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## The Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend congratulations to all students and parents for the way students, from all year levels, have presented themselves for the start of the new year. In last fortnight's newsletter, I reminded all families of the expectations concerning behaviour, uniform, make-up and jewellery.

These expectations have also been discussed throughout the year in 2020, presented at all new family enrolment interviews and published in our school prospectus.

The stance taken on each and every item within these expectations has been a negotiated position between student, parent and staff groups and while some people may not agree with one or some of these 'expectations', the adherence to all of them is an essential part in ensuring that we have a smooth start to the year. Being part of the Talara community is a 'package' deal, and the overall experience far outweighs minor discomfort in cutting hair, removing jewellery or making sure you have the correct shoes. Our Deputy Principals have been in discussion with a minority of students and your support with this is important and very much appreciated.

We are certainly looking forward to the year ahead with your sons and daughters; please don't hesitate to contact class teachers with any queries regarding the start of the year. We are incredibly lucky to have a team of such dedicated teaching professionals who have your child's best interests at heart. It is a compliment to all of our staff, students and families that the school year has started so well. I am also impressed by the commitment all of our students have demonstrated with

their excellent behaviour and the focused learning I have seen in all classrooms. The challenge is to maintain this high standard every day, by every student, in every classroom.

A secret to success will be understanding and implementing the lessons taught to us by one of our You Can Do It Characters, Oscar Organisation. Ensuring our students are well organised and prepared for school each day gives them a terrific head start to having a successful and enjoyable day. Establishing routines at home by having a regular bed time, a full uniform ready, a nutritious lunch for the day and being on time, all prepare your child to be super organised, confident and ready to learn.

As the term gets busier, and students recommence outside of school activities, it becomes increasingly difficult to stay organised and prepared. Part of our school expectation is that all students from Prep to Year 6 complete homework activities set by the class teacher. Please support your child by having an area organised and time set aside each week for them to complete the required tasks. Some homework will be required to be done overnight, however most tasks will be set for the week. Helping your child to organise their week around family commitments, sport, dance and homework is helping them establish critical life skills in organising our most precious commodity - time.

## Parent Partnership

At Talara, we are very committed to working with parents in a partnership that promotes the very best learning for your child. It was tremendous to see so many parents take the time to attend our Parent Partnership meeting last Wednesday night to hear all about the coming year from the class teachers. For many, this was also the first time to meet your child's teacher and start to develop a relationship for the year ahead. Remember that clear communication between home and your child's teacher is a terrific asset.

## New Families Get together

Next Thursday 25 February all new families to our school, as well as those who have a young Prep student, are invited to join us for a welcome afternoon of fun hosted by our Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association. Hopefully you have all received your invite and are able to make it. I will be looking forward to hearing how your family is liking being part of Talara Primary College, so please be sure to come up and let me know.

## Parents and Citizens Committee

At Talara Primary College, we have a very committed group of parents who meet the second Tuesday of each month to discuss how they can best support our school and every student who attends. These meetings work toward opportunities to develop and enhance what we do. The first meeting for 2021 was held last Tuesday 9 February.

At the P&C meeting, our school Annual Improvement Plan was shared and the committee identified the key projects and programs that they will allocate fundraising to for 2021. The implementation of Air Conditioning across our entire College is occurring in conjunction with the State Government program, as such the timelines for this are dictated by Education Queensland. At this stage, a full electrical audit and a project brief with recommended air conditioning solutions has been completed. We are eagerly awaiting advice of when our project will go to public tender.

Our amazing P. & C also has a long term project working towards a major upgrade of our tuckshop facility with a percentage of funds raised each year being put away towards this.

On top of these long term projects, this year the P&C have pledged \$27 000 to the school budget to enhance the resources for the students. Some of the areas this funding will directly support include

- Curriculum, Library Resources and prizes such as Radical Readers Awards - \$ 5 000
- Facility Enhancements \$ 2000
- HPE additional sporting equipment \$ 2 000
- Technology – new Interactive TVs, IPad's and Reading Eggs subscriptions \$ 8 000
- Special Education assistive technologies \$1 300
- Family Support programs including Parent TV subscription \$ 4 000
- New murals for the school \$ 2 000

If you have any questions regarding our strategic direction, please feel welcome to come along to our next P&C meeting. Our next meeting will be the second Tuesday of the month, 9 March at 6.30 pm in the Information Access Centre (IAC) building. This will also be our Annual General Meeting including elections of all positions.

## Reading Eggs and Eggspress are here again in 2021

By now, every student should have accessed their own personal Reading Eggs/Eggspress program. I hope, as a

parent, you have taken the opportunity to explore the program with your child, and have looked at the reading level and the activities they are completing.

The full school subscription, for use at home and school, has been a significant financial commitment of the school and P&C. Every family is encouraged to take advantage of this fantastic and motivational online reading program. We know that when home and school work together, we get the best results for each student and through giving every family access to this program, it emphasises the importance of making time to practise reading in your home. When working together you will find the Reading Eggs/Eggspress program lots of fun and you will support your child to make their reading the best it can be!

