Beat the Bell’ program encourages all students to arrive prepared to start their learning at 9am. The ‘It’s Not Okay to be Away’ program encourages all students to put their schooling first and make an effort to support their education by attending school. Of course, if any student is ill or unwell, it is advisable that the student stays at home.

There will be certificates given as rewards; one for the class who has the most attendance and one for the class with the most students who have arrived at school on time. The certificates will be presented at Assembly once a month.

The classes will keep their certificates displayed and will collect them to see how many they can receive throughout the year. The class with the most Attendance and Punctual students will receive an extra reward at the end of the year.

Classroom teachers will be negotiating a suitable reward for their class with their own students.

Parent support for this initiative would be greatly appreciated.

Good luck everyone!

School Banking

To open a new Commonwealth Bank account for your child, please visit the school on Monday 13 and Wednesday 15 May from 8.15am onwards.
What’s been happening in Student Representative Council (SRC)?

Members of SRC had a great start to term 2 when they found out that all of their hard work in promoting the Icy Pole day and Out of School Uniform day was rewarded in raising $456 for the school. A great effort indeed!

We have decided on three fundraisers for this term, as follows:

5c Friday - Each grade receives a 1.25 litre bottle and every Friday they fill it with spare 5c coins they have at home. Crazy hair day - Children pay a gold coin donation to come with their hair coloured. Children can pay a dollar at school to get their hair coloured with one colour. Pyjama day - Children pay a gold coin donation to come to school in their pyjamas. They can also purchase pikelets for 50c each.

We are hoping to use the money we have raised on the equipment the whole school community can use such as earth balls parachutes and games for classrooms on wet days.

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Numeracy News

On Monday 22 April, three of our teachers were invited to work with the AAMT (Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers) to help develop a numeracy activity that would go online for all schools and students to use during Education Week as part of the Reach for the Stars Program.

The Department of Education provides literacy and numeracy activities for schools to participate in during Education week and our teachers have helped write the numeracy component of this. Andrea Markham, Simon Davidson and Sarah Lunn worked with a team of other numeracy experts to create an online maths unit centred around Environmental issues and decreasing rubbish waste in schools.

This is a true reflection of the quality of teaching staff we are fortunate to have working at Tarneit College. We look forward to participating in the activities with your children during Education Week.

Andrea Markham
Numeracy Coordinator

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Parents ASSOCIATION

Mother’s Day Stall

We had the Mother’s Day stall today and tomorrow it will be open again from 9am until 10.15am. The stall is for the children to purchase a present for their Mum, Grandma or special person. Items will be priced between $1-$6 as a guide for how much money to send along for the children to shop with.

Earn and Learn

Thank you to those families that are supporting our Earn and Learn campaign through Woolworths. Please continue to collect the stickers and place the completed sheets in the box located at Reception.
AUTISM: Aspect Recipe for Success Workshop

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based three (3) day free autism specific Positive Behaviour Support workshop in the Western Region of Melbourne.

Eligibility to participate in this workshop:

- Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 5 and 18 years, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- The children are attending a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) school in the Western Region of Melbourne
- Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

Families participating in this workshop will:

- Develop an understanding of autism and how an ASD impacts upon learning and behaviour
- Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
- Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child’s behaviours
- Learn how write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s independence and quality of life

Date: 27, 28 & 29 May 2013

Time: 9:30am - 2:30pm each day (9:15 am Registration)

Location: Sadie McCarthy Learning Centre (Altona P-9 College), 227 Civic Parade

Cost: FREE Morning tea & lunch also provided.

Enquiries: 03 9377 6600 or email aday@autismspectrum.org.au