MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had a very smooth start to our school year and everyone has settled into the routine of the school year. Since the last Beacon we have had a visit from our Regional Director, Mr Matt Dunkley and from one of DET’s Deputy Secretaries Mr Nick Pole. They were very impressed with what they saw when visiting our college. They were particularly impressed with the way we track student progress and gather and use data about each student’s learning.

Earlier this week we had a visit from our local member of Parliament, Mr Telmo Languiller, who discussed the funding and progress of our Stage Two construction program. Mr Languiller has been an active supporter of this project.

Next week we are having our family sports night and BBQ and look forward to seeing as many families enjoy themselves at this event. It’s a great way to welcome our new families into our school.

Parents when visiting our school we expect all adults to act and behave in an appropriate manner. Parents must remember that we are a primary school and the children as well as other visitors to our school do not need to see an abusive and rude adult abusing our staff. If you are upset about an issue, please wait until you calm down so that you can deal with the issue rationally.

Parents encourage your child to read every day.
Curriculum Report

CURRICULUM BOARD

The staff at Tarneit College have created a Curriculum Board in our main building to share and promote our curriculum with the College community.

The Curriculum Board maps out the essential learnings for all subject areas from Foundation to Year 8 and identifies key vocabulary used throughout the unit.

We strongly encourage all parents to set aside some time to view the board with their child/children and discuss the fantastic learning occurring in our classrooms.

We love Akul’s thoughts regarding writing!
To read other beautiful quotes from our students visit the Library.

MY DIGITAL WORLD

The Year 7 and 8 students are currently exploring a variety of topics aligned with cyber safety and appropriate use of technology. This unit is undertaken at the beginning of the school year in order to equip students with the knowledge and skills required for their learning and personal lives.

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Dear Students and Parents

Welcome to Term 1 of 2015!
Please note our new menu is now in effect.
To get a copy from TiqBiz, ensure you are under 'whole school' and scroll back to the entry on the 4 February. Alternatively, there is a copy in the last newsletter or you can also get a copy from the reception area.

Our daily specials are as follows:
Mondays - Fried Rice
Tuesdays - Pasta Bake
Wednesday - Burger Day (Chicken, Beef or Vegetable Burger) Thursday - Risotto Day Friday - Lasagne Day

If you are ordering a Halal item please remember to clearly mark your order "Halal."

You are welcome to place your order at the canteen window in the morning before the bell; we are open from around 8 am.
Also, please note that combo deals cannot be changed.
A variety of hot foods are available for purchase at the window at recess and lunch starting at 50c. Dim Sims, Chicken Sticks, Chicken Balls and Nuggets can no longer be ordered as a lunch order, however they are available for window purchase at both recess and lunch.

Sonja and Kaye Wolff

Auskick is coming to Goddard Street

Come down, join in the fun and play under the footy lights.

When: Friday nights 5.45pm – 6.45pm
Starting from 17th April 2015 until 21st of August.
Where: Wyndham Suns Home Ground, Goddard Street Tarneit

Register online at www.sunsauskick.sportingpulse.net
For more information email us at auskick@wyndhamsunsfc.com.au or follow us on facebook.

Auskick Coordinator – Dave Allan 0425 378 601
Since opening in 2013, we have ran the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. A number of our students bring their banking into school every week along with a small amount of money (5c is all it takes to bank each week at school)

This program teaches the students how to take responsibility for their own savings and also rewards them for their healthy savings behavior. In return for their deposit each week into their very own Youth Saver account they will receive a TOKEN

Once the students collect 10 tokens (10 weeks banking) they redeem a cool reward at school –

The 2015 rewards are “Space” themed and are pictured above.

