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Creating Bright Futures

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Week 5 4 - 8 March	4 Labour Day Public Holiday	5 CHOIR 8.00 - 8.30 am Interschool Tennis Yr 3,4 teams	6	7	8 Assembly Rm 3 Dance
Week 6 11 - 15 March	11	12 CHOIR 8.00 - 8.30 am	13 Staff Meeting 3 - 4 pm	14	15 Dance

Tuart Hill Parents and Citizens Important Notice

NO P & C EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, NO CANTEEN SERVICE, NO UNIFORM SHOP SERVICE

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is with regret that I need to advise due to a poor turnout & no one nominating for Executive positions at the P & C AGM last night the P & C has to close down effective immediately.

This means that from the beginning of next week **THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN SERVICE** and **NO UNIFORM SHOP SERVICE until further notice**. As both services are run by the P & C and the Canteen Manager is employed by the P & C, neither service is able to continue to function without a P & C Committee to support them.

There will be **another AGM on Wed 13th March at 6pm** in the school staffroom in a final attempt to form a committee. Should this not occur, the canteen and uniform shop will permanently cease to exist. It will also have a devastating effect on the students and school community as the P & C provides significant support to many student activities and events within the school.

The P & C has raised significant funds for the school and your children over the years, helping to provide items such as smart boards, air-conditioning and contribute to the cost of school camp. This has all been done by volunteers, many of whom have been on the P & C for many years. While they have loved their involvement, it is time for other wonderful members of our community to step up so that we can hand over before our children finish at Tuart Hill Primary.

The positions that require nominations are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Fundraising Coordinator/sub-committee. All incoming volunteers will be well supported and mentored into the roles as many outgoing members plan to remain as general committee members to help with the transition.

Please seriously consider nominating for one of the above roles. Get a few friends and agree to all join together. It will be an incredibly sad day should Tuart Hill Primary School no longer have an active parent group who can make a difference to their children's school experience.

Should you like more information on any of the roles please contact Julie Hosking, the outgoing Vice President, on 0401 591 797 or email her at julie.hosking@wanews.com.au. Thank you.

Kind regards

Tanya Woodard Former THPS P & C President



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Cooking in our Kitchen – STEAMy Learning going on in Room 5!!

Linking all aspects of learning to relevant, real-life experiences creates sustained critical thinking and knowledge pathways in our students' brains. The Year Fives in Room Five have been engaged in a series of lessons that allow our students to demonstrate Technologies: Food Specialisation outcomes (what are they???)<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/teaching/curriculum-browser/technologies/design-and-technologies2>). Has your Year Five re-created their food at home?



Mr Raschilla and Mrs Martland were interested to notice that many students chose grated apple over mayonnaise as their condiment after discovering how much sugar was in the commercially produced mayonnaise when compared to the fruit sugar in a freshly grated apple. Good choice, people! Congratulations, Tuart Hill Educators - you continue to shine a light on learning to inspire, engage and stimulate.

NAPLAN 2019



Parents of our Year Five and Three students will find a NAPLAN 2019 information pamphlet in their child's school bag (we hope!). This year all Year Three and Five students in Western Australia will be completing the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy using a secure online platform. Our school is very excited about this innovation, as it means that schools and parents/carers will receive NAPLAN results sooner, allowing us to use the data gathered to identify any learning gaps for groups or individuals, with enough time to do something about it.

Students at Tuart Hill have been having a go at practice NAPLAN tests using the online space to demystify test formats and to ensure they have the technical skills that might be required during the tests. In advance of taking NAPLAN online students, teachers and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests, found by typing *naplan demonstration site* or clicking <https://www.naplan.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site> to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment.

Some of the key features include a range of question types, onscreen tools, timers and interactive navigation. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to practise the complete range of question formats available in the online assessment. I encourage parents to trial a test of their choice.

The demonstration tests cover a sample of possible questions and do not reflect the range of literacy and numeracy content or skills NAPLAN Online will assess. While it is helpful for students to become familiar and comfortable with the format of the online test, ACARA does not encourage students to study separately for NAPLAN. That is why you will not find answers to the demonstration tests.

