



Tuart Times

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BUNURU	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <p>Bunuru - Second summer - February - March</p> <p>The hottest time of the year, Bunuru is a season of little to no rain and hot easterly winds with a cooling sea breeze in the afternoon if you are along the coast. The weather during this time permitted Noongar people to live and fish along the coast, rivers and estuaries and their diet consisted mainly of freshwater and sea foods.</p> <p>White flowers, especially flowering gums including Jarrah, Marri and Ghost Gums are in full bloom. The female Zamia (Macrozamia Riedle) is also notable due to being much larger than its male counterpart, with huge cones emerging from the centre of the plant with masses of a cotton wool like substance. As the weather continues to be dry and hot, the Zamia seed upon the cone changes from green to bright red, indicating they are ripening and becoming more attractive to animals, particularly the emu, that will eat the toxic fleshy outer part of the plant.</p> <p><small>Artwork by Darryl Bellotti</small></p> 					
Week 8 Term 1 March 2023	20 Jnr Assembly 8.45~9.00am Yr 6 Leadership Day #1 NAPLAN Yrs 3 and 5	21 <u>Uniform Shop OPEN</u> 8.30 – 9.00 am KPP Playdate #1 hosted by the P&C Executive 2.50 ~3.30 pm in the Kindy/PP Playground All KPP Parents welcome	22 Junior (Yr3,4) Choir 7.45 – 8.25 am	23 Senior (Yr5,6) Choir 7.45 – 8.25 am HARMONY DAY Parade 8.45am in the Hall Parents and students are encouraged to wear Cultural outfits or simply add ORANGE School Board 5.30~7 pm	24 Faction Swimming Carnival 9am-1pm @Servite Pool Yrs 4,5,6 KPP Playdate #2 hosted by the P&C Executive 2.50 ~3.30 pm in the Kindy/PP Playground All KPP Parents welcome
Week 9 Term 1 March 2023	27 Snr Assembly 8.45~9.00am Week One of Year 4,5,6 Swimming Lessons @ Servite Pool	28 <u>RIDE to SCHOOL day –</u> Prizes at the Bike Racks!! <u>Ride, scooter, skateboard</u> P&C AGM, 6pm, at the School. All welcome	29 Junior (Yr3,4) Choir 7.45 – 8.25 am	30 Senior (Yr5,6) Choir 7.45 – 8.25 am	31 
Week 10 Term 1 April 2023	3 Jnr Assembly 8.45~9.00am Week Two of Year 4,5,6 Swimming Lessons @ Servite Pool	4 <u>Uniform Shop OPEN</u> 8.30 – 9.00 am	5	6 Senior (Yr5,6) Choir 7.45 – 8.25 am	7 Public Holiday 
 <p>Term One School Break Friday 7 April – Sunday 23 April inclusive <small>First Day of Term 2 2023 – Monday 24 April</small></p>					
Week 1 Term 2 April 2023	24 <u>School ANZAC</u> <u>Commemoration</u> 2.10 pm in the Hall Be seated by 2.00 pm All welcome	25 Public Holiday 	26	27	28
Week 2 Term 2 May 2023	1 Snr Assembly 8.45~9.00am	2 <u>Uniform Shop OPEN</u> 8.30 – 9.00 am	3 Junior (Yr3,4) Choir 7.45 – 8.25 am	4 Senior (Yr5,6) Choir 7.45 – 8.25 am	5
Week 3 Term 3 May 2023	8 Jnr Assembly 8.45~9.00am	9	10 Junior (Yr3,4) Choir 7.45 – 8.25 am	11 Senior (Yr5,6) Choir 7.45 – 8.25 am	12



Dear Parents and Carers,

Developing Automaticity with Handwriting so that our brains have clear space for Creativity

Our school has a whole school approach to Handwriting. Our school uses the South Australian Font, as this font uses common hand strokes from formative pre-writing, through to printing then cursive writing.



