

Tailem Bend Primary School

Wednesday 5th November 2025 Newsletter

Issue 17

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Last week, our entire school community came together for an unforgettable outdoor learning experience at **Arbury Park Outdoor School**. From the moment we arrived, students threw themselves into every challenge and opportunity — building resilience, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for nature.

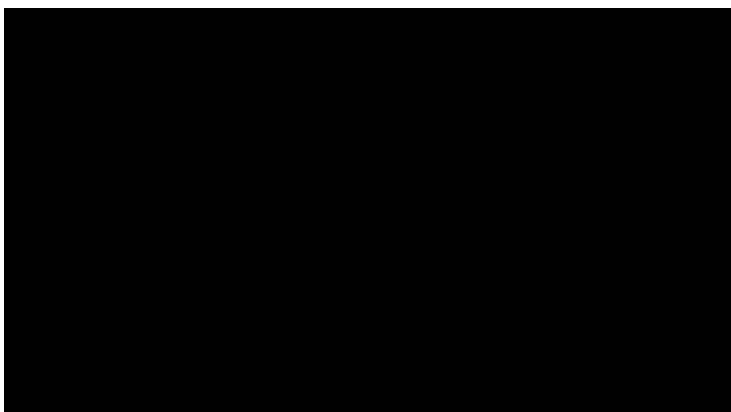
Across the week, students explored the bushland, worked collaboratively on team-building activities, and embraced the hands-on learning that only a camp like Arbury Park can provide. Whether it was navigating group challenges, learning about sustainability, or simply connecting with peers, every student found moments to grow and shine.

We were incredibly proud of the way our students represented Tailem Bend Primary School — showing respect, curiosity, and courage throughout the experience. Our staff, too, went above and beyond to support students and model what it means to be lifelong learners.

The team at Arbury Park were full of praise for our students and staff, sharing this heartfelt message:

"A huge thank you from all of us at Arbury Park for the energy, dedication, time and support you showed your students in our outdoor learning space. It was so wonderful to work alongside you all and to enjoy the front row seat viewing of them growing in front of our eyes. Their joy and gratitude, their willingness to explore and own their camp experience saw their advocacy shine."

"Your team culture to really stretch the students and to invest in their learning was so rewarding to see in action. It was simply a pleasure our end, and we hope that the experience embeds some life skills and positive noticing's derived from their time living and learning together on camp."



A huge thank you to our chief camp coordinator **Susan Reeves** for pulling it all together for the whole school! Thanks also to all staff who dedicated their personal time to attend and make this experience possible for our students. A big thanks also to our families for your support in preparing students for this adventure. The memories and lessons from camp will stay with our students for years to come.

Have a great week!
Travis



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Diary Dates

- 11/11** Information night & Uniform fittings at MBHS, 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 13/11** Little Eagles, 9-10am
- 14/11** Year 6 Aquatics
- 20/11** Reception Transition Vsit 1 = 9-11am
- 2/12** Year 6 MB High School Transition Day
- 3/12** Year 6 Coomandook Transition Day
- 3/12** Blue Light Disco 5 - 7pm. Xmas theme
- 10/12** School Concert
- 11/12** Yr 6 Graduation
- 12/12** Last Day Term 4

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Wellbeing news

Young Leaders

On behalf of the whole school I would like to extend a very big thank you to **Carl Nagel** and **Milly Ewens** for their effort and leadership in taking on some jobs around the school, normally done by our Year 6s, in Week 3. Carl and Milly led the way for their peers in making sure the big bins were put in and out each day and putting up/taking down the flags while the Year 6s were on camp. We really appreciate their help. Well done Carl and Milly.

Remembrance Day

Next Tuesday, our whole school will be joining members of the community at the war memorial in Railway Terrace to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Some of our SRC Executive Members will be participating in the ceremony in speaking roles, as flag bearers and as wreath layers. Our school is very grateful for the opportunity to participate in the ceremony which commemorates all Australians who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. It marks the end of World War 1, occurring at 11am on November 11, 1918. We are also honoured to be working in conjunction with the Tailem Bend RSL.

