

2026

Term 1
Week 9

NEWSLETTER

TAPARRA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL



Principals Corner

As we come to the end of Term 1, it's a wonderful time to reflect on what has been a vibrant and successful start to the year at Taparra. Our students have demonstrated resilience, growth and a strong sense of belonging, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

This week we had our **Big Day Out Camp** for Rooms 13 and 14. Students enjoyed an exciting visit to Glenelg along with a fun bowling experience, creating lasting memories with their peers. Experiences like these play an important role in building independence, confidence and connection. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff for their time and energy, particularly for staying overnight to ensure our students had such a memorable and well-supported experience.

Next week, we look forward to our **Family Conferences**. These provide an important opportunity for families to meet with their child's teacher to discuss strengths, identify next steps in learning and celebrate progress and achievements. One Plan Success Snapshots have also been shared, offering a clear overview of each student's learning journey.

In other news, Aimee Worrall-Thompson will be taking maternity leave during Terms 2 and 3, returning in Term 4. We thank Aimee for her ongoing leadership and contribution to our school community and wish her all the very best for this exciting time. We are pleased to congratulate Dimi Iaconis, who will be stepping into the role of Senior Leader Wellbeing on Mondays and Wednesdays from Term 2. Ebony Butler will also be supporting Room 12, stepping into the classroom role two days per week. We are confident that both Dimi and Ebony will continue to provide strong support for our students and community.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for a fantastic Term 1. We wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable break and look forward to another great term ahead.

Caitlin Lean
Principal



DIARY DATES

Week 10

**Monday 30th March -
Wednesday 1st April**

Family Conferences

Thursday 2nd April

Easter Raffle Drawn

Taparra Tucker

Friday 3rd April

Public Holiday - Good Friday

Week 11

Monday 6th April

Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Friday 10th April

Early Dismissal 2pm

Gather Round Dress Up

Room 13 & 14 Gather Round

Excursion

TERM 2

Week 2

Wednesday 6th May -

Friday 8th May

Mother's Day Stall

Week 3

Friday 15th May

9:15am Assembly - Host Room 12

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ROOM 7 SHOWCASE



This term, our class has been busy exploring the exciting world of patterns! We have been learning that patterns are everywhere around us and can be created in so many different ways.

We started by exploring sorting and then simple patterns using colours, shapes, size and even our bodies! Students experimented with making patterns in play, noticing what comes next and having a go at continuing and creating their own.



One of our favourite activities was designing and creating our very own pattern pants! Students chose colours and shapes to decorate their pants, carefully repeating their designs to make unique and eye-catching patterns. We also made pasta necklaces, threading pieces in simple patterns, and explored *movement patterns* through stomping and clapping sequences. Through these hands-on activities, students have been building math's skills while developing their creativity and fine motor skills.



They are very proud of their work!





HARMONY DAY

Celebrating Harmony Day at Taparra Primary School

On Friday 20th March, the Taparra Primary School community gathered to celebrate Harmony Day with our annual whole-school picnic. It was a wonderful occasion that brought together students, families, and staff in the spirit of unity and inclusivity.

We are grateful to our amazing community for providing a delicious spread of food that beautifully showcased the diverse cultures represented within TPS. Sharing dishes from around the world not only delighted our taste buds but also highlighted the richness of our multicultural environment.

A special thank you goes to Miss Aimee and the Harmony Day committee for their dedication and hard work in organising such a memorable event. Their efforts helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making the day truly special for everyone.

Thank you to all who participated and contributed to the celebration. Events like Harmony Day reinforce the values of respect, belonging, and togetherness that we cherish at Taparra Primary School.





FINANCE NEWS

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications
are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



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NOTICES

EDSMART

We are excited that EdSmart is now our primary platform for all school-related communication including excursion forms and payments. Please ensure you keep your phone number and email address up to date to avoid missing any communication.

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.

SPARE CLOTHING

If you have any old school clothes that your child has grown out of and would like to donate to the school it would be greatly appreciated. This can include school uniform tops, black or navy shorts, pants or skirts. Please bring them to the front office.

LOST PROPERTY

We have many items in our lost property basket that are not labelled. To avoid your child from losing items please also 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.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



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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.



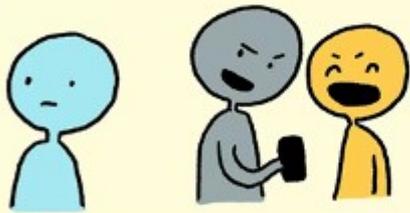
Don't post things you'd be embarrassed about if everyone could see them. Secrets are never safe online.



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.



Woodhouse Adventure Park

EASTER at Woodhouse: It's a little bit eggstra!

This year we are planning a little more fun, a few eggstra surprises, and plenty of ways to make the most of the long weekend outdoors. The kids will be eggstatic to get out of the classroom and back into nature, while parents can enjoy the chance to go screen-free for a moment and unwind after the whirlwind start to the year. Whether you're joining us for the day or settling in for a camping adventure, you'll leave egghausted but happy after an eggcellent long weekend of Woodhouse adventure.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Woodhouse have a strict capacity limit each day, and Easter long weekend always fills quickly.

Make sure you book ahead to secure your spot.

<https://www.woodhouse.org.au/events/easter2026/>