We know handwriting is a critical part of literacy that is required for good writing and good reading skills. As students hear letters, see letters and say letters they should also be forming letters, because this helps form the neurological pathways in the brain.

It is likely that at least a quarter of any class will have difficulty with handwriting. This has implications for the cognitive load on students who are asked to complete tasks that use pencil and paper.

We learn about and pay attention to:

- **Core strength** – we need proximal stability before we can have distal mobility
- **Proprioception** – our internal body awareness. Sometimes students need brain breaks, might want a wobble cushion, might wiggle. Students are giving their body feedback that they are 'here'. Teachers are aware that some disabilities impact deeply on proprioception and act on recommendations.
- **Oculomotor skills** – the ability to use our eyes in a smooth manner - help us follow the words in a line as you are reading and follow a line on a page for writing. Our practise includes following a target in and out or tracking – following a moving target with eyes only, not moving your head. Its tricky!
- **Motor Planning** is the ability to see an action then copy it. It includes gross motor, fine motor and writing. Motor planning has a big influence on letter planning. Teachers understand that students who experience motor planning difficulty are finding handwriting really challenging – we give students support, breaks, and work with them to make their load as heavy or as light as they can manage at that time. Students need very explicit instruction, scaffolding, visual demonstrations, verbal support and enough repetition as is required. Lots of daily physical activity help students with motor planning – we love that Daily Fitness is a critical part of handwriting development!
- **Fine motor skills** are the ability to use our hands and fingers together in a coordinated manner. We think about the pincer grip, using both hands together, crossing the body midline, shoulder stability and strength.

Handwriting involves several key areas from the house of development that have a broad impact on the child's ability to engage in the class

- Core strength
- Proprioception
- Motor planning
- Oculomotor
- Fine motor skills



We need to master the basics first – can a student hold a writing implement; can they make the strokes that are required to form letters. Students master letter formation and have automaticity in that before they can move on to speed and legibility factors.

Our school gives explicit instruction in handwriting. We teach how to form letters; we practise correctly forming letters before we use those letters within words. We use lots of repetition. We work on students self-composing letters as they match the sound, the name and the shape to the letters.

We pay attention to **Pencil Skills**:

- Grips – functional grips are the aim. People hold the pencil slightly differently, we have some difference in our grips that are functional, however teachers train for a tripod or quadruped grip. We try help students strengthen and control their small muscles yet sometimes pencil aids help for students who live with hypermobility for example or if the student's pencil grip would benefit from extra support. Left handers are supported to develop their personal grip that is functional.
- The wrist is on the table, not floating in the air and
- We look for the fingers doing the writing, rather than the whole forearm.

Kindy and Pre-Primary see lots of activities that help strengthen fine motors skills as well as core body strength, balance, eye-hand coordination, and gross motor skills. We tell stories about letter starting points as we self-compose letters in the air, in sand, rice, on the grass, using paint.... As well as on paper with a variety of writing tools. Across our school we have a common language for letter formation – look in classrooms for the illustrations of the language that gives the hint for the motor action for the letter formation being currently practised.

Year One and Two sees teachers practicing finger strength, core stability and stretching prior to deliberate handwriting instruction, along with hearing, naming, seeing and then self-composing letters.

Year Three and Four continues with developing finger strength and stability, core body strength and posture and we add the language of linking letters – pre-cursive handwriting – as we see, name, sound and self-compose letters and place them into words. Students start to actively set their own handwriting goals, they begin to develop their own strategies to achieve their goals and they begin to actively evaluate achievement.


In **Year Five and Six** students may have developed their own most efficient handwriting style. Explicit teaching of handwriting focuses automaticity of correct letter shape for efficiency and speed, and size considerations to enable legibility. Our senior students can identify their achievements and set personal goals to improve eg join certain letters more smoothly for example.

