

Tailem Bend Primary School

Wednesday 10th December 2025 *Newsletter*

Issue 20

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members;

As we reach the final days of the 2025 school year, it's incredible to look back on everything our students, staff, and community have achieved together. What a year it has been at Tailem Bend Primary School—full of learning, growth, community spirit, and countless moments that remind us why our school is such a special place.

Last night we celebrated our School Concert and Awards Night—a fantastic event that brought our entire community together. Our students shone on stage, our award recipients were recognised for their hard work and dedication this year, and the energy in the room was truly special. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the night, and a big congratulations to our performers and staff (**especially Josie Rowswell!**) for the enormous effort that goes into creating such a memorable event.

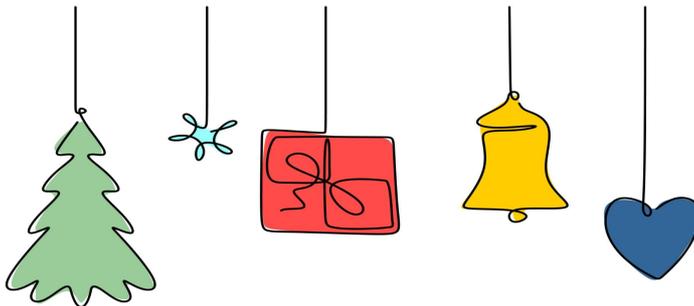
A heartfelt thank you to our staff team, who consistently go above and beyond. Their commitment to our children—not just academically, but socially and emotionally—is something I am incredibly proud of. Thank you also to our families and community partners for your ongoing support. Tailem Bend Primary School thrives because we all walk this journey together.

Staffing and class structures for 2026:

- Reception (Naomi Paech)
- Year 1/2 (Louise Bruce & Sal Kluske)
- Year 2/3 (Meagan Trembath)
- Year 3/4 (Julie Schutz)
- Year 4/5 (Susan Reeves)
- Year 6 (Rebekah Richter)

We wish all families a safe, restful, and joyful holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone back for another exciting year in 2026!

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Last Day - Friday 12th December - 2:10pm Dismissal



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Diary Dates

- 12/12** Last Day Term 4, early Dismissal
- 26/1** Australia Day
- 27/1** Term 1, 2026



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Wellbeing news

Support Services

A reminder about some of the available support services.

All agencies offer a free confidential counselling service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Kids helpline 1800 551 800
- Parent Helpline 1300 364 100
- Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- Mensline 1300 789 978
- Narcotics Anonymous 1300 652 820
- Relationships Australia 1300 364 277
- Nurse on call 1300 606 024
- Alcoholics Anonymous 1300 222 222
- Lifeline 131 114
- Gambling Helpline 1800 858 858



Many of these services also offer webchat.

Summer holidays are a great time to:

- *enjoy the outdoors with beach/river days, long walks, picnics, water activities such as Vacswim lessons or running under the sprinkler
- *check out the Christmas lights in Tailem Bend/Murray Bridge and surrounding areas
- *go to the Tailem Bend Christmas Pageant
- *explore locally with zoos, museums and festivals
- *play dates/sleepovers with your besties
- *gardening in the morning or late afternoon
- *relax at home with the air con on hot, hot days
- *call family members you haven't seen or spoken to in a very long time
- *cook/bake something new
- *go for a bike ride with your friends or family-remember to wear a helmet!



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has donated new and pre-loved items for our Respect Raffle this year. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you to school staff members and the Rotary Club of Tailem Bend who have provided Breakfast Club for our students to enjoy this year. This is a wonderful service and we are very grateful to those who give up time to run the Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the holidays, please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2026.

Dani Schubert
Wellbeing Leader



SRC News

Congratulations and thank you to the following Executive Members and Representatives for all of their hard work this semester in SRC:

Anthony, Mia, Sienna, Pippa, Bella, Milly, Nicholas, Kailee, Vinny, Anikah, Riley, Ruby, Freddie, Brydie, Walter, Emily, Declan, Lola, Harry, Amelia and Hugo.

Our SRC members had an opportunity to have some fun last Monday at their end of year pool party. The party was a celebration and a way to say thank you to our members for all of their hard work this semester in being a part of SRC. Thank you to the following people who helped make the party a success:

- Wendy Evans, Cheree Brumfield, Stephanie Brumfield for helping with lifeguard super
- Mr Schenke for cooking our yummy sausages
- Mrs Tomkinson for picking up our hot chips



Thank you

Thanks Mr Robbo for collecting our cans and bottles and taking them to the recycling centre in Murray Bridge. Mr Robbo, as you may be aware, has helped our school with this task all through the year. We are so grateful to him for taking the time to help our school. All funds collected from the recycling of our cans and bottles have been given to the SRC.

Christmas Parade 2025

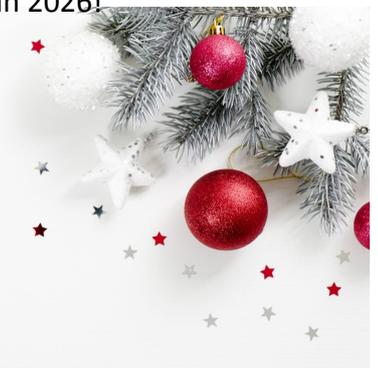
The Tailem Bend Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday the 13th of December.

Congratulations to **Vincent Stalenberg** and **Jasmine Fisher-Hennessey** who will be the Tailem Bend Christmas Pageant Prince and Princess this year. The Tailem Bend Blue Light are the sponsors of the duo. Be sure to look out for them both as they cruise past in the parade!

