

Tailem Bend Primary School

Wednesday 10th September 2025 *Newsletter*

Issue 14

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

In today's Advertiser (10/9/2025, front and p. 5) experts highlighted a growing concern across Australia—more and more children are refusing to attend school camps. At the same time, many parents are finding it harder to see the value of camps, with some forgetting just how important these experiences are for their child's growth.

The reality is that school camps provide something unique that cannot be replicated in the classroom. Camps help children:

- Build confidence and independence
- Develop resilience by learning to manage discomfort
- Strengthen social skills and friendships
- Discover new strengths and passions

Yes, it's normal for children (and sometimes parents!) to feel a little nervous. But by working through those worries in a safe and supportive environment, students gain skills that last well beyond camp—skills for life.

At Tailem Bend Primary, we believe our school camps are a vital part of learning and growing up. They're not "just a few days away"—they're opportunities for adventure, teamwork, problem-solving, and building memories that will stay with children forever.

We are proud to continue offering these opportunities and thank our families for supporting their children to embrace the challenge. Together, we're helping to shape confident, capable and connected young people.

Student Free Day Recap

On our recent Student Free Day last Thursday, we had the privilege of hosting over 160 educators from across our Murraylands Partnership primary schools. The focus of the day was the South Australian Curriculum (Mathematics), with a particular spotlight on the learning dispositions that are woven through the curriculum.

These dispositions—such as being **resilient**, **resourceful**, and **reflective**—play an important role in shaping how children approach their learning. They help students develop the confidence to persevere when things are challenging, think creatively when solving problems, and reflect on their strategies and progress.

It was a fantastic day of collaboration and professional growth, and we are proud to have welcomed so many colleagues from neighbouring schools into our community. By building strong professional networks and continuing to strengthen our own knowledge, we ensure that students at Tailem Bend Primary School—and across the region—are supported to thrive in all aspects of the curriculum.

Have a great week!

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Diary Dates

10/9	Governing Council Meeting @ 5.30pm
17/9	Adelaide Choir Rehearsal & Perf
22/9	SRC Visit Hospital
24/9	SRC Fundraiser : Wear your footy colours day Blue Light Disco, 5 - 7 pm
25/9	Big Day In, hot dog lunch
26/9	Last Day Term 3 Early Dismissal, 2.10pm
13/10	Term 4 Starts
22/10	Choir Rehearsal MB, Choir performance, 7pm
27-29	Arbury Park Camp Yrs 3 - 6)
30-31/10	Arbury Park Camp JP Classes

Don't forget

26/9 -

End Term 3: Early
Dismissal,
2.10pm

SRC news

Pyjama Day

The SRC held a "Pyjama Day" fundraiser last Wednesday where students were able to wear their pyjamas for the day for a gold coin donation. The SRC raised \$162.60 and these funds will be donated to The Royal Flying Doctors SA/NT.



Did you know?

- The Royal Flying Doctors Service assists more than 47,000 patients in SA and the NT—that's one patient every 10 minutes.
- The Service SA/NT began in 1939
- The Royal Flying Doctors Service delivers emergency aeromedical and community healthcare services throughout SA and NT including:
 - aeromedical evacuations
 - a GP and Community Health Nurse Clinic
 - telehealth calls
 - mental health and oral health clinics
 - children's immunisations
- The Royal Flying Doctors Service is a non for profit organisation.



The SRC chose to support this service because it is a service which helps sick children living in rural and remote areas of SA and NT.



Team Colours Day

Our school's annual "Team Colours Day" aka "Footy Colours Day" will be held on Wednesday 24th September (Week 10). On this day students will be allowed to wear their favourite team colours for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will be donated to the Fight Cancer Foundation who will put the funds towards vital accommodation, research and education for kids fighting cancer and their families. Every year more than 950 children and young people aged 0-19 are diagnosed with cancer in Australia. The Fight Cancer Foundation helps to ease this burden by providing much-needed accommodation and support for people living with cancer and their families who must travel long distances to access life-saving treatment. The SRC will be very grateful for your family's support.

Big Day In

On Thursday 25th September we will be holding our Term 3 "Big Day In".

Soon the students will be nominating their activities for the day.

Here is a brief timetable for the day:

- 9:15 – 11:00 – Activity
- 11:00 RECESS
- 11:30 – 12:30 – Staff v Students netball game
- 12:50 – LUNCH – free hotdogs for everyone!
- 1:30 – 3:10 – Movies in classrooms

Dani Schubert

Wellbeing & SRC Coordinator



Administration - Year 6 Transition to MBHS

Hi Year 6 Families,

Thank you for your patience in this year's online enrolment process, please continue to email our transition email dl.0785.transition@schools.sa.edu.au for any assistance you need to complete the enrolment for your child(ren). If you are yet to complete your enrolment, please contact MBHS.