If your child doesn’t have an account or a deposit book you can call into any Commonwealth Bank to open one up; just ask for a YOUTHSAVER ACCOUT. Alternatively we will be running an account opening session here at school:

Please come along to our ACCOUNT OPENING & PARENT INFORMATION SESSION:
FRIDAY 13 MARCH
9.15am in the Staff Room

Enquiries to the school office or: susan.brailsford@cba.com.au
M: 0422 116 040
Welcome to Scholastic Book Club for 2015!

Did you know 91% of kids are more likely to finish books they choose themselves?

This year our school will be participating in Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term during the school year a Club catalogue will be sent home with a wide variety of books offered. The Book Club catalogues provide quality, age appropriate selections from which children can select their own books.

All books offered are carefully reviewed and levelled by a team of experts to appeal to a wide range of abilities and interests. All purchases made through Book Club generate rewards for our school, so we can continue to provide quality educational material to your children, however there is never any obligation to order.

Children improve their reading skills by READING so providing quality books they will WANT to read is a priority. Orders will be processed both by cash and online with instructions sent home with your child’s first book club.

Orders will be due in online one week Wednesday 24th February 2015 after the catalogues are taken home.

We hope you enjoy developing your children’s home library whilst supporting our school.

Books start from as little as $1.00
Dear Parents and Guardians,

You and your family are invited to Tarneit P-9 College’s Family Sports Evening.

**Date:** Tuesday February 24th  
**Time:** 5:30pm until 7pm

We will be holding a **FREE** Sausage Sizzle! Bottles of water will be on sale.

There will be a Staff vs. Students basketball match
Parents and Guardians can join in the Round-Robin Soccer Matches, Basketball Games and AFL drills

If you just want to spectate, bring some blankets and chairs to watch the fun

Please complete the below form and give to your child to hand back to their Classroom Teacher by Thursday the 19th of February

We look forward to seeing you and your family there!
ALLERGY AWARENESS

Several students at Tarneit College have severe allergies to nuts. These children require an Epipen (adrenaline) to be administered should they experience an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction can be life threatening.

Treats for birthday celebrations at school should not include cakes and chocolate. Please do not bring Lolly Bags to The College.

A lolly pop or fruit would be the only suitable treats, to be handed out at the end of the day.

LATE ARRIVALS

The College would like to remind all families how important it is for your children to arrive on time to school.

If your child is going to be late to school you will need to accompany them to the office and sign them in.

The amount of late arrivals we are seeing this term is not acceptable and we need to ensure arriving on time is a priority for our families.
Reminders

SCHOOL NURSE HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

The Victorian Primary School Nursing Program is a free health assessment service offered to all children during their first year of primary school and provides families with valuable information about their child’s health and development.

In term 2, Melissa Nesbitt, a DET School Nurse, will be conducting Health Assessments with our Prep students.

Please ensure that the questionnaire is completed and returned to your child’s classroom teacher no later than Friday 6 March 2015.

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher or alternatively Ms. Terese Healy.

LUNCH DELIVERY TO RECEPTION

On occasion, student lunches may need to be delivered to the Reception, due to unforeseen circumstances at home.

The College is understanding of these requests however, they can be disruptive to student learning and classroom routines.

If you do need to deliver your child’s lunch as a once off, you will need to sign in at Reception and then deliver the lunch to your child’s classroom.

Please do not send Fast Foods to the Reception for your child. We do not encourage eating such foods at the College.
LE FRANÇAIS À TARNEIT

Tuesday was Mardi Gras in France. It is an annual celebration and is also called *le Carnaval*.

The traditional colours of Mardi Gras are *le violet*, *le doré* and *le vert*, dating back to 1872.

In French *Mardi Gras* means “Fat Tuesday” because it falls before a 40 day period of fasting and ends on Easter Sunday. One of the Biggest Mardi Gras festivals is held in Nice.

Can you find this on a map? People line the streets in carnival costumes and there are many floats decorated with flowers and street processions. You may like to make a mask at home in the Mardi Gras colours and bring it to school to show.

