Dear Families,

**Bullying NO WAY and Harmony Day**
Friday 18 March is National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and Monday 21 March is Harmony Day.
This year we will be acknowledging both of these days together on Friday 18 March with classes involved in a range of activities to stop bullying and covering this year’s Harmony Day theme of “our diversity is our strength.” We will be encouraging all students to wear orange the colour which represents Harmony on this day.

**Student Leaders**
Congratulations to our following school leaders. We look forward to further developing their leadership skills as they take on the different responsibilities required of them over the year.

**House captains**
- **Yakka** – Jessica Westlake, Tianah Van Der Linden, Lili Bryant, Jake Paynter
- **Banksia** – Brooklyn O’Shea, Isabella Pearce, Kelsie Mansfield, Will Carter
- **Boronia** – Alana Cleary, James Cleary, Thalia Winrow, Abbey Swanbury
- **Wattle** – Jacinda Parashis, Darryl Miller, Piper Harman, Louis Joseph

**School Magazine**
- Alana Cleary
- Kaylee Speck
- Abbey Swanbury
- Jasmine Measham
- Darcy Taylor

**Display leaders**
- Taniele Mack
- Tianah Van Der Linden

**Choir Captains**
- Tahli Watkins
- Ashlee Williamson

**Media Crew**
- Ryan Williamson
- Alessandro Castigilia
- Eamonn Wood

**Library leaders**
- Chelsea Woodley
- Jemma Tsambis
- Charlize Kock

**Important Dates to Remember**

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Pupil Free Days and School Closure
At our last Governing Council Meeting Governing Council approved the following dates for Pupil Free Days:
Monday 2nd May – first day of term 2
Thursday 8th September Week 7 term 3
Friday 2nd December Week 7 term 4.
On these days staff are involved in Professional Learning / Training and Development.
The school will be closed to all students and staff on Friday 9th September.
Our OSHC service will be available on these days.

Sports Day
To support the classes and students this year our Sports Day Committee has changed the events after lunch.
There will be no age level sprints and instead classes will have individual class relays in front of their peers
starting with the Junior Primary classes.
Feedback from previous years was that the end of the day was rushed with the presentation to the House
captains and many students were tired and not enjoying the last activity.
We look forward to families coming along and cheering their child/ren and house teams.
If you have extra family members coming along we encourage them to place lunch orders with your child
and supporting our canteen. The canteen will also be serving food on the day to those who did not place an
order.

Homework
Often parents are uncertain of the best ways of supporting their child with homework and teachers are asked,
how much do I help? How long should it take? What else can my child do?
I have added below a helpful article which gives tips for parents.

Warm Regards,

Melissa

Melissa Evans
Principal

Homework
Parents are often guilty of helping their child a bit too much with their homework. Sometimes the homework
battle can be made that little bit easier if you just tell your child what to do, or simply do it for them. At least
it’s been done, you think.
When parents assume responsibility for making their child always happy and successful, they discourage their
child from developing age-appropriate autonomy and encourage the child to expect other adults to protect
them from facing any challenge.
Each Class has students with differing needs and homework tasks are set by teachers to cater for these needs
and to support student learning.
Here are some tips for parents which will provide the appropriate level of support.
Tips for parents
• Show an interest in your child’s schooling but avoid being more interested in their schoolwork than they
  are – or it risks making it “your thing” and not “their thing”.
• Set rules about homework (when and where it should be done), particularly in their younger years.
• Try not to offer your help before they ask; let them ask you. This will boost their confidence in completing
  schoolwork without constant adult help.
• Make sure you are coaching and not doing. Don’t fix every mistake or act as an editor. Get older children to
  ask you specific questions only, like, for example: “Is my conclusion clear?”
• In junior school, get homework done before fun things. Then prompt rather than remind them, eg: “What
  needs to be done before you watch TV?”
• Every year, reassess what you do for your child and whether your actions stop them developing important
  skills, such as responsibility and autonomy. For example, you should start to withdraw your reminders for
  homework early in their schooling, including gentle reminders such as, “Do you have much homework?”
• With this must come the child accepting responsibility for homework and teacher-delivered consequences
  should they forget to do homework or to bring it to school. Remember these remain a reflection of your child’s
  current organisation and motivation, not your parenting.
• Finally, remember a golden rule – your actions as a parent should not be primarily about making them
  successful now, but about building the life skills that will enable them to be successful in the future without
  your help.
**Class Success Awards**

**Congratulations to the following students:**
Ella (A1), Matthew (A2), Layla (A3), Riley (A4), Maddison (A5), Briannah (A6), Kai (A7), Darryl (A8), Jasmin (A9), Ashaynia (A10), Samuel W (Spanish)

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

**Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge:**

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**Canteen**

**Easter Hot Cross Buns**
Order forms available from the Canteen

Pre-ordered Hot Cross Buns, will be available from the Canteen for pick up at recess on

*Tuesday, 22nd March*

Please send your order form back, with payment, in lunch crate or take directly to the Canteen by
*Friday, 18th March.*

**All orders must be pre-ordered**

**Sports Day BBQ**
Order forms available from the Canteen

Student’s and extended families are invited to pre order their BBQ lunch.

*Wednesday 23rd March 2016*

Normal lunch orders are available on Sports Day

Donuts, cans of coke, Diet Coke & lemonade also available from the Canteen.

**Please return order and payment to the Canteen by Monday 21st March 2016**

Volunteers required to assist with cooking the BBQ!
Please contact Athalie in the Canteen or notify the Front office staff if you are available to help.
Term 1 Activities

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Community News

For more information please contact the front office or view our Notice Board located in the Northern Unit.

Avant Ballet Studio - Kinderballet - 3-5 years, Babies and Tinies 1-3 years, Ballet (Cecchetti Method, Tap, Jazz/HipHop, Contemporary, Acro, Petit Theatre Ballet Company, Reasonable Fees 10% discount this term for 5 & 6 year olds - Just mention this ad!! Classes held at Tea Tree Gully Primary School, Ph Robbyn Garrett-Doyle Ph: 7220 6941 M: 0412 956 328 Lic. Dip CBA CICB Bach Education www.avantballet.com.au email avantballet@adam.com.au


Clubs Connect 2016 City of Tea Tree Gully - “Come & Try” a range of different sports for FREE! Sessions will be aimed at having fun and will be run by local clubs. Fire up the holidays and get involved with club sport. To register for the event please visit www.eventbrite.com and search “Clubs Connect”.

PARENTING COURSE - 7-week course 31st May - 12th July The course is a series of sessions designed to help parents, carers and parents to be of 0 to 10 year olds, equip their children for life by looking at:

- building strong foundations
- meeting our children’s needs
- setting boundaries
- teaching healthy relationships
- our long-term aim

Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church hall, 592-600 Milne Road, Banksia Park 7:00pm - 8:30pm. Course fee of $20 includes workbook and supper. Bookings or Information: Contact Kerry Folland on 8396 32 52 or 0417 606 255

Parenting SA - Free seminars being presented by Dr Justin Coulson on 5 and 6 April 2016 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Register to attend in person or view live webcast at http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au