



# Tuart Hill Primary School

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## Tuart Hill Primary School eNews 30 January 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 February	1 <b>WELCOME!!</b> First day of Term 1 for students	2	3	4	5
Week 2 February	8	9	10 Class Meetings 5- 5.25 and 5.30 – 6 pm <b>P&amp;C Meeting</b>	11	12 Yr 4,5,6 Assembly 8.45 ~9.00 am
Week 3 February	15	16	17 Staff Meeting 3-6 pm <b>School Board Meeting</b>	18	19

Dear Parents and Carers, School Board and Staff,

### Ringing out the 2020 and ringing in 2021

Our school continues a charming tradition of Ringing the Bell at the end of the last student day of the school year.

We figure out who is the oldest and the youngest student present at the time to work together to toll the bell in the hall.

What a super way to complete 2020 for our students, and 'ring in' 2021.



### Staffing 2021

I am pleased to announce the 2021 Class Teachers. Our school community has grown due to educational excellence and urban infill– Tuart Hill is certainly a popular school of choice due to the inclusivity of our community and the excellence of our educators. Congratulations to us all! As a result of this growth, we welcome new staff in 2021:

**Mrs Zoe Schaffert** is stepping into the Associate Principal position for Term One 2021 while Mrs van der Wal leads Eddystone Primary School as Principal for Term one 2021. Mrs Schaffert comes to us with several years' experience as Associate Principal of the North East Metropolitan Language Development Centre. Mrs Schaffert's knowledge and experience in leading staff in diverse multicultural educational setting is already having a positive impact as she discusses individual students with our educators. She has felt very welcomed by the school staff this week and is excited to meet our students and families.

**Mrs Fiona Boath** is a highly experienced Early Childhood educator who is thrilled to teach our Kindy A and B classes. Mrs Boath has strengths in building relationships with her families and students and has already found a valued place in our Kindy/Pre Primary team.

**Mrs Anne Rhine-Davis** is has enjoyed working with us to settle into Pre Primary C. Mrs Rhine-Davies comes to us from Mundaring Primary School, and is looking forward to getting to know our school community as her

previous experience includes Language Development Centres. Our team is really keen to add to our expertise with Anne's support, and I know she will be a valuable addition to our school as well.

**Mr Justin Krikstolaitis** is joining our Kindy/Pre-primary team too. Mr Krikstolaitis has been part of our staff throughout 2020, and we are pleased he is returning in 2021 to teach in PPB on Fridays and Kindy C on Tuesdays. Justin is already familiar with the Tuart Hill way and is a welcome collaborative staff member and meets our high professional standards.

**Mrs Rebecca Catania** joins our Year One Teaching Team. Mrs Catania excels in delivering a rigorous curriculum through hands-on experiences, and therefore is a welcome addition to our current expert team. Mrs Catania looks forward to engaging and inspiring her students through her targeted program and working with our staff to continue the excellent education for which Tuart Hill Primary School is renown.

**Mr Craig Niman** will be tandem teaching our Year Two class with Mrs Harfoushian. Also highly recommended as an expert practitioner, Mr Niman has several years of experience teaching Year Two and Three students, as well as Science. He and Mrs Harfoushian feel his strengths in Mathematics and Technologies will complement our team that values creative and critical thinking in all curriculum areas for all levels of student knowledge.

**Mr Cameron Benness** is teaching our Year Five/Six class on Room 4. Inspiring upper primary students to discover their talent and expand their knowledge is Mr Benness' passion. He has strong curriculum knowledge and supports student learning through positive relationships, student-centred learning and practical routines.

Mrs Schaffert, Mrs Boath, Mrs Rhine-Davis, Mr Krikstolaitis, Mrs Catania, Mr Niman and Mr Benness have enjoyed beginning to get to know us here at Tuart Hill, and are looking forward to seeing how they can add to the strong yet complex weave of the educational cloth at our school. Our educators are amongst the best in Western Australia, are experts in their field and have spent many hours preparing for a smooth start to the year.