## Student Leadership Elections

Many students from Years 4 to 6 have been involved in nominating for student leadership positions across our school. We now have newly elected Student Council Representatives from each Year 4 to 6 class, Arts Captains, Environmental Captains and Italian Captains, as well as our Sporting Captains and Vice Captains, joining our four School Captains. Congratulations to all of the new office bearers. We look forward to the fantastic leadership they will bring.

School Captain	Jonah	6W
School Captain	Emily	6M
School Vice-Captain	Charlie	6B
School Vice-Captain	Denby	6Y
Arts Captain	Lola	6B
Arts Captain	Mitchell	6B
Arts Vice- Captain	Addison	6Y
Arts Vice- Captain	Amelie	6G
Environmental Captain	Caitlyn	6A
Environmental Captain	Benji	5A
Italian Captain	Jasmine	6G
Italian Captain	Xavier	5Y
Bribie House Captain	Obi	6M
Bribie House Captain	Charlise	6G
Bribie House Vice-Captain	Reef	5Y
Bribie House Vice-Captain	Penny	5AM
Fraser House Captain	Ely	6Y
Fraser House Captain	Sienna	6M
Fraser House Vice- Captain	Curtis	6Y
Fraser House Vice- Captain	Dekota	5W
Moreton House Captain	Tyler	6B
Moreton House Captain	Tayah	6Y
Moreton House Vice-Captain	Reeve	5A

Moreton House Vice-Captain	Myah	5B
Stradbroke House Captain	Lachlan	6W
Stradbroke House Captain	Kayleigh	6A
Stradbroke House Vice-Captain	Jayda	5B
Stradbroke House Vice-Captain	Tadhg	5W
Student Councillor	Mason	4A
Student Councillor	Troy	4B
Student Councillor	Shelby	4G
Student Councillor	Blake	4M
Student Councillor	Luella	4W
Student Councillor	Luca	4Y
Student Councillor	Luca	5A
Student Councillor	Natahlia	5AM
Student Councillor	Ed	5B
Student Councillor	Ava	5G
Student Councillor	Rhylee	5M
Student Councillor	Isla	5W
Student Councillor	Ellise	5Y
Student Councillor	Oliver	6A
Student Councillor	Zhali	6B
Student Councillor	Dean	6G
Student Councillor	Max	6M
Student Councillor	Jack	6W
Student Councillor	Josef	6Y

Student Investiture will take place with our whole school on Monday 22 February at 9.00am. Each year, we look forward to the Year 12 School Captains of our State feeder High Schools addressing our students on leadership. Please come along and join us to recognise and celebrate with these students.

A big thank you to Ms Walton for leading and coordinating our very rigorous selection process for all of the leaders.

No Tribe Parades Week 5 (23 – 25 February)

With our whole school parade happening on Monday for the Investiture ceremony there will be no normal Tribe parades this week.

## Solar Success

Under the Advancing Clean Energy Scheme, we are very excited to be receiving a new 99kW solar PV system, which is made up of 270 solar panels! This new system is going to be installed immediately so it is in place and fully functional prior to our air conditioning roll out.



The system will be placed on the roof of the Performance Centre. Please be aware that all of the grassed area at the front of the hall is required by the construction team. Specific site fencing has been erected. The project will take approximately 3 weeks with an estimated completion date of 24 February.

The new system will significantly offset any increase in power use in line with our commitment to minimising our environmental footprint, even with whole school air conditioning. Once the system is up and running we get a full educational software package that classes can use to see our power usage and how effective this solar system is.

## Wednesday Afternoons

Every Wednesday afternoon, all teaching staff are required to attend a staff meeting. This meeting starts at 3pm and involves over 70 staff. For our meetings to be able to start on time, we require all teachers to leave their rooms promptly on a Wednesday to be in the venue and ready for the meeting to start.

I ask all parents to please be aware of this and appreciate that on a Wednesday after school, the teacher is not available for any interviews or extended discussions. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will take place in Week 7 this term, Monday 8 to Friday 12 March. All interviews will be booked online through an email invitation. Please make sure your email address is up to date so you don't miss this opportunity.

## Travel Safe

Keeping our students safe is always of the highest priority and we have a range of procedures in place including our Student Code of Conduct with a No Bully Stance, requirements for all students to be signed out of the office if departing early, cyber safety awareness, excellently maintained facilities, an active workplace health and safety committee, the You can Do it Program... the list goes on.

When our students are arriving at school or leaving, we need your support to ensure that they stay safe. Schools are notorious for being incredibly busy with traffic and lack of parking at these critical times. This is where we need your active support in continuing to keep our kids safe. Allowing an extra 10 mins at pick up, always obeying the 40 kph school zone, parking safely, crossing at the designated crossings and utilising the drop off / pick up zone as intended, are all positive actions every parent needs to follow.

**Stephen Adams**  
**Principal**

## The Power Of Inquiry

*"To suggest that learning is not about inquiry is, in many ways, nonsense. The act of inquiry is critical to our learning and growth. From the moment we are born, we make sense of our world through exploring, testing and evaluating. We learn through experience and our desire to make meaning from that experience. We question others and we question ourselves."*



(Murdoch, K. 2015, *The Power of Inquiry*).

