

# 2024

# NEWSLETTER

**TAPARRA  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**



## Principals Corner

Welcome back for 2024! We are so excited to officially be Taparra Primary School. Our new school uniforms look fantastic and we are so proud of the sense of pride and community they have provided to our students. Just a reminder that students need to be wearing plain black or navy shorts, pants or skirts (mid thigh). Please see a leadership member or our front office if you have any other questions regarding uniform.

Please see our next page for our 2024 staffing. We have welcomed new staff this year with Emma Davidson joining us as Year 3/4 teacher and Tayla Claridge as our Primary Disability Unit teacher. Both Emma and Tayla have already developed such strong relationships with our students and staff! Congratulations also to Peta Marschall who is officially a Permanent SSO in our Disability Unit, Peta is an asset and we are lucky to work with you at TPS. Cassie Corbo has now started her maternity leave (Wk 3), we will miss Cassie's gentle, kind and warm nature and we are so excited for this next chapter for her and her family.

In the holiday break, I was lucky enough to be selected by our Department alongside 33 other SA Principals to travel to Sydney and participate in the Harvard University Principal's School of Excellence. This was a once in a career professional development working alongside the Harvard team from Boston and other Principals around Australia and I am excited to bring back to our school the new learning and resources from this course.



Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 26th of February at 1.30pm. This year we have **2** vacancies for new Governing Council members. If you would like to nominate for a position, please come and see me before Monday 26th of Feb.

Looking forward to a busy and productive Term 1!

**Caitlin Manser—Principal**



## DIARY DATES

### Week 3

**Friday 16th Feb**

Assembly - Rm 13

### Week 4

**Monday 19th Feb**

Year 6 Aquatics

### Week 5

**Friday 1st March**

Assembly - Rm 14

### Week 6

**Friday 8th March**

Student Free Day



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# Staff List 2024

LOCATION	NAME	POSITION
B1	Caitlin Manser	Principal
B1	James De Palma	Senior Leader - Inclusion
B1	Kurt Ferguson	Senior Leader – Curriculum & Pedagogy
B1	Aimee Cook	Senior Leader - Wellbeing/Autism Inclusion
Rm 9	Renae Nathanael	Teacher – Reception/Year 1
Rm 10	Jessie Rook	Teacher – Year 2/3
Rm 14	Emma Davidson	Teacher – Year 3/4
Rm 13	Brooke McDonnell	Teacher – Year 5/6
Rm 11	Tracy Carlisle-Smith	Teacher – NIT Science and Cultural Studies
Rm 12	Fiona Ratcliffe	Teacher – AET/Intervention/NIT AUSLAN
Rm 6	Ella Goodwin	Teacher – Primary Disability Unit
Rm 7	Maddi Hancock	Teacher – Junior Primary Disability Unit
Rm 3	Tayla Claridge	Teacher – Primary Disability Unit
Rm 5	Dimi Iaconis	Teacher – Primary Disability Unit
Rm 4	Ella Smith	Teacher – NIT Disability Unit
B1	Tracey Templeton	Finance Officer
B1	Jessica Crombie	Administration Officer
Rm 14/10	Lee Burdon	SSO – Mainstream/Intervention
B1/Rm 10	Carron Beeching	SSO – Mainstream/Library
Rm 14/9	Deb Wortmeyer	SSO – Mainstream
Rm 10	Matt Stevens	SSO - Mainstream
Rm 14	Rochelle Bragg	SSO – Mainstream
DU	Peta Marschall	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Romi Haynes	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Nathan Maunder	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Kayla De La Haye	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Erin Barrett	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Alexis Duncan	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Christel Cooper	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Lisa Cousins	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Mel England	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Bianca Hallam	SSO – Disability Unit
DU	Jaimee Coleman	SSO – Disability Unit
B1	TBC	ACEO – Aboriginal Community Education Officer
	David Hockenhull	Groundsman





# Room 9 Showcase

Hello Families,

Room 9 would like to welcome you to Taparra Primary School.

In Maths we have been learning about how to be a Mathematician.

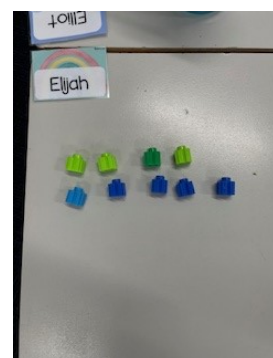
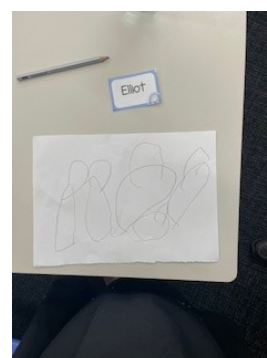
We know that we need to:

- Prove our thinking
- Think deeply about problems
- Stick with it and
- Learn from our mistakes

By doing this we will grow our brains by making it stronger. We have been practising: Modelling a problem, Representing out thinking and Explaining our thinking and how we know something is right. Below are a few of our pictures of modelling a problem.