Art Exhibition

The Coorong Gallery are hosting an art exhibition called the "School Yard Exhibition" featuring artwork from many young artists in our council area. We have artwork submitted by our Yr 1/2 and Yr 4/5 classes this year. Families are most welcome to view the exhibition. Please check out the flyer in this week's newsletter for more information.

World Teachers' Day

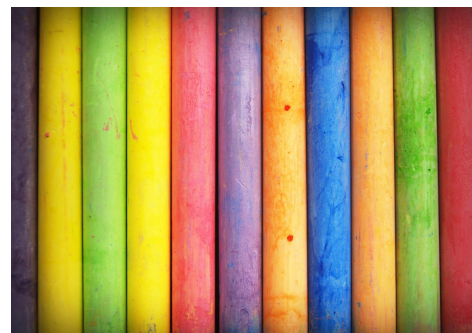
Our school was unable to celebrate World Teachers' Day last Friday as we were busy with camp, so this Friday 7th November, Tailem Bend Primary School will be celebrating World Teachers Day. Teachers play a vital role in shaping the lives of young people, leaving a lasting impact that extends far beyond the classroom. At Tailem Bend Primary School we are very lucky to have extremely dedicated, passionate and hardworking teachers. The students will be celebrating them on Friday to show how appreciated they are.

SRC news

The SRC decided that they will hold one final fundraising day for the year. This will be on **Wednesday 19th November**. It will be a "Bright Colours" Day where students will be asked to dress in their class' designated colour for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards supporting children with hearing loss.



<u>Class</u>	<u>Colour</u>
Reception	Red
Year 1/2	Green
Year 2/3	Blue
Year 3/4	Rainbow
Year 4/5	Purple
Year 6	Pink



Wellbeing news...continued

We will also be holding a “Christmas Dress Up” Day where, **just for fun**, students can dress up in a Christmas themed costume for the day. This will be held on **Wednesday 3rd December** and will coincide with the final **Blue Light Disco** for the year to be held that evening at the Town Hall, 5-7pm which will be a Christmas theme.

Dani Schubert
Wellbeing Coordinator



Fence News

We're pleased to share that the **fence replacement along the Russell Street boundary** (near Junior Primary open unit) is now complete. Thank you for your patience and understanding while this section was upgraded.

In the coming days, **access to the Railway Terrace entrance (near staff carpark/bike shed) will be temporarily restricted** while the next section of the fence is replaced. During this time, students who ride bikes and families who normally use this entrance will need to enter via other gates.

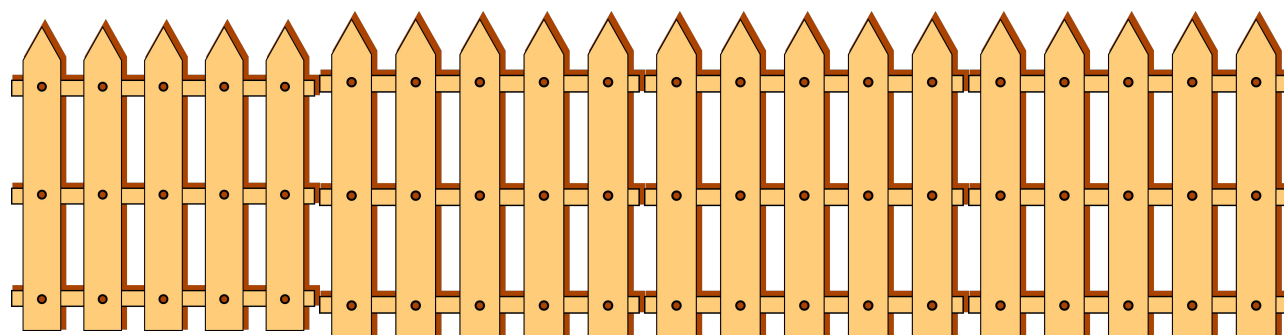
You'll also notice that the **new gates are higher** as part of our ongoing focus on student safety and site security. Younger students, in particular, may find the gates a little harder to open. **Parents and caregivers are encouraged to walk in with their child during drop-off and pick-up times to assist if needed.**

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

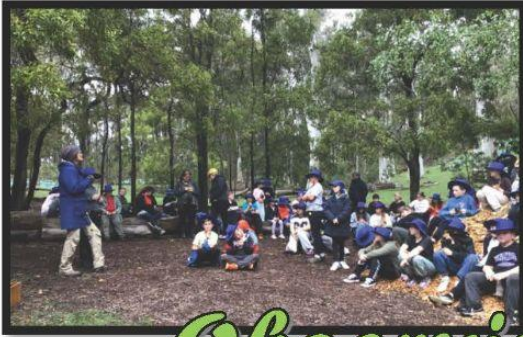
- Gymnasium car park
- Russell Street entrance near the Junior Primary building

We appreciate your continued patience and cooperation as we complete these important upgrades to make our school safer for everyone.

