

2025

Term 1
Week 4

NEWSLETTER

TAPARRA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL



Principals Corner

Welcome back for 2025—another exciting year at Taparra Primary School! We are thrilled to see our students returning with enthusiasm, focus and a keen engagement in their learning.

We are especially excited to share some fantastic news—Taparra Primary has been allocated **\$8 million** in funding by the Minister for Education, Skills, and Training—Blair Boyer, to replace our outdated facilities with new, modern and purpose-built spaces. This is a significant milestone for our school, made possible by years of advocacy to ensure our students have access to the best learning environments. We are eager to begin this next phase of development and will keep our community updated on the progress.

We also invite all families to join us for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Tuesday, February 25th, at 1:30 PM**. This will be an opportunity to hear about the achievements of 2024 and our exciting new strategic plan for 2025. After this meeting, we'll be voting for new Governing Council members, with five positions available.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an amazing year ahead!

Caitlin Manser
Principal



DIARY DATES

Week 5

Tuesday 25th Feb

Governing Council - AGM
1:30pm

Week 6

Friday 7th Mar

Student Free Day

Week 7

Monday 10th Mar

Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup

Week 8

Friday 21st Mar

Harmony Day

Week 9

Monday 24th Mar

Zoo Snooze - Room 13

Tuesday 25th Mar

Zoo Snooze - Room 14



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ROOM 9 SHOWCASE



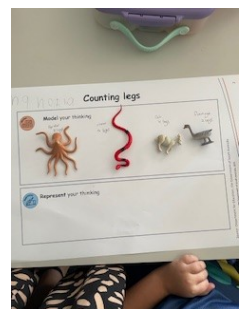
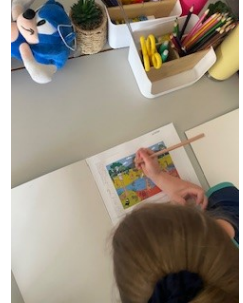
Hello Taparra Families, welcome to Room 9. We would like to say welcome to all the new students and their families. We hope you love Taparra as much as we do.

This semester Room 9 will be learning lots of new concepts.

We are working hard to complete our morning and afternoon jobs independently and recognising that we need to take care and be responsible for our own belongings.

In English we have been building on our Phonological Awareness skills such as rhyming, beginning, and ending sounds, blending, and segmenting compound words and adding/deleting and substituting parts of words to make new words. We are getting so much better at it even after only four weeks. We are also learning letters and sounds these are called graphemes and phonemes. We have already learnt 'm, s, t and a'. Now that we have these phonemes and graphemes, we will start to blend them together to make words and then segment them to write words.

In Maths, we have been focusing on Counting and working hard to use the 5 principles of 1:1 correspondence, cardinality, conservation, number sequencing and subitising. We are learning to prove our thinking through modelling using various objects in the room, representing ideas using pictures of what we have done and using our voice to explain our thoughts.



AQUATICS



On Monday, February 17th, our Year 6 mainstream students enjoyed a trip to Westlakes Aquatics Centre, where they engaged in a variety of activities.

Students were able to participate in sailing, kayaking, snorkelling and even surfing. Students gained a range of new skills and important water safety knowledge.



We were incredibly proud of the feedback from the instructors, who praised our students for being kind and respectful throughout the day. It truly reflected the spirit of TPS!



ACQUAINTANCE AFTERNOON



On Tuesday 18th February we held our annual Acquaintance Afternoon. This event is a great opportunity for families to visit the school, meet the teachers and explore the different learning spaces.

This year, we embraced a safari theme, which was a big hit with the school community. Families participated in activities in their child's class, collected stamps, and wrapped up the day with a sausage sizzle.

A big thank you to all the families who attended and to the staff who helped make the afternoon truly memorable.





WELLBEING NEWS

POCKET HEART

A little heart sent your way, to say
thank you for all you do each day.

For showing kindness and always
being there! Thanks for showing that
you really care!



A friend like you is super cool, thanks
for making me laugh at school!

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY!

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Last week, our school celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Day with open hearts and big smiles! Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to spread joy by giving out *pocket hearts*—small tokens of kindness to their peers. It was heart-warming to see so many students take part, sharing kind words and gestures with one another.

Adding an extra special touch to the day, our wellbeing dog, Ziggy, joined Student Voice on his official *Kindness Patrol*! With his tail wagging and a

bundle of *paw-some* stickers, Ziggy made his way around the school, bringing smiles to everyone he saw.

Random Acts of Kindness Day was a beautiful reminder of the power of small gestures. A simple smile, a kind word, or a thoughtful token can make someone's day a little brighter. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped create such a positive atmosphere in our school!



FINANCE NEWS



Thank you to our Families who have finalised their 2025 School Fees, or have lodged a School Card Application. For those outstanding accounts, payments can be made at the Front Office or over the phone during office hours.

If you would like to pay your fees by direct bank deposit please use the details below:

Account: 597751640

BSB: 105-183

Reference: Student Name

Don't forget if you are eligible for School Card please lodge your school card form for 2025 before the 10th of November. School Card applications need to be completed at the beginning of each school year.

Applications can be completed online at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss your fees, please don't hesitate to contact our Finance Officer

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
- 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 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 \$12.



KIDS TAEKWONDO

ATTENTION PARENTS
Enrolments open now

SPORTS VOUCHER
APPROVED CLUB

Children can start at the age of 5
Classes in Modbury, Golden Grove,
Greenwith, Salisbury and Munno Para

Sport - Fitness - Self Defence & Anti-Bullying

worldtaekwondo.com.au

Ph: 0412 909 500

info@worldtaekwondo.com.au



Our School acknowledges the Kurna People as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains. We acknowledge their connection to the land our school is built on. The land on which we congregate to learn, play and work. We pay our respects to their Cultures and to the Elders past, present and emerging.

Ngdluku piipawardlirlu tampinhi, Kurna miyurna yaitya mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku. Ng adlurlu Tampinhi, tarraitpayi yartangka ngdluku piipawardli tayi. Ngadlu inparrinhi tirkant hi, mukanthi, warpulayinhi Kurna yartangka. Ngadlurlu tampinhi, Kurna miyurna tapa purrunna. Ngadlurlu tampinhi, Kurna Pukiana miyurna puki-puki-unungku, Kurna Purkarna yalaka tarrkarriarra kuma.





SUBWAY

LUNCH

ORDER FRIDAYS

EXISTING FAMILIES

If you created a profile last year:

- Login with your previous details and click on profiles.
- Click actions --> Edit
- This will take you to 'Update Profile'. Search for school by typing in 'Taparra' via the search bar when prompted
- Select your child/ren's class
- Click 'Order Now' and follow steps 5-8 below.

NEW FAMILIES

Scan the QR code or follow the link:

<https://app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer>

If you need to sign up and create a profile:

1. Register under 'student/parent ordering'.
2. Set up child/ren's names under the Profile tab
3. Search for school by typing in 'Taparra' via the search bar when prompted
4. Select your child/ren's class
5. Click 'Order Now' and select the person you are ordering for
6. Select items from the approved menu
7. If ordering for more than one child, when finalising order you will be asked if you would like to place another order for another profile (person)
8. Pay via card



SCAN HERE

Orders close Friday

8:00am

