

# 2025

Term 3  
Week 6

# NEWSLETTER

TAPARRA  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL



## Principals Corner

Hi all,

It has been a busy and wonderful last couple of weeks here at Taparra!

### Staffing News

We're excited to share some fantastic news! Congratulations to **James De Palma**, who has been successful in winning a three-year tenure as **Assistant Principal – Inclusion** and to **Kurt Ferguson**, who has also won a three-year tenure as **Assistant Principal – Curriculum**. How lucky are we to continue working with such fabulous leaders who bring so much passion and care to our school!

### Book Week & Pirate Day

What a week of fun and celebration! Book Week was an absolute hit, with so many creative costumes and a love of reading shining through our school. **Pirate Day** added even more excitement, with plenty of swashbuckling fun. A big thank you goes to **Mrs Beeching, Miss Sam and our wonderful Book Week Committee Team** for all the effort and enthusiasm that went into making these events so special for our students.

### Celebrating our SSOs

Last week we also took a moment to celebrate our wonderful **School Services Officers (SSOs)**. They keep so much of our school running smoothly behind the scenes – from supporting learning programs to helping students and staff each and every day. A huge thank you to our SSO team for all the incredible work you do. We couldn't do it without you!

### Dates to Remember

Friday 5th September is our Student Free Day (staff will be taking part in professional learning). On Monday 8th September, it is our Annual School Closure Day.

**Caitlin Manser**  
Principal



## DIARY DATES

### TERM 3

#### Week 6

**Wednesday 27th - Friday  
29th August**

Father's Day Stall

#### Week 7

**Wednesday 3rd September**

9am Principal Tour

**Thursday 4th September**

MFS Visit - Room 9 & 10

**Friday 5th September**

Student Free Day

#### Week 8

**Monday 8th September**

School Closure Day

**Tuesday 9th September**

Governing Council Meeting -  
1:45pm



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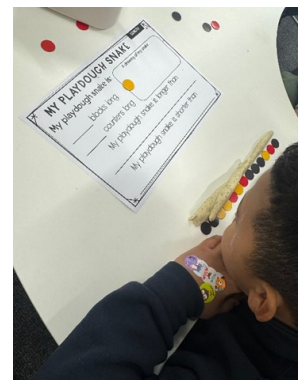
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# ROOM 6 SHOWCASE

This term in Room 6 we have been busy exploring the world of **measurement** through lots of hands-on activities. We have loved getting involved in practical tasks that make our learning meaningful and fun! We started by looking at **length**, where we have used counters and blocks to compare and measure different objects. We enjoyed seeing how things in our classroom could be longer, shorter, taller, or smaller. We have also explored **mass**, using a range of scales to weigh objects both in the classroom and outdoors. We were so excited to predict which items would be heavier or lighter and then checked our answers. We have also been learning about **capacity**, and measured using teaspoons, tablespoons and cups, working together to see how many small units it takes to fill a larger container. We cannot wait to transform into a class of wizards and scientists as we create our very own potions, mixing different amounts of colourful liquids next week!

It has been wonderful to see the students so engaged and proud of their learning. We are excited to continue building on these skills throughout the rest of the term!







# BOOKWEEK

## Bookweek 2025 at Taparra – “Book an Adventure”

What an incredible celebration we had at Taparra Primary School to celebrate bookweek 2025! Our Bookweek Parade was a vibrant display of colour, creativity, and pride as students showcased their fabulous costumes and love for stories. From superheroes to fairies, unicorns to mythical creatures, the parade was a testament to the imagination and enthusiasm of our students.

We are immensely grateful to our amazing Taparra community for your support and involvement. Together, we created a day filled with joy, imagination, and the magic of reading. Your participation made this event truly special.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff for organising this magical day. Bookweek is our favourite time of the year, and your dedication ensured it was a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Here's to the joy of reading and the adventures it brings!