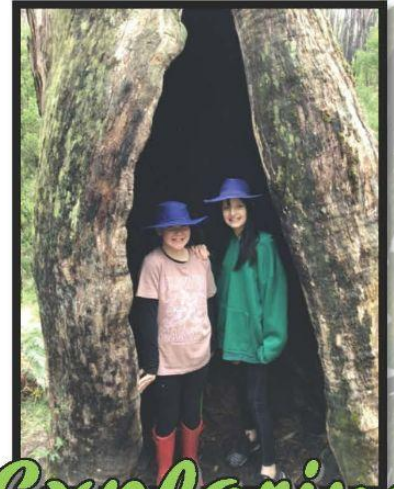
Thank you!



Arbury Park Outdoor School



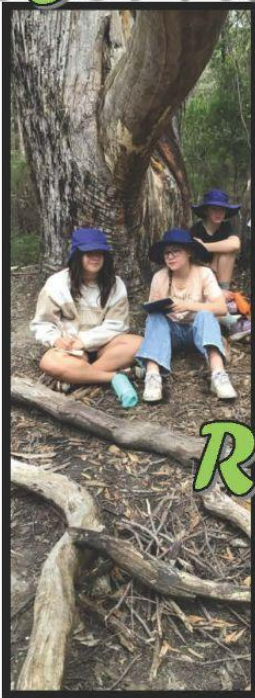
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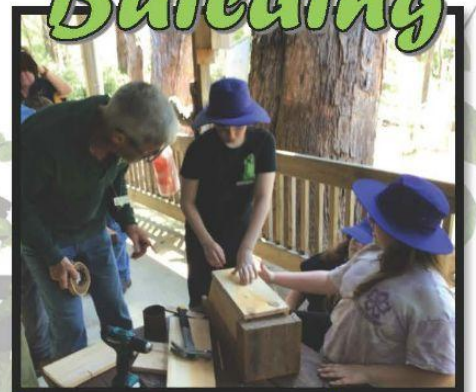
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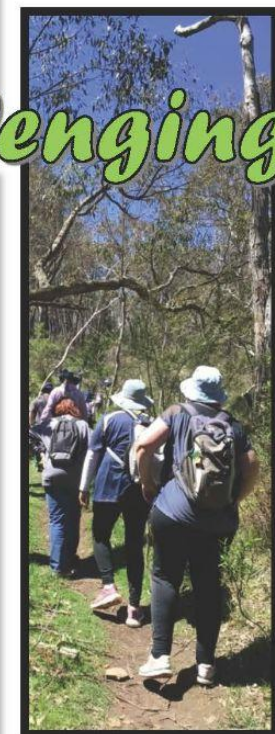
