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REMINDERS:

Term 1 & 4 students must wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat when outside.
Students are not to use Mobile phones while at school.

All parents and community members are encouraged to come to the Tintinara Area School Annual General Meeting this coming Monday night (Feb 6) at 7:30 pm at the school. Please note that this is the AGM of the School, and so it is not necessary to have been involved in the Governing Council in order to come along. It is anticipated that we will be finished by 8:30. For more information please contact Stuart at the school.

DAIRY DATES:

February:
6th  Governing Council AGM
7th  Ag Committee Meeting
10th Swimming Carnival (Keith)
13th SAPSASA Softball Selections (Lameroo)
15th Junior School Assembly
20th U.S.E. Swimming Carnival
21st  U.S.E. Swimming Carnival (back up)
22nd SRC/House Captain Induction 9:30am
28th SAPSASA Swimming Selections (Lameroo)
29th SSSSA Swimming (Marion)

Water Security Forum

March:
6th  Athletics Carnival
7th  Junior School Assembly
12th Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
14th  U.S.E. Athletics Carnival (Keith)
16th  U.S.E. Athletics Carnival (back up)
   Bowls Tea
19th SAPSASA Softball (Adelaide)
   Governing Council Meeting
26th SAPSASA Swimming Champs (Marion)
28th Junior School Assembly
29th SSSSA Athletics (SANTOS)

April:
3rd  SAPSASA Athletics Selection (Coomandook)
6th  End of Term

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Principal:  Mr Stuart Kitto
Governing Council Chairperson:  Simon Brock
Welcome back to the 2012 school year. I was fortunate to observe both our Primary Years and Secondary Years Teams preparing for the return of students last week, and the energy, enthusiasm and professional skill they were sharing with each other was an exciting thing to see. Staff were bouncing ideas off of each other as they refined and honed plans, and listening to the creative and innovative approaches to learning that they were sharing, I am confident that this is going to be an excellent year for our students.

The purpose of our school community is to make good things happen for our children and young people. We think that this can be done most effectively when everyone involved works together in a collaborative and supportive environment. This requires communication, and lots of it! We all know that when community, parents and staff are working together, our children get the greatest opportunities, and so it is important that children see that we are communicating and supporting each other. When problems or disputes arise it is often because of a misunderstanding that can be resolved by discussing the matter with the appropriate people. Elsewhere in this newsletter I have included our Grievance Procedure. This makes clear the process for clarify and resolving issues when they arise. (The name Grievance Procedure is slightly misleading, as it can also be used to share good things as well. Like anyone else, staff enjoy hearing when they do things particularly well, not only when there is a problem.) Although I have asked staff to keep their mobile phones on them at all times for ease of communication within the school, we still prefer parent contact to go through the main switchboard, as this allows messages to be passed on at appropriate times that will minimise interruptions to classes.

Finally, I would like to welcome Nerida Schultz and Julianne Wandel to our team. They both bring something new to our school, and they are already fitting in well with their colleagues and students, and proving themselves to be valuable additions to our staff group.
NEW STUDENTS

2012 has seen an influx of students attending our school. The number of students attending Tintinara Area School & Preschool at this stage is 115.

Gabi Seidel we welcome to our Pre-School, Logan Whitford & Fletcher Schulz have moved from the Pre-school into the Reception class. Due to Salt Creek Primary School closing we welcome Thyesha and Kohie Grant to our Junior School and their parents Samantha and Benjamin Grant.

In the Senior School, Shane Tregenza has joined us. Shane has come from Keith Area School, and we welcome him and his father Leslie to our community.

Sebastian Themeßl-Huber, Cornelia Grosinger and Antonia Cox are our international visitors. Sebi is 15 years old and is from a small village Gundersheim in Austria. His mother is a teacher and his father is a owner manager of a Hotel/Restaurant. He has an older brother Daniel who is studying media at university. Sebi enjoys snowboarding, volleyball, plays the piano and sings in a choir. He is staying with Neil & Barb Keller for 1 semester studying in the year 11 class.

Conny is 17 she is also from a village in Austria Bergfelstaße. Her father is an accountant and her mother an employee, she has a younger sister who is a student. Conny has a love for horses, enjoys tennis and dance. She plays the guitar and sings in a choir and also enjoys camping. Conny is staying with Amanda, Kym and Bethany Lehmann.

