



Tanunda Primary School & Tanunda Disability Unit



Grapevine

“Together we achieve”

Important Dates

TERM 1	1st May – 7th July
Week 1:	1st May – 5th May
Fri 5th May	Walkathon
Week 2:	8th May – 12th May
Tues 9th May	NAPLAN Testing
Wed 10th May	NAPLAN Testing
Thurs 11th May	NAPLAN Testing
Week 3:	15th May – 19th May
Wed 17th May	SAPSASA Cross Country Governing Council 7pm
Fri 19th May	Pupil Free Day
Week 7	12th June – 16th June
12th June	Queens Birthday – Public Holiday
Week 9:	26th June – 30th June
Mon 26th June	Pupil Free Day

We are also welcoming back Nicole Crook (nee Crouch), who will work in Room 4 on Thursday & Fridays this term. Nicole is returning from maternity leave and we are looking forward to having her back on deck.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term, with lots of different activities planned over the next ten weeks. Our first activity is our annual walkathon, which is being held this Friday, May 5th. The walkathon is a major fundraiser for our school encouraging active involvement by the whole school community. The walkathon is over a distance of 3 kms for R-1, 6 kms for Year 2-3 and 10 kms for Years 4-7. Students are encouraged to get sponsorship from family and friends. Sponsorship forms went at the beginning of April. All money raised will be targeted towards our Physical Education Programs, and we thank those parents who have offered to help on the day. Please speak to your child's teacher if you require any additional information about the day. Thank you.

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 2. Hope you had a lovely Easter and were all able to enjoy some time off and the Vintage Festival activities over the holiday break. The cool weather seems to have arrived over the last week and it has been great to receive some much needed rain.



We welcome Nick Wuttke to TPS, who is backfilling our deputy principal position whilst Stuart is on leave for Term 2. Nick comes to us from Kapunda Primary School, has a broad range of leadership experience and brings a wide range of skills to the position. I know he's looking forward to being at the school, and will really enjoy working with our school community.

NAPLAN testing will occur next week, between the 9th & 11th of May. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Our teachers have made sure that the children are familiar with the test requirements and structure, and are giving them practice with previous year's tests and multiple choice tasks. Students in these year levels will have a slightly modified timetable next week to enable the testing to occur.

On Wednesday May 17th, a number of students have nominated to participate in the Barossa & Light District Cross Country Championships in Angaston. If the weather conditions are inclement, the event will be held on Tuesday May 22nd. We would love to hear from

any parents who might be available to help us on the day. Please speak to Steve Lubcke if you can assist in anyway. Thank you.

On Friday 21st April there was a formal military service held on site commemorating Scott Smith, a former student at TPS who was tragically killed whilst in active service. Staff & student representatives were in attendance, in addition to the Smith family, local dignitaries, servicemen and RSL representatives. In keeping with the TPS commitment to honoring past students who have fallen while serving a permanent plaque was unveiled in our Memorial Cross Garden, recognising Scott's service and sacrifice. We thank Zoe & Adam S for laying a wreath on behalf of the school community and Hayley Spaans, Lesley Aloisi, Paula O'Driscoll & Mostyn Daniel for their preparations for the ceremony.



Thanks also to Lexie, Freya and Meg who represented Tanunda Primary School at the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Tanunda Memorial Gardens last Tuesday. The girls laid a wreath in front a large crowd and we thank them for their representation at this community event.

Last year, Governing Council made the decision to support Tanunda Primary in becoming a KidsMatter school. KidsMatter is an Australian wellbeing initiative set in primary schools and in early childhood education services.

Our staff have already completed several training sessions looking at the KidsMatter program and this work will continue this term. We have created Action Team, consisting of staff, student and parent representatives, and they will begin meeting this term to help us implement this framework.

As an initial step, Steve Clarke will be surveying students to determine their perspectives on Tanunda Primary School and what they think is important for us to consider in better supporting their mental health and wellbeing. Students will be asked to complete a survey over the coming weeks to help guide our work over the remainder of the term

Have a great week and I will hope to see everyone at the Walkathon on Friday.

Kind regards,

Michelle

NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY 21 MAY 2017
1PM
TOURS and INFORMATION
SESSION

We invite you to explore our facilities and gain an understanding of the broad range of curricula and extra curricula offerings at Nuriootpa High School. Staff and students will showcase a sample of what students experience in their educational journey where wellbeing, high achievement and respect are important focus areas. Our dedicated staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about our quality and extensive programs and encourage you to join our progressive team approach to schooling.

LIGHT PASS PRIMARY
100 YEARS
Autumn Fayre
Sunday 21st May
11am – 4pm

Stallholders Wanted
\$40 Fee, enquiry at Front Office