

Tailem Bend Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 4th March 2026

Issue 3

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

It has been another busy and positive few weeks at Tailem Bend Primary School, with lots of great learning and community spirit on display across the school.

Last week we were proud to take part in our School Clean-Up Day, in partnership with Clean Up Australia Day. Our students headed out into the community to help tidy areas around town and demonstrate one of our key school values – **Respect for Community**. It was wonderful to see students taking pride in their local environment and understanding the important role they can play in caring for the place we all live in. Thank you to our staff and students for embracing the day so positively.



You may also notice in the coming weeks that we are working with the Coorong District Council and other relevant agencies regarding the large number of Little Corellas currently in our area. Unfortunately these birds have been causing significant damage to trees, grassed areas and parts of our school grounds, as well as other areas around town. As part of managing the issue, there may be some noise associated with bird deterrent measures. Please be assured that student safety is our priority, and any activities will be carefully managed while students are inside buildings.

A reminder to families that **next Friday 13th March will be a Student Free Day**. On this day our staff will be undertaking professional learning focused on Number Fact Fluency. Developing strong recall of number facts is a key building block for success in mathematics, and this professional learning will support our teachers in implementing consistent approaches across the school. This work forms an important part of our ongoing focus on improving numeracy outcomes for all students.

Information will also be coming out later this week regarding **Parent-Teacher Interviews**, which will be held during **Weeks 9 and 10** of this term. These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for families to connect with their child's teacher, discuss progress so far this year, and talk about next steps in learning. We encourage all families to take the opportunity to attend once booking information becomes available.

Have a great week!
Travis



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Diary Dates

- 6/3 Fun Arvo In
- 9/3 Public Holiday
- 11/3 School Photos
- 13/3 Student Free Day
- 25/3 Adelaide Symphony Orchestra
- 30/3 - 1/4 School Dentist
- 2/4 Early Dismissal, 2.10pm
- 3/4 Easter Friday
- 6/4 Easter Monday
- 9/4 Big Day In
- 10/4 Last Day Term 4, Early Dismissal, 2.10pm
- 27/4 Term 2 starts

DON'T FORGET:
Public Holiday 9th
March (next Mon)
School Photo Day
11th March.

"To Be Positive & Successful"

Wellbeing news

Fundraiser Friday

Last Friday our Fundraiser Friday stall was a huge success. All the chocolate weetbix balls sold out! We made \$50 which will be donated to The Heart Foundation. Thank you to Jake, Harmony, Brooke and Freddie who were fantastic helpers and ran the stall like professionals. This week the 2/3s have made honey crackles to sell at the stall for 50c each. Don't forget your 50c on Friday!



JUMP ROPE for HEART



Jump Rope Team Tryouts

There have been many students trying out for a spot on our Jump Rope Team. We will be running a final tryout in Week 7 and then a decision will be made about the Team. Families of the students who are selected to be on the Team will be notified by a letter sent home from the school. It is wonderful to see so many students skipping rope either on their own or with friends. Jump Rope is a fantastic way to move your body and increase your fitness.

SRC news

Harmony Day

Saturday 21st of March is Harmony Day. To celebrate this day, the SRC decided at our recent meeting that we will be inviting students and staff to wear something **orange** on Friday 20th March to acknowledge the day. The theme for Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs", which TBPS believes about every single person who is part of our school community. This dress up day is for fun, therefore it is **not** a fundraising event. It is also **not compulsory** to dress in something orange, but we do encourage students and staff to wear orange on that day, if they wish to.

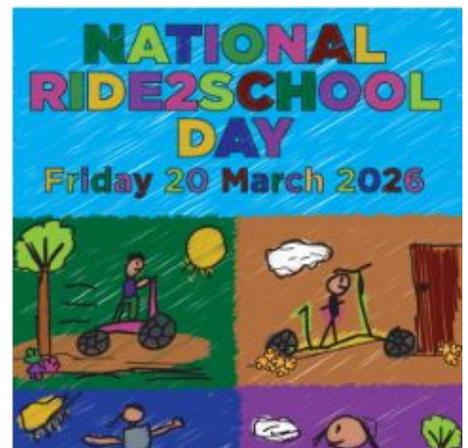
Everyone Belongs!

