TPS Bulletin

29 April 2022 Week 1 Term 2

A message from the Principal.....



Welcome back to school everyone. I hope you had an opportunity to engage with your extended family over the two week break. It is terrific to have everyone back at school and working hard already. The term is shaping up to be a busy one with a number of events coming up.

Balladong Stargazing and Storytelling at Yorkrakine Rock

The first event I would like to present is the Stargazing evening hosted by the Shire of Tammin and Astro Tourism WA next Thursday, 5 May. This is a terrific opportunity to engage with our local elders and understand the stars above. I hope you will take the time to join us. For catering purposes, please return the attendance slip sent home earlier this week.

COVID-19 update

It is with great delight that we can welcome all parents and carers back onto school grounds and into classrooms, mask free. Please continue to be diligent and if your child/ren are unwell keep them at home until they are well. If your child/ren does test positive to COVID-19 please inform the school. Information from the Department has also been sent home today detailing the changes to the restrictions.

ANZAC Service Attendance

I would like to thank Sophie, James, Kimberley, Kayley and Mardi for representing both themselves and our school with great pride and confidence at the public ANZAC service held at Tammin Memorial Park on Monday 25 April. They did a terrific job and can be very proud of their efforts.

A focus on Attendance

Researchers from the Telethon Kids Institute wanted to know how many days of absence kids could 'get away with' before it started to affect how they were doing at school. The answer was none. School success relies on regular attendance. One or two days absent a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 Years!

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school, YES, attendance does matter!

So unless your child is sick, they should attend school everyday in order to have the opportunity to reach their full potential. We look forward to having all children at school to support their progress.

Regards Yvonne Darcey Principal



Term Planner

- Thursday 5 May—Astro **Tourism Stargazing** Evening—Yorkrakine
- NAPLAN—Week 3 and Week 4, Year 3 and Year 5 Students
- Monday 23 May—School Council 7.30am
- Thursday 2 June—P & C Meeting
- Thursday 2 June—Winter Carnival Wyalkatchem Year 3 to Year 6
- Monday 6 June—Public Holiday
- Wednesday 8 June— Parent Assembly
- Friday 24 June— Wheatbelt Netball Cup Merredin Year 3 to Year 6

Future Dates

2022 School **Development Days**

Friday 3 June

Monday 18 July

Monday 10 October

Friday 16 December

T: 08 9637 1051

W: www.tamminps.wa.edu.au



Community Health Nurses working with primary schools

Who are Community Health Nurses?

Community Health Nurses (nurses) deliver school health services in primary schools across Western Australia. They are employed by WA Country Health Services or Child and Adolescent Health Service (in metropolitan Perth). Nurses work with children, families and teachers within each school throughout the year. Most families will have had contact with these health services from birth.

Working with children at school

Nurses provide School Entry Health Assessments (SEHA) which assess hearing, vision, oral health, growth, development, and any other health and wellbeing issues that may be of concern.

- SEHA is offered to all children who are of school entry age. For the majority, this will be in kindergarten, however it could be done after school enrolment has occurred and prior to commencement of Kindy if a need is determined.
- For those children who did not attend Kindy, the SEHA will be offered in pre-primary. SEHAs are conducted throughout the school year.
- Nurses prioritise assessments after reviewing any concerns noted on the parent consent form and discussion with class teachers.

If a parent or teacher has a concern regarding development, health or wellbeing of a child that will not be receiving a SEHA they can contact the nurse via the school. Relevant age-appropriate assessments such as hearing, vision and growth can be undertaken with parental consent.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders from the Tammin Roadhouse are available Mondays and Thursdays. All Orders to be placed at the school front office before 9am. Order bags and menu's available from the front office.



Student arrangements for pick up and drop off

Parents are reminded that ANY changes to student pick-up or drop-off arrangements need to be communicated by the parent or caregiver via the student diary, SMS 0437 416 596, email tammin.ps@education.wa.edu.au or via the office 9623 4080.

If there is no written or verbal communication from a parent or caregiver changing arrangements for their own children then:

- ·Bus children will be sent home on the bus as usual.
- ·All other children will be kept in the school office until their parent or caregiver has been contacted.

It is the responsibility of the parent or caregiver to notify the bus driver of any changes to bus pick-up or drop-off.



School Hours

2022 School Term Calendar

Term 2	Tuesday 26 April	to	Friday 1 July	
PH Monday 25 April , SDD Friday 3 June, PH Monday 6 June				

Term 3	Monday 18 July	to	Friday 23 September	
SDD Monday 18 July				

Term 4	Monday 10 October	to	Thursday 15 December		
SDD Monday 10 October , Friday 16 December					

SDD = School Development Day, No Students , PH = Public Holiday

Monday to Thursday 8.50am to 3.05pm

Friday 8.50am to 2.35pm Early Close

Recess—11am to 11.20am

Lunch—1pm to 1.30pm

Kindergarten days are Monday and Wednesday Semester 1

REMINDER: An exciting opportunity to attend a Star gazing and storytelling event.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents are responsible for transport to and from the event and for the care of your child/ren during the event.

I hope you will be able to join us.

For catering purposes you can also call the school on 9623 4080 or return the slip sent home earlier this week.

Ballardong Aboriginal Astronomy

Stargazing and Storytelling
Night Under the Stars
Invitation

We are excited to invite the Aboriginal Community, Elders, students and families to attend a free Stargazing night. Elders can share night sky stories and one will be chosen to go on a special planisphere.

When: Thu 5th May 6pm - 8.30pm

Where: Yorkrakine Rock

RSVP: Rebecca Fitzgerald - 0472 627 989

Free Sausage Sizzle

Night Under the Stars Workshop:

Around the campfire, Elders and students talk about Ballardong Aboriginal Astronomy, see Aboriginal night sky constellations, and choose an appropriate story for artwork to go on a Planisphere as a saleable souvenir.

Participants also look through telescopes, enjoy a laser tour of the night sky and students will learn all about space with our astronomer.

Discuss if any community members are interested to start a Ballardong Aboriginal Astronomy Storytelling business.

School Art Workshops: In following weeks, a Ballardong artist will work with students to design the artwork and this will be printed on a special Ballardong Planisphere.

BYO: Chair, drinks, torches, warm clothes, insect repellent.

In case of bad weather, this event will move to the Tammin Primary School Undercover Area.









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Workshops are being delivered by Donna Vanzetti and Carol Redford, Astrotourism WA.

