

Tailem Bend Primary School

Wednesday 27th August 2025

Newsletter

Issue 13

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

This week at Tailem Bend Primary School, we are delighted to celebrate **School Services Officers (SSOs) and Support Staff**— a chance to recognise and thank the incredible team of SSOs who work tirelessly to support our students, staff, and community each and every day.

Our SSOs are the backbone of our school, providing essential support in the classroom, office, library, grounds, and across so many other areas. Their dedication ensures that our students can thrive, our staff can teach effectively, and our school can run smoothly.

From helping students one-on-one, assisting with wellbeing programs, supporting learning interventions, managing resources, and keeping everything behind the scenes running seamlessly, our SSOs truly do it all. They bring compassion, skill, and commitment to their roles, and our school community is richer because of their work.

We are so fortunate to have such a caring, capable, and professional SSO team here at Tailem Bend Primary School. On behalf of our staff, students, and families, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of them for the important role they play in the life of our school.

In this newsletter, we would also like to personally acknowledge each of our SSOs:

- Melodee Barton-Ancliffe
- Carol Bockman
- Charlotte Borman
- Tanya Boulter
- Merryn Gibbs
- Chris Lucas
- Russell Omond
- Melissa Prosser
- Tarn Scott
- Angie Tomkinson
- Elyssa-Kate Zadow
- Kimberley Zadow



Please take a moment this week to thank and celebrate our wonderful SSOs—you'll often find them working quietly in the background, but their impact on our students and our school is enormous.

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Don't Forget!

4th September (Thur) Student Free Day
5th September (Fri) School Closure
26th Sept (Fri) - Last Day of Term, Early Dismissal



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Diary Dates

3/9	SRC PJ Day
14/9	Student Free Day
5/9	School Closure
10/9	Governing Council Meeting @ 5.30pm
17/9	Adelaide Choir Rehearsal & Perf
22/9	SRC Visit Hospital
24/9	Blue Light Disco 5 - 7 pm
26/9	Last Day Term 3 Early Dismissal
13/10	Term 4 Starts

"To Be Positive & Successful"

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Transitioning to a new Education Management system...

I am delighted to share that in the coming days, our school will be transitioning to a new Education Management System (EMS). I would like to extend my gratitude to our dedicated staff for their hard work in making this transition a reality.

The EMS is set to revolutionise the way our school functions, offering numerous benefits, including:

- **Modern Technology:** Replacing outdated systems like EDSAS, EYS, and unsupported third-party applications with a centralised support model and modern solutions such as cloud storage and digital workflows.
- **Unified Student Records:** Providing a centralised student record that will follow each student throughout their public education journey.
- **Efficiency for Staff:** Saving time with digital alternatives to laborious, paper-based processes through tools like EdSmart, which allows us to manage digital forms and parental consents efficiently.
- **Flexible Access:** Enabling staff to work seamlessly from various locations, whether in the classroom, at the front desk, around the school yard, or remotely.
- **Accurate Information Management:** Enhancing the accuracy of student records and helping our school and the department meet compliance and State Record requirements.

Additionally, we are implementing a new SMS system for attendance, which will streamline communication and ensure timely updates regarding your child's attendance.

We understand that adapting to a new system can take time, and we kindly ask for your patience, especially with our finance, admin, and teaching staff as they become accustomed to EMS. Should you have any questions about our transition to EMS, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to you experiencing the benefits of this new system soon.

Have a great week!

Travis

THANKS

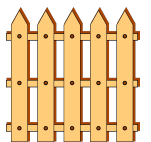
Reminder re Fence Upgrade (repeat of email sent to families 26/8/2025)

As part of our ongoing fence replacement project, the next stage of works will take place along the Russell Street boundary near our Junior Primary building.

In the coming days, temporary fencing will be installed along this section. This may affect normal pick-up and drop-off routines, as it is expected that the entire area and access points will be blocked off while works take place.

To help minimise disruption, we recommend using either of the following areas for parking and student drop-off/pick-up:

- The Gymnasium car park
- Railway Terrace near the school crossing/bike shed entrance



We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to make these important upgrades to our school's facilities and safety.

Wellbeing News

Principal's Day

On Friday 15th August our school celebrated our much loved Mr Schenke for Principal's Day 2025. During the afternoon the SRC Executive Members took Mr Schenke on a treasure hunt around the school where he collected lots of treasures on his way. He was then presented with a life size picture of himself at assembly, which every student was able to sign and a card which contained beautiful messages about how grateful they are to have him as their school Principal.

Thank you Mr Schenke for your exceptional leadership, dedication to great learning, and for your care and commitment to students and their families and to your staff.

"A truly great Principal is hard to find, difficult to part with and impossible to forget".



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SRC FUNDRAISER

PYJAMAS DAY

Wednesday 3rd September
(Term 3 Week 7)
Gold coin donation please



All funds raised will go to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Wellbeing News

Officer Clarke's Visit

Last Thursday the students were treated to a visit from a former student of our school, Layne Clarke. Ms Clarke is now a member of SAPOL having graduated from the Police Academy recently.