*“Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler!” (let the good times roll)*

Mme Varrenti
LOTE French
At Tarneit College we love to read!
We are therefore very excited to participate in World Book Day this year on Thursday 5th March!
The school will celebrate this fantastic celebration of books and reading with a series of fun events.

1) Thursday 5 March will be your opportunity to come to school dressed as your favourite character from a children’s book! We are hoping to spot all kinds of characters, from Harry Potter to Cinderella to The Cat in the Hat! We ask that you make a gold coin donation, and the proceeds raised will be used to purchase Classroom Library books.

2) From 9:15-10:00am, parents are welcome into classrooms. Each class will read a chosen children’s book and participate in an exciting activity based on that book.

3) At 2:30pm, P-2 will show their fancy dress off in a book parade! Parents are welcome to experience this amazing world of children’s literature.

4) At 2.45pm, Years 3-6 will conduct year level assemblies to showcase the work they have done throughout the day, based on their chosen book. Parents are invited to celebrate this learning.

We look forward to experiencing World Book Day with you!

Sarah Lunn & Shirley Duarte
English Leaders

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.”
Garrison Keillor
Focus Point

The following Parent Code of Conduct was ratified last night at College Council. A copy of this will be sent home shortly. Please familiarise yourself with this.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

RATIONALE
As a school community we create an environment where everyone is encouraged to strive for excellence in an atmosphere of confidence and enjoyment.

GENERAL STATEMENT
At Tarneit College we believe that it takes the combined efforts of parents, teachers and children to create a learning environment based on mutual trust and respect. Whilst at school or representing the school in any capacity all parents will behave in a courteous manner and live the school’s values of Learning, Pride, Inclusiveness and Responsibility.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES
- Bullying, intimidating or threatening behaviour will not be accepted at any time, for both children and adults.
- If there is conflict between parents and other parents, the school expects both parties to discuss the issues involved in a constructive manner that neither threatens nor intimidates any other party.
- Parents, at all times, should avoid confrontation with other students in the school yard. If you have a concern on any student management/welfare issues, contact your child’s Assistant Principal, who will investigate the incident and advise the outcome of those investigations.
- Rather than listening to rumours, parents should contact the school to find out what is actually happening.
- Incidents which occur at school should be dealt with by the school. The school has a strong commitment to student well-being and will work to resolve any issues. Sometimes, parents do not agree with the outcome. There is a clear expectation that parents will behave in an appropriate and positive manner when these issues are being resolved. Parents can be assured that extensive investigation would have been completed before contact is made over an incident. We therefore have an expectation that parents respect and support the steps taken in relation to the incident.
- Verbal abuse and swearing by parents is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Staff at the school will not tolerate abuse over the phone and have been instructed to hang up if this happens. Extreme cases can result in an Intervention Order which can exclude the person from entering school grounds.
- Parents, as with staff and volunteers, are expected to respect the confidentiality of other school community members and not to talk about or spread rumours about other children or families.
- Parents are to understand that social media, such as Facebook, is a public forum and as such it is important to use common sense and respectful, positive forms of communication on this media. The expectations for communicating via social media are the same as those when communicating in person or via telephone.
As a parent of two children going to Tarneit College, I have had the opportunity to walk my kids to school on countless occasions. I also work in the local area and have seen far too many accidents involving young children on our roadways. Accidents can be prevented and this should be everyone’s priority.

Police are trying to reduce to the road toll and give our children a chance to grow up, living healthy, happy and carefree as children should.

Police are and will continue to focus on road safety and regular patrols of school zones will be maintained. Certain school zones have been identified as higher risk compared to others due to a lack of off street parking, no drop off zones and limited supervised crossings. We can only hope with the support of the community, the local council and other government agencies that these will be improved in the years to come.

Some of the most common driving offences seen around school zones are;

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For the time being, it is up to all of us as parents to improve the safety of our children around the roads. Two of the most common causes of accidents are speed and distracted drivers. Help us eliminate these and make our school safe for all children.