

Tailem Bend Primary School

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Newsletter

Issue 1

Dear parents, caregivers and community members,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026 and to the start of another exciting year at Tailem Bend Primary School. It has been wonderful to see our students (and staff!) return with such energy, smiles, and a real readiness to learn.

I would like to sincerely thank our students and staff for such a positive beginning to the year. The calm routines, strong engagement, and enthusiasm across the school have created a great foundation for the learning ahead. I also appreciate the support from families during the start-of-year transition — your cooperation has helped ensure everything has run smoothly.

A very warm welcome to the new students and families joining our school community in 2026. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to building strong relationships as the year unfolds. At Tailem Bend Primary School, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where every child is encouraged to grow and succeed.

At the heart of everything we do are our school values:

- **Respect for Self,**
- **Respect for Others,**
- **Respect for Teaching and Learning,** and
- **Respect for Community**

These values guide how we learn, interact, and grow together as a school and community. By fostering respect in all its forms, we aim to create a learning environment where students feel safe, supported, and empowered to do their best — both in the classroom and beyond.

As we move into the year ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that await our students — from learning in the classroom to the many experiences that build confidence, connection, and a strong sense of belonging. Together, we can make 2026 a year of growth, achievement, and positive memories.

Governing Council AGM

Families are warmly invited to attend the School Governing Council Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 18 February at 5:30pm in the library. The Governing Council plays an important role in supporting our school, and this meeting is a great way to learn more about how you can be involved.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and community. I look forward to working together throughout 2026.

Have a great week!

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Diary Dates

- 17/2 **Footy Clinic at school**
- 18/2 **GC AGM, 5.30pm, library**
- 6/3 **Fun Arvo In**
- 9/3 **Public Holiday**
- 11/3 **School Photos**
- 25/3 **Adelaide Symphony Orchestra**
- 30/3 - 1/4 **School Dentist**
- 3/4 **Easter Friday, Early Dismissal, 2.10pm**
- 6/4 **Easter Monday**
- 9/4 **Big Day In**
- 10/4 **Last Day Term 4, Early Dismissal, 2.10pm**
- 27/4 **Term 2 starts**

Wellbeing News

Hello everyone and welcome to the new school year! My name is Dani Schubert and this year I have the pleasure of continuing the role of Wellbeing Leader at Tailem Bend Primary School. I am excited to have this role as it enables me to assist and support all the students in our school and their families. Should there ever be an issue concerning your child at school, please don't hesitate to make an appointment via the front office to meet with me. Alternatively, if there is an issue with your child which could impact their learning or wellbeing at school, a simple phone call explaining the situation is appreciated, as empowering us with knowledge allows us to better support your child at school.

Just a few reminders....

Food at School

We have a rule at our school that no food is to be shared between students. This rule is in place to keep all students safe as there is a huge risk that a child could become very ill due to having an allergy or a reaction to the food consumed. Please be aware that we do have students with a nut allergy at our school. It is important that students have enough food for the day, including brain food and a water bottle. Students who simply "don't like" what they have for lunch will be encouraged to try to eat what they have been packed; a note will be written in the student's Communication Book to inform parents/caregivers. The student will also be encouraged to have a chat with their parents/caregivers about the lunchbox food they would prefer.

Breakfast Club

Eating a healthy, nutritious breakfast is so important to help young minds learn. Breakfast Club will be open **every morning** at our school between **8:30 and 8:50am**. We are able to provide this service for our students due to a wonderful group of Rotary volunteers, and caring and dedicated staff members who are willing to go out of their way to run the club. No students will be served if they arrive on or after 8:45am. After this time, students needing breakfast will be helped by office staff once their names have been marked on the class roll.