Tailem Bend Blue Light

The Tailem Bend Blue Light Committee are a wonderful group of people who we have had the pleasure of working in partnership with during 2025. From holding pool parties, discos, taking our Yr 6s on camp to sponsoring the Blue Light Shining Light Award at our school concert, TB Blue Light work tirelessly to provide fun and exciting events for our students to enjoy. We thank them very much for their effort and dedication to our school, and we look forward to working with them again in 2026!

Dani Schubert
Wellbeing Leader



End of Year Awards

Excellence Awards

Heart of Gold Award

Awarded to: **Milly**

Sporting Excellence Award

Awarded to: **Pippa**

Respect in all areas Award

Awarded to: **Anthony**

Positive Attitude Award

Awarded to: **Curtis**

Academic Excellence Award

Awarded to: **Sienna**

Student Leadership Award

Awarded to: **Anthony**

Digital Technologies Award

Awarded to: **Sienna**

Bounce Back Award

Awarded to: **Anikah**

Literacy Award

Awarded to: **Sienna**

Numeracy Award

Awarded to: **Nicholas**

Kiwanis Terrific Kids Award

Awarded to: **Vinny and Bella**

Creative Arts Award

Awarded to: **Milly**

Choir Awards

Awarded to: **Curtis and Sienna**

German Award

Awarded to: **Nicholas**

MacKillop Citizenship Award

Awarded to: **Harry**

Blue Light Shining Light Award

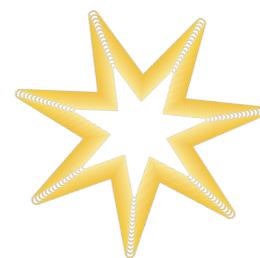
Awarded to: **Riley and Grace**

Lodge of St John:

Awarded to: **Ruby and Joey**

Tailem Bend Lions Club Scholarship

Awarded to: **Freddie and Violet**



Student of the Year Awards

Richter - Year 6

Awarded to: **Anthony and Isabella**

Reeves - Year 4/5

Awarded to: **Zain and Maddison**

Schutz - Year 3/4

Awarded to: **Mitch and Mia**

Trembath - Year 2/3

Awarded to: **Hudson and Milly**

Bruce/Kluske - Year 1/ 2

Awarded to: **Harry and Kayce**

Paech - Reception

Awarded to: **Hugo and Amelia**



Congratulations to all winners and a very big thank you to our generous donors.



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6 GRADUATES

NICHOLAS
KAILEE
LIAM B
ABEL
HARRY
BELLA
GRACE
LIAM
MIA
SEBASTIAN
MIKAELA
DEEGAN
OSCAR

CLASS OF
25

CURTIS
ANTHONY
MILLY
RILEY
PIPPA
CHASE P
CHASE S
BLADE
VINNY
SIENNA
TILLIE
ANIKAH



Administration News



2026 Office Hours

Beginning next year, the Front Office will operate between **8:30 am and 4:00 pm**, Monday to Friday. Enquiries and uniform purchases are welcome during these hours.



January Opening Hours - Week 0, 2026

The Front Office will be open for uniform purchases on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st January. Appointments for other business can be arranged as required for later in the week.

Thank you.



Week 8 Class Awards

Year 6 Mrs Richter

Blade

Respect for Self: For his positivity and enthusiasm shown during high school transition this week.

Year 4/5 Ms Reeves

Bailey

Teaching and Learning; Improved concentration, actively participating in learning tasks, discussions and persistence.

Year 3/4 Mrs Schutz

Tommy

For showing respect to others by being a good friend and supporting his mates during play times.

Year 2/3 Miss Trembath

Hudson

For showing respect in all areas and giving everything a go- even in a moon boot! You've shown great resilience. Well done!

Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske and Mrs Bruce

Xavier

Teaching and Learning: for having a thorough understanding during phonics lessons and confidently applying it in every lesson.

Reception Mrs Paech

Bowie

Respect for Teaching and Learning by putting lots of effort into displaying neat handwriting and presentation of work.



Library News

Tailem Bend School/Community Library School Holiday Times and Christmas Closure

School Holidays will commence on Saturday 13th December 2025
School will resume on Tuesday 27th January 2026



Holiday Times Will Apply
OPEN - Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4:30pm
CLOSED - Tuesdays & Thursdays and all Public Holidays

The Community Library will be **CLOSED over the Christmas period** from Sat, 20th Dec, to Sun, January 4th 2026

DECEMBER 2025							JANUARY 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 th	8 th OPEN	9 th OPEN	10 th OPEN	11 th OPEN	12 th OPEN	13 th	4 th	5 th OPEN	6 th CLOSED	7 th OPEN	8 th CLOSED	9 th OPEN	10 th
14 th	15 th OPEN	16 th CLOSED	17 th OPEN	18 th CLOSED	19 th OPEN	20 th	11 th	12 th OPEN	13 th CLOSED	14 th OPEN	15 th CLOSED	16 th OPEN	17 th
21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	CHRISTMAS DAY 25 th	26 th PROCLAMATION DAY	27 th	18 th	19 th OPEN	20 th CLOSED	21 st OPEN	22 nd CLOSED	23 rd OPEN	24 th
28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	1 st January NEW YEARS DAY	2 nd	3 rd	25 th	26 th AUSTRALIA DAY	27 th OPEN	28 th OPEN	29 th OPEN	30 th OPEN	31 st



School Holiday BOOK SALE

**We will hold a
pre- loved Book Sale
during the School Holidays.
Nothing over 20c**



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Email: library@tailembdps.sa.edu.au

Online catalogue

www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong

