

Tailem Bend Primary School

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Newsletter

Issue 16

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope all our students, families and staff enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable school holiday break and have returned refreshed and ready for what promises to be another busy and exciting term.

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the final term of the 2026 school year! As always, Term 4 is a particularly busy time, with plenty of exciting learning opportunities, celebrations and special events planned for our students.

A Busy Term Ahead

The final term of the year always seems to fly by, and I have no doubt this year will be no different!

Over the coming weeks, our students will continue working hard in their classrooms as we focus on finishing the year strongly. Alongside their regular learning, there will be a range of activities and events as we celebrate another successful year at Tailem Bend Primary School.

Some Important upcoming events...

- Wednesday 21st October - Murraylands Regional Choir (tonight!)
- From week 3 - Swimming Lessons (information sent home on Monday)
- Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd October - Year 6 Blue Light Camp
- Tuesday 27th October - Year 6 Aquatics
- Friday 30th October - Halloween dress up
- Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th November - Main Building Camp
- Monday 9th November - Transition starts (New receptions)
- Friday 20th November - Student Free Day
- Thursday 26th November - Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 3rd December - MBHS Year 7 Transition
- Wednesday 9th December - School Concert
- Thursday 10th December - Year 6 Graduation
- Friday 11th December - Last day! (early dismissal)

Finishing the Year Strongly

While Term 4 brings plenty of excitement, it is also important that we maintain our focus on learning, attendance and positive behaviour right through to the end of the year.

We encourage families to continue supporting regular school attendance and ensuring students arrive on time, ready for learning each day. **We are currently in the process of making class placements and arrangements for next year.** Every school day counts, and there is still plenty of important learning to take place before the end of the year.

Have a great week!
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Diary Dates

21/10	Murraylands Choir (7pm performance)
22/10	Year 6 Blue Light Camp
26/10	Little Eagles - Rec class (9-10am)
27/10	Year 6 Aquatics
30/10	Halloween dress up day
2/11	Little Eagles - Rec class (9-10am)
4/11-6/11	Main Building Camp
9/11	Little Eagles 9-11am, Parent meeting, 9am
16/11	Little Eagles 9-11.45am
20/11	Student Free Day
23/11	Little Eagles 9-12.30pm
26/11	Swimming Carnival
2/12	Blue Light Disco Christmas Theme, 5-7pm, Town Hall
3/12	Year 6 MBHS Transition
9/12	School Concert
10/12	Year 6 Graduation
11/12	Last Day of Term/Year



Planning for 2027

As we begin looking ahead to 2027, we are already working behind the scenes to plan our classes, staffing and resources for next year.

To help us with this process, we ask that families please let us know if their child will not be returning to Tailem Bend Primary School in 2027 (excluding our current Year 6 students). Similarly, if you know of any families who are planning to enrol their children at our school next year, we would love to hear from them! Please encourage them to contact our front office so we can include them in our planning.

Having accurate enrolment information is incredibly important and helps us make the best possible decisions for our students and school community.

Thank you for your assistance!



Wellbeing News

Reminder about food at school:



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.

It is important that students are packed enough food for the day including brain food and a water bottle. Fruit is supplied to students who do not have brain food. 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.

When a Student Forgets their Lunch:

If a student reports they do not have their lunch, a teacher will first check to confirm this is the case. If the student does not have lunch, a phone call home will be made to request that **lunch be delivered to the school**. If this is not possible, the school will ensure the student has something to eat.



We kindly remind families that the school is not able to provide lunches on a regular basis. We appreciate parents and caregivers understanding the importance of ensuring students come to school with enough food to sustain them throughout the day, keeping their tummies full and their brains ready to learn.

While we will always do our best to ensure that no student goes without food, we ask that families take responsibility for providing their child's lunch each day and do not rely on the school as a regular source of food. This includes something healthy to eat for ‘brain food’ time.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our students happy, healthy and ready to learn.

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.

Reading at Recess Time

Our House Captains continue to do a wonderful job listening to students read in the Library at recess times on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Providing this helping hand allows our students to earn a Legends Cup point for their House Team. We thank the House Captains for giving up their precious recess time in order to help students out. The House Captains certainly contribute to our school value of Respect for Community.