You can see we are taking handwriting seriously at our school. A whole school approach to handwriting means your child/ren can expect to build on the skills taught the previous year, and that handwriting expectations in classrooms are similar. We are wanting the art of handwriting to be embedded for our students, so they do not have to concentrate so hard on letter formation and legibility as they are generating ideas and creating projects.

The educators at Tuart Hill are exceptional at making necessary adjustments for students with special needs and those who may demonstrate difficulties, and you are invited to meet with your class teacher if you want to explore any such adjustments further.

Please chat to your child/ren's class teacher, to Mrs Julie Growden (Early Childhood Educator and [Peggy Lego](#) expert), Mrs Joe Bell, Mr Andrew Knight or me if you have any queries around any aspect of our whole school Handwriting approach. You might also like to check out the Parent pages at [Handwriting | Lil Peeps OT \(lil-peeps.com.au\)](#).

I am fully committed to working closely with you to ensure your child/ren make progress and achieve. **Thank you.**

Learning Numero from the Year Threes in Room Two 😊. 



Senior Assembly Monday 13 March 2023

Congratulations to the students who received merit certificates at the Senior Assembly on **13 March 2023**.



We are proud of how you demonstrate **Ex**cellence, **C**are, **E**quity and **L**earning. Students at Tuart Hill **ExCEL**.

Golden Broom Winners Monday 13 March 2023 – Year Six in Room 22!



The winning class last week **Room 22** scored the highest points during the week for:

- Keeping school bags zipped on the hooks or racks
- Making sure there was no rubbish outside the classroom
- Keeping lunchboxes inside school bags and
- Keeping hats and jackets in school bags.



Thank you for demonstrating the value of **Care** in our school 😊.

NAPLAN 2023

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students are continuing to participate in NAPLAN next week on **Monday 20 March**.

Monday 20 March 2023	NUMERACY	Teacher in Charge
Year 3 Room 1	9.00am -9.45am	Leeanne Kerr
Year 3 Room 2	9.00am -9.45am	Lucia Di Crescenzo
Year 3 Room 3	10:00am – 10:45am	Shelley Harfousian
Year 5 Room 7	9:00am -9.50am	Dzenana Vatres
Year 5 Room 8	10:00am – 10:50am	Tony Raschilla

If your child was absent for any NAPLAN assessment, Mrs Bell will be providing catch up sessions until Friday 24 March.

Please ensure your child has a personal set of headphones that can be plugged in to a device. Wireless headphones cannot be used.

Contact Mrs Bell - joe.bell@education.wa.edu.au if you have any queries – thank you.

