

# Tailem Bend Primary School

## Newsletter

Wednesday 1st April 2026

Issue 5

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Yesterday, five of our students—**Joey, Finley, Maddie, Brooke** and **Violet**—had the exciting opportunity to represent Tailem Bend Primary School at the Coorong District Council meeting, presenting at the Council Chambers.

The students confidently shared a presentation they developed as part of their Civics and Citizenship learning. The project focused on proposed upgrades to the Tailem Bend bike track, an idea driven by student interest and a desire to improve a valued local space.

As part of this learning, students designed and conducted a school-wide survey to gather feedback from their peers. They then analysed the data and used it to inform their recommendations, which were presented directly to councillors for consideration.

We were incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves—speaking with confidence, clarity and purpose in a formal setting. This experience is a powerful example of authentic learning in action, where students can see how their ideas and efforts can contribute to real change within their community.

We thank the **Coorong District Council** for providing such a valuable opportunity for our students to engage in local decision-making processes.



Well done to Joey, Finley, Maddie, Brooke and Violet on an outstanding effort!

### Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Over the past two weeks, we have welcomed families into our school for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who took the time to attend. These conversations are incredibly valuable in supporting student learning, strengthening the home-school partnership, and ensuring we are working together to achieve the best outcomes for every child.

We appreciate your ongoing support and engagement in your child's education.

As this is our final newsletter for Term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff and families for a fantastic start to the year.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and well-deserved break.

Have a great week!

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### Diary Dates

30/3 - 1/4 School Dentist

2/4 Early Dismissal (2.10pm)

3/4 Good Friday

6/4 Easter Monday

7/4 Yr 3/4 Class Excursion

9/4 Big Day In

10/4 Assembly 1.30pm

10/4 Last Day Term 4,  
Early Dismissal  
(2.10pm)

27/4 Term 2 starts

## Wellbeing News

### Thank you

Thank you to all family and community members who have donated new and preloved items for our Respect Raffle. Your generosity is amazing and is greatly appreciated.

### Friday Fundraiser

Last Friday students were able to purchase a piece of yummy chocolate weetbix slice made by the Year 2/3 class at our Friday Fundraiser stall. Thank you to Marlee, Carl, Riley and Maddie for their help in running the stall. Our Friday Fundraiser stalls have been a huge success with over \$200 being raised to support the Heart Foundation.

#### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

#### JUMP OFF DAY

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

It will be part of 'The Big Day In'.

Please send your child in sneakers,  
along with a gold coin donation.

All money raised is going to the  
Heart Foundation.

Thank you for helping us support  
active, happy kids.

Lunch will be provided.

We will be making our very own wrap  
and each child will also receive a fruit  
box.

If your child prefers something else,  
please pack lunch from home.



## The Australian Symphony Orchestra

On Wednesday 25th March the main building classes were treated to a performance by the Australian Symphony Orchestra at the Town Hall. The touring group presented the Brass Schools Tour where our students were able to learn about some of the brass instruments featured in the orchestra. This was a particularly wonderful experience for our Instrumental Music students who are currently learning some of these instruments under the instruction and guidance of Mr Helps.

We thank the Tailem Bend Community Centre's Communities for Children programme which brought the performance to Tailem Bend for our students to enjoy.

Dani Schubert  
Wellbeing Leader

## Wellbeing News cont...

### Year 6 R.S.L. Visit

Yesterday, the Year 6s had an opportunity to visit the Tailem Bend RSL as a part of the WW1/ANZAC Day/Gallipoli unit currently being studied in History. Students were shown around the RSL by Mrs Prizabella and Mrs Morgan. The students were then challenged to roam around the RSL to find answers to a mini quiz, which enabled them to really focus on the exhibits in the RSL and in the memorial room. We were all very spoilt with some sweet treats to enjoy including some ANZAC biscuits! We sincerely thank the RSL for their hospitality, and for allowing our students to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the sacrifices made by Australia's service men and women in defending our beautiful country.



## Administration News

### Uniform

Due to rising costs, we will be increasing the price of our school polo shirts. The new price will be \$32 per polo.

### Safety Reminder – Please Close Our Gates

A friendly reminder to all families and visitors to please ensure that gates are closed behind you when entering or exiting the school grounds.

Our gates are an important part of keeping our students safe throughout the day. Leaving gates open can create unnecessary risks, particularly during busy times such as drop-off and pick-up.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for all students.