SRC news

Recently Mr Schenke, Mrs Schubert, Ruby, Joey and Chloe went to the Tailem Bend Hospital to pick up some bottles and cans collected by the Friends of the Hospital. Tailem Bend Primary School sincerely thanks the Tailem Bend Friends of the Hospital for their generous cans and bottles donation to our school. This thoughtful contribution was made in honour of Gwenda Zadow, past President of the group, who sadly passed away earlier this year, and Greta Bolt (pictured), a much-valued former teacher and librarian who dedicated many years of service to our school. We are deeply grateful for this meaningful gesture, which recognises the lasting impact both women had on our community. All funds collected from the bottles and cans will be donated to the SRC for future projects. We sincerely thank Mr Robbo who continues to go out of his way to transport our bottles and cans collection to the recycling depot in Murray Bridge.



Tailem Bend Blue Light

Our Yr 6s are very much looking forward to the Tailem Bend Blue Light Camp this week. Our students will be going to the Monarto Safari Park for the camp, taking in the sights of the magnificent animals who live at the zoo as well as helping out and participating in activities to help look after the animals which visitors to the Park don't normally get to do. We sincerely thank the TB Blue Light volunteers for providing such an amazing experience for our students while at the same time fostering positive relationships.

Dress Up Day

The SRC have decided to hold a **Halloween Dress Up Day** on **Friday 30th October**. This is not compulsory and nor is it a fundraising activity; this dress up day is just for fun! Students are invited to wear a spooky halloween themed costume for the day. We are requesting that students still wear appropriate footwear for school and ask that there is no permanent hair colour applied for the day. Any students wearing a scary mask as a part of their costume will be asked to remove it during learning time.

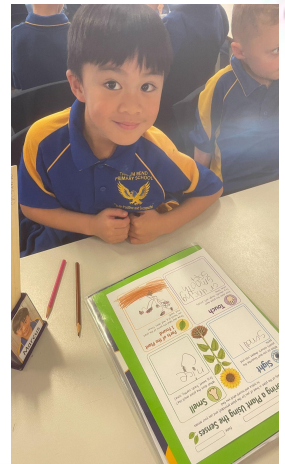
Administration News



Reception Class Learning Science – All About Plants



As part of our 'It's a Feature' topic from last term, we learned about the parts of plants and investigated some plants in our school garden. We used our sense of sight, smell and touch to record our findings about our favourite flowers.



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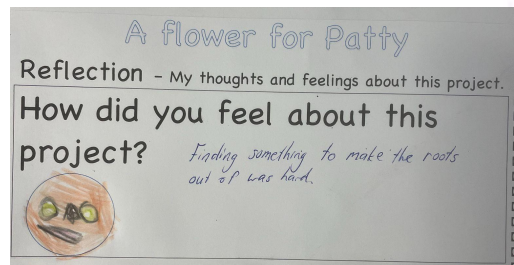
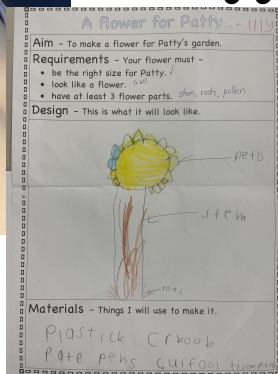


In Design and Technology, we helped Patty the puppet by making some flowers for her garden.

The requirements for this project were-

- It must be the right size for Patty
- It must look like a flower
- It must have at least 3 plant parts

We designed, labelled, checked and reflected during this project and Patty was very grateful for our help!



Reception Class Learning Science – All About Plants



We made mini greenhouses to observe seeds sprouting and learn about the needs of plants. Let's see how fast our sunflower and watermelon plants grow!



Week 10 Class Awards

Year 6 Mrs Richter — Heath

Respect for Self: For being inquisitive during our Blue Light Monarto Camp meeting.

Year 4/5 Ms Reeves — Savannah

Teaching and Learning: for demonstrating resourcefulness by solving problems, making decisions and overcoming challenges.

Year 3/4 Miss Kooistra — Baydon

Respect for Community: for stepping up on Sports day to help raise money for the school and doing it with a brilliant and positive attitude!