Respect Raffle

To acknowledge positive, respectful behaviour the students are given Respect Raffle tickets to recognise their positivity at school. Everyone's Respect Raffle tickets are placed in a container at the end of the week. The students have an opportunity to choose a prize if their name is drawn at each week's assembly during our Respect Raffle draw. In the past we have received wonderful donations of amazing preloved and new products for our students to choose from and enjoy at home. We would be very appreciative of any more donations of new or preloved items for our raffle. Preloved items must be clean and in good working order. Batteries do not have to be included in items which need them. Donations can be made via the front office.

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Wellbeing - continued

Assemblies

Parents and caregivers are respectfully reminded that assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons at 2:30pm. As we gather for our school assemblies, we kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that younger toddlers and babies are kept with you and under control throughout the duration of the assembly. This helps create a focused environment for all students and minimizes distractions. Your understanding and support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

School Crossing and Speed Limits

Parents, caregivers and community members are respectfully reminded that drivers **must travel at no more than 25 km/hr at any time when children are present on the road or footpath** at a school crossing. Drivers must **stop for anyone** using the crossing or about to use the crossing when flags are displayed. Drivers must also be mindful that our gymnasium carpark is also a 25 km/hr zone when children are present and that the cul de sac access to our school on Murray Street is a "No Parking Zone". We are asking that everyone please respect the line markings and signage for the safety of our students.

Thank you,

Dani Schubert

Wellbeing Leader

Important Dates:

9/3	Public Holiday	3/4	Easter Friday, Early Dismissal, 2.10pm
6/4	Easter Monday	10/4	Last Day Term 4, Early Dismissal, 2.10pm



WELL DONE!

Clip Chart Achievement...

Well done to Receptio student, Marcus, for being the first student in the school to get their clip "on Mr Schenke" in 2026!

Library News

The staff has been looking at the new books for our Library. Keep an eye out for them.



Mrs Paech's Reception Class

Mrs Richter's Year 6s are our Buddies! They helped us make special 'All About Me' books. Thanks Buddies xx



Last week, we had a 'Possum Magic' theme. Students engaged with this story and discovered different places in Australia, Australian animals, Australian flags and tried the foods that made Hush the possum visible!



Mrs Paech's Reception Class

Welcome to our
new Reception
students!



My name is Millie.
I am 5 years old.
My favourite colour is purple.
I like to eat sausages.
I am good at flying a kite.
When I grow up I will be a lifeguard.



My name is Alba.
I am 4 years old.
My favourite colour is orange.
I like to eat oranges!
I am good at numbers.
When I grow up I will be a nurse.



My name is James.
I am 5 years old.
My favourite colours are red and blue.
I like to eat grapes and watermelon.
I am good at shopping.
When I grow up I will be a fireman.



My name is Marcus.
I am 5 years old.
My favourite colour is purple.
I like to eat toast, vegemite and chocolate. I am good at numbers.
When I grow up I will be an engineer.



My name is Blake.
I am 4 years old.
My favourite colour is green. I like eating soft pies. I am good at doing the fireplace and chickens with Harry. When I grow up I will be a policeman.



My name is Kodi.
I am 4 years old.
My favourite colour is blue. I like to eat yoghurt and sandwiches. I am good at eating yoghurt!
When I grow up I will be a policeman.



My name is Damien.
I am 4 years old.
My favourite colours are green and blue.
I like to eat Burger Rings. I am good at running and hide and seek. When I grow up I will be a firefighter.

Mrs Paech's Reception Class

Welcome back to
our 'old' Reception
students too!



My name is Lilliana.
I am 5 years old.
My favourite colour is
purple.
I like to eat bananas.
I am good at annoying
Alaina!
When I grow up I will
build a house.



My name is Levi.
I am 6 years old.
My favourite colour is
blue. I like to eat
watermelon and
chocolate. I am good
at playing with my
Nerf gun. When I
grow up I will make
tunnels for trains.



My name is Oliver.
I am 5 years old.
My favourite colour is
blue
I like eating ice
cream.
I am good at fishing.
When I grow up I will
work for the MFS.



My name is Grace.
I am 5 years old.
My favourite colour is
blue. I like to eat
cheese and bacon
rolls. I am good at
skipping.
When I grow up I will
go to the gym.



