**Woodville MILO T20 Blast Program**

Due to extreme heat last week and in the interests of the participating children, the **Woodville MILO T20 Blast FREE “COME AND TRY” SESSION** has been rescheduled!

The updated details are as follows:

**FREE “Come & Try”**: Wednesday 15th February, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Matheson Reserve, Findon

Designed for boys and girls aged 7 – 12 years old and of all abilities, MILO T20 Blast provides an opportunity for children to play modified games of cricket under the supervision of trained coaches in a safe, fun and inclusive environment. The FREE “Come and Try” session is the perfect way to see whether your child might be interested in registering for the full 8 week season without an upfront commitment.

By registering for MILO T20 Blast every participant will enjoy a full season of fun and excitement while also receiving a MILO T20 Blast Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, water bottle and some great cricket fun this term but every registered child also receives a MILO in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies!

**MILO in2CRICKET Program**

MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills, meet new friends and have fun with their whole family in a safe and interactive environment.

There are multiple programs running in your local community and by registering at one of them, not only will you enjoy the MILO T20 Blast FREE “COME AND TRY” SESSION but also receive a MILO T20 Blast Participant Pack including a playing shirt, Adelaide Strikers cap, bag and more!

**MILO T20 Blast Program**

MILO T20 Blast is a fun, safe, action packed cricket program for boys and girls in Year 2-5. The program involves modified games of cricket, where each child gets an equal turn at batting, bowling and fielding.

There are many centres starting soon with the first session at each centre being a **FREE Come & Try Session**. Your nearest MILO T20 Blast Centre will be run at:

**Woodville Rechable**

Buckleuch Road, Findon

FREE Come & Try: Wednesday 8th February, 5:30pm – 7:00pm - RESCHEDULED SEE ABOVE!!

**Sports Information**

Beach Volleyball - Term 1

In Term 1 2017 we are offering students in years 4 -7 the opportunity to participate in a Torrensville Primary School Volleyball Team as part of the Henley Sportstown Mini Volleyball Competition.

The competition will consist of 1 game per week played on a Monday after school. The games will run from 4pm until 5pm and will take place on the Henley foreshore, Henley Beach. The term 1 competition will commence on Monday 13th of February and run for 9 weeks.

Registration forms were distributed last week to those interested. Extra forms can be located in the front office for those wishing to participate.

School Soccer 2017

School soccer will once again be upon us and we are in the early stages of establishing our teams and helpers. School sport is heavily reliant on parental assistance and again will be looking for coaches to help work with each of our teams. Torrensville Primary will continue as part of The North West Junior Soccer Association. The games are played on Saturday mornings at the same venue, beginning week 2 of term 2. Teams are structured from under 6 through to under 13/14 year old players. Players are able to play up or over age by 1 year, yet are not permitted to play down; therefore submitting teams in the older age groups becomes difficult due to player numbers and interest.

We are also looking for somebody to take on the role of school delegate for 2017. The Delegate is responsible for the transfer of information between the school and the NWJSA and attend 4 delegates meeting during the season. Without a school delegate we will be unable to continue with our soccer program. Anyone interested in filling this role, please contact me as soon as possible.

Registration forms and further information will be distributed by your child’s classroom teacher and also to the parents of those wishing to participate.

**Group Fitness Classes at Torrensville!**

Adult group fitness classes $10, 1 hr session

Boxing on Tuesday’s at 6:30pm

HIIT Circuit on Friday’s at 6:30pm

No need to book.

For more information call Lisa on 0402022641

**Learn to play Tennis!**

State Tennis West Loos is now taking bookings for Term 1. Tennis workshops are for 10-12 year old girls and boys. All equipment is provided. For more information please contact: silvia.mcmullen@state.tennis.com.au.

**Welcome to our 2017 school year at Torrensville Primary!**

A big welcome to the families of the 67 students who are new to TPS this year. We currently have 39 more students than term 3 last year. This is why we have an extra class this year.

Our current staff are:

- John McCade Principal
- Silvia McMullen Deputy Principal
- Tracy Norris Finance Officer
- Jen Gibson-Smith Administration Officer
- Jill Annichiarico* Room 20 RE/Year 1
- Hazel Hayward** Room 21 PE
- Bronwyn Matthews Room 22 RE/Year 1
- Carol Van Der Wijngaart Room 4 Year 1/2
- Lynn Smart Room 23 Year 2/3
- Sue Lang Room 3 Year 2/3
- Jenny Ernst Room 3 Year 2/3
- David Peterson Room 2 Year 3/4
- Mark Pannenburg
- Susanna Makris Room 1 Year 4/5
- *Helena Kyriacou Week 2
- **Alice Pannenburg returns Term 3

**Torrensville Primary Acquaintance Night**

Wednesday February 15th

You can visit your child’s class teacher anytime during this hour, but for families that have children in multiple year levels, we have organised it that the best times to visit each section of the school are:

- 5:15-5:30 Early Years
- 5:30 - 5:45 Primary Years
- 5:45 - 6:00 Middle School
- 6:00 - 6:15 Greek/Arts/PE

This is a great opportunity to get to know your child’s teacher and other specialist teachers. Later in the term we will hold parent teacher interviews to discuss your child’s progress.