# BOOKWEEK







# BOOKWEEK - PIRATE DAY

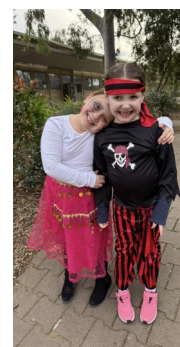
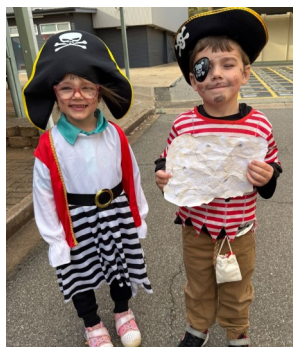
## Ahoy, Mateys! Taparra Primary's Pirate Day Adventure!

Ahoy, book lovers and adventurers alike! To keep the Book Week spirit alive and with this year's theme of "Book an Adventure", our school set sail on a whole school Pirate Day!

The day kicked off with a school-wide scavenger hunt, where students donned their best pirate attire and set sail on a quest to find hidden X marks the spot Xs and uncover treasure chests. These treasures were then placed on a grand school map, thanks to the creative efforts of Mrs Beeching and Ms Burdon. A hearty "thank you" to them for crafting such an exciting adventure!

As the bell rang for little lunch, the pirate festivities continued on the yard with thrilling pirate games. The air was filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of enthusiastic cries of "Tap-arrrrraaaaa!" as students joined forces to conquer the challenges.

This Pirate Day was a wonderful celebration of imagination, adventure, and our shared love of books. It brought our entire school community together in a joyous and memorable way. Until next time, may your adventures be grand and your books be ever thrilling!





# YEAR 6 STUDENTS

## PLAYFORD INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

### Important Dates for Year 6 Students

Please find below the important dates for our Year 6 students transitioning to Playford International College for high school.

#### **TERM 3 2025**

- **Enrolment forms:** due ASAP
  - *Online enrolments or paper forms are urgently required*

#### **TERM 4 2025**

- **Information Session:** Wednesday 12 November at Playford International College
  - *4 - 5pm for families and students, followed by the 'Play-it at Playford' Community Evening 5 - 6pm*
- **Connection Day:** Thursday 4 December
  - *Student and parent meetings from 10am - 6pm*
- **Year 7 Transition Day:** Friday 5 December
  - *All students meet in the gym for an 8.50am start then participate in classes - until 3.15pm*

#### **TERM 1 2026**

- **Week 0:** 19 - 23 January 2026
  - *This week is an opportunity for families to pay school fees, buy uniforms and collect laptops.*
- **Week 1:** Tuesday 27 January
  - *First Day of School - 8:50am start in the gym*



# EDSMART



## Introducing EdSmart: Enhancing Communication and Administration at our school

We are excited to introduce EdSmart, a new platform that our school is implementing to improve communication and streamline administrative processes. This innovative tool is designed to make school interactions more efficient and engaging for both parents and students.

### What is EdSmart?

EdSmart is a cloud-based platform that helps schools manage various administrative tasks digitally. It aims to reduce paperwork, enhance communication, and ensure that important information is easily accessible to families.

### How Does EdSmart benefit you?

1. **Simplified forms and permissions:** Say goodbye to paper forms! With EdSmart, you can complete and submit permissions and consents online, making the process quicker and more convenient.
2. **Timely notifications and updates:** Stay informed with direct notifications from the school. EdSmart ensures you receive important updates, reminders, and announcements promptly, keeping you connected with your child's education.
3. **Secure data management:** Your child's information is managed securely within EdSmart, ensuring privacy and accuracy. This helps us maintain up-to-date records and make informed decisions.
4. **Efficient event management:** From school excursions to school events, EdSmart helps us organise and communicate about events effectively. You can easily RSVP and receive all necessary details in one place.
5. **Enhanced communication:** EdSmart provides a platform for open communication between the school and families, fostering a collaborative environment where everyone is informed and engaged.

