



Tarpeena Primary School

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Important Dates

7th - 11th March - Swimming Lessons Mt Gambier
14th March - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
4th April - Pupil Free Day- T&D for staff "Maths for all Decimals & Fractions"

Reading at Home

Miss Walker has a home reading program running in her classroom. Thank-you to all families for supporting this program. I have attached a reading brochure to support you in supporting your child's reading.

Updated behaviour policy

A drop in enrolments has seen a change to some key policies. Attached is the schools amended behaviour code of conduct. Please read it and make yourself familiar with the schools approaches. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Email

To reduce the schools carbon omissions and administration costs we would like to email the schools newsletter out to families. Attached to the newsletter is a request to have the newsletter emailed to your email address. If you do not have access to an email account, we are able to continue to send home a paper copy.

Grounds Committee

On Tuesday the school attempted to form a grounds committee. We had some interest, however not enough to call us a committee. If you would like to be part of this team which will support the school in maintaining and developing the school grounds, please contact the school.

School Camps

Being able to secure a fulltime teacher has enabled us to explore the option of school camps for 2011. At this particular stage year 6 & 7 students will be going to Canberra. The remainder of the school will be travelling locally and will have the opportunity to experience a camping trip. Further information will be provided shortly for both camps.

Assembly

An assembly will be held this Friday at 2:50pm. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

Acquaintance night

With a very small enrolment this year Miss Lauren Walker (classroom teacher) will be contacting all parents / caregivers, to discuss their child's education for 2011. If required a formal meeting time can then be arranged to meet with Miss Walker.

Dropping off and collecting your children from school

At Tarpeena Primary we encourage children to develop excellent levels of independence. Parents can encourage and support this by dropping their children off at the classroom door, allowing them to settle into their daily routine. If parents require a meeting and / or there is an urgent matter which needs to be discussed with the classroom teacher, parents are asked to arrange this through the front office staff. Thank you for support and cooperation.

Swimming 2011

Swimming is taking place in week 6 of this term. Invoices will be sent home shortly. All money is to be returned with consent forms.

Parent involvement

If you would like to support the school in anyway, please see the Principal. Areas for support include:

- Organising fundraising opportunities
- Supporting children read
- Joining the grounds committee
- Working with the counsellor to get special projects off the ground.
- Or you may have a special skill or talent which would be of benefit to our students.

Out of hours school use

It has come to our attention that the school is being used out of school hours. There has been some minor damage done to the school. If you see anyone using the school grounds, please report it to the school or directly to the police if they are vandalising the school.

Have a Go Week is BACK!
From the 19th to the 27th of February there is over 30 FREE come and try activities around the Limestone Coast. This is a

chance for local Limestone Coast residents to improve health and fitness, try a new sport or recreation or simply have fun with friends and family at no cost.

All activities have giveaways on offer!

There is a great mix of the more traditional sports as well as new emerging recreational activities. There is also fun "be active" days being held in Millicent and Padthaway including the Have a Go Gala Day in conjunction with Active After Schools Program in Keith on the 25th of February.

Visit www.sportse.com.au for a copy of the program or contact Angela Solly, local be active Field Officer on 0400 262 738



As part of the South East Local Government Association (SELGA) Sport and Recreation "be active" Have a Go Week 2011, the South East Women's Football Association (SEWFA) will be hosting a "Come and Try" session at Blue Lake Sports Park on Saturday 26 February from 4pm until 6pm.

Girls and women of all ages are invited to come along to see how they can be a part of the world game.

Coaches, current and past senior and junior players, as well as league officials, will be on hand to answer any queries whilst demonstrating the skills and techniques of the game.

If you have ever thought about giving the game a go, or if you have previously played and are wondering how to get back into the sport, this is the ideal opportunity. SEWFA is a great way to keep fit, have fun and make some new friends along the way.

For further details please call SEWFA President Nigel Inglis on 0403 327 633 or Junior Development Squad coach Althea Inglis on 0431 242 046 (after hours).

**Tarpeena 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**



Government of South Australia
Department of Education and
Children's Services



School Dental Service

The South Australian Dental Service provides a range of dental services for children at clinics throughout Adelaide and all major country regional centres.

Dental care is provided by dental teams comprising of Dentists, Dental Therapists and Dental Assistants.

All preschool, primary and secondary students aged under 18 years, are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. Fees and conditions apply.

From 1 Jan 2011 there will be some changes to School Dental Service fees.

- All School Dental Service care is **free for preschool children** (general and emergency).
- Children who are dependents of/holders of Centrelink Concession Cards, Veterans Affairs Pension Concession Cards or School Cards are eligible to receive free dental care (general and emergency).
- For primary and secondary school children who are not dependants of/holders of the above concessions, a fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.
- Students with a Commonwealth Government Teen Dental Voucher are welcome to use it at the School Dental Service. If presented at a School Dental clinic it will entitle them to a full course of dental treatment including preventive care and any treatment if required.
- Dental emergencies treated at a School Dental Clinic between check ups will be covered by the fee paid at your child's most recent check up.

For information about appointments and fees, contact your local School Dental Clinic on: 8721 1633, Monday – Friday, 8.30am, 4.15pm.

Parents of children with special physical or intellectual needs should contact their local School Dental Clinic to discuss their child's needs.

In case of a dental emergency contact your local clinic to arrange an appointment.
For after hours emergency advice phone 8232 2651 (Children only).

MT GAMBIER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday morning T-Ball

Saturday morning T-Ball has recommenced and an invitation is extended to any children aged between 5-9 years who wish to join in. It is run by the Softball League and is completely separate to school T/Ball which is played on Fridays after school.

Children wanting to play should arrive at the softball grounds at Blue Lake Sports Park at 9.45am for a 10am start.

Cost is \$5 registration fee, plus \$1 playing fees per week. All equipment is supplied, and children should wear sneakers, a hat and other appropriate clothing.

Further enquiries contact Jill Gilmore 0409152529.

