



# Tarlee Primary School

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# Newsletter

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Week 4 Term 2

## From the Classrooms

### Smart Pancakes

Term two is already well underway!

We have been learning some new maths strategies that will support students to quickly and effectively solve mathematical problems. Over the last few weeks we have looked at the strategies including subitising collections to 5, to 10, part-part-whole and count on. Ask your children if they can explain any of the strategies to you.

The children in the JP enjoy their time for creative play. We have been working on refining skills such as cutting, colouring and oral language through singing. This week, children made some masks – they had to trace, cut, colour and stick things together. As you can see from the photos, they did a great job.



### Nature Play

Nature play is something that is being encouraged more and more. We were lucky enough to source the timber cubby house, which is a huge hit with the children. During project work, children worked on planning to



put in some timber stepping logs. They had to find the smallest legs in the school and work out how far this student could step without too much of a stretch. Children were using rulers and masking tape on the floor to see if the student could step on their measured logs. After we worked out they needed to be around 45cm apart, we began to dig holes and place logs in the ground. The ground was hard so after we successfully put in 3 or 4, Neil, the groundsman, completed the job for us. Go for a peek around by the cubby house to check it out.



### Dates to Remember

June

11<sup>th</sup> Mon Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday

18<sup>th</sup> Mon Governing Council Meeting

Current Term 2 Attendance Percentage 93.9%  
2018 Attendance Percentage to date 89.8%

## Message from Tracey

### Pastoral Care Worker

The students enjoyed eggy toast on the NAPLAN mornings last week. This was an extra boost before the tests, I noticed that everyone was keen to do their best and are quite used to our routine.

I am still trying to organise some guest speakers for our parent group, if anyone knows anybody who may like to visit us please let me know.

It is great to see so many young lambs, crops and pastures growing around the district. The scenery is changing rapidly so I hope like me you're enjoying it. The change of season is an important part of the Tarlee landscape, it gives us all a boost to see our countryside looking so beautiful and grateful for where we live.

I have been running the Seasons For Growth Program for Benji and Ava. This is an 8 week course based on the belief that change and loss are a part of life. Thursday marked their final session, we talked about what we have been learning over the past 8 sessions, had a little celebration of that learning and they received their certificates.

If you think your child may benefit from this course please let me or Mr Turrell know.

Have a great fortnight

Tracey



## School News

### National Simultaneous Storytime

This week Tarlee Primary School participated in National Simultaneous Storytime the following explains what it was all about.

#### **NSS2018 - WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018, 11AM**

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books.

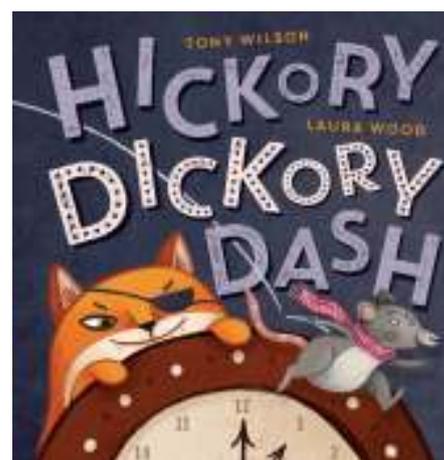
Now in its 18th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. NSS2018's book is *Hickory Dickory Dash* written by Tony Wilson, illustrated by Laura Wood and published by Scholastic.

By facilitating National Simultaneous Storytime, we aim to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher;
- promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country;
- provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

NSS receives positive media coverage, generates a great deal of community interest and is held annually as part of Library and Information Week



Taken from:- <https://www.alia.org.au/events/15918/national-simultaneous-storytime-2018>

# School News

## Upper Primary

In science for the Kingdom Crushers, we have been exploring different types of force and motion so far this term. We looked at the differences in the mass of an object, and tested whether a ball with a smaller or larger mass will go further. We found the results very interesting.



The big marble went further because it has more force behind it. The higher we released it from on the slope, the more acceleration the ball got, and the further the ball went. – From Chloe.

The Kingdom Crushers had so much fun experimenting with force, motion and acceleration, and wanted to share their knowledge with the JPs. As a whole, the students accepted the challenge to move a dictionary from one side of the classroom to the other without using their hands, to test their knowledge and problem solving skills. This is what they came up with:



In week 4, we returned to our group focus for science this term which is weather. The students worked hard to create their own rain gauge that we will be observing and reporting on each week this term. This is what they look like:



# From the Playgroup

## Week 3

Mixing and making this week in Play Group.

With starting work on an oven, to put in the school cubby house, beautiful marbling and building and playing with train sets.

We listened to a story called 'Granny Lina's Bedtime story' it was about a granny who read a bedtime story to her grandchildren and talk to them about how the story was written. It was a fairy tale and the granny talked about how lots of stories start with 'Once upon a time' and end with 'they lived happily ever after.' They have good and bad guys and magic. Maybe we can try writing a fairy tale one day.

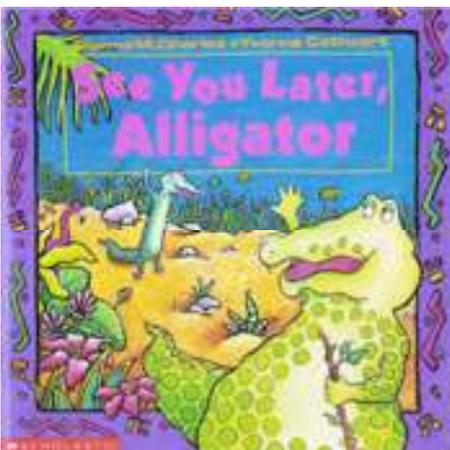
We are making the oven out of recycled materials that we have at the school and hope it will look fabulous when it's finished. Marie had cut the oven down to the size we need and we all got to have a turn painting the first coat of white paint, we were great at taking turns and wearing our smocks when using paints.

Marie showed us how to do marbling this week and lots of us had a go. We made small pages of beautiful paper using shaving cream and food colouring. It was a bit messy but lots of fun and the pages looked really beautiful when we were finished. Marie is going to put some photocopies up in the front office so everyone can see how beautiful they are and we might be able to make more later in the term.



## Week 4

This week we had a very busy time playing with animals and cars and working on our sharing skills. We also had a great game of 'Zoo Keeper Says' during outside play in the playground, it's a bit like 'Simon Says' but we have to act and sound like whatever zoo animal the Zoo Keeper tells us to be. Marie was a bit tricky and kept telling us to be farm animals without saying "Zoo Keeper says you a ....." first we got caught out a lot but it was so much fun we didn't even care.



We listened to a story called "See You Later, Alligator" we all thought it would be a story about an angry alligator or it would be the song, but it was about an alligator and a crocodile that were best friends and one day they started not being friends because one or the other had different clothes to wear. We all thought that was a pretty funny reason for not being friends. At the end of the book the alligator and the crocodile got to hot and had to take off all their new clothes and then they were friends again.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## *Free Positive Parenting Program*



Do you sometimes find you have questions about your child's behaviour and development and not quite sure where to turn?

- **Positive Parenting (Triple P)** teaches simple and practical strategies to confidently tackle parenting challenges

Please join us for three FREE sessions where we will discuss and learn strategies relating to:

- **Positive Parenting**
- **Raising Confident and Competent Children**
- **Raising Resilient Children**

*Light refreshments and Free Creche will be provided*

**When:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

7pm -9pm

**Where:** Hamley Bridge Kindergarten/Primary School

**To book:** Contact Megan Noack - Kindergarten Director;

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