We believe that EdSmart will greatly enhance your experience with our school by making communication more efficient and accessible. We are committed to using technology to support our educational mission and strengthen our school community.

If you have any questions or need assistance with EdSmart, please feel free to reach out to us. We are here to help!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Please bear with us while we make this transition and navigate the new system.

**If you are not receiving any communication from the school please contact the office.**







# SAFETY & REMINDERS

## SPEED LIMIT

We would like to remind families and the community that the speed limit around to school is 25kph when children are present.

## PARKING & STOPPING

For the safety of our families please refrain from stopping or parking on a yellow line, fines can apply for stopping or parking in these areas. There is ample parking across the road at Argana Park Netball Courts.

Please note there is also a taxi zone and a disabled parking zone on the Dockett Road side of the school.

The following signs are displayed around the school, please adhere to these as fine can apply.



## CLOTHING REMINDERS

If your child has borrowed school clothing from the Front Office, please return the item/s washed ready for the next student.

## LOST PROPERTY

**We have many items in our lost property basket that are not labelled. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with the students name so we can return the item/s of clothing to the rightful owner should they get lost.**

## HATS

We would like to remind parents that hats are require to be worn at break times. These can be purchased from the front office for \$12.







Our School acknowledges the Kaurna People as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains. We acknowledge their connection to the land our school is built on. The land on which we congregate to learn, play and work. We pay our respects to their Cultures and to the Elders past, present and emerging.

Ngdluku piipawardlirlu tampinhi, Kaurna miyurna yaitya mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku. Ng adlurlu Tampinhi, tarraitpayi yartangka ngdluku piipawardli tayi. Ngadlu inparrinhi tirkant hi, mukanthi, warpulayinhi Kaurna yartangka. Ngadlurlu tampinhi, Kaurna miyurna tapa purrunna. Ngadlurlu tampinhi, Kaurna Pukiana miyurna puki-puki-unungku, Kaurna Purkarna yalaka tarrkarriarra kuma.





# **SUBWAY** **LUNCH** **ORDER** **FRIDAYS**



## **LUNCH ORDER FRIDAYS**

1. Register as a new customer at  
<https://app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer>
2. Set up child/ren's names under the Profile tab
3. Search for school by typing in 'Taparra' via the search bar when prompted
4. Select your child/ren's class
5. Click 'Order Now' and select the person you are ordering for
6. Select items from the approved menu
7. If ordering for more than one child, when finalising order you will be asked if you would like to place another order for another profile (person)
8. Pay via card



**Orders close Thursdays**

**9:00pm**





# How to make **SOCIAL MEDIA** **SAFER** AND **KINDER**

Social media can be a great way to connect with your friends, but it can also be a cruel and dangerous world. Here's how you can make it a better place for yourself and others.

Don't say anything that you wouldn't say to the other person's face. Insults hurt online too.



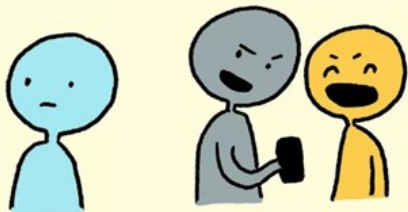
Don't post things you'd be embarrassed about if everyone could see them. Secrets are never safe online.



Remember that everything you post online could stay there forever, even if you delete it.



Don't talk behind other people's backs or make fun of them online.



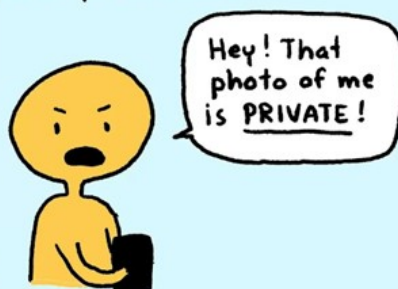
Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know.



Don't share personal information online, and never give anyone your password.



Don't post other people's pics or tag them without their permission.



If a friend is in trouble online, talk to an adult.



Report hateful, violent or inappropriate posts and comments.