My name is Bowie.
I am 5 years old.
My favourite colour is
blue.
I like to eat Up and
Go. I am good at
drawing.
When I grow up I will
be a police officer.



My name is Willow.
I am 5 years old.
My favourite colour is
red.
I like to eat apples.
I am good at Maths.
When I grow up I will
get a phone.



My name is Mason.
I am 5 years old.
My favourite colours
are blue, red and pink.
I like eating peanut
butter sandwiches. I
am good at learning.
When I grow up I will
go to Dad's work.

Week 1 Class Awards

Year 6 Mrs Richter

Violet

Respect for Self: For demonstrating enthusiasm and confidence when completing her House Captain application.

Year 4/5 Ms Reeves

Leia

Teaching and Learning: Making a positive start in 2026, by contributing to discussions, taking risks, listening to others and being respectful.

Year 3/4 Mrs Schutz

Marlee

For showing respect to others by being a Tech Leader, supporting and helping others understand set tasks.

Year 2/3 Miss Trembath

Charlotte

For showing respect for teaching and learning through kindness, effort and a positive approach to her learning.

Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske and Mrs Bruce

Treya

Teaching and Learning: for a strong start in Year 2, sharing her knowledge with others and working diligently in all learning tasks! Well done!

Reception Mrs Paech

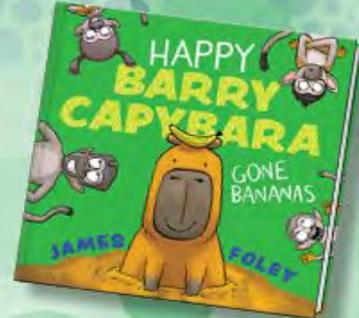
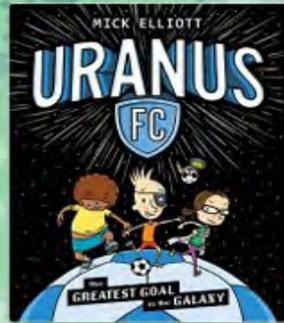
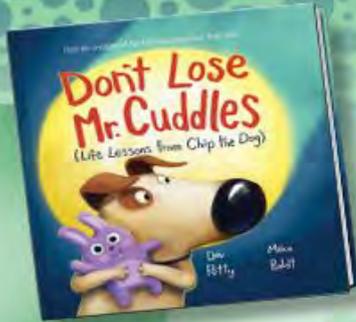
Millie

Respect in all areas - Demonstrating excellent behaviour, effort, kindness and desire to learn.

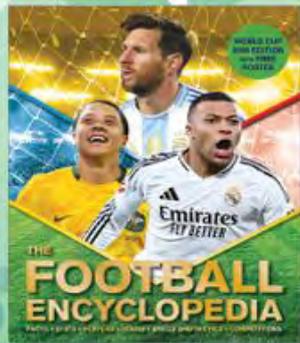
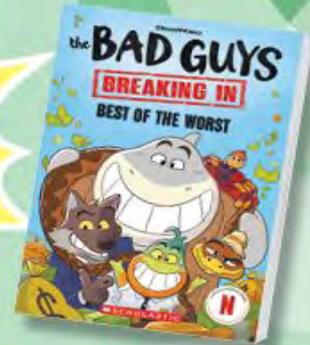
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2026

Book Club

PULL OUT
POSTER
HANG ME
UP IN YOUR
CLASSROOM!



NEW YEAR,
NEW READS
FROM BOOK CLUB!



Look out for the new
Scholastic Book Club
catalogue.
Due 12th February
2026

Issue 1 LOOP Offers for Families

GET UP TO
3 FREE BOOKS
WHEN YOU ORDER
ON ISSUE 1



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to spend on Issue 2!