Toni is 16 and is from Geldern in Germany which is also a small village of fewer than 1000 people. Toni’s parents are gardeners as are her older brother and sister. Toni enjoys photography, cycling, snowboarding, swimming, soccer and tennis and would like to be a sports journalist when she graduates. Toni is staying with Lisa, Gavin, Grace, Georgia and Tessa Sanders. Please make all of our students and parents welcome.
Ag. Committee Meeting
The next meeting of the School Agriculture Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 7th Feb at 5.30pm. This committee is important to assist teaching staff on agricultural projects to reflect community needs and maintain a valuable resource to complement the curriculum. Members of the Ag. Committee have in the past, assisted in improvement of facilities and been a community liaison for setting up excursion venues, etc that are necessary to provide a broad exposure of local agriculture and associated industries to the students. The committee is made up of the Principal, Agric. Teacher(s), Grounds staff, two students and 4-5 community members. We have approx. 4 formal meetings per year and there only 40 -50 minutes in time.

If you are interested in being part of this Committee please contact Brett Meyer (87565063) or Graham Pearce (0411690471, 87565046).

Hay Required
In order to maintain our Cattle, sheep and goat numbers we have a need for hay and/or grain throughout the next 8 months. We would be grateful for any donations if you have some to spare - even one bale or butt would be appreciated. Please contact Keith Harkness, Graham Pearce or the school office to arrange pickup or delivery. Thankyou

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The swimming carnival for ages 8 and over will be held at the Keith Pool on Friday the 10th of February. Gates open at 9:00am and swimming commences at 10:00am sharp. We hope that we will be finished by 1:30pm.

The school will cover the cost of entry. Canteen facilities will be available.

All students attending the carnival will need their bathers, towels, hat, plenty of water and sunscreen.

If parents are unable to arrange transport to the pool, please contact the school immediately to arrange alternative transport. Students that aren't old enough to compete in the carnival will be supervised at school by their regular teachers.

Buses will leave the school at the scheduled time of 3:25pm. Please let the school know if your child/ren will not be catching the bus as usual.

If any parents are willing to assist on the day please notify the front office. A program of events will be sent home closer to the date of the carnival.

If you have any questions regarding this event please don't hesitate to contact the school.
SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Parents, caregivers, family and friends are invited to attend Primary School Assemblies. By holding assemblies students in Preschool to Year 6 are given the opportunity to practise their oral language skills in front of an audience and to share the exciting activities and concepts they have been learning in class.

Assemblies will occur in weeks 3, 6 & 9 of each term. They will be held 9am on Wednesday mornings at the new building undercover area.

We hope to see you there!

Primary School Staff

STUDENT ABSENCES

Just a reminder for the new year to all parents/caregivers on how student absences are to be reported:

In the event of your child/ren being absent the following is required from the parent/caregiver:

- a phone call (8757 2120), email (info@tas.sa.edu.au) or SMS (0488 535 079) is required with a short reason as to why the student is absent by 9:15am (eg family reasons, ill, etc)
- a signed, dated note from a parent/caregiver explaining why the child was away and the date they were away MUST be received by the home group teacher on the students return (an email will not be accepted for this note – it must be an original signed and dated note). If a parent/caregiver has personally spoken to a member of staff regarding their child’s absence, a signed and dated note is still to be received by the school from the parent/caregiver
- if an absence is planned (ie Dentist/Doctor appointment), a written note from a parent/caregiver can be sent in prior to the absence happening explaining why and when the student will be absent
- if an absence of longer than two days is planned (eg family holiday), an ED175 – Application for Exemption from School – is to be filled in by the parent/caregiver, signed and returned to the school for approval by the Principal or District Director (these forms can be obtained from the front office or sent home with students on request).

As you are now well aware, we have produced a ‘Notification of Student Absence’ form for parents/caregivers to fill in when their child/ren are absent from school. These forms have been and will continue to be produced in our school newsletters. The form is also available from the front office on request and on our website (www.tas.sa.edu.au). Please keep these on file at home for when you may require them. If you do not have these on hand, a note in the student’s diary/message book or on note paper is still required from the parent/caregiver. All parent notes are copied and kept at the school as per DECS policy.