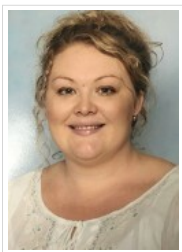
This year, our teachers will be continuing their journey regarding The Power Of Inquiry. Teachers have already been working on developing inquiry opportunities for their students and providing lessons that allow students to explore the Big Question for their unit of work. If you were able to attend our Parent Partnership evening last week, you would have seen some of these Big Questions displayed in Curiosity Cubes. These Curiosity Cubes are created to inspire students to question their thinking and to inquire about a specific unit of work. As a school we are looking forward to our inquiry learning journey this year and where our students questioning will take us.



**Meghan Clarke**  
Head of Curriculum



**Julie Henderson**  
Head of Curriculum



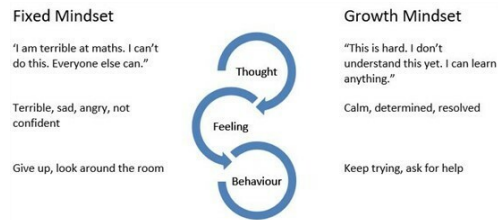
**Alana Holmes**  
Inquiry Mentor

## Program Achieve: Thoughts are Powerful

At its core, Program Achieve teaches students that they have choice in the way they think. This concept has been reinforced right across the school in the first few weeks of the term, with lessons outlining the core social and emotional skill of confidence, and the underlying thoughts and beliefs that lead to confident behaviour.

One of the core underlying beliefs that leads to confident behaviour, is having a Growth Mindset, as opposed to a Fixed Mindset.

Take the following example: A student in grade 3 finds a new maths concept difficult. They look around the class, notice that other students don't seem to be having as much trouble as they are. What this student thinks next is the key.



This example highlights the power of our thoughts, and their direct influence over our feelings and behaviour. Slowly but surely bringing awareness to your child's negative thoughts, and then supporting and modelling thoughts that promote

self-belief and growth mindset, can have lasting positive impact on their wellbeing.

Next time your child tells you about a problem, you might gently remind them, "you know you have a choice in the way you think about that?" Or, if they say something negative and absolute, you can reword the statement to say, "you can't do that **yet**."

Gently challenging your child's thoughts in a day-to-day setting will support them in learning that thoughts are powerful, but that we can choose the way we think.



**Katie Churchill**  
Guidance Officer

## Supporting Talking Parent Workshop

Talara Primary College

**Supporting Talking**  
*A Building Block for Literacy*

Parent Workshop

Parents of students in the Early Years are invited to attend these workshops presented by the school's Speech-Language Pathologist, Emma Linthwaite. Research into students literacy success has been linked to the strength of their speaking and listening skills. These essential building blocks will support students to develop the skills needed throughout their educational experience.

**Workshop 1: Supporting your Child's Speech Development**  
This workshop will cover:

- Children's speech development
- How speech sounds are made
- Strategies to support your child's speech production

**Workshop 2: Supporting Oral Language Development (Speaking and Listening Skills)**  
This workshop will cover the following topics:

- Children's language development (what skills are expected to develop from 4 to 6 years)
- Language in the classroom - different levels of questions & how you can reinforce these at home
- Developing language through books
- Building vocabulary
- Strategies to improve your child's oral language
- What you can do if you have concerns about your child's speech and language

<b>Workshop 1</b> Wednesday 17th March 2021 9 - 10:00am	<b>Workshop 2</b> Tuesday 23rd March 2021 9-11:30am
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**Place:** Talara Primary College, Media Room, IAC  
**Please bring:** A children's picture book from home (for Workshop 2) \*optional

**Supporting Talking Registration Form**

Parent Workshop

Please return this slip to the office by Monday 15th March  
Alternatively email: [elint4@eq.edu.au](mailto:elint4@eq.edu.au) to RSVP for this event

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
I will be attending: (please tick)

☐ Workshop 1: Supporting Oral Language (Speaking & Listening)  
☐ Workshop 2: Supporting Speech Development

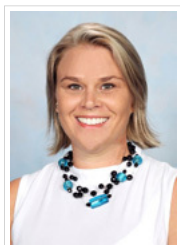
## Uniform Reminder on Jewellery

A friendly reminder to all our families, as we commence another successful year at TPC, that we have a very clear uniform policy around jewellery at school. This exists for not only the safety of our students but to ensure that we maintain our high standards here at Talara Primary College.

So all parents are aware and clear on our school expectations around jewellery, students may wear a standard watch (not a SMART watch), and small plain sleepers or stud earrings that are silver, gold or neutral in colour. A student may also wear a medical alert.

Other jewellery may be **“unsafe for the student or others”**, as they could become caught in play equipment or could come into contact with another student causing injury. Necklaces, bracelets and bike / house keys on neck-chains are not appropriate.

A student wearing other jewellery will be asked to remove the item and if necessary take it to the office for safe-keeping for the remainder of the day. A letter explaining this matter will be forwarded to the parents / carers. Letters from parents concerning items of significance will be kept on file.

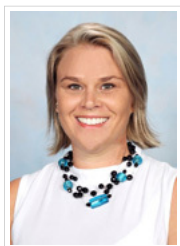


**Kristy Walton**  
**Deputy Principal**

## High School Visits

Meridan State College, Kawana Waters College and Caloundra State High School will be visiting our Year 6 students on **Monday February 22 at 1.30pm in the Performance Centre** to give the students their first insight into high school life, programs on offer, and upcoming scholarships.