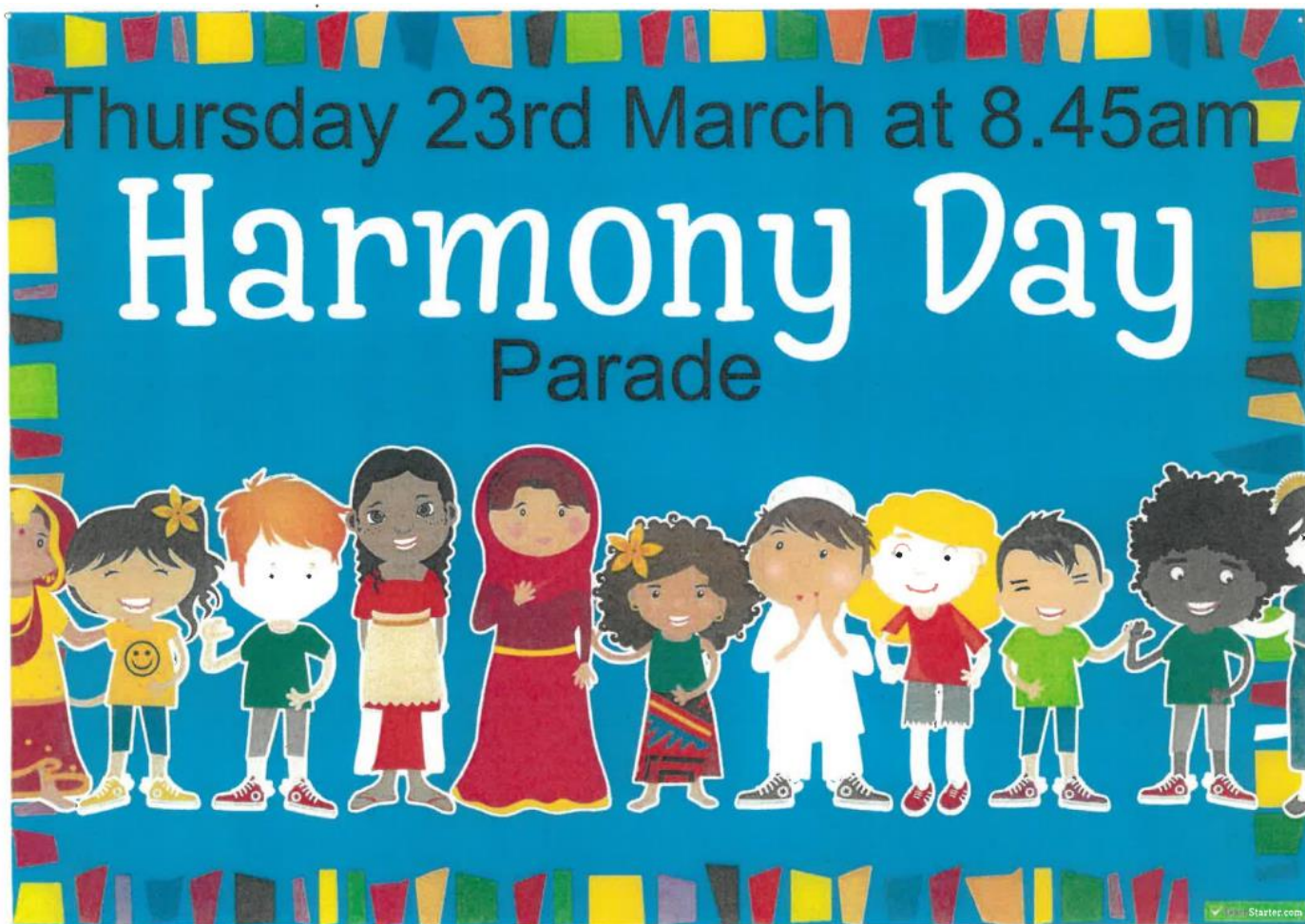
Excellence ♦ **C**are ♦ **E**quity ♦ **L**earning

Harmony Day

Mrs Julie Growden is coordinating a **HARMONY DAY Parade** 8.45am in the Hall on **Thursday 23 March 2023**.

Parents and students are encouraged to wear **Cultural outfits** or simply add **ORANGE** to your clothes for the day.

All classes are completing in-class activities to contribute to a collaborative artwork to be displayed in our Hall, titled 'Living in Harmony'. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our community's diversity.



Your Move – More Ways to Get There

Your Move is a Department of Transport program that encourages students and their families to get active by walking, scooting, and riding to school, or catching public transport, more often.

Simply by changing how your son or daughter travels to school a few times each week can deliver lifelong benefits. Increasing active transport to school has been proven to lower childhood obesity, establish healthy habits and improve concentration and academic performance.

On **Tuesday 28 March** we are joining hundreds of schools across Australia celebrating riding, walking, scooting and skating to school in recognition of [National Ride2School Day](#).

We are using this day as an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to try riding, walking, skating or scooting to school as well as celebrating all the regular walkers and riders.

On this day, we aim to normalise walking and riding to school, and hopefully help our families create a new habit.

The day is a chance to celebrate walking and riding on a large scale and to prove it can be done.

Head to the Bike Racks to receive a prize!

Wendi Graham, Your Move Coordinator for Tuart Hill Primary School

your move

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... National ...
Ride2School
Day

Tuesday March 28th

Prizes at the bike racks!