Year 2/3 Miss Trembath — Leah

For showing respect for others by always being kind and empathetic towards her peers and helping them during learning and break times.

Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske & Mrs Bruce — Noah

Teaching and Learning: forming a fantastic start and showing a positive attitude while settling into our classroom.

Reception Mrs Paech — Blake

Respect in all Areas: Showing great concentration, effort and skills across all areas.



Week 1 Class Awards

Year 6 Mrs Richter — Savannah

Respect for Teaching and Learning: For showing a positive attitude towards maths lessons.

Year 4/5 Ms Reeves — Tommy

Teaching and Learning: Demonstrating improved concentration and participation in lessons and class discussions.

Year 3/4 Mrs Schutz — Maddi

Respect for Teaching and Learning: for being focussed and engaged during our Science lesson, when we visited the River Murray and sketched what we saw.

Year 2/3 Miss Kooistra — Everyone!

For demonstrating Respect for others by settling back into classroom routines with ease, consistently meeting expectations, completing work to a high standard and showing kindness, patience and a helpful attitude to Miss K on her first week in their class!

Year 1/2 Mrs Kluske & Mrs Bruce — Maleia

Teaching and Learning: For writing imaginative sentences and confidently using interesting synonyms for "said".

Reception Mrs Paech — Willow

For demonstrating resilience and persistence when asking others to play with her and for forging new friendships.



Community News

MURRAY BRIDGE LITTLE ATHLETICS

RUN • JUMP • THROW
HAVE FUN WITH LITTLE ATHLETICS
For children aged 3 years and over



MORE THAN JUST SPORT!

Build confidence, develop new skills, make friends, and enjoy being active in a welcoming, family-friendly environment



Something for everyone

Running, jumping, throwing, and relays for all abilities.



A great family community

Make friends, get involved, and cheer on your athletes.

COME & TRY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Your first two sessions are **FREE!**
Come along to a meet & give it a go

WE'RE MOVING TO UNITY COLLEGE!

Our last meet at Murray Bridge High School will be Sunday 1 November 2026. From Sunday 8 November, we'll be meeting at Unity College.
We can't wait to welcome new and returning families to our new home!

READY TO GIVE IT A GO?

Find our season program, registration details, and updates on Facebook or our website

Facebook: Murray Bridge Little Athletics Inc.
Website: murray-bridge.littleathletics.com.au



Learn Water Safety Skills

Tailem Bend Primary School

Program delivery: Block 2 (04/01/2027 to 08/01/2027)

1 Murray Street
Tailem Bend
SA 5260

Location Offerings:

- Pre School (ages 3 to 4 years)
- Levels 1 - 7

Location Price:

- Program Fee - \$39 (subsidy thanks to the SA Government)
- Location Fee - \$25 (set by the location)

TOTAL - \$64



PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE

FREE SESSIONS

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

TERM 4 2026
12TH OCT - 11TH DEC

Tuesday's 9:30am MANNUM	Wednesday's 11am MENINGIE	Thursday's 9:30am TAILEM BEND
Mannum Leisure Centre - Senior Citizen Room Intergenerational Aminya Village 10 th November 10am	Meningie Kindergarten Intergenerational Jailarah Homes 18 th November 10am	Tailem Bend Primary School Community Library Intergenerational Tailem Bend Hospital 5 th November 9.30am

CAFHS NURSE VISIT

Mannum 17 th November	Meningie 11 th November	Tailem Bend 26 th November
Include: Weights - Measurements - Informal discussions - Entries into Blue Book		

Intergenerational sessions ~ Insightful speakers ~ Supportive environment
Join us to learn new songs and connect with your little people

For children aged 0-5yrs and their parent/carer/giver

Bookings appreciated
Scan QR code or go to: <https://www.trvbooking.com/DHCYD>

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Heart Making WORKSHOP

Make your own hearts as part of the 1000 Hearts global kindness community

Friday 13th November 2026

10am - 12 noon
stay for as little or as long as you like

Tailem Bend Community Library
(at the school)
Enter via Library Lane and the Gym Carpark

COST:
a donation towards materials would be appreciated

Everyone welcome!
No experience needed.

PLANNED ABSENCE NOTIFICATION TO TALEM 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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