In English, we have been learning about different types of words, letter sounds and their representations and phonological awareness. We now have been recognising rhyming words, blending and segmenting words and sounds, adding words to make new words, deleting words to make new words and substituting words to make new words.

In PE, we are learning to correctly bounce a ball and keep control of it when moving. We are getting really good at it. We are also learning about sun safety. In HASS, we are focusing on "What makes me Me" we are investigating families and how they influence who we are.





# Acquaintance Afternoon

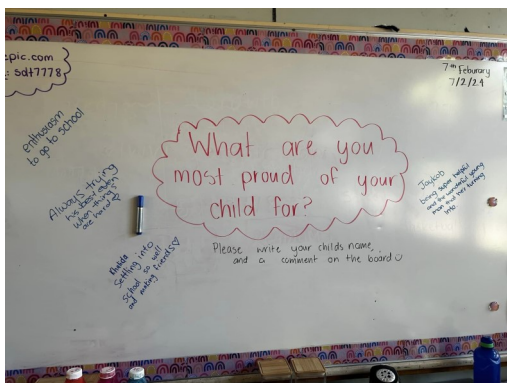


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👛 Monopoly Themed 👛

It was such a joy to see so many of our families making the time to greet our teachers, ask engaging questions and getting to know Taparra. 🥰

What a fantastic way to start our year off and we look forward to seeing more families coming in and celebrating the successes of our students 🌞





# Finance News

## APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications  
**are now online.**

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.  
*Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.*
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.  
*Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.*

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



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# SMS System

**We use a text message system to provide information to parents, if you are not receiving these messages please contact the front office on [dl.1038.admin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1038.admin@schools.sa.edu.au) or 8255 6380 or pop in.**

## Safety & Reminders

### SPEED LIMIT

We would like to remind families and the community that the speed limit around to school is 25kph when children are present.

### PARKING & STOPPING

For the safety of our families please refrain from stopping or parking on a yellow line, fines can apply for stopping or parking in these areas. There is ample parking across the road at Argana Park Netball Courts.

Please note there is also a taxi zone and a disabled parking zone on the Dockett Road side of the school.

The following signs are displayed around the school, please adhere to these as fine can apply.



### CLOTHING REMINDERS

If your child has borrowed school clothing from the Front Office, please return the item/s washed ready for the next student.

### LOST PROPERTY

We have many items in our lost property basket that are not labelled. To avoid your child from losing items please also ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with the students name so we can return the item/s of clothing to the rightful owner should they get lost.

### HATS

We would like to remind parents that hats are required to be worn at break times. These can be purchased from the front office for \$15.



# TERM 1 CALENDAR 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	29/1	30/1	31/1 COMMUNITY SERVICE NOMINATIONS – Y3 - 6	1/2	2/2  Welcome Letter Sent home
Week 2	5/2  STUDENT VOICE NOMINATIONS	6/2	7/2  <b>MEET THE TEACHER!</b>  3.10pm – Acquaintance Afternoon	8/2	9/2  Timetables/ Targets Due
Week 3	12/2 YEAR 5/6 TEAM CAPTAIN SPEECHES	13/2 PANCAKE DAY 	14/2	15/2 R  Newsletter	16/2 9am – Assembly Rm 13 Random Acts of Kindness Day
Week 4	19/2  YEAR 6 AQUATICS	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2
Week 5	26/2	27/2	28/3	29/3	1/3  9am – Assembly Rm 14
Week 6	4/3	5/3	6/3  International Women's Day	7/3  Newsletter	8/3  <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Week 7	11/3  Public Holiday Adelaide Cup	12/3	13/3 <b>NAPLAN</b>	14/3 <b>NAPLAN</b>	15/3 <b>NAPLAN</b>
Week 8	18/3 <b>NAPLAN</b>	19/3 <b>NAPLAN</b>	20/3 <b>NAPLAN</b>	21/3 <b>NAPLAN</b> 	22/3 <b>NAPLAN</b>  9am – Assembly Rm 10
Week 9	25/3	26/3	27/3  Camp Breakthrough	28/3 Newsletter  Camp Breakthrough	29/3  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
Week 10	1/4  <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4 Everyone is an Author morning 
Week 11	8/4	9/4  Family Conference	10/4  Family Conference	11/4  Family Conference	12/4  80s JUMP-A-THON 