Message from the Principal

As I have moved around the school I have been impressed with the way the students have settled into their new grades and classrooms despite the works that are still going on around the college. The positive learning atmosphere in every classroom is great to see and the children are enjoying the learning time.

This Friday we will be having an information session for our Prep parents as a way to touch base and see how our new preps are settling in. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions and the staff will be giving those attending some tips on supporting your child’s learning. It will be a great opportunity to catch up.

A number of students are riding bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. The school does not encourage this but does provide a bike rack next to the gym and car park. I would point out to parents that it is illegal to ride a bike without a helmet and from what I have seen a number of our students do not wear helmets. If students continue to ride bikes without helmets we will ban them from bringing their bikes to school. If students are seen riding their bikes, scooters or skateboards in the school ground they will be given a warning and if this is ignored the bike, scooter or skateboard will be taken from the student and their parent will have to collect it. Our primary concern is the safety of all students attending our college.

Last week notices were placed around the school informing the community of the School Council Elections. If you are interested in serving on our School Council nomination forms can be collected from the office. Over the past week the media have been focusing upon parent behavior at school with a focus upon abusive behavior towards staff or students. At Tarneit the vast majority of parents act responsibly and respectfully and the issues highlighted in the media are a rare event at our college. However we encourage all parents to remember no matter how upset or angry you may be about a decision made by a staff member good manners and respect should be shown at all times. Very little is achieved through an angry outburst, but a lot will be achieved through a calm and rational discussion of the issue.

Finally we strongly encourage reading at home, so please ask your child about the book they are reading and give them time away from the TV each day that is dedicated to reading.

Peter Devereux
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EARLY PICK UPS AND LATE ARRIVALS

Just a reminder to parents when picking up your child early from school to please stop by the office to collect an exit pass to sign your child out.

Collecting your child during recess and lunchtime can become difficult, as students don’t often hear announcements during these times. We would like to encourage parents who need to collect their child early, to do so before or after these times.

If any students are late to school, parents must come to the office to obtain and sign a late arrival pass. This will then need to be taken to the classroom teacher.

OUR STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM

- On 17 & 18 March Constable Dawn Youla will be doing a presentation to all grade 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 students on cyber safety.
- Warrick Giddey an ex- Melbourne Tigers Basketball player will be running a basketball clinic for students in grade 3-6’s on 5 March
- The Better buddies program sponsored by the Allannah and Madeline Foundation will start later on in term 1. All prep students will be paired with a student in a higher grade and they will act as their mentor throughout the year to help them adjust into primary school and feel supported
- Starting from early March all grade 5/6 students will be taking part in the Western Bulldogs School Friendly Program where students will learn about nutrition, health lifestyles and will participate in physical education throughout the year
- Breakfast Program will start on Wednesday 26 February over in the Food Tech Room near the Gym from 8am. All students welcome

LES MOTS FRANÇAIS DE LA SEMAINE

Here are some French words to guess or find with your family

Les Jeux Olympiques d’hiver
Bleu, noir, rouge, jaune, vert
Le ski, la luge, le snowboard
MORNING ROUTE
Departing at 8.20am from Werribee Plaza at stop 445.
Bus Route: right Heaths Rd right Westmill Drive right Caruthers Dr left Dowling Ave right Hogan’s Drive left Bethany right Tarneit Rd right Wickford Rd left Crossway Av drop off at Tarneit P-9 College left Leakes Rd to service Rd front of Tarneit Senior College and drop.

AFTER SCHOOL ROUTE
Departing at 3.30pm from Crossway Ave
Bus Route: continue along Crossway Ave left Leakes Rd into Service Rd travel and pick up Tarneit Senior College at 3.30pm Continue Leakes Rd left Tarneit Rd left Bethany Rd continue roundabout Bethany Rd right Hogan’s Rd left Dowling Ave, right Carruthers Dr left Westmill Ave left Heaths Rd to Werribee Plaza.

Note – this is a direct line that stops at Werribee Plaza, Tarneit P-9 College & Tarneit Senior College ONLY.
Parents Association

Are you interested in volunteering some time to help our Parents Association?

Please see Reception if you would like to help our Parents Association coordinate events such as; Student Banking, Mothers/Father’s Day Stall & much much more...

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Please see below dates to remember

- Monday 24 February Year 7 immunisations
- Friday 28 February interschool sports year 7 Boys volleyball
- Wednesday 19 March Interschool sports Year 7 Girls Netball

PREP NEWS

PREP Information Morning Tea
Friday 21 February at 9:00 am

Mrs. Rita Mather and Ms. Terese Healy will be hosting a Prep Information Morning Tea tomorrow Friday 21 February at 9.00am

The session will focus on the Prep learning program, ways that parents can support their child’s learning and ask any questions and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions regarding this important stage in their child’s development.

PREP ASSEMBLIES
Parents please note:
Assemblies will be held in the main building on Friday afternoon. Weeks 4, 6, 7 and 8 and will commence at 3.05pm – 3.15pm.
All Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Tarneit College School Council is the primary policy forming body of the College and its parents and community’s voice in the College’s policy development process.

We will have three vacancies on the School Council, two parent representative positions and one DEECD employee position.

Calls for nominations will open on Monday 17 February and close on Monday 24 February at 4.00pm.

REMINDER SCHOOL FEES

The College would like to remind all families who have yet to pay their children’s school fees to please do so as soon as possible.

Once school fees have been paid the College Diary and Classroom Stationery will be issued.
### College Assembly Timetable

This year the College will be holding a combination of year level and whole College assemblies.

Assemblies are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate student achievement.

All parents are invited to attend College and Year level assemblies.

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### UNIFORM DONATIONS

The College would like to ask our families to consider donating any pre-loved uniform items that no longer fit their children.

Donations can be dropped off at Reception.

We thank-you for considering this request.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

The College requests parents who need to drop off forgotten lunches, to deliver them to Reception.

In order to avoid classroom disruptions College staff will drop off your child’s lunch to their classroom teacher.
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