	<b>Class Teacher/s</b>	<b>Education Assistant/s</b>
Kindergarten A Room 19	Mrs Boath Miss Lane (W)	Mrs Phillips
Kindergarten B Room 19	Mrs Boath Miss Lane (W)	Mrs Phillips
Kindergarten C Room 16	Mrs Growden Mr Krikstolaitis (T)	Ms Stone
Kindergarten D Room 16	Mrs Minorgan Miss Lane (Th)	Mrs Salleo
Pre-primary A	Mrs Deegan	Miss Russell (M,T,W) Mrs D'Amelio-Gaitan (Th, F)
Pre-primary B	Mrs Enriquez-Nau Mr Krikstolaitis (F)	Miss Richards
Pre-primary C	Mrs Rhine-Davis Miss Lane (F)	Mrs Demasi
Year One Room 15	Miss Price	
Year One Room 14	Miss Townsend	
Year One Room 13	Mrs Catania	
Year Two Room 12	Mrs Harfoushian Mr Niman	
Year Two Room 11	Miss Tomkins	
Year Two Room 10	Miss De Bellis	
Year Three Room 9	Miss Wilson	
Year Three Room 21	Mrs Donald	
Year Three Room 22	Mrs Ricci	

Year Four Room 7	Ms Teixeira	
Year Four/ Five Room 6	Mrs Snart (M,T,W) Mrs Bunker (Th, F)	
Year Five Room 5	Mr Raschilla	
Year Five / Six Room 4	Mr Benness	
Year Six Room 3	Ms McQueen	
Physical Education Specialist	Mrs Connolly	
Visual Art Specialist	Mrs Donovan	
Music Specialist	Mrs Edwards	
Science Specialist	Ms Cheeseman	
Oral Language Specialist	Miss Rice	

We thank you for your positive support; please communicate class matters directly with your child's teacher and bring any school-related suggestions or comments directly to me; thank you. I am very happy to chat about everything educational!

### Student Absences

It is really important that your child/ren attend school every day. This supports children to develop routines, allows them to have expectations around how their day will go and is critical to building strong foundations for learning. Students make the best progress and achieve to their abilities when they attend school regularly. **Missing school equals missing out**, socially, emotionally and educationally.

However, we know that germs and viruses abound, and accidents occur. If your child **must** miss school, you may let us know via:

- SMS – **text 0417 931 262** – simply state your child's first name and surname, Year Level, Room Number and a brief reason eg: *Beverly Innes. Year 3 Room 21 – unwell.* Note: this is a no-reply number.
- The Website - <https://tuarhillps.wa.edu.au/information/student-absence/> - fill in the online form.
- Email [tuarhill.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:tuarhill.ps@education.wa.edu.au) with your child's first name and surname, Year Level, Room Number and a brief reason eg: *Beverly Innes. Year 3 Room 21 is away today as she is unwell.*
- Phone the Administration – 9413 1500

Tuart Hill Primary School works hard to support families and individuals to maintain high attendance rates. Parents may expect contact from your child's class teacher, the Front Office ladies or me, in my Principal capacity, in the event of unexplained and/or persistent absence. We care about making sure every child has the best opportunities to grow and develop and wish to work in partnership with you to maintain high attendance rates.

Our Student Attendance Policy is available on our Website <https://tuarhillps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Tuart-Hill-Attendance-Brochure-for-Parents.pdf> and, as usual, I welcome conversation with all families to make sure all our students attend every day they can. Thank you.



### On line Service Agreements

Our school provides access to Department of Education online services. These enhance the contemporary learning opportunities available to students and the range of teaching tools available to staff to deliver the Western Australian Curriculum.

A comprehensive package can be found in your child's school bag Monday afternoon that requires your action. Please read the pages carefully as we are seeking approval for your child to be given access to these online services.

The Department's online services currently provide students with access to:

- individual email and calendar accounts;
- the internet, with all reasonable care taken by central office and schools to monitor and control students' access to websites while at school;
- online teaching and learning services such as Connect, web-conferencing and digital resources;
- online file storage and sharing services; and
- these online services at locations other than school.

If you agree to your child using these online services, please sign the Acceptable Use Agreement form and complete the permission slip attached to this letter. Please explain the content of the Acceptable Use Agreement to your child before the permission slip is signed.