Parents are encouraged to attend and hear the messages given to the students.



**Kristy Walton**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Year 6 Camp

Three weeks until our Year 6 students leave for camp! Year 6 students will head to MOEC (Maroon Outdoor Education Centre) in Week 8 of first term, between Monday 15 March and Friday 19 March.

The Camp is situated near Boonah and is approximately 3 hours away. Camp forms have been sent home with Year 6 students earlier in the term. If camp forms have been misplaced there are spare copies available in the office.

Permission forms are due to the school by Friday 19 February.

**The cost of the trip is \$215.** All payments are to be **finalised by Monday 1 March.** Invoices have been generated for this amount, and emailed to Year 6 families. If you have any

concerns in meeting this time line, please contact Ms Walton to make arrangements.

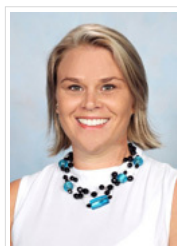
Every student is strongly encouraged to attend camp, as it is an integral part of our first unit with assessment components. Students will be involved in school based learning experiences focussing on the multitude of skills camp is planned to offer. These experiences will take place prior to and after camp and will focus on the following skills:

- Leadership
- Resilience
- Active participation
- Team work

## Timeline of Events

- **Monday 1 March payments finalised**
- **Monday 15 March – Students arrive at school between 7am and 7.15am**
  - The students are very keen and may want you to arrive prior to this time however to assist with our planning and supervision we ask all to assist us by not arriving prior to 7am. Bags will be loaded on the bus at 7.15am followed by an on time departure at 7.30am.
  - As you arrive at school on Monday, we will have signs inside the front gate to your left where we will assemble with our bags, mark the roll and outline expectations.
- **Monday 15 March Depart Talara at 7.30am sharp to arrive at MOEC approx. 11.00am**
- **Friday 19 March Depart MOEC at approx. 11.00 am to arrive at Talara approx. 2.30pm**

Should for any reason you intend for your child not to attend camp please put your intentions in writing and forward to your class teacher ASAP. Please don't hesitate to ask should you have any questions.



**Kristy Walton**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Italian News

*Ciao! Come stai?* (Hi, how are you?)

Italian is in full swing and the students lucky enough to have their lessons in the new Italian room are enjoying having a special Italian space – and so are we! Since on Wednesday and Thursday Signora Silvia and Signora Myers are both at school, we shall be sharing the Italian room by terms. This term, the older students are there with Signora Myers, and in Term 2 the younger students will get a chance to use it.

*Complimenti* to Jasmine and Xavier, our Italian captain and vice-captain for 2021. Also *grazie and complimenti* to the other students who put their hands up to try out for Italian captaincy. It was a close vote, and we hope those students who sadly missed out will continue to be involved with Italian Club and other extracurricular Italian activities. The captains have met with the teachers and we have many interesting activities planned for 2021. Italian club will start on Thursday next week in the Year 2 block, both breaks. This term will continue with Italian dancing. There will also be an opportunity for keen older students to write to Italian penfriends.

It was good to meet some of you at the Parent Partnership evening, and to hear how your students enjoy Italian and are teaching the rest of the family at home! Please contact us any time through the school if you have questions – or suggestions!

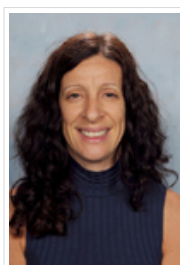
View the Term 1 overviews for all year levels are below.

*Alla prossima (until next time),*

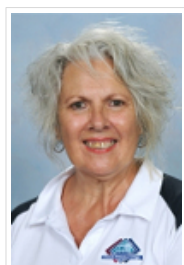
### **The Italian Team**



*Alison Myers*  
*Italian Teacher*



*Silvia De Paulis*  
*Italian Teacher*



*Sonia Baldissera*  
*Italian Teacher*

## **New Families Picnic**

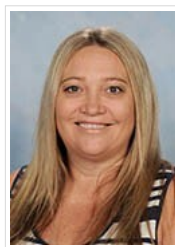
**When:** Thursday 25 February 2021 3-4pm

**Where:** Talara Primary College – grass area outside Performance Centre

Each year, the P&C Association together with the Principal and staff of Talara Primary College, invite new families to a casual 'get to know you' afternoon.

All of our Prep families and families of new students in Years 1-6, should have received an invitation to join us in a relaxed afternoon where you will have the chance to meet other new families and members of our school community. For more information, please view the below flyer.

Please be sure to RSVP by returning the RSVP slip on your invitation to the office before Tuesday 23 February.



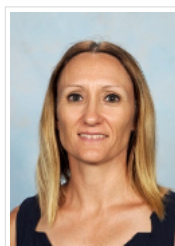
**Amanda Brewer**  
**Deputy Principal**

## **Tapping Team Sign-On**

It is that time of year when we commence our Extra-Curricular Arts Groups. All students currently in Years 4, 5 or 6 are invited to sign up for the 2021 Tapping Team. Forms can be collected from Mrs Fritz during Week 4, with lessons commencing Week 5.

