

Tailem Bend Primary School

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Newsletter

Issue 4

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Last Friday our staff participated in a **Student Free Day** focused on strengthening our approach to **Number Fact Fluency** across the school.

Number fact fluency is the ability for students to quickly and accurately recall basic maths facts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Developing this fluency is incredibly important because it frees up students' thinking so they can focus on solving more complex mathematical problems.

During the day, staff explored the research behind how students develop skills using the **Instructional Hierarchy**, which outlines the different stages of learning: **Acquisition, Fluency, Generalisation and Adaptation**.

You'll see in this image we created, much of our work around Number Fact Fluency sits in the **Fluency stage of the ladder**. This is the point where students move from simply knowing a concept to being able to recall it quickly, accurately and confidently. Building this level of automatic recall helps students tackle more challenging maths tasks without getting "stuck" on basic calculations.

Throughout the day our staff worked together to unpack effective teaching strategies, review assessment information and plan how we can continue strengthening this learning across Reception to Year 6. It was a really productive day of professional learning and collaboration.

You may notice students talking more about their maths facts practice over the coming weeks as we continue embedding this work into our daily classroom routines.

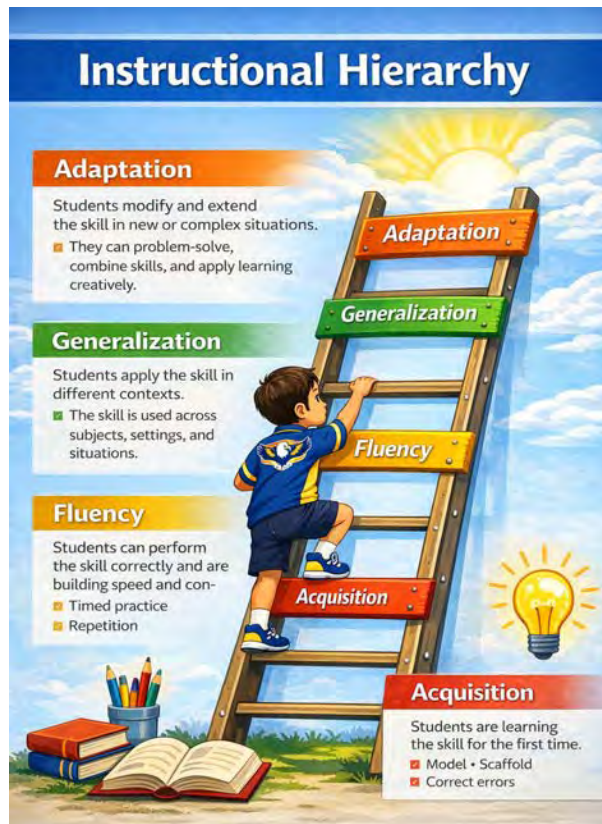
Parent-Teacher Interviews

A reminder that **Parent-Teacher Interviews** will begin next week, running across **Weeks 9 and 10**. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, discuss their progress, and talk about how we can continue working together to support their learning.

If you haven't yet booked a time, we encourage you to do so soon. These conversations are an important part of the strong partnership between home and school that helps our students thrive.

Have a great week!

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Diary Dates

- 18/3 Governing Council
- 20/3 Ride to School Day
- 20/3 Harmony Day - Wear Something orange
- 20/3 Assembly 2.30pm
- 25/3 Adel Symphony Orchestra Performance
- 26/3 Monarto Excursion (Open Unit)
- 27/3 Terrific Kids Assembly 2.30pm
- 27/3 Blue Light Pool Party
- 30/3 - 1/4 School Dentist
- 2/4 Early Dismissal (2.10pm)
- 3/4 Good 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

"To Be Positive & Successful"

Wellbeing news

Fun Arvo In

On Friday 6th March our students had a great time participating in a variety of activities during our Fun Arvo In.



Friday Fundraisers

Our Friday Fundraisers have certainly been a hit with students enjoying tasty delicious treats at recess time. The treats are made by classes during their Hughesy days. Last week students were treated to pinwheels made by the Year 1/2 class and they were yummy! So far we have raised over \$140 which will be donated to the Heart Foundation. What a great effort! This Friday students will be able to buy a 'Frog in a Pond' for \$1. Our treat this week has been made by our Reception students.



Don't forget ...

HARMONY DAY celebrations will be on Friday 20th March where students are welcome to wear something **ORANGE** for the day. This is not a fundraiser, just something fun to do.

National Ride2School Day

This Friday the 20th March will be **National Ride2School Day**. This is an event where students are encouraged to either ride, walk, skate or scoot to school. **This is not compulsory for students, nor is it a fundraising event.** It is simply a perfect opportunity for students to embrace a healthier start to the day and to try riding and walking to school. Not only is active travel good for your health, it's good for the environment too. Riding, walking, scooting or skating to school means there are fewer cars on the road, which results in a reduction in noise pollution, reduction in energy use and a reduction in carbon emissions. Students are reminded that all bikes, scooters, etc are to be placed in the bike shed once they arrive at school.

Thankyou
Dani Schubert
Wellbeing Leader

Administration News

Reminders:



Staff Car Park

We kindly remind parents and caregivers not to park in the emergency space located in the staff car park near the front office door. This space must remain clear at all times for emergencies.

When dropping off students, please park outside the staff car park.

School Fees

School fees must be paid in full by the end of term 1. If you have any issues with payment please come and see Melissa in the front office.

Camp Invoice

Families with students in the main building are welcome to begin making payments towards camp. Spreading payments over time can help make the cost more manageable.

Students late to school

In line with department requirements, any student arriving late must be signed in at the front office by a parent or caregiver, with a reason provided for the late arrival.

School Dentist

The School Dentist will be visiting in Week 10. If you have submitted a form for your child, you will receive a confirmation via SMS or email. Please ensure you respond to this message, as your child cannot be seen without confirmation.

Year 6 Graduation Jumpers

Invoices for Year 6 Graduation Jumpers were emailed earlier this week. Please note that full payment is required before your child is able to take their jumper home.



Numeracy in the Rainbow Class



In our class we have been learning that Numeracy is just patterning. So what better way than to explore patterns by making some cool designs with the pattern blocks.



We have also been learning about numbers. We had a *One Minute Bean Counting Challenge*. One person would roll the dice and their partner had to count that number of beans. We had one minute to count as many beans as we could. We then placed our results on a number line and worked out the difference between the highest and lowest numbers rolled. We used different strategies to find an answer.



Library News

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Community News

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FREE EVENT

WILBUR'S WILDLIFE

Wilbur's Wildlife brings the magic of native Aussie animals right to your doorstep, providing unforgettable encounters with our furry, feathered, and scaly friends.

Bowhill Community Centre
88 Weber Rd, Bowhill
Wednesday 15th April 2026
11am-12pm

Children must be accompanied
by an adult at all times

Bookings Required:
Scan QR code or go to
<https://www.trybooking.com/DJDNC>



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TAILEM BEND AUSKICK CENTRE

Thursdays at 4:30pm
Taillem Bend Oval
March 26 start

SCAN HERE
Contact: Bec White
0411 432 453

FREE with
DRSR Sports Voucher

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