

TANTANOOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter



Term 3

Week 1

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DATES TO REMEMBER

24 July: Playgroup 10-12pm
25 July: Ladder of Success at
Kalangadoo PS
19-23 July: Bookweek
29th July Extra Governing
Council
(re on track review report)

12 th Aug Governing Council
Meeting (Open meeting)



Welcome back!!

I look forward to hearing from your children about their holiday adventures.

Most often when we ask children 'How was your holiday?' their knee jerk answer will be "Good". Nothing more, nothing less. (except for the occasional 'Boring!') I like to probe a bit deeper by asking "how do you know it was good?". I love seeing their faces when they realise they need to think a bit harder and tell me more.

Can you see something your child might have said?

"I went to Kangaroo Island. We had a relaxing holiday. We went to our shack at American river after catching the ferry to Penneshaw."

"My holiday was good because there was no school. We went to Victoria to our other house. I think I like our house here best."

'I saw lots of stuff about Apollo 11 on TV because it is the 50th anniversary of the landing on the moon.'

'We went out shopping to Big W with mum and got some winter clothes.'

'On Friday I played Laser tag and I did tie dying at the Millicent art gallery. It was a great holiday!'

'I practised animal drawing. I practised the eyes but I need to work on the bodies next.'

Teaching Staff Changes

In a school like ours, when our teachers are unwell, it can have an enormous impact on learning.

Jan Major has worked hard all holidays on her program for your children but has become very unwell and is currently in hospital. I have assured her that her health must be her priority and fully support her taking all the time she needs to be able to resume work.

This means that for the first 6 weeks (minimum) Jan will not be with us. We are lucky we have her planning to help us get our new teacher, Debby Mansell, up to speed and ready to start with your children on Thursdays and Fridays.

Debby herself was a student at Tantanoola so it is apt that she returns as a teacher. She is working at Yahl for 3 days a week and now with us 2 days. I know you will welcome her as you did me not so long ago.

Jan, Emma and I had planned to work differently this term. In fact, this is directly from Jan's newsletter she had planned to send out today!

This remains the same except Debby Mansell will take the younger group. We will also rejig our week, so that Thursday and Friday become the start of our teaching week, maximising the 1 on 1 time both Emma and Debby have with your children. I feel confident this will form terrific connections AND great results.

Either teacher can be contacted about your children however, so please come in and make yourselves known.

Admin Staff Changes

We have a little less admin time while Debbie Bell takes well deserved leave (from Wednesday this week).

Thank you to Joy Taylor for taking on extra hours and Sandi Miller for taking on another day with your children while Sue Lines ably takes on the Playgroup. What fabulous people work here!

Governing Council

Our council has a big load this term. On **Monday 12th August** we meet to look at the collation of submissions from stakeholders with regard to the future of the school.

This is an open meeting and I encourage all parents to attend if possible as you are the ones who will be polled. No decisions will be made, however it will be an opportunity to discuss and reflect on the views of the whole community.

Please remember that if you or someone you know wishes to write a submission for Council consideration, this must be sent in writing addressed to:

Lesley Okholm, Principal, Tantanoola Primary School

Posted to the school (Tantanoola PS, Randall Street Tantanoola 5280) OR

left at the front office OR

emailed to lesley.okholm729@schools.sa.edu.au

The closing date for submissions is **Friday August 2 at 5pm.**

Extra Council meeting

Prior to this we need to meet to discuss the findings of the 'On Track Evaluation' of the school so I am hopeful we can meet on **Monday 29th July at 3.30** to do so.

This document will frame us looking at teaching and learning currently at our school and what we need to do moving forward. A copy of the review will be sent with this newsletter to members of Governing Council today.

Joy Taylor will do a ring around if I don't catch you personally to see who can make this meeting.

Kind regards

Lesley