Tuart Hill Primary School Parents & Citizens News

Friday 17 March SUNDOWNER hosted by the P&C Executive, on the Senior Oval.



The evening was balmy, the timing perfect – a Friday afterschool playdate for all who could make it.

The **P&C Executive** was thrilled to welcome past parent **Nick Mortimer** with his disco tunes that had the kids up and dancing, ready for the Pop Magic Show. What a hit.



Pop the Magician involved us all in his show and thrilled the kids who all went home with a balloon-twist Mouse.



It was a delight to chat socially with our families and to enjoy some fun with the students.

Thanks to the P&C for your idea, the planning, set-up and welcoming attitude.

Warm thanks to everyone who pitched in to pack up efficiently. We trust your kids slept well!

The Uniform Shop

LAUNCHING – Reversible Faction Hats!!

Reversible faction hats have arrived.

They are \$15 each. They can be ordered by emailing the Uniform shop with your child's name, room number, colour selection and the size, sm, ml or xl. thpsuniformshop@gmail.com.

They will also be for sale when the uniform shop opens this **Tuesday 21 March 2023, 8.30-9am.**



Reversible Faction Hats are not available on Quickcliq yet, hopefully by next week.

[Uniform Shop Bank details](#) are as follows:



Bankata St
Tuart Hill WA 6060
Ph: 9349 1799
Email: thpsuniformshop@gmail.com
BSB: 066 127 A/C 1013 1416

UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERING INFORMATION / 'HOW TO' SHEET

1. Ensure you have the latest and updated Uniform Shop price list – prices are subject to change in accordance with supplier charges.

(available from the Uniform Shop & the schools' front office, or you can ask for one to be emailed to you)

2. Add the total cost of the items you wish to purchase.

3. Transfer the total funds into the P&C's general bank account.

Name: THPS P&C Association
BSB: 066 127
A/C: 1013 1416
REF# (this is your child's surname and room number if known)
e.g. WELLS Rm11

4. Make note of the payment receipt number

5. Send your uniform order form and payment receipt number to thpsuniformshop@gmail.com

6. You will receive a confirmation email saying we've received your order and that it will be processed within five working days.

7. You may opt to pick up your items directly from the Uniform Shop during opening hours or have the items delivered to your child's classroom. Please state your preference in your initial email.

8. A receipt will be attached to the items ordered. If there are any discrepancies, we encourage you to contact us immediately so we can help resolve any issues.

IMPORTANT

We understand that sometimes the sizes you order may not fit correctly. In order for an exchange, the tags must still be attached to each garment and you must provide your proof of purchase receipt.



Volunteers make sure [the Uniform Shop](#) is open and effective for you. [Online Orders](#) are recommended – we can pre-pack your order and have it delivered directly to your child/ren's classroom/s.

The Uniform Shop is in Tuart House which is best accessed off Cape Street. The Shop is open for pre-order pickups and walk-ins usually **every second Tuesday, 8.30 – 9.00 am**:

Tuesday 21 March Tuesday 4 April Tuesday 2 May

Other dates will be advised and added to the eNews Calendar as volunteers can be coordinated.

We are happy to exchange incorrect sizes - Please ensure tags remain attached to items, thank you.

Please email thpsuniformshop@gmail.com if you have any queries, thank you. Keen to volunteer? We'd love to have you! Email Eunice your contact details 😊.

The School Canteen

The P&C coordinates our [School Canteen](#). Our canteen provides delicious and nutritious home-cooked food, at affordable prices, for your convenience every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Late Orders The cut-off time for all lunch orders is 9.00am. Orders placed after this time will have limited choice available. Thank you for your understanding.

Please note: We do not offer credit on lunches or other items. We cannot give change for \$50 notes, please have correct change for lunch orders and small tender for counter purchases.