Lessons will be held every week, on Tuesday at first break and Friday at second break in the Performance Hall.

Looking forward to another amazing year of Tap Dancing.

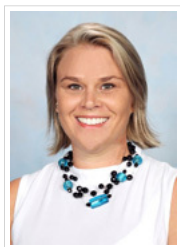


**Mrs Deborah Fritz**  
**Qualified and Registered CSTD Tap Dancing Teacher**

## **Year 7 2021 Scholarships**

The Principals of the Coalition of State Secondary Schools, invite Year 6 students to apply for year 7 Scholarships for 2022. Application forms can be downloaded from each State Secondary School's website. Each Secondary School has its own scholarship selection criteria and process. Parents are advised to contact our Coalition State Secondary Schools for further information.

- Scholarship Application Period opens on Friday 19 February.
- Scholarship Application period closes on Friday 12 March.
- Successful & unsuccessful applicants will be notified via email from Monday 29 March



**Kristy Walton**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Secondary School Catchment Information

The Caloundra Coalition of Secondary Schools, wish you and your student a successful, productive and memorable final year of state primary education.

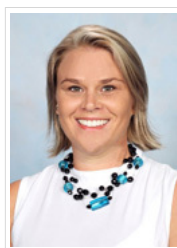
During this year, coalition primary schools will work together with the four local state secondary sites – Baringa State Secondary College, Caloundra State High School, Kawana Waters State College and Meridan State College, to provide a comprehensive and supportive program to assist both you and your student to make the transition to junior secondary schooling. At this early time of the year, we would like to provide you with important information regarding coalition enrolment processes for students transitioning to high school:

- Similar to primary school, all four coalition secondary sites have an Enrolment Management Plan (EMP) and corresponding catchment boundary.
- Parents can determine in which catchment they live by using the EdMap website (<http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>). This is the method used by all coalition secondary schools to determine if a student is living 'in-catchment'.
- Students are guaranteed enrolment at the school that is indicated by this web site as their 'in-catchment' school. This is determined by the student's residential address. Proof of residency is required when lodging an enrolment application with a coalition secondary school and catchment status will be verified upon enrolment.
- The 'in-catchment' secondary school is the site that the student is assumed to be attending for Year 6 Transition Days in June and December.
- If a student has an older sibling already attending at an 'out-of-catchment' secondary school, the Enrolment Management Plan allows for the student to enrol at that school as long as certain conditions are met.
- Students may enrol in an 'out-of-catchment' school if they are successful in gaining a place in a scholarship program or Program of Excellence at that school.
- Parents may lodge a written Expression of Interest to enrol in an 'out-of-catchment' school for consideration by the Principal. 'Out-of-catchment' enrolments are granted at the sole discretion of the Principal and are subject to available enrolment

capacity at the school after all 'in-catchment' enrolments have been accommodated.

- Details of each secondary school's Enrolment Management Plan can be found on the school's website.
- Each school has an Enrolment Officer who can be contacted to provide further information and advice.

State schools are great schools! Our secondary schools have planned a wide variety of whole day, before school and after school events that showcase the new and exciting opportunities available to Year 7 students. We urge you to take advantage and participate as much as possible in the Year 6 Transition Program this year. A summary of key dates is included on the back of this letter for your reference. Further details for each event will be provided closer to the day by your primary school.



**Kristy Walton**  
**Deputy Principal**

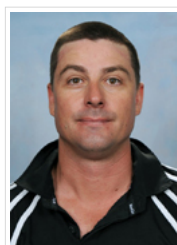
## Updated Coastal District 10-12 Years District-Regional-State Trial Schedule

The Sunshine Coast School Sport Office, together with Coastal District School Sport, continues to offer a representative pathway for students aged 10-12 to attend district, regional, state and national school sport trials/championships.

Please note the District Regional & State Trial Schedule has been updated.

Please use the link below to download a copy of the updated schedule.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email [rchis2@eq.edu.au](mailto:rchis2@eq.edu.au)



**Ryan Chisholm**  
**PE Teacher**

## TEAK News

TEAK sign up is this Friday at first break in the 3BW classroom, for interested students in years 3-6. We are looking forward



to working with our new Environmental Captains for 2021 to organise our Waste Warriors, Compost Crew and a new gardening group - yet to be named! We have been busy behind the scenes with our wonderful parent volunteer to prepare our raised garden beds and hope to be growing some fresh produce for the Tucker Shack to use in the very near future.

Starting next week, the TEAK helpers will be commencing the collection of the compost bins and cash for cans bins in the eating courts. Please talk to your children about which bins their waste should be placed in. No food scraps in the recycling bin (yellow lid) etc.

We encourage you to help reduce our carbon footprint throughout the year by reducing the amount of single use plastics used in lunches. This can be achieved simply by purchasing lunch boxes with small compartments so that food does not need to be covered and by using alternative food wraps such as foil, baking paper or bees wax wraps.

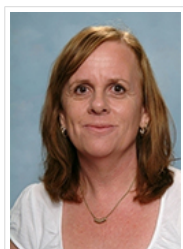
You can also help by returning plastic bread tags to our collection jar in the administration building. These are sold to a plastic recycler in South Australia who turns them into beautiful bowls and plates. The money raised is used to purchase wheelchairs for children in need in South Africa. See the facebook page "Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs" for more information.