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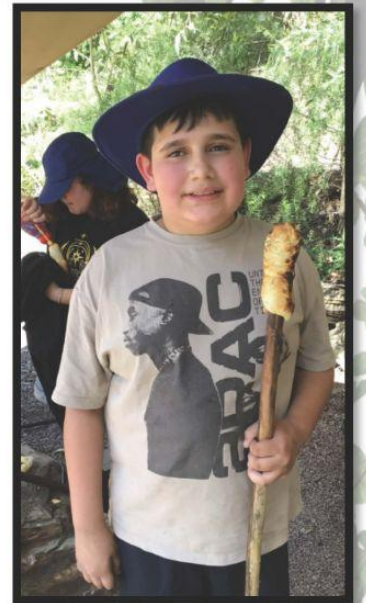
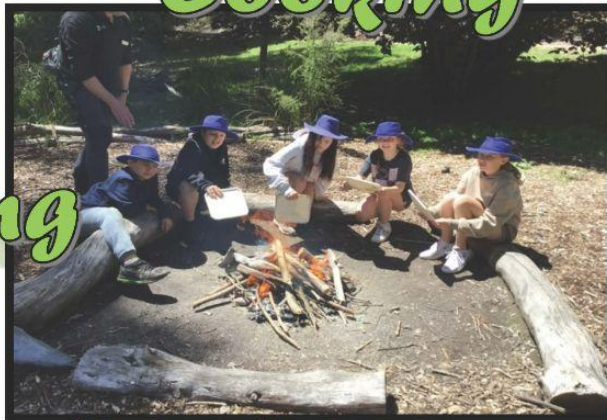
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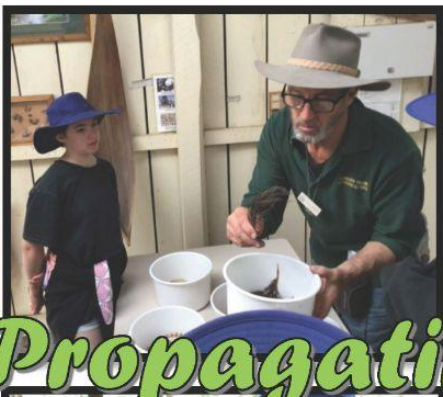
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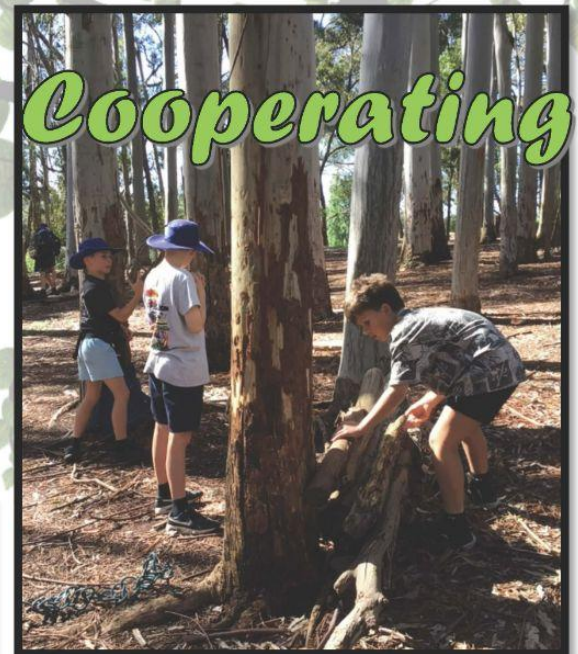
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Cooperating