If a note is not received your child/ren will be marked as “Absent Unexplained” and is placed on the students’ end of semester report.

When your child/ren arrive late (after 8:50am) for school on any day they are required to report to the front office to sign in either with a parent/guardian, or with a written explanation from their parent/guardian as to why they were late.

If you have not contacted the school by 9:10am to notify us of your child/ren’s absence you may receive a phone call from school staff to enquire about your child’s absence on that day. Please note that this is an Education Department policy. All schools are to follow this procedure.

If you have any further concerns with regards to our request, please do not hesitate to contact the school for clarification. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation. Please keep the lines of communication open.

BUSHFIRE SEASON REMINDER

A reminder to all parents and caregivers that the bushfire season is well and truly upon us, which can sometimes be an anxious time for children and their families. Here at Tintinara Area School we have been given a ‘moderate risk’ bushfire rating. This means that on days that there is a report of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for the Upper South East district our school will remain OPEN and all school bus runs will be CANCELLED for the whole day. Bus drivers and school families should have their own Bush Fire Action plans and may need to implement these on such days. At their own discretion, parents/carers may bring/pick up their child/ren to and from school, if they believe it is safe to do so. Parents/Carers are encouraged to listen in to local ABC radio for weather and bushfire information updates.
Please find enclosed with this newsletter a flyer called “Your Children and the Bushfire Season - Important information for Parents and Carers”. Please take the time to read through this pamphlet and keep it in a safe place for future reference. If you have any further questions or queries with regards to the information within the pamphlet, please do not hesitate to contact the school.
GOVERNING COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

1. FINANCE
Advises Governing Council on budgetary and financial matters and monitors expenditure. Prepares the preliminary budget showing the anticipated funds available for the ensuing twelve months, both from the Global Budget, grants or fundraising activities and the proposed expenditure or details of any funds held for special purposes. Meets once / twice a term, a week before Governing Council, to examine actual receipts and payments and review the budget.

Composition:
- Governing Council Chairperson: Stuart Kitto
- Chairperson of Finance Committee: Barb Keller
- Principal: Stuart Kitto
- Finance Officer: Barb Keller
- Staff nominees
- 2 community members

2. ASSET MANAGEMENT
Advises Governing Council on the maintenance or improvement to the school’s buildings, grounds and facilities, eg. Pool. Committee develops a working plan and advises on the priorities of work to be carried out. This committee will monitor the planned restructure of the school. Committee would generally meet once a term.

Composition:
- Governing Councillor: Stuart Kitto
- Principal: Stuart Kitto
- Grounds Staff: Keith Harkness
- 2 Staff nominees: Ben Holbrook, Barb Keller
- 1 Student
- 4 Community members

3. AG COMMITTEE
Committee works with the Ag teacher, parents, students and Governing Council to develop the Ag curriculum and local enterprises.

Composition:
- Governing Councillor: Stuart Kitto
- Principal: Stuart Kitto
- Ag Teacher: Graham Pearce
- 1 Student nominee
- 4 community members: Keith Harkness

There are some vacancies that need to be filled on these Governing Council Sub Committees. You do not need to be a part of the Governing Council committee to be eligible to sit on one of the Sub Committees. If you have an interest in that area, please express this interest as soon as possible and support your school!

Name: ____________________________  Signature: ____________________________
Committee/s: ____________________________
LIBRARY NEWS

Adult Fiction:
Beyond a misty shore  Lyn ANDREWS
D.C. dead  Stuart WOODS
Dare to die  Carolyn HART
As easy as murder  Quintin JARDINE
Believing the lie  Elizabeth GEORGE
No one left to tell  Karen ROSE
Lay down my sword and shield  James Lee Burke
Jackal man  Kate ELLIS
The Red Queen  Philippa GREGORY
Rain gods  James Lee BURKE
Cry wolf  Wilbur SMITH
Red dog  Louis de BERNIÉRES
Explosive eighteen  Janet EVANOVICH
Nurse Anna’s war  Mary Jane STAPLES
Private games  James PATERSON and Mark SULLIVAN
Down the darkest road  Tami HOAG
A devil is waiting  Jack HIGGINS
Love in a nutshell  Janet EVANOVICH and Dorien KELLY