NAPLAN tests will be conducted under teacher supervision with Mr Ioannou's support on **Tuesday 14 Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 May 2019** and **Friday 17 May 2019**. We have timetabled our test sessions in the morning, and ask the parents of our Year Three and Five students make every effort to ensure their child/ren are at school on those days. Thank you for your support.

Our school is well aware that NAPLAN is just one test on one day for one hour, and therefore NAPLAN results form one part of the range of assessment data we gather around the progress and achievement of our students. If you have any concerns at all about your child/ren's educational attainment, please contact your class teacher/s promptly. Thank you. We enjoy working with you for the best outcomes for your child/ren.

If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN Online, please chat to or email Mr Steve Ioannou Steven.ioannou@education.wa.edu.au or catch me anytime. Thank you.

Sports Notices



Interschool Tennis - Year 3 and 4's this Tuesday 5th March

A reminder to all players that our competition is this Tuesday 5th March. Please remember on Tuesday to wear your red t shirt and bring your recess, lunch and a big drink bottle. Please meet Mrs Connolly and Mr Ioannou in the hall at 8.40am.

Interschool T20 Cricket – Years 4-6 –Thursday 4th April

Our students are very busy training for our annual cricket competition. If any parents would like to join us on the day to manage or coach a team, please let me know.



THPS Netball Club

A reminder that we are establishing the Tuart Hill Netball Club and still require more players from Year 2 to Year 6. **Boys** are welcome to join. Please contact me via email (Catherine.connolly@education.wa.edu.au) if you have any questions.



Netball training will be held on our Tuart Hill School courts **every Wednesday after school until 4 pm**. The games will be at Matthews Netball Centre. Thank you Michelle and Jess for adding your energy, knowledge and skills to our Netball team – the players are the winners!!

Senior Sport (Years 4-6) is on Friday afternoons in even Term Weeks 6, 8 and 10. There will be cricket and tennis training as well as volleyball, flags and t ball. We would like to see all students in their faction tee shirt on these days.

Junior Sport (Years 1-3) is on every odd Thursday afternoon (Weeks 5, 7 and 9) and each students is encouraged to wear their faction tee shirt.

Please email me at Catherine.connolly@education.wa.edu.au if you have any questions; thank you.

Cathy Connolly

Physical Education Specialist

Our Community School

Every layer of our school encourages community building and inclusion. It is a wonderful aspect of the culture of our school that families gather after school in the playgrounds for the students to have a play and parents to have a chat. Thank you, parents and carers, for your help in calling for the same behaviour standards on the school grounds after school as we require during school. We are all feeling more comfortable with afterschool safety.

But now the school itself has unintentionally created another potential hazard in the Junior play space. Our school bore broke down (in the heat of summer, typical - brown grass everywhere!!). When the bore was fixed and turned back on, a major pipe burst. We have fenced off the huge hole the contractors have needed to dig to replace the pipe. The contractors are sorry to inform me that it is a very big job, and ask that parents and carers help them be mindful of small children as their vehicles leave the play space each afternoon.

I also remind parents that the perimeter gates are locked by the cleaning staff at 3.30 pm each day, as required by our security procedures. In recent times the staff have been uncomfortable in locking the perimeter as it is very clear that there are families enjoying the ambiance of our grounds – as we encourage!! Please be informed that the staff have been instructed to lock perimeter gates as per procedures. There are two gates open past 3.30 pm – the gate by the Dental Clinic off Lawley Street, and the Front gate, off Banksia Street. Please stay, play, chat and know you can exit via one of those two gates.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support as we all work together to keep our whole school community safe and happy.– please see me directly if you have any comments or queries regarding the pipe repair – or any other educational matter the affects your child at our school of course ☺ - thank you.

Still Desperately Seeking



...an honorary auditor. Regulations require that our P&C books are audited every year by Chartered Practising Accountant, a Chartered Accountant or a Member of the Institute of Public Accountants. Is there a parent who is an accountant who could offer our school this much-needed service, in an honorary capacity? Do you have a close family friend or relative you would like to put forward for us to approach to audit our books? Please contact the P&C Executive through pandcths@gmail.com; thank you.

Community Notices



Keyboard & Guitar lessons
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons during and outside of school hours
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP