



Tuart Times

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Key Dates:

Week 2: 7/2 – 11/2

Tues P&C Kindy Playdate-
3:00pm
POSTPONED

Wed Parent Information
Evening - 5:00 – 6:00pm
CANCELLED

Thurs P&C Meeting - 5:45-
7:00pm
P&C Kindy Playdate-
3:00pm
POSTPONED

Week 3: 14/2 – 18/2

Wed Board Meeting - 5:30 –
7:00pm

Week 4: 21/2 – 25/2

Tues Year 6 Leadership Day 1 at
Ern Halliday

Week 5: 28/2 – 4/3

Fri School Development Day
- students do not attend

Week 6: 28/2 – 4/3

Mon Labour Day Public Holiday
Fri Swimming Carnival for Year
4, 5 & 6 students

Week 7: 7/3 – 11/3

Wed P&C AGM 5:45-7:00pm

Week 8: 21/3 – 25/3

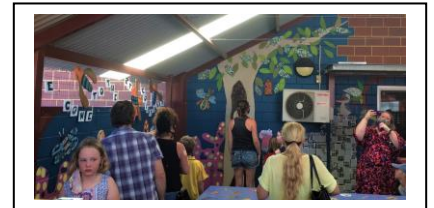
Wed Board Meeting - 5:30 –
7:00pm

Week 10: 4/4- 8/4

Fri Last day of Term 1

Principal's Message: Keira van der Wal

Term 1 2022 is off to a great start and I have enjoyed reconnecting with our school community as well as welcoming many new members including staff, students and their families. A highlight of our first week back at school was the official opening of our Art Courtyard on Friday afternoon. Shelagh Magadza, Executive Director Culture and the Arts cut the red ribbon to applause from the gathered students, families and special guests. Thank you to Abi Callow for undertaking this amazing project despite being the Art teacher for only second semester last year and to Artist-In-Residence Jodie Davidson who worked tirelessly with our students to create this wonderful space.




As the term progresses we will continue to provide updates via CONNECT in relation to COVID-19 operating guidelines for schools. Please ensure that we have your current email address on file and contact the school office if you are unable to access CONNECT.

I would like to welcome Mrs Leah Clegg to our school as she steps into my Associate Principal role for Term One whilst I am in the Principal position.



As Associate Principal, I am privileged to work alongside the extremely dedicated team, so that your children are able to meet their full potential at Tuart P.S. I am a compassionate and responsive leader with experience working in diverse remote, regional and metropolitan schools. My focus is providing an inclusive and supportive learning community that strives to empower students. I will be focused on promoting and building on effective relationships, whilst supporting and delivering relevant and engaging programs to meet the social, emotional and academic needs of all students. I will continue to build partnerships that encourage the engagement, full participation and empowerment of all families and students at Tuart P.S.

We welcome a number of new staff members this term as a result of growing student numbers, staff on leave and staff retirement. Watch this space for an introduction to new staff members over the course of the term. We encourage parents to make an appointment early in Term 1 to meet your child's class teacher and have a chat about working together to support your child's learning and development.

Class Teacher/s		Education Assistant/s
Kindergarten A - Room 19	Mrs Boath & Miss Nicoletti (W)	Miss Phillips
Kindergarten B - Room 19	Mrs Boath & Miss Nicoletti (W)	Miss Phillips
Kindergarten C -Room 16	Mrs Growden	Mrs Demasi
Kindergarten D - Room 16	Mrs Minorgan	Mrs Demasi
Pre-primary A	Mrs Deegan	Miss Miller (M, T, W) Mrs Salleo (Th, F)
Pre-primary B	Mrs Enriquez-Nau & Ms Growden(F)	Miss Richards
Pre-primary C	Mr Krikstolaitis & Miss Rice (F)	Mrs D'Amelio-Gaitan
Year One Room 15	Miss Price & Mrs Utting (F)	
Year One Room 14	Miss Wilson	
Year One Room 13	Mrs Catania	
Year Two Room 12	Mr Baker	
Year Two Room 11	Ms Teixeira	
Year Two Room 10	Miss De Bellis	
Year Three Room 9	Mr Poon	
Year Three Room 21	Mrs Harfoushian (M, T, W) Ms Brown (Th, F)	
Year Three Room 22	Miss Ricci	
Year Four Room 8	Mrs Snart (M,T,W) & Mrs Bunker (Th, F)	
Year Four Room 7	Mrs Donald	
Year Five Room 6	Miss Tomkins	
Year Five Room 5	Mr Raschilla	
Year Six Room 4	Mr Benness	
Year Six Room 3	Mrs Terpsis & Miss Di Crescenzo (F)	
Specialist Teachers		
Physical Education	Mrs Connolly	
LOTE (Spanish)	Ms Kerr	
Visual Art	Ms Shelsher	
Music	Mrs Edwards	
Science	Ms Cheeseman	
Oral Language	Miss Rice	
Special Needs Education Assistants		
Mrs Dhaliwal (Mon – Fri)		
Mrs Martland (Mon – Fri)		
Mrs Pawloski (Mon – Fri)		
Mrs Salleo (Mon – Wed)		
Mrs Clarke (Tues – Fri)		
Ms Musham (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)		
Mr Sharpe (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)		

SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK UP

Finding a parking spot for school drop-off and pick up is challenging for most Perth Metropolitan schools.

Tuart Hill Primary School is fortunate to have a **Kiss and Drive** zone, which, if used correctly, significantly reduces the demand for parking spots around the school.

When using the **Kiss and Drive** you need to;

- Drive to the furthest available space in the marked area
- Stop for 1 minute only
- Move on as soon as your child has exited or entered the vehicle
- Make sure your vehicle is not blocking the Disabled Parking Bay
- Circle the block and try again if no spots are available or the child you are collecting has not arrived

Please note that it is not ok for the driver to wait in the car whilst another adult enters the school to drop off or collect their child.

We thank you for observing all council regulations when using the Kiss and Drive so that school drop-offs and pick-ups are safe and stress-free for every member of our school community.



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 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
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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.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: Thursday 3 February

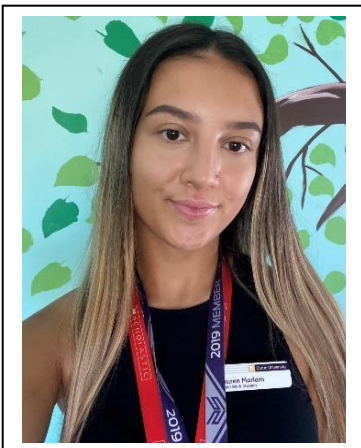
Although we were all set to have our first whole-school assembly in the Hall last Thursday, last minute changes were required in response to ongoing updates to COVID-19 Operating Guidelines for Schools. Being flexible thinkers with a growth mindset, staff and students rapidly responded to the change of circumstance to participate in our first ever virtual assembly! Students in Years 1-4 remained in their classrooms and attended the assembly via Webex. This was the perfect opportunity to hone our Webex skills as it now appears that all assemblies will now need to be held in this way.

Our Year 6 Student Leaders and Faction Captains were presented with their badges, witnessed by their proud parents and Year 5 and 6 students.



UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS: Meet our Social Work Students

Hey! My name is Aaron, and I am a student from Curtin University undertaking a Social Work placement here at Tuart Hill Primary School. I am Noongar and Slovakian and I enjoy sport, socialising with my peers, and absolutely love the Southwest region of WA. I look forward to working with the students, staff, and families of Tuart Hill. Don't hesitate to reach out for anything!



Hello! My name is Lauren, and I am a third-year social work student from Curtin University. I am very keen to begin working alongside the students, teachers, and families at Tuart Hill Primary School, offering support where needed. I went into social work as it aligns with my values of promoting equity, human rights, and social justice. I endeavour to use my skills with the aim of reducing barriers impacting students' ability to learn, and work with families and teachers to collaborate how to best support students. Two fun facts about me are that my cultural heritage is half Burmese, and that I have a twin brother born on a different day!

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope 2022 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 as possible taking part in the activities on offer at Tuart Hill.

Every week all communication for PE will be available in a weekly Connect message, beginning in Week 3.

Faction Swimming Carnival – Years 4-6 Friday 11th 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 this morning will be available soon. Any student who participated in swimming lessons during the holidays and passed, please send me an electronic copy of your certificate before the end of next week, Friday 11th February.

Interschool T20 Cricket – Years 4-6 –Thursday 17th 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. 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 morning from 8.40-9.30pm. 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 Ultimate Frisbee and Modrosse in Term One.

Junior Sport (Years 1 and 2) is on every Wednesday morning. We encourage all students is 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 if you have any questions.





Instrumental Music Lessons
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- PMI PLUS offers instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit our website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via the PMI PLUS website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons outside school hours
- Only \$19.50 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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CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS UNIT

STATE TRAFFIC COMMAND

2 CLAYTON STREET, MIDLAND

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6056

TELEPHONE: (08) 6274 8731

Become a School Crossing Traffic Warden

The Children's Crossings Unit are seeking parents / grandparents who would like to become a crossing guard near their child's school. The current pay rate is around \$25.00 per hour.

To become a Traffic Warden, you need to have access to email, a full driver's license with access to a vehicle and be able to work the full 10 shifts per week - one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Any applicant signed up in this manner, who is a part of the school community, must reside within a 10km radius of their crossing/school.

If you are interested, contact the Children's Crossing Unit on 6274 8731 to receive an Application Pack.

OPEN DAY

15 March 8.30am-1pm

PLEASE CLICK ABOVE WEB TO REGISTER

Enrolments 2022

Interviews for enrolments for Year 7 2025 students are being conducted this Semester for sisters of current and past Mercedes students. If you have not enrolled your daughter, please contact our Enrolments Officer, Nicole Kirk, on 9323 1340 or enrol online via the College website at www.mercedes.wa.edu.au as soon as possible.

Open Morning 2022

Mercedes College Open Day | Tuesday 15 March

Located in the heart of Perth's beautiful heritage precinct, Mercedes College are proud to be opening its gates for prospective families. The tour provides an opportunity for parents to hear from the Senior Leadership Team and enjoy a tour of College grounds and facilities led by some of our Student Representative Leaders.

There are two sessions on offer: 8:30am-10.30am or 11am-1pm. Both sessions conclude with some light refreshments and the opportunity to speak with some of our Teachers. Please register via the College website. Limited places available; www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/open-morning/