Large Print:
House of shadows  Iris GOWER
Heartwishes  Jude DEVERAUX
The plantation  Di MORRISSEY
Blood brothers  Josephine COX

Non-Fiction:
Bob the railway dog: the true story of an outback dog  Olwyn PARKER
What do I feed my baby: a step-by-step guide to starting solids  Leanne COOPER
Barbecue: Tasty recipes for every day Australia’s most amazing places  Reader's DIGEST
Let's propagate  Angus STEWART
White House years  Henry KISSINGER
The complete human body  Dr Alice ROBERTS
Audition  Stasia Ward KEHOE
Island treasures: Torres Strait Children share stories collected by Dot WALKER and Lynette GRIFFITHS
Poems of Banjo Paterson
Poems of Henry Lawson

Adolescent Fiction:
Beastly  Alex FINN
Summer  Tom DARLING
Clockwork prince  Cassandra CLARE
The Infernal devices: Clockwork angel  Cassandra CLARE
The Obernewtyn Chronicles: Book four: The keeping place  Isobelle CARMODY
The Hunger Games: Part three: Mockingjay  Suzanne COLLINS
Ship Kings: Book one: The coming of the whirlpool  Andrew MCGAHAN

Children’s fiction:
The coming of the whirlpool  Andrew McGAHAN
Bluefish  Pat SCHMATZ
Monster mayhem  Guy BASS
Monster madness  Guy BASS
Dear Swoosie  Kate CONSTABLE and Penni RUSSON
Journal of a schoolyard bully  Farley KATZ
Pizza cake  Morris GLEITZMAN
It’s the first day of school forever!  R.L. STINE
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick rules  Jeff KINNEY

Rainbow magic:
Destiny the rock star fairy  Daisy MEADOWS
Boy vs Beast  Charlie CARTER
Battle of the worlds
Underwater war

Star Wars:
Grievous attacks!  Veronica WASSERMAN
The Clone Wars  Veronica WASSERMAN
Tethan battle adventure  Sue BEHRENT
Defenders of the republic  Sue BEHRENT

Picture Books:
Big yellow digger  Julia JARMAN
Not this little black duck  Mark SVENDESEN
Spot’s fun week  Eric HILL
Mr Nosey and the big surprise  Roger HARGREAVES

The Advertiser

It’s Story Time Baby’s First Reading Pack


Are now available FREE from the library for babies aged 0 – 12 months.

DVDs:
Classification G:
The Smurfs
Donkey Kong Country
Go Diego Go: Lion Cub Rescue
The Yogi Bear show: Volumes 1, 2 & 3
Mr. Popper’s penguins
Dora’s enchanted forest adventures
Bananas in pyjamas: The fix-it Bananas
Thomas & Friends: Day of the diesels: The movie

Classification PG:
Zookeeper
The karate kid
Grown ups
Kings in grass castles
Evelyn
Corrina Corrina
8 seconds

Classification: M15+
Beautiful boy
Beginners
Cranford
Divine secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood
Scent of a woman
Alive
The quick and the dead
Straw dogs

Magazines
Lifestyle:
Better Homes & Gardens
R. M. Williams Outback
Australia Coast to Coast Country Style
SA Life
Australian Women’s Weekly
Australian Home Beautiful
Country Home Ideas

Gardening:
Gardening Australia
Burke’s Backyard

Consumer:
Choice

Cookery:
Delicious
Donna Hay
Vogue Entertaining & Travel
Super Food Ideas

Diet & Nutrition:
Weight Watchers
Good health

Computing:
PC User

Fashion:
Shop ‘till you drop
In Style
Marie Claire

Agricultural:
Kondinin: Farming Ahead
Small farms

Sport & leisure:
Wild Coast: Fishing Australia

Adolescent Reading:
Girlfriend
Dolly
Dirt Bikes

Science:
Cosmos: the science of everything
The Helix

Literature:
Good reading
The Literature base

Magpies: talking about books for children

Is your child taking up the Challenge in 2012??