Problem

Solving



Believing

Administration News

Unexplained Absence from School

Thank you to all parents and carers who have responded to SMS messages requesting a reason for student absences marked as “Unexplained.”

As per Department for Education (DfE) policy, schools are required to follow up on all unexplained absences to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, as well as to support regular attendance and optimal learning outcomes.

If you receive an SMS from the school requesting a reason for your child’s absence, please respond as soon as possible. Students with ongoing unexplained absences will be followed up by the school and, where necessary, by the DfE.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



A Kindness Worth Celebrating -

Milly's Ponytail Donation

Amid all the excitement leading into camp week, one of our Year 2 students, **Milly**, showed an incredible act of kindness and generosity. Milly made the brave decision to cut her long ponytail and donate it to help someone undergoing cancer treatment.

Her thoughtful gesture is a powerful reminder that even the smallest acts can make a big difference in someone’s life. Milly’s compassion, courage, and empathy truly reflect the values we celebrate at Tailem Bend Primary School — *Respect for Self, Others, Teaching & Learning, and Community.*

We’re all so proud of you, Milly — your kindness shines brightly and inspires us all!

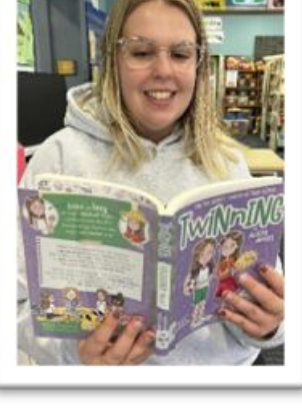
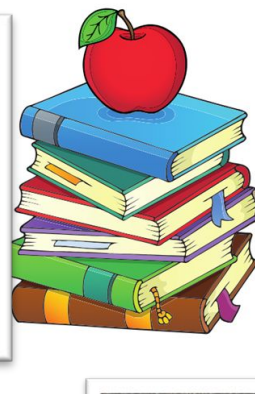
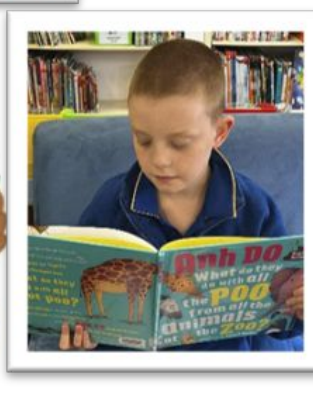
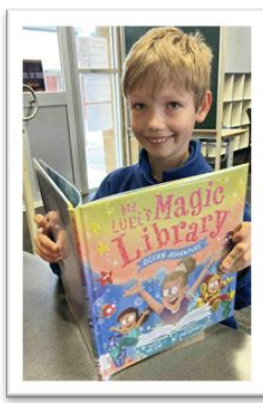


Library News

NEW BOOKS



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





THE HON PETER MALINAUSKAS MP

PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**TO: THE PRINCIPAL, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY**

RE: PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations on another wonderful year of reading and being a part of the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2025.

Regular reading sparks creativity, inspires imagination, and develops empathy. The joy of reading can enhance the lives of our young people.

You have supported another successful year, with 680 schools in South Australia and well over 120,000 students completing the Challenge.

The South Australian Government is delighted to support the Premier's Reading Challenge, but the students, staff and parents make it a reality and I thank you all for your efforts. Please find a certificate of recognition from me enclosed for the people who coordinate the Challenge at your school.

I encourage all students to take up the Challenge again next year and to continue on the journey of becoming a reader for life.

Yours sincerely

Peter Malinauskas
PREMIER

17 / 10 / 2025

WEEK 5 IS PE WEEK!



And to celebrate we will be doing some morning movement sessions next week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.00am and we would love you to hang around and join in if you have the time...

Monday 10/11/25 - whole school run or walk around our oval

Wednesday 12/11/25 - whole school skipping on the courts

Thursday 13/11/25 - whole school health hustle on the courts.

So pop on your sneakers and come move with us.. we would love to see you there!

PE Week!



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Transition to MBHS Year 6 - 7 for 2026

Neighbourhood Allocations

Neighbourhood allocations are being sent out today. Families are encouraged to check their emails to find out which neighbourhood their child has been placed in for 2026.

Uniform Fit Night & Getting Ready for 2026

Date: Tuesday 11th November

Time: 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Location: Murray Bridge High School

- **Uniform Fittings:** Uniform fittings will take place in the uniform shop between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. Families can purchase items on the night or order them online after fitting.
- **Free Sausage Sizzle:** Join us from 4:30pm to 5:15pm under the Sturt Building outdoor area (near the car park).
- **Getting Ready for 2026 Presentation:** Starting at 5:15pm, this session includes:
 - A welcome from the Principal and Assistant Principal
 - An introduction to Neighbourhood Leaders
 - Information on supports available for a smooth transition
 - Details about Transition Day and the first few weeks of Term 1 for Year 7 students



Late Enrolments

If you have any new or late enrolments who will be attending Murray Bridge High School in 2026, please notify Ty Burkett or Katie Ireland at Murray Bridge High School as soon as possible. This will allow us to send an enrolment pack to families for completion.



PALAI NAMAWI - THE FUTURE IS OURS



MURRAY BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Invites Year 6 Students and Families to

GETTING READY FOR 2026 & UNIFORM FIT NIGHT

Tuesday 11th November

Free BBQ 4:30-5:15pm
Ready for 2026 Presentation 5:15-5:45pm

Join us @ MBHS in the Sturt Building

Uniform fitting in MBHS Uniform Shop 3:30-6:30pm

Important Note:

- No booking required

Week 2 Class Awards

Year 6 Mrs Richter

Liam

Respect for teaching and learning by sharing his thinking and actively participating in lessons.