**Annual General Meeting!**

Following our Acquaintance Evening, we will be holding our Governing Council Annual General Meeting, commencing at 6:15pm in the library.

Our AGM is an important meeting, we squeeze a lot into 45 minutes, and we endeavour to finish before 7pm.

At the meeting our Annual Report is tabled; you get to hear of our 2016 achievements, our 2017 directions and the schools financial position.

Also there may be an opportunity to become a member of our Governing Council.

This is a great way to know more about how our school is run and have a voice in our decision making processes.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.
Have you got the Skoolbag App yet?
The Skoolbag App is free, and a great way for us to keep you informed. Many parents in the past have said they have not received a newsletter or didn’t know about a school event. Well now you won’t be dependent on your child delivering those notes to you, we will send them directly to your phone.
Skoolbag is available for ipad, iphone and android use. Skoolbag allows you to inform us of changes of details, if your child will be absent and get forms for GHSC, plus much more. More importantly, if we have an emergency situation it will be the way we get an urgent message out to our community.
Please take some time to have a look at the app, it’s a wonderful way to keep up to date while helping the environment. If you are unsure of how to install, come and ask us in the front office.

Fortnightly Newsletter
Today our newsletter is being sent home in a hard copy for everyone. This is not usual. After this edition parents will receive an electronic version via the Skoolbag App. The newsletter is also uploaded to the school website for easier viewing at www.torrensvps.sa.edu.au.

At Torrensville we are making every effort to be more sustainable. We ask that you view your newsletters online rather than taking a hard copy. If however you require a paper copy complete the slip included in this newsletter and forward to the office.
Class newsletters will be twice a year instead of every term and will be available via the Skoolbag App.
Once again we are back on board with People’s Choice Lottery. Online ticket sales are now available, however only until the 31st March. All online ticket sales will go into the early bird prize draw in addition to their entry into the final prize draw.
This year’s online-exclusive early bird prize is a Toyota Yaris Ascent Petrol 5 Door Hatch valued at $20,337 supplied by our brand new Platinum Lottery Partner, CM Toyota, and we’ll draw one lucky winner on 5 April.

Make Every Day Count!

Attitude and Lateness
Thank you to students and parents for really trying hard to get to school on time. Our school continues to have a major focus this year on achieving set goals for attendance and lateness. We are looking to further improve attendance and especially lateness, so that children are given maximum opportunity for learning.
Remember lessons begin at 8.50 am.

If we go away on holidays during the school term do I need to notify the school?
Yes, even if it is only for one day. If you have arranged to go on holidays that can not be arranged in school vacation then you need to fill in a school exemption form. This form can be collected from the office or class teacher and needs to be filled in and signed by the Principal prior to the holiday.

Should I notify the school if my child refuses to go to school?
Yes, you should contact the class teacher or one of the school Leaders to seek assistance.
Under the Education Act, parents and guardians are responsible for the regular attendance of all children in their care. There are legal consequences for parents if it can be shown that they are not meeting this responsibility.

Parking at Torrensville
We would like to thank everyone for their patience while the road works are being completed. It was scheduled to be completed during the holiday break, however with hold ups due to the weather etc it is taken longer than expected.
We would like to remind families that the staff carpark is for staff and taxis only. It is not a drop off or pick up place. Also in the interests of your child’s safety, please ensure that your children do not walk or ride through the carpark.

Spare clothes for little ones
It is not uncommon for our new little children to have an occasional accident. They get busy and leave it too late to ask the teacher if they can go to the toilet. We ask that you pack a change of clothes in their bag in the event of any mishaps. Remember to include socks, as they often get quite wet too.

Finance News
Thank you to those families whom have already paid their school fees, or completed a 2017 School Card form. School fees are now due and can be paid via eftpos, cash or with a credit card over the phone. If you think you may be eligible for School Card please come and see us for a form. If you have previously been approved for School Card, remember you need to reapply each year.
Payments to the school for excursions etc can be placed in an envelope, clearly labelled, and handed straight to the teacher who sends a bag to the office daily.
Thank you, Tracy Norris
Finance Officer