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Community News

PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE FREE SESSIONS

CUDDLE... COMMUNICATE... CONNECT...
USING SONGS, RHYMES AND STORIES TO SUPPORT CONNECTION BETWEEN CHILD AND PARENT

TERM 1 2026
27 JANUARY - 10 APRIL

<p>Tuesday's 9:30am MANNUM</p> <p>Mannum Leisure Centre - Senior Citizen Room Intergenerational Aminya Village 17th February 10am</p>	<p>Wednesday's 11am MENINGIE</p> <p>Meningie Kindergarten Intergenerational Jallah Homes 19th March 10am</p>	<p>Thursday's 9.30am TAILEM BEND</p> <p>Tailem Bend Primary School Community Library Intergenerational Tailem Bend Hospital 26th February</p>
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Intergenerational sessions ~ Insightful speakers ~ Supportive environment

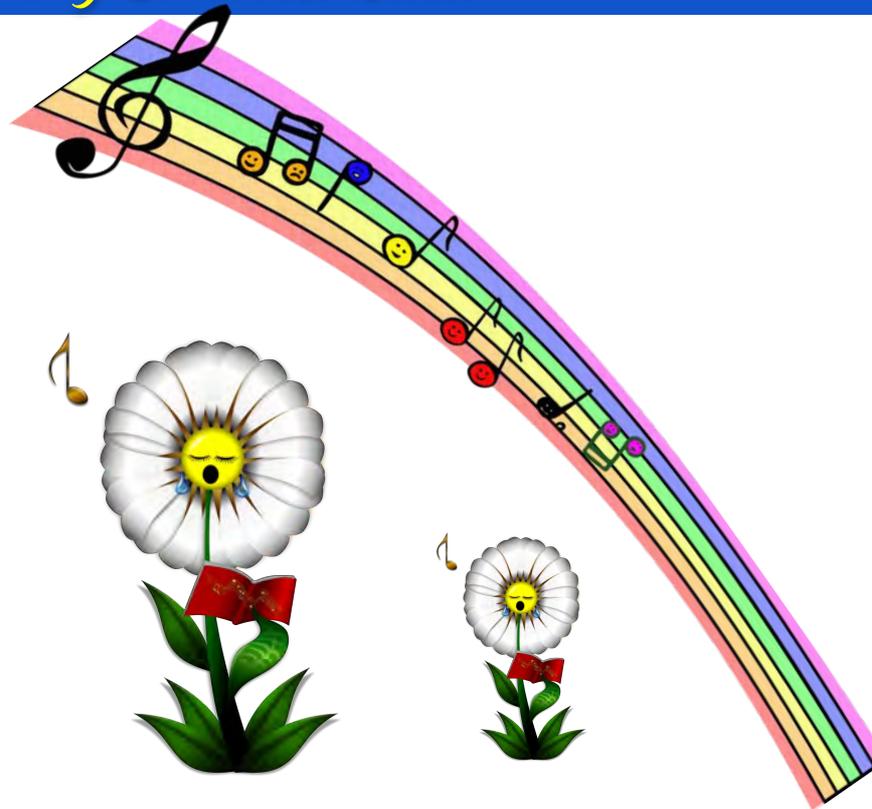
CAFHS NURSE VISIT
Include: Weights - Measurements - Informal discussions - Entries into Blue Book

Mannum 24 th February	Meningie 11 th March	Tailem Bend 5 th March
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For children aged 0-5yrs and their parent/carer/giver
Bookings appreciated
Scan QR code or go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHCYD>

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RURAL READS & RHYTHMS

At the Murray Bridge Library

TALK. PLAY. READ. SING.

Rural Reads and Rhythms is a 10 week program for families and young children to explore a variety of activities that support early childhood development in early years, helping babies and children thrive by talking, playing, reading and singing!

WORDS GROW MINDS

10 Weeks
1:30-2:30pm
Thursdays
29th of Jan-2nd of April

To book your place, please contact the Murray Bridge Library on 8539 1175 or book online.

Questions?
Contact TBCC on 8572 3513



PLANNED ABSENCE NOTIFICATION TO TAILEM 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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