Year 4/5 Ms Reeves

Bailey

Teaching and Learning: For improved concentration, a positive attitude and a willingness to participate in group tasks and discussions.



Year 3/4 Mrs Schutz

Skylah

For showing respect to teaching and learning by having a positive attitude when learning new math games in Numeracy.



Year 2/3 Miss Trembath

Hudson

For showing respect for teaching and learning by making good choice about who he its next to and completing his work with focus and determination.

Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske and Mrs Bruce

Hugo

Teaching and Learning: for showing a confident attitude when working on tens and ones. Well done, Hugo!



Reception Mrs Paech

Cooper

Respect for teaching and learning - fantastic effort in Phonics to write and read simple words and sentences.



Community News

Learning Together Communities Groups Term 4 2025

Monday

Learning Together Playgroup(Hub) 10:00-11:45am

Nature Play @

Tailem Bend Playground 1:30-2:45pm

Tuesday

Time for Toddler Playgroup, (Hub) 10:00 - 11:30am

Sensory Baby Group (Hub) 10:30-11:30am
This group is for 'Newborn Babies' to 'Just Walking'

Companions in Sensory Play (Hub) 1:30-2:30pm
(Bookings only)

Wednesday

Learning Together Playgroup (Hub) 10:00- 11:45am

Thursday

Raukkan Playgroup, Raukkan Primary School
10:00-11:30 am

Friday

Nature Play @ North Kindy 10:00-11:30am
At the Murray Bridge North Kindy
Mannum Rd

Mannum Playgroup-Learning Together
At the Mannum Kindy
Cnr of Adelaide and Male Roads 9:30 -11:30am

Pulyeri Playgroup
At the Fraser Park Kindergarten,
Burdekin Ave 1:30-3:00pm

All Programs follow the Department for
Education school 'Term Calendar' and
'Regulations'.



The Learning Together Communities
Hub
is located on the
Fraser Park Primary School Grounds
Enter from Whitehead Ave
Murray Bridge, SA 5253

**New families are always
welcome!**

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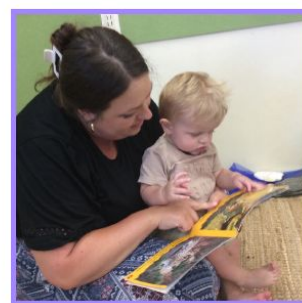
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**A fun place for
families with children
aged 0 to 5**

Learning Together Playgroups

Learning Together is a place for
families to have fun together.
We support families with young
children (0-5) years.

Our playgroups are about:

- Playing Together
- Talking Together
- Singing Together
- Learning Together
- Having fun Together!
- Reading Together



Playgroups are fully funded by the
Department for Education.
Snacks for children are provided.
We can arrange transport if needed.

Learning Together Programs

• Nature Play

Active Play Sessions-Join us at Murray
Bridge Pre-School, North Kindy (Friday
mornings) and Tailem Bend Playground
(Monday afternoons) for fun, active play!
These fantastic nature play spaces offer
plenty of room for running, climbing, swing-
ing, and building strong muscles—
supporting your child's physical, social, and
emotional well-being.

Baby Group Tuesday morning

This is a gentle small group for 'Newborn
Babies' to just walking. Come and meet
other mums and babies. A quiet time to
chat and discuss issues and questions.
Based at our Hub, on the Fraser Park
Primary School site.

Time for Toddlers - Tuesday Mornings

A small, welcoming playgroup for toddlers
and their parents/carers. This session en-
courages playing together, exploring new
experiences, and enjoying learning side by
side. Guided activities support your child's
curiosity, confidence, and connection with
you. Each session ends with a fun and en-
gaging music time everyone can enjoy.



For more information.
Phone our Learning
Together Educators
Bec 0427 701 525

Learning Together Parent Workshops

• Companions in Sensory Play

New 6-Week Parent Workshop: Anchored Play and Learning Together

Join us for a 6-week *Learning Together* pro-
gram focused on strengthening parent-
child relationships through anchored play.
Each week, we'll enjoy shared experiences
like cooking and nature walks—building
connection, confidence, and a sense of
belonging. Children learn best through play
and everyday moments, and this program
supports meaningful companionship and
joyful interaction.

Phone Anne: 0473 241 394



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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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