Ride To School Day

On Friday 20th March it will also be National Ride To School Day. The SRC would like to encourage students to ride their bike or scooter or simply walk to school on that day. Students are asked to come to school like any other school day - we will **not** be meeting at the Train Park. Families are respectfully reminded that students must wear a helmet if they choose to ride to school on that day. A reminder will be sent home to families via students' Communication Books prior to the day.

Thank you,

Dani Schubert
Wellbeing Leader



THANK YOU - EMMETTS MURRAY BRIDGE

A big thank you to **Emmetts Murray Bridge** for their generous donation of toys to support our **Respect Raffle**.

Our Respect Raffle celebrates students who consistently demonstrate our school values – **Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for Teaching & Learning, and Respect for Community**. The donated prizes help us recognise and reward students who go above and beyond in showing these values each day.

We greatly appreciate the support of local businesses like Emmetts in helping us celebrate positive behaviour and strengthen our school community.

Thank you for supporting Tailem Bend Primary School!



THANK YOU



Administration News

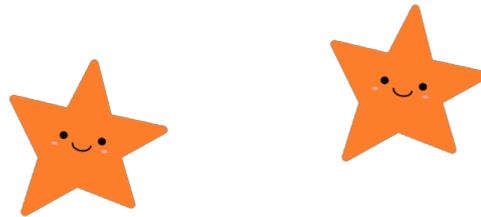
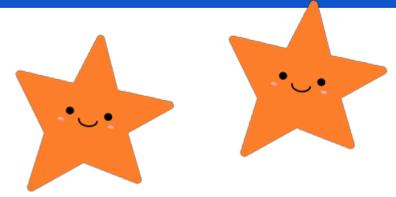
Absence from School

If your child has an unexplained absence from school, you will receive an SMS notification from our system.

We kindly ask that you please respond to this text message as soon as possible so records are updated accordingly. If we do not receive a response, a paper form for you to complete regarding the unexplained absence will be sent home..

Our SMS system is in place to make communication and connection with parents/caregivers more efficient.

Thank you for your support.



Fundraiser Friday -

Honey Joys...50 cents

Ingredients: cornflakes, honey sugar, butter
+ we do have some gluten free honey joys too!

All money raised is going towards the Heart Foundation.
(Jump Rope for Heart)



Don't Forget!

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|------|------------------------------|
| 9/3 | Public Holiday (this Monday) |
| 13/3 | STUDENT FREE DAY |
| 2/4 | Early Dismissal, 2.10pm |
| 3/4 | Good Friday |
| 6/4 | Easter Monday |
| 10/4 | Last Day Term 4 |
| | Early Dismissal, 2.10pm |

Mark your calendar!



School Photos 2026

School Photos: School Photo date: March 11th 2026. Please note, sibling photo orders close 10th March at 4pm, as per flier below.

Family photos are scheduled for **8.45am**; if your children are having a photograph together please be prompt! Thank you.



Photo Day:

Please ensure your child/ren are at school on time on School Photo day and are wearing correct uniform.
Thank you!



MSP Photography - Adelaide South
E: admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au
P: 8391 3951
Unit 1/15 Light Crescent
Mt Barker SA 5252

PHOTO DAY: Wednesday 11th March - 2026

HOW TO ORDER



Ordering is quick and easy!

Step 1
Visit our ordering website listed below
OR scan the QR code to go to our ordering portal:

<https://tailembendps-sa.msp.photos/Photos/>

Step 2
Click

Enter your child's surname and date of birth.
You will be prompted to create an account.
Once you have logged in a selection of packages available to order will show.
You will also be able to add additional children as well as order sibling photos.

Please note sibling orders will cut off at 4pm the last school day before photo day.
(for example, if photo day is a Monday, sibling orders will close on the Friday before)

****If you would prefer to pay with cash, please collect an envelope from the school front office.****

Please note, ordering will remain open indefinitely, but an archive retrieval/delivery fee will apply for all orders placed after Wednesday 18th March



Sibling Photo PreOrders Closing!!

REMINDER - sibling orders close at 4pm the day before photoday



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Once you have logged in a selection of packages available to order will show.
For Sibling orders click Family Photos under the Additional Options tab once you have entered at least one child's details.

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Reminder:

Family photos will be taken at 8.45am.
Please be prompt.



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DENTAL FOR SCHOOLS

Scan the QR code to fill out an online consent form instead

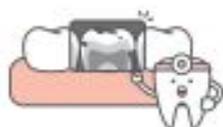


DFS is scheduled to visit : Tailem Bend Primary School

School **TERM 1: Week 10, 2026**

Help us fight dental decay this year at Tailem Bend Primary School by getting your child to participate in our annual dental check-ups. Dental consent forms can be filled in online via the QR code or the link that will be provided.