If so, please ensure that they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, gets them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher or any of the library staff by: Friday 9 September.

The Challenge is to read 12 books in total.

In:
- Reception to Year 7, 8 of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available in the library, and 4 of their own choice.
- Years 8 and 9, students read 4 books from the Challenge lists and 8 of their own choice.
- Years 10 to 12, students read 12 books of their own choice, and these can include prescribed texts and any other texts from their studies.

Student reading records are available from your child’s teacher or the library.

Enjoy the Challenge!
COMMUNITY NEWS

$10 Gift Voucher for all new BankSA Accounts

For the start of Term 1, BankSA is offering all students who open a new Incentive Saver Account via the School a $10 Gift Voucher, which will be deposited into your child’s account once opened.

All children under 13 years who open an account with BankSA will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, LittleSavers Calculator, LittleSavers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet. LittleSavers is BankSA’s special saving club for kids and it’s all about having fun and learning how to save! Take a look at the LittleSavers website little savers.com.au

This offer is available until 30 March 2012 and is for new customers only. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.

TASTE ASIA - TINTINARA BOWLING CLUB INVITES YOU TO COME AND TASTE ASIA IN TINTY

FRIDAY 16TH MARCH 2012
7pm
$15 per Adult
$8 per Child 12 and Under
Bookings are essential
to Naomi Stidiford on 0428 822 143 by 9th March 2012

MENU
- Beef Stir-fry
- Lemon Chicken
- Fried Rice
- Hokkein Noodles
EXTRA
- Spring Rolls 3 for $2
Dessert Available

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Tintinara Area School would like to congratulate Gail Traeger on her Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award. Gail’s support for our school during the past years has been an inspiration and we appreciate the voluntary work that she does at the school educating our children on the environment in which they live. Well deserved Gail.

CONTACT WINDROWING

Available for 2012 Lucerne Seed Harvest
New Holland HW 345 30’ Draper Front
Contact Michael Crouch: Mobile 0417 897 362 A/Hours (08) 8573 0064
**Water Security Forum**

A **free** Water Security Forum will be held on Wednesday the 29th of February 2012 at the Tintinara Hall, Becker Terrace - Tintinara.

The increasing cost of mains water is having a significant cost impact on primary production. The Water Security Forum will provide information & water saving technology expertise at a full day event focusing on practical farm based solutions for saving and sourcing water. Presentations will be given by water industry experts & landholders providing case studies. Trade exhibitors will also be in attendance to discuss their products & advances in water technology with you.

Topics will include;
- Desalination, and effluent disposal.
- Alternative energy generation.
- Leak detection & leak finding equipment. (It is estimated 20% of purchased water is lost through on farm leaks).
- Effective shandying of mains and bore water.
- Rainwater harvesting techniques.
- Matching animal nutrition to water quality to ensure your livestock thrive, not just survive!
- Aquifer storage and recovery.
- Piping water between properties and from lakes and rivers.
- As well as case studies of innovative water management.

The day will run from 9am – 5pm, with registration available from 8.30am. A post forum trade display, BBQ and drinks will be provided. Catering on the day will be provided by the Tintinara Action Club.

To register for this unique event online please visit: [http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/lapregistration](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/lapregistration)

Registration is essential for catering purposes. Further information about the forum can be obtained from Graham Gates on: 0427 572 330.
WHEELIE/GARAGE SALE
Brandon is having a wheelie sale
Everything with wheels that he no longer needs will be sold. Motor Bike, Scooter, Bike etc.
Household good, toys and dishwasher
Sunday 5th February
8:30 to 12 noon
13 Emu Springs Rd TINTINARA
NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCE

Student Name: ________________________________  Year Level: ______________

Homegroup Teacher: ____________________________

Date of Absence/s: _____/____/_____  to  _____/____/____

Reason for Absence: ____________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Parent/Caregiver name: ________________________________  Date: _____/____/_____  

Parent Signature: ________________________________  [Teacher Signature: ___________]

Please fill in and return to the school with your child/ren prior to absence or on their return to class.

If there is a planned absence of a period which is of more than two school days, please obtain an ED175 (Application for Exemption) form from the Front Office to be filled in prior to leave happening. Thank you.