We also collect clean plastic bottle lids which are for Ocean Crusaders and/or Lids4Kids. The lids can be no bigger than a milk bottle lid and must be clean.



*Lynelle Hertslet*

*Teacher/TEAK Co-ordinator*



*Sheridan Mattson*

*Teacher/TEAK Co-ordinator*

## 6W Seniors Greeting

I am very grateful to all our wonderful parents/grandparents and carers who were able to give up valuable time to come and meet me at our Parent Teacher night, or who have made time to drop in to say hello. I hope you found our meetings informative, and found the various resources given out a valuable resource that you and your family can refer to throughout the year.



## Congratulations

Week 3 was a challenging week for some 6W students as they stepped up and confidently presented various leadership speeches striving for success in gaining a 2021 leadership position. In all my years at Talara, I have never been so impressed by the quality of students' speeches and the confidence displayed in their delivery. To all the 6W students who undertook this challenge you have done yourselves and your family members and classmates proud. Remember this is just the start of your leadership journey and you do not need a badge to be a leader and show leadership. Hold your heads up high because you all put in an amazing effort.

## Inquiry Learning - (Science / Mathematics)

Wow! What an engaging start to the 2021 school year Term One is turning out to be. I am blown away and thrilled with the level of students' eagerness, interest and creativity displayed while investigating our Science & Mathematical Inquiry Question. Our Chocolate Factory mission of developing recipe two hundred and one has created a positive ripple effect throughout the classroom and the rest of Talara. 6W students are eagerly working in cooperative teams designing data collection questions, visual resources and templates to record mathematical data about different cohorts of student's favourite chocolates and lollies. Look out for data collectors this week as we are out and about conducting our surveys and tabulating student responses.

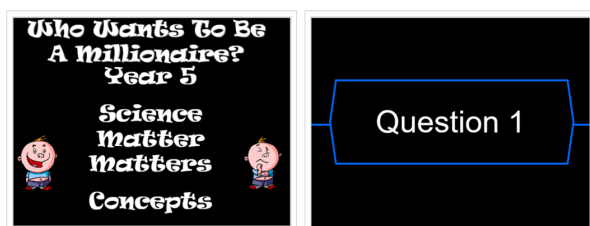


## Science

Students have enjoyed participating in small group interactive experiments over the past week. They have been applying heat as well as freezing solid and liquid materials i.e. ice, chocolate, butter, water to test what changes result, and also to hypothesise which materials can undergo a reversible or irreversible effect. Keep up the top scientific inquiry skills 6W, you are doing a top job.



Why not test yourself on our Matter-Who wants to be a Millionaire Quiz Question 1



## Camp

**A friendly reminder that Year 6 Camp is in Week 8.** Please keep sending back permission and medical forms as soon as possible. Camp payments can now be paid. If you have any concerns or issues, please do not hesitate to speak to our Year 6 Deputy Ms Kristy Walton or myself, sooner, rather than later. We are all getting excited as week 8 draws closer. Our doors are always open.

Thank you for all of your continual support as together we continue to build strong partnerships, which inspires our future generation to believe in themselves and ***dream like there are no impossibilities.***

**6 W Senior Students & Debbie Lawrence**



Yr 6W Highly Accomplished Talara Teacher

## Tribal Parade Animals Mural

In celebration of last year's 2020 NAIDOC (**National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee**) theme of **"Always Was Always Will Be"**, the TALARA NAIDOC 2020 TEAM hosted a number of special NAIDOC Week events. One of those events was an Art Competition, which required students to colour their Parade Tribal animal. Winners were able to assist with the creation of a canvas version of their Parade Tribal animal.

At this week's parades, the three murals were unveiled. Thank you to all of the students and teachers who assisted in the beautiful creation of these proud Art Murals.



**Members of 2020 NAIDOC TEAM**

## Get involved in the School Banking program

Talara is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking will be eligible to order an exciting reward every time they reach 10 deposits.



The rewards this year will be a mixture of rewards from past years, including some items from 2020. This will ensure that none of our School Bankers miss out on items they wanted last year including the tomato seed kit, water skimming ball, and much more! You can download a rewards wallet insert using the below link:

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student, as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

## Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online  
Visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
2. In branch  
Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School banking day is **Wednesday** each week. Your child will put their Dollarmites deposit wallet into the classroom's Grey Banking Bag which is then delivered to the office for processing.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please use the below link to see the 2021 School Banking Parent Guide.



**Jodie Brady**  
**Administration Officer**

## Born Wired: Cyberbullying – supporting your child online

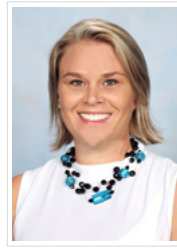
Childhood bullying used to be face-to-face physical and verbal behaviour in the playground, classroom and on the way to and from school. Now online technology and constant connectivity has allowed bullying to harm children through often anonymous contact or actions. Cyberbullying can happen at any time and leave a child feeling unsafe and alone.

Cyberbullying commonly occurs through:

- Comments posted in an open online environment such as Facebook.
- Direct text, email or instant messages online or on a mobile phone.
- Private features on social networking services such as Snapchat and Facebook Messenger.