Forms need to be submitted by the 16th March 2026.



Check-up & Clean

Have your child's teeth shining bright again! We will provide a check-up & professional clean. Here we will identify any concerns and let you know if there are any areas that require further treatment.



Take home pack + Report

Participant's will receive a take home pack with dental essentials as well as a written report of details of your child's oral health and any concerns.



Visit with friends

Take the stress out of your child's dental visit while they visit with their friends and classmates. Our clinics are fitted with movies to watch while they wait.



W. dentalforschools.com.au

P. (08) 7225 8142

Week 4 Class Awards

Year 6 Mrs Richter

Joey

Respect for Teaching and Learning:
Being curious in maths and sharing her
predictions with the class.



Year 4/5 Ms Reeves

Bailey

Teaching and Learning: For a more
mature approach to his learning by
accepting personal responsibility,
contributing positively to class discussions
and actively participating in group tasks.

Year 3/4 Mrs Schutz

Landon

For showing respect to Teaching and
Learning by working hard during his HASS
lesson by writing a list of important dates
and events.



Year 2/3 Miss Trembath

Tennessee

For showing respect for Teaching and
Learning by developing her place value
knowledge and representing numbers in
different ways.



Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske and Mrs Bruce

Viny

Teaching and Learning: For confidently
settling into our routines and starting
each day ready to learn.

Reception Mrs Paech

Marcus

Respect for Teaching and Learning : showing
advanced knowledge and skills in Literacy
and Maths.



Week 5 Class Awards

Year 6 Mrs Richter

Jake

Respect for Teaching and Learning: For his
improved focus during learning time this
week.

Year 4/5 Ms Reeves

Savannah

Respect for Community: Being diligent
and "eagle eyed" when cleaning up the
town by spotting objects that others had
overlooked. A great effort!

Year 3/4 Mrs Schutz

Emily

For respect to Teaching and Learning by
showing exceptional problem solving
strategies to complete our whole class
challenge.

Year 2/3 Miss Trembath

Xavier

For demonstrating respect for Teaching
and Learning by putting great effort into
phonics and confidently learning new
sounds

Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske and Mrs Bruce

Oliver

Teaching and Learning: for demonstrating
confidence and persistence in Maths,
bravely stepping into the Learning Pit and
using a range of strategies to solve
problems.

Reception Mrs Paech

Damien

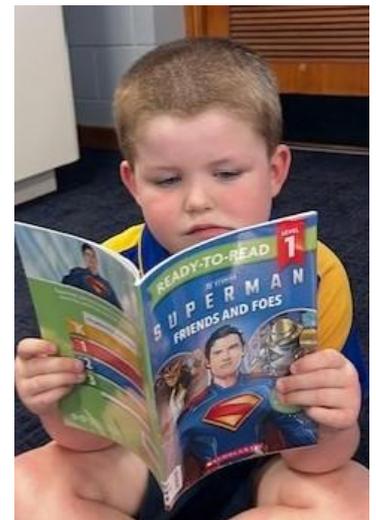
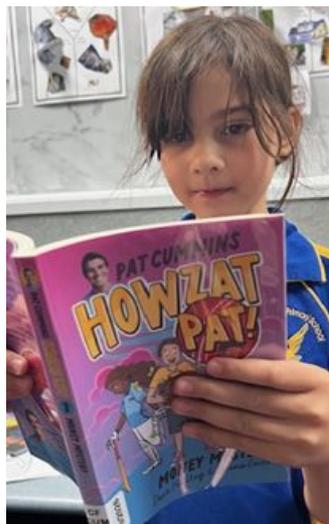
Respect in all areas - Maintaining a
positive attitude towards learning and
always using beautiful manners.



Library News



Some of the Open Unit students looked at our new books this week.

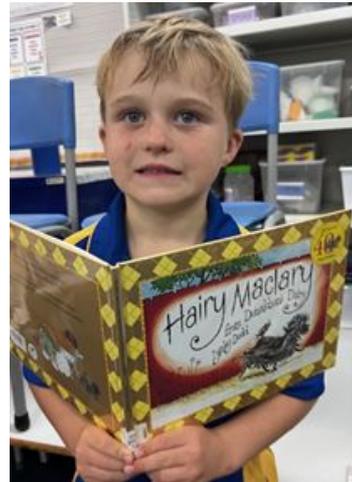
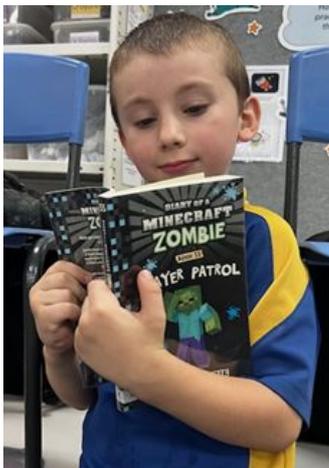
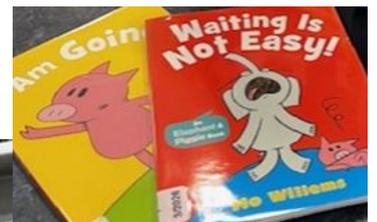
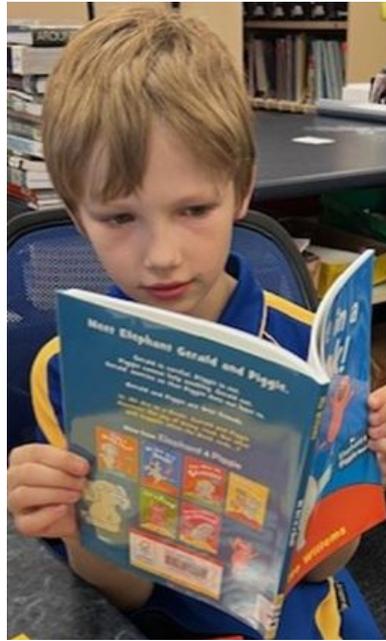


SHARE THE JOY AND
MAGIC OF READING



Library News

NEW BOOKS



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Community News

**2026 SEASON
BEGINS TERM 2**

GIRLS FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

- Fun, friendly environment
- No experience needed & no try outs required
- One training night per week + Saturday games
- Affordable family sport option
- Local Clubs within the Adelaide Hills
- Focused on confidence, teamwork & fun!

**GIRLS ONLY TEAMS & COMPETITIONS
FOR AGES 10-14
BORN 2012 - 2016**

Local Football, made for Girls!
Come and see if football is for you.

Register your Interest Now!
Girls@ahjfa.asn.au or 0437 868 833

Visit our website
www.ahjsa.asn.au

See overleaf for details of our local clubs

COME & TRY SESSIONS:

Hosted by 6 of our 12 Clubs!

Session

- 1

Saturday 21st February @ 9am until 12pm
 Host Club: McLaren Districts Soccer Club
 Location: 41-47 Main Rd, McLaren Flat (McLaren Flat Rec Ground)
- 2

Sunday 1st March @ 2pm until 4pm
 Host Club: Rangers Junior Soccer Club
 Location: Ashton Oval, Jennings Drive Ashton
- 3

Sunday 8th March @ 9:30am until 10:30am
 Host Club: FC Summit
 Location: Anembo Park, Mount Barker
- 4

Tuesday 10th March @ 5pm until 6:15pm
 Host Club: Strathalbyn Strikers FC
 Location: 24 Fitzpatrick Rd, Strathalbyn
- 5

Saturday 14th March @ 9:30am until 10:30am
 Host Club: Murray Bridge United Soccer Club
 Location: 20 Beatty Terrace, Murray Bridge
- 6

Saturday 14th March @ 9am until 10am
 Host Club: Hahndorf Soccer Club
 Location: Rob Kilpatrick Park, Pine Ave, Hahndorf

**Association
Representative Team
opportunities available**
Compete at Annual State & Country
Championship

Find a club

- Blackwood Forest Soccer Club
- Bridgewater Soccer Club
- F.C Summit
- Hahndorf Soccer Club
- McLaren Districts Soccer Club
- Murray Bridge United Soccer Club

- Nairne Knights Soccer Club
- Rangers Junior Soccer Club
- Stirling Districts Soccer Club
- Strathalbyn Strikers FC Inc
- Torrens Valley Soccer Club
- Woodside Warriors Soccer Club

Register your Interest Now!
 Girls@ahjfa.asn.au
 0437 868 833
 or Contact one of the above Clubs Directly

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

"To Be Positive & Successful"

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