Online ordering is easy with QuickCliq! Registering to use this service is QUICK & SIMPLE! Visit www.quickcliq.com.au & follow the instructions to register your child. Once you have received email confirmation of your registration, you can add credit to your account and place all your lunch and recess orders online. For your convenience, your orders can even be placed up to 28 days in advance!

If you require any assistance with QuickCliq please contact them directly on 1300 116 637.



Refer to the School Website for Term 1 menu.

Always wanted to help out in a friendly, busy School Canteen? **We love volunteers!**

Email Jodie canteenthps@gmail.com.

Upcoming P&C highlights:

* Kindy and PP parents can **meet the P&C** at the upcoming afternoon tea Play Dates in the Kindy PP Playground on Tuesday 21 March and Friday 10 March. Meet outside the Kindy Rooms from 2.45 ~3.30 pm 😊.

* We have lots planned for **community events and fundraising**. Attend, volunteer, donate prizes, sponsor, bake, join the Fundraising Sub-committee or keep up to date on the [P&C Facebook group](#).

* **P&C AGM is Tuesday 28 March at 6pm**, at the School. Everyone is welcome - all committee roles will be confirmed for 2023 and you can learn about what's happening at our wonderful school.

Our P&C is active and effective to support our School to provide programs and resources so that our students can access every benefit that help them make progress and achieve.

Want to know more about the P&C?

- * Email pandcthps@gmail.com
- * Join the [P&C Facebook group](#).
- * Come along to or volunteer for one of our events throughout the year
- * Chat to a committee member
- * Attend any meeting in person or virtually – the online link is available on the Facebook Page just before the meeting.



Our P&C is actively concerned about student safety and family engagement. You can have an effective voice by attending any meeting – keep an eye on the eNews and check out [the P&C Facebook page](#) for upcoming meeting dates and contact details for the P&C Executive.

Community News

Dianella Secondary College Open Evening, Wednesday 5 April 2023 from 3:30pm - 6:30pm.

The Dianella Secondary College Open Evening is a great opportunity to tour our award-winning school and its facilities and get to know our staff. Everyone is welcome.



DIANELLA
SECONDARY COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING
WED 5 APRIL 2023
FROM 3:30PM - 6:30PM

**GET TO KNOW OUR
AWARD-WINNING SCHOOL**

RSVP via <https://bit.ly/dscopen>

Come and see our interactive displays which showcase student work from a variety of learning areas, tour our state-of-the-art Hospitality Trade Training Centre, Mila Kaadadjiny STEM Centre, and our brand-new Performing Arts Centre.

RSVP now via <https://bit.ly/dscopen> **Moe Aung** Media & Marketing Officer



**APPLY FOR OUR
ECU PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP
AND ACCESS OUR
STEM ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

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HARLIES JUNIOR HOCKEY

2023 "HAVE A GO" REGISTRATION



Harlies Junior Hockey program provides a fun, safe environment for boys and girls to learn, develop and improve their hockey skills.

Come down to Breckler Park, 70 Cornwall St Dianella and have a go at hockey / registration:

Wednesday 22 March 2023 5 -6 pm.

If you can't make it at this time, either email our junior coordinator eo_juniors@harlies.org.au to express your interest or you can register at www.harlies.org.au/registration

We have among the cheapest hockey fees in Perth. 2023 fees are:

- **Juniors (play in competitive leagues) \$110 + (\$42.50 HA fees)**
- **Sub-juniors (generally 8 and below) \$70**

Previous hockey experience is not necessary.

Register Your Interest

Email
eo_juniors@harlies.org.au
or
subjuniors@harlies.org.au

www.harlies.org.au

Training

Wednesdays during
hockey season

5-6 pm

Games

Sub-juniors

Super Saturdays –
small friendly games
with other clubs (one
Saturday morning /
month Terms 2 & 3)

Junior Teams

Saturday mornings



HARLIES HOCKEY CLUB
BRECKLER PARK
70 Cornwell St DIANELLA
eo_juniors@harlies.org.au