## Community News

**PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE**  
FREE SESSIONS  
CUDDLE... COMMUNICATE... CONNECT...  
USING SONGS, RHYMES AND STORIES TO SUPPORT CONNECTION BETWEEN CHILD AND PARENT  
TERM 2 2026  
27 APRIL - 3 JULY

Tuesday's	Wednesday's	Thursday's
9:30am	11am	9.30am
<b>MANNUM</b>	<b>MENINGIE</b>	<b>TAILEM BEND</b>
Mannum Leisure Centre - Senior Citizen Room Intergenerational Aminya Village 28 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	Meningie Kindergarten Intergenerational Jallarah Homes 13 <sup>th</sup> May 10am	Tailem Bend Primary School Community Library Intergenerational Tailem Bend Hospital 4 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30am

Intergenerational sessions ~ Insightful speakers ~ Supportive environment

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

Mannum	Meningie	Tailem Bend
16 <sup>th</sup> June	17 <sup>th</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> May

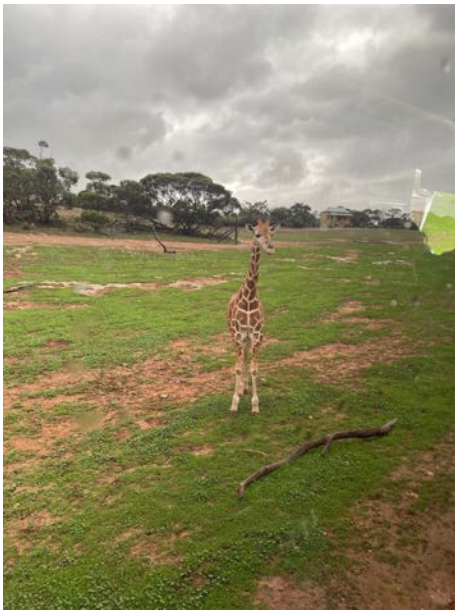
For children aged 0-5yrs and their parent/caregiver  
Bookings appreciated  
Scan QR code or go to:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DHCYD>

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# OUR MONARTO ZOO ADVENTURE

Last week, the Open Unit classes had an exciting day at Monarto Zoo, where we saw elephants, giraffes, meerkats, lions, bison and so much more.



We also enjoyed a bush walk, where we explored nature and saw lots of different animal skins while learning about wildlife and habitats. One of the funniest moments was catching an elephant doing a wee!



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***"To Be Positive & Successful"***



## Week 8 Class Awards



### Year 6 Mrs Richter

**Lucas**

Respect for Teaching and Learning: For his enthusiasm and effort in completing his work to a high standard.

### Year 4/5 Ms Reeves

**Luca**

Respect for Teaching and Learning: For having a positive attitude, helping others, contributing to class discussions and actively participating in partner and group activities.

### Year 3/4 Mrs Schutz

**Milly**

Respect for Teaching and Learning: For working independently to show her Google Doc skills in creating a poster showing her favourite animal.

### Year 2/3 Miss Trembath

**Harry**

Respect for Teaching and Learning during our Number Detective activity with the Year 4s by identifying patterns and completing number sequences with confidence.

### Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske and Mrs Bruce

**Emersyn**

Respect for Teaching and Learning: For always trying hard, following instructions, and being a fantastic problem solver. Well done!

### Reception Mrs Paech

**Blake**

Demonstrating great persistence towards all learning and asking for help when required.



## Library News



### April Library Times until the end of term

The School Community Library is CLOSED on all PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b> 8.30-4.30 pm <b>CLOSED</b> 1-1.30 Lunch	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b> 8.30-4.30 pm <b>CLOSED</b> 1-1.30 Lunch	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b> Good Friday	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b> Easter Saturday
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b> Easter Sunday	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b> Easter Monday	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b> 8.30-4.30 pm <b>CLOSED</b> 1-1.30 Lunch	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b> 8.30-4.30 pm <b>CLOSED</b> 1-1.30 Lunch	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b> 8.30-4.30 pm <b>CLOSED</b> 1-1.30 Lunch	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b> 8.30-4.30 pm <b>CLOSED</b> 1-1.30 Lunch	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b>

## Tailem Bend Community Library School Holiday Times: April 2026



School Holidays will commence on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
School will resume on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Holiday opening times will apply**

**OPEN Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

**9-12.30pm & 1.30-4.30pm**

**CLOSED Tuesday, Thursday, Weekends,  
and all Public Holidays**



### April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Anzac Day</b>



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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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