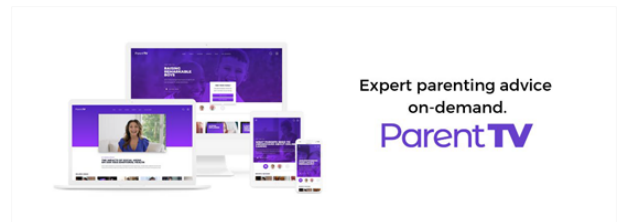
Children can manage cyberbullying with your support, by taking the following action:

- **Blocking the person** cyberbullying and changing privacy settings. Retaliating or responding to the perpetrator only gives them the attention and power they want.
- **Reporting the bullying.** Most websites have online safety centres and reporting facilities. Online abuse is in violation of the Terms of Use of most social networking sites. The Office of the eSafety Commission can take complaints and provide assistance in relation to serious cyberbullying material that is directed at a particular child with the intention to seriously embarrass, harass, threaten or humiliate.
- **Collecting the evidence.** Keeping mobile phone messages and printing emails or IM conversations.
- **Talking to someone they trust** like parents or a teacher.
- **Visiting iParent** for a list of sources of professional support including the Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800, eheadspace on 1800 650 890 or parentline on 1300 301 300.



**Kristy Walton**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Parent TV- free subscription for TPC parents



**Our School has signed up to this amazing resource so it is FREE for you to use.**

At Talara Primary College we value your children and the great job that you do with them as their parents. We all want the best outcomes for our children and we need to work together to realise these outcomes so our children feel safe, happy and ready to learn every day.

In 2019, our school signed up to an online platform called ParentTV. It has been such a wonderful resource for our school community that we have continued to renew our annual subscription. ParentTV is a website that has hundreds of videos from some of Australia's, and the world's, leading parenting educators. The videos are on topics including sleep, healthy discipline techniques, our children and technology, bullying and anxiety, just to name a few. Most videos are between 2 and 5 minutes long, so they are easy to watch and can be viewed on any computer, tablet or mobile device. As a parent/carer, you can setup your free account to access an abundance of resources – you can even search for content according to your child's age or a relevant topic you need support with.

Here's how ParentTV helped Jason and Rachel:

"Recently on holidays our son was being really hard work and we couldn't understand what was going on, we were literally pulling our hair out, we had tried everything that we knew of. Then my husband remembered that we had a ParentTV subscription through our school. We logged in and watched three videos. They gave us some easy to use strategies which we put into place and then we noticed a significant change in his behaviour. We also felt a lot more calm".

The best thing about ParentTV through our school is that it is FREE for you as a parent of Talara Primary College.

To access ParentTV:

- Go to: [www.parenttv.com/membership](http://www.parenttv.com/membership)
- Create your account with your username and password

- Enter our school code: **talara**

So what are you waiting for? Log in today and have a look at a few videos and empower yourself with new parenting tools from the experts.

## Parent TV



### Besties, frenemies and everything in between: Helping your kids navigate friendships

Friendships are a really important part of our children's lives but they aren't always easy or as straightforward as we would like them to be. Please use the below link to an informative article on how to help children make and keep friends and what to do when friendships fail.

[https://parenttv.com/blog/besties-frenemies-and-everything-in-between-helping-your-kids-navigate-friendships/?utm\\_source=ActiveCampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Weekly+ParentTV+Social+Media+Content+To+Share&utm\\_campaign=School+EDM+-+15+February+2021](https://parenttv.com/blog/besties-frenemies-and-everything-in-between-helping-your-kids-navigate-friendships/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Weekly+ParentTV+Social+Media+Content+To+Share&utm_campaign=School+EDM+-+15+February+2021)

Below are some links to a few short video clips with some great tips around friendships.



<https://parenttv.com/videos/helping-children-make-friends/>



<https://parenttv.com/videos/how-to-help-children-to-make-friends/>



[https://parenttv.com/children\\_videos/fights-with-friends-when-getting-mad-is-not-so-bad/](https://parenttv.com/children_videos/fights-with-friends-when-getting-mad-is-not-so-bad/)

## Student of the Week



## Chaplain's Corner

### Fortnightly Breakfasts!



Our fortnightly breakfasts are back at Talara! We'll be setting up in Centre Court and serve free toast and



cereals to students from 8.10am (parents and younger siblings are also welcome to try). Our first breakfast will be on **Thursday, 4 March (Week 6)**. Send your children to come and be part of an event where we build school connectedness and community spirit, while feeding hungry tummies at the same time.

### What is the Chaplaincy service at Talara?

I believe it's best described by this parent's quote: *"Life can be tough! Financial pressure, relationship issues, personality difficulties.....and it's even harder when it affects our children! Chappy Col is a wonderful mentor and friend to children from all walks of life who are facing some of these challenges and more. He teaches all of our children the skills to gain strength and resilience to overcome these struggles."*

Does your child struggle with emotions and need somebody else to talk to? Feel free to contact one of the Deputy Principals to organise Chappy Col for support. With parental permission, Chappy Col provides emotional and social support to a number of students.