When Layne was at our school she was a positive student who loved learning, and was an SRC Executive Member and a Wombats House Captain.

Officer Clarke spoke to the students about what it means to be a police officer, the different facets of police work including police dogs and horses and the water police. Our students were then able to check out the police car!

We thank Officer Clarke for coming to our school and showing our students that dreams are very achievable if you are willing to work hard and be positive!

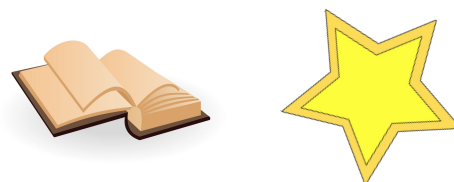


**Dani Schubert,
Wellbeing Leader**

Bookweek Parade Winners

What a morning! We welcomed our kindy kids and nearly 50 families into our schoolso much fun to see all those smiling faces. All winners in our eyes, but a small prize was given to the following students.

Receptions :	Lucas	Ollie	Willow
Year 1 / 2:	Lola	Darcy	
Year 2 / 3:	Milly	Ashton	
Year 3 / 4:	Leia	Mia	Mitch
Year 4 / 5:	Joey	Riley	
Year 6:	Grace	Anikah	Nic



YEAR 6 SCIENCE

This term the Year 6s are learning about how the growth and survival of living things is affected by changing physical conditions. We are currently conducting an experiment about how different concentrations of salt water affect the growth of a cos lettuce.

Ours predictions included

- the lettuce will have a salty taste - Abel
- the ones with the most salt water will not grow well. - Curtis
- the ones with more salt will die and the ones with less salt will grow better. - Liam D
- the ones with salt will die as it is not fresh water. - Pippa

Some of the variables we kept the same were

- how much water the plants are given
- amount of sunlight and environment
- type of soil
- size and pot type

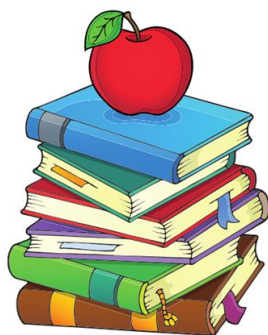
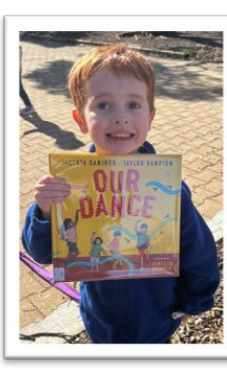
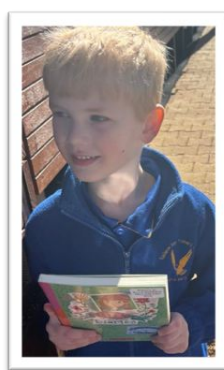
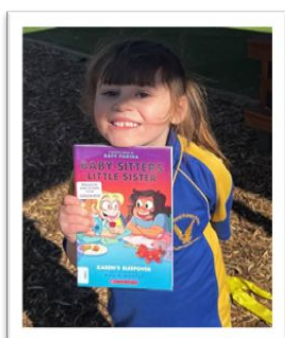


Library News

NEW BOOKS



Students and Staff from the Open Unit recently looked at our new books.





Week 4 Class Awards

Year 6 Mrs Richter

Riley

Respect for teaching and learning. Riley always tries his hardest in all his learning.

Year 4/5 Ms Reeves

Ebony

Respect for Teaching and Learning and Respect for Self: Being willing to step outside of her comfort zone and safe place and challenge herself with new learning and life experiences.

Year 3/4 Mr Bateman

Tully

Respect for others - always supporting her classmates and showing amazing skills of collaboration!



Year 2/3 Miss Trembath

Claire

For showing respect for teaching and learning. Well done for exploring different strategies for addition and subtraction and confidently applying the column strategy.

Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske and Mrs Bruce

Xavier

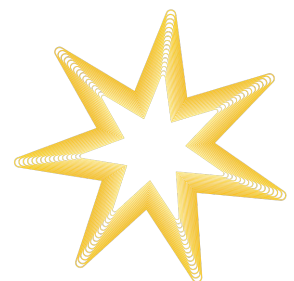
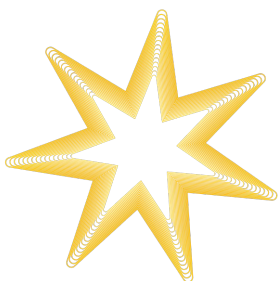
For consistently showing respect in all aspects of his school day, so proud of you!



Reception Mrs Paech

Oliver

Respect for teaching and learning - always actively listening and following instructions and displaying an eagerness to learn and improve.



Congratulations and well done!

PLANNED ABSENCE NOTIFICATION TO TALEM BEND PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME:- _____ YEAR LEVEL:- _____

TEACHER NAME:- _____

The above named student will be absent from school on:

_____ (please list date/s)

Reason:- _____

Signed:- _____ (Parent/Caregiver)

Please send this notification in with your child to give to their classroom teacher

Please also note that extended leave needs approval by the Principal Travis Schenke with an exemption form

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