See information and dates below regarding upcoming transition events, along with school processes about the school music program.

2026 Transition Family Meetings (Week 8/9 - Term 3) - see flyer included in this newsletter

We will be running individual meetings with parents/caregivers and students in weeks 8 and 9 this term between 3:45pm - 7:00pm. Meetings are designed as an opportunity for our staff to gain your and your child's perspective regarding their learning strengths, interests and areas for development. If you wish to book a meeting, please select a suitable date and time, due to time restraints it may be worth contacting MBHS to let us know verbally as well.

Dates: Thursday 11th September

Wednesday 17th September

Family Conference booking form URL: bit.ly/famconference2026

Term 4 - Upcoming Events

- Neighbourhood Allocation: Week 4, Term 4
- Getting Ready for 2024/Fit Night: Tuesday 11th November - Week 5, Term 4
- Transition Day: Tuesday 2nd December - Week 8, Term 4



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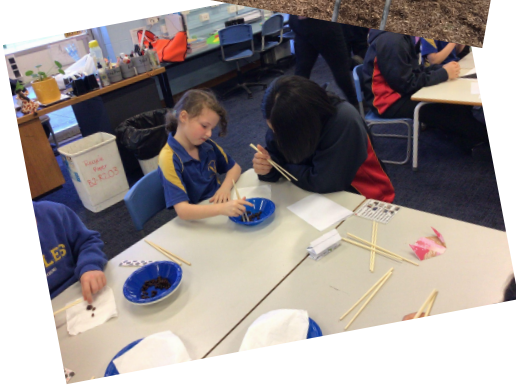
Year 1 / 2 Class

Term 3 has been BUSY!



We welcomed the Funabashi High School Students With our Japanese "buddy" for the day we learnt Origami, how to use chopsticks and dressed up in Yukatas

We found it hard to say goodbye to our new friends...



We challenged ourselves daily, but we also made marble runs with Mrs Hughes, learnt about Picasso and his techniques and buried Pirate Treasure on our islands.

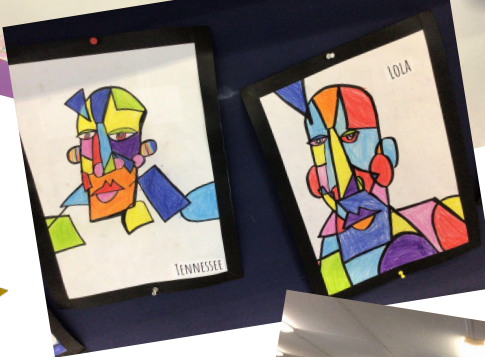


We "Booked an Adventure" for Book Week with imagination and flair.

One of our "Father's Day" present is our hydroponic recycled bulb vases. We have loved watching nature as the roots find the water.

We welcomed Mrs. Bruce back from her holiday and made her an amazing "Welcome Home !" banner

We wrote about our Dads and thought of all their wonderful attributes



"To Be Positive & Successful"

Community News

MURRAY BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

2026 TRANSITION FAMILY CONFERENCES

Monday 8th September
Thursday 11th September
Wednesday 17th September

Click the link in our post to make a booking

BOOK NOW



LINDI JANE PRESENTS

SNAP'S KAKADU CLUB

\$15 FAMILY TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE


HOLIDAY FUN

SUITABLE FOR PRE SCHOOL - PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

OCTOBER 3RD, 11AM

featuring clever ventriloquism, songs, dance games, comedy, and educational themes.

murraybridgepafc.com



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Little Athletics SA

SEASON 2025-26

DISCOVER THE FUN OF ATHLETICS

Ever thought about trying athletics? Now's your chance! Meet new friends, bond with family, and enjoy achieving your personal best.



Join us for a thrilling come-and-try session

September 28 & October 12 8:30am
Murray Bridge High School
\$3.00 per day

Register today at salaa.org.au

AEROSOL ART WORKSHOPS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ THE STATION

7 OCTOBER 25
12PM - 2PM
SESSION ONE

3PM - 5PM
SESSION TWO

FREE EVENT
12-25 YEARS OLD

@ THE STATION
3-5 RAILWAY TERRACE
MURRAY BRIDGE

Bookings essential
For more info or to book
contact Samara on 0427 400 635

SCAN FOR SESSION ONE

SCAN FOR SESSION TWO

MURRAY BRIDGE

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THE STATION

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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