A bit more information: *Children in your local school community face a myriad of challenges in their day to day life that have very little to do with education. They're struggling with issues of self-doubt, bullying, peer pressure, anxiety, family breakdown and more. These are the leading reasons why children seek out the help of their school chaplain. Chaplains like ours are on the frontlines of our schools championing the cause of our children's social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.*



## Who helps the Chaplaincy service at Talara?

We have a Local Chaplaincy Committee who help make decisions, assist in fundraising (to maintain the chaplaincy hours at Talara – 2.5 days per week) and run events, such as the fortnightly morning breakfasts. Mr Scott Butcher, Deputy Principal, is the Line Manager and Chair of the committee.

## Can you help?

As we look ahead to 2021, Chaplaincy at Talara will need **new committee members**. Notes will be sent home in the next month requesting help at fundraising events, breakfasts and the Local Chaplaincy Committee. In the meantime, if you'd like to find out more about our team, please [contact Chappy for more information](#). Email [chappycol@eq.edu.au](mailto:chappycol@eq.edu.au)



**Colan Coleman**  
**School Chaplain**

## Helping Hands News

Greetings! I hope everyone is settling back into school well.

Last week, we celebrated Chinese New Year with the children by making Chinese Lanterns to display around our Room. The children did a great job and they look amazing decorating our Room.

We have started a Gardening Club to run every Thursday. Sheldon and the children were busy planting fruit and vegies last week and we can't wait to use some of the fresh produce as part of our Afternoon Tea Menu.

We have a Junior Educator Program at Helping Hands, encouraging our Senior Students to assist and mentor our younger children. It has been great to see so many of our Senior Students asking to step up and take on this role and our New Prep children have enjoyed making some great new friends to help them settle into our Service.

For new families, we offer Before and After School Care here at Talara Primary College, as well as Vacation Care during the School Holidays.

Our building is situated at the very back of the school near the oval and we also use Centre Court, the undercover area near the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop.

If you are looking to make a new enrolment for Outside of Hours School Care, please contact us on 0459 990 650 or visit our website via the link below.

<https://www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au/>



Talk to you soon,

Alison Wilkinson (Co-ordinator) &

The Helping Hands Talara Team

## Community Notices

### Caloundra Panthers Junior AFL Club – Junior Girls Team SignUp

The Caloundra Panthers Junior AFL Club is looking to field 3 all girls teams in the local competition this year 2021

- Under 11s
- Under 13s
- Under15s

In 2020 we had our first under 13 girls team and based on the success (participation / fun) of this, we are adding the additional age groups to our girls teams – Under11s and Under15s.

Our aim for the junior girls program is to provide an opportunity for girls to play Aussie Rules Football (AFL) in a fun, supportive and inclusive family friendly environment.

We are currently recruiting players for all age groups, no prior experience in playing AFL is required. Our home ground is based in Caloundra at Carter Park (North Street Caloundra, not far from Woolworths).

## School Contact Details

### ADDRESS:

PO Box 3707 Caloundra DC 4551  
Talara Street, Currimundi 4551

### CONTACTS:

Administration	5438 3777
Student Absence Line - Voicemail	5438 3760
Student Absence SMS Line - SMS only	0417 978 610
Early Childhood Development Program	5438 3713
Website	<a href="http://www.talacollss.eq.edu.au">www.talacollss.eq.edu.au</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:info@talacollss.eq.edu.au">info@talacollss.eq.edu.au</a>
Principal	Stephen Adams

<b>Deputies</b>	Kristy Walton (Years 5 & 6) Paul Bathersby (Year 4) Scott Butcher (Years 2 & 3) Amanda Brewer (Prep & Year 1)
<b>Head of Curriculum</b>	Elizabeth Little Julie Henderson
<b>Guidance Officers</b>	Katie Churchill (Mon – Thurs)
<b>Business Manager</b>	Kirsty Gould
<b>Administrative Officers</b>	Jodie Brady Tracey Brown Danielle Schaumburg Brittany Froud Rochelle Tritton

Please remember to update your details with the school, either via the **Change of Details Form** found on the side panel of this newsletter or drop us a line at [info@talacollss.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@talacollss.eq.edu.au)

## P&C Association

P&C meetings are the second Tuesday of each month (during school terms) at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome. Please email [tpcsecretary2017@gmail.com](mailto:tpcsecretary2017@gmail.com) for further details.

## Uniform Shop Hours

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.15am to 8.45am.

## Tuckshop

Open daily Monday to Friday 8.30am to 2.00pm.

## Parades (2:15pm)

<b>Tuesday</b>	Dingira
<b>Wednesday</b>	Djaa
<b>Thursday</b>	Noring

## Outside School Hours Care:

Helping Hands 0459 990 650.

## Student Absences

Please remember to ring the school on our **Student Absence Line** (5438 3760) or send an SMS to our **SMS Absence Line**: (0417 978 610) otherwise a note to the teacher the next day is required.

Remember, all student absences need to be accounted for and any unexplained absences require the school to ring home to check. Accounting for student absences is a legal requirement for all schools. Your assistance in providing the relevant information to us regarding your child's absences daily is appreciated.

## Change of Details

- Have you bought a new mobile?
- Maybe started a new job?
- Moved house?