Both forms should be returned to school so that an online services account can be created for your child.

Please note that while every reasonable effort is made by schools and the Department to prevent student exposure to inappropriate online content when using Department provided online services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure. Our school takes cyber-safety seriously.

Please contact Mrs Bell, Associate Principal [Joe.Bell@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Joe.Bell@education.wa.edu.au) if you have questions regarding on-line services agreements or any other online issue; thank you.

### **National Schools Parent Survey 2020 – reflecting on the operations of our school for improvement in 2021.**

Our school strives to be the best school in Western Australia, and as such, we seek feedback on how we are performing in your view.

I encourage you to think about your school based interactions and experiences during 2020 – a year like no other! – and previously, and let us know how well or otherwise the leadership, educators, staff and programs served you, your children and your family. **Please find a link to the National Schools Parent 2020 - 2021 Survey.**

Please paste this address <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/SurveyPreview/Index/c2c5f8d1-50ae-44e5-bbab-7a7174256ea7> into your browser if the hyperlink fails you; thank you.

My team values your thoughts and opinions, so please help us start 2021 with reflection and an attitude of continuous improvement. Your contributions help us make adjustments that will lead to a school that better fits the needs of our unique community.

Please contact the Front Office if you would like to use a school iPad or laptop to complete the survey or if you prefer a hard copy of the survey.

The survey will remain open for a few weeks, but I will share feedback trends to the School Board at our first meeting on Wednesday 17 February, so please take a few minutes to share your thoughts; thank you.

### **Physical Education News – Term 1 Week 1**

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope 2021 is a healthy and active year for you all. We have a busy term ahead of us and it would be wonderful to see as many students taking part in the activities on offer at Tuart Hill.

#### **Faction Swimming Carnival – Years 4-6 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 8.40-1pm Servite Pool (Week 6)**

All students in Years 4- 6 will be participating in our Faction Swimming Carnival at Servite Pool. Information about the Years 4 – 6 swimming lessons and this carnival will be available very soon.

#### **Interschool T20 Cricket – Years 4-6 –Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March (week 7)**



Any year 4-6 student who is interested in participating in our annual cricket competition is invited to attend training during Senior Sport. We are hoping to have coaches from the WACA coming out to assist our students with learning the rules of T20. If any parents would like to be involved in coaching or managing a team on the day, please email me.

**Senior Sport (Years 3-6)** is on every Friday afternoon from 2-2.50pm. There will be cricket training as well as volleyball, t ball and tennis/4 square and table tennis. We would like to see all students in their faction t shirt on Fridays. In PE the students will be learning about t ball and Mod Crosse in Term One.

**Junior Sport (Years 1 and 2)** is on every Wednesday afternoons and each students is encouraged to wear their faction t shirt. The sessions will be focussing this term on FMS (Fundamental Movement Skills) with their classroom teacher which will reinforce what the students are learning in class in PE.

Please email me at [Catherine.connolly@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Catherine.connolly@education.wa.edu.au) if you have any questions.

Yours in Sport, *Cathy Connolly* Physical Education Specialist



Registrations are now open for Season 2021 with Stirling Junior Football Club, years 3-12.

Please note when registering your child for Season 2021:

- check the Current School Grade they'll be in for Season 2021
- make sure you select the correct Team for Season 2021

If you're a new player registering for the first time, all NEW players will receive a Saints Pack which includes training top, jacket, sports bag, shorts, socks and hat.

Returning players will receive a training top and hat.

We are also running a special promo for all teams Auskick to Year 12, where the first 50 members to register by the 21 February 2021, will go into the draw to win a family pass to Adventure World. Winner will be drawn at our Club Open Day.

Also, if you meet the requirements for Kidsport funding, you can use the \$150 towards your registration fees. For more

information go to [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au)

Registrations are now open, please go to our webpage [www.stirlingjfc.com.au](http://www.stirlingjfc.com.au)

or click on the link below.

Register now for Years 3 to 12: <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=22152...>

#### PMI Instrumental Music Lessons



#### Instrumental Music Lessons On School Campus!



#### Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically outside school hours
- Only \$18.50 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 (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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