



# Tarpeena Primary School

## Newsletter Number 3 – Wednesday 13th April 2011

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*Caring to Learn, Learning to Care*

### Important Dates

**15<sup>th</sup> April** - End of Term 1-early dismissal 2.05pm  
**2<sup>nd</sup> May** - Term 2 commences

### Parent Teacher Evening

A big thank-you to Miss Walker who has been running parent teacher evening and to those parents who have made the effort to learn more about their child's educational progress.

### School Meeting and Governing Council (parent committee)

Last week parents and caregivers were invited to attend a meeting with David Chadwick (Regional Director – DECS Limestone Coast) and Caroline Green (Assistant Regional Director – DECS Limestone Coast) to discuss their thoughts on future education options and the viability of the school; with enrolments currently at 9 (inclusive of the CPC), and student numbers progressively falling to 5 in 2015. It is also projected that there will be no girls at the school in 2012.

The main point which evolved from the meeting was that if the school was to function without intervention and support from DECS, then the school would need to form a governing council (parent body).

Since this meeting with David and Caroline I have invited all families to join the governing council. We still have some families who have not responded. We encourage all families to be on council (parent committee).

Our first meeting will be held at 5pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Tarpeena Primary School. An agenda and constitution (meeting expectations and rules) will be sent home with your child shortly. A reminder of this meeting will be sent home in week 1 term 2.

With this letter I have attached the minutes from our school meeting with David and Caroline.

### Fundraising Meeting

The fundraising committee have already met once. Some progress has been made. However, we need to meet again to continue with our organisation. A meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 4pm.

### Student Free Days

Recently the school has had 2 student free days. These days have been extremely valuable. Both Miss Walker and I attended the 'Maths for All' – Fractions and Decimals session. This was an excellent session where we gained new ways of implementing this area of maths into the classroom, along with gaining further information about the National Curriculum.

Our most recent day was to learn about backwards planning and the integration of the curriculum areas. We also learnt about what is a cycle of teaching and learning and how to use this in our programs and practice.

Thank-you to all families for supporting this very important learning.

### Last day of term and Assembly

Please be reminded that school finishes at 2.05pm on the last day of this term Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April. A short assembly will be held at 1.45pm. All families are welcome to attend.

### School Holidays with Rob

The school holidays begin on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. Rob our school counsellor is generously opening the school for one afternoon to run 2 movies for children who attend Tarpeena Primary School. These movies include:

- Major Payne Rated PG
- Mega Mined Rated PG

Rob will also organise pizzas for tea. The session will start at 4pm and finish at 8pm. If children are attending this session the parental permission and agreement form will be needed to be completed and returned to Tarpeena Primary School by this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011. There is no cost to families and will be fully funded by the school.

## Babies Playgroup

**A playgroup to support the development of under 2s run in partnership with Community Health Therapists**

Weekly Speech Therapist support as well as visiting Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist

Where: **Mount Gambier Children's Centre Community Room**

When: **Each Monday of Term 2 from 12.30-2.00pm**

How Much: **Free – Refreshments provided**



### Contact details:

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Department of Education and  
Children's Services

**Community Library  
Books, Videos, DVD's for loan**

**New members always welcome  
Come in and join up**



**Opening hours:  
3:30pm – 5:30pm Tuesdays  
Situated at Tarpeena Primary School**

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I \_\_\_\_\_ parent /  
caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_ give  
permission for my child to attend the  
movie session during the holidays at  
Tarpeena Primary School on the  
\_\_\_\_\_. I will also pick my child up  
on completion of the session at 8pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_