



NEWSLETTER

9TH FEBRUARY 2023 #1

WHAT'S COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

22ND TALENTED YOUNG WRITERS PROGRAM

23RD SCITECH INCURSION

WHAT'S COMING UP IN MARCH

6TH LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

13TH NAPLAN

24TH NCVISSA SUMMER CARNIVAL

30TH ROOM 1 ASSEMBLY

WHAT'S COMING UP IN APRIL

5TH WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

6TH END OF TERM 1

**Don't
Forget!**



Bring your
water
bottle
every day!

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to 2023!

By the looks on some of the parents faces last week the end of the holidays couldn't have come soon enough! It was lovely to see students return, showing off new haircuts, bright new sneakers and big smiles. A special welcome to the new Kindergarten students who are starting their education journey with us this year. There were a few tears (from little and big people), but staff reported that these tears were not long lived, and students happily joined in before leaving looking completely exhausted at the end of their first day.

New team member

We welcome Mrs Jen Oliveri to our team this year. Mrs. Oliveri joins us as an Education Assistant and will be working in the Kindy -Pre-primary as well as supporting student learning in Room 1 during semester I. Mrs Oliveri comes to us from Rangeway Primary School where she has been providing support to students for several years. I know that she will love working in the Walkaway school community and that everyone will make her feel at home.



Behaviour Focus

The word kind (adjective) is defined by the Oxford Dictionary as describing a person who is has a "good or benevolent nature or disposition; someone who is considerate, helpful and humane. In 2023 students and staff will promote kindness through our Walkaway values (Responsible, Respect, Achieve & Cooperate). Each term the overarching focus will focus on kindness, Term 1 – Kindness to self, Term 2 – Kindness to others, Term 3 – Kindness to the environment and Term 4 – Kindness to community. By using the lens of the school values students will identify the behaviours that help us to show kindness to ourselves, others, the environment and our community. Each term will culminate in a shared experience that reinforces the message taught in class.

No act of
KINDNESS
IS EVER WASTED.



Attendance

As you will be aware there were some significant challenges to maintaining regular attendance for many families in 2022. Wave after wave of Covid and other viruses, along with mandatory isolation periods saw schools like Walkaway record some of the lowest attendance data ever. As we start the school year improving attendance for some of students is a key priority. Everyday counts, regardless of the year level, perhaps even more importantly for our youngest students. The research is very clear that attendance habits and school “fitness” are established in the early years of schooling. Often there is a perception that younger students can ‘afford’ to miss a few days here and there, but the early years is where the building blocks of learning are laid to ensure that all children have the best possible foundations for the rest of their schooling. Obviously, there are times when a child is too unwell to attend school or there may be other circumstances that make school attendance a challenge, but regular non-attendance due to holidays, family events, the weather, late nights or busy weekends should be avoided so that your child builds the habits of regular attendance. The school meets its legal obligations by recording and reporting on daily lesson attendance, including students who are late and communicating with parents around attendance. We understand that there are times when school attendance may be difficult for families, and we will always work with families to support your child’s attendance. Every student counts, every day.

Mobile Phones

At the end of last year I became aware of a number of students who had mobile phones and other internet enabled devices at school. I know that for some families this is deemed necessary for children as they travel to and from school or in between two homes. I strongly encourage parents to actively manage your child’s online activity. There is a lot of information on the eSafety Commissions website and the Australian Federal Police have some good material on their Facebook page. If your child is bringing a mobile phone to school, the school policy states that:

“Mobile phones must be switched off and handed into the office on arrival at school and are to be picked up at 3:05. Smart devices are to be in aeroplane mode so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.” (Exemptions will be made on medical grounds where a device is used to monitor certain health conditions.)



“Staff may temporarily confiscate mobile phones if a student does not comply with the above conditions or if the phone is used irresponsibly. Where a phone is confiscated parents/carers are required to retrieve the phone from the teacher. In exceptional circumstances the principal may also remove the student’s privilege of having a mobile phone on the school premises.”

Families can request a copy of the school mobile phone policy by emailing walkaway.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Communicating with the school

From time-to-time there are things that families would like to discuss with the school – achievement & progress, social emotional issues, health or general queries. **Your first point of contact should be with the classroom teacher** -they are the person who spends the most time during the school day with your child. Classroom teachers will generally discuss any issues or concerns with the principal and work as a team to help solve any problems or provide the correct information. The best way to get in touch with the teachers is to send them a message via email or Seesaw to arrange a meeting or a phone catch up at a time that suits both of you.

Sometimes as parents we can be really upset about something our child has told us after school, which often results in an email or message after hours or late at night. Our staff have the right to switch off when they are not at work, and as the principal I actively encourage them to put personal boundaries around their home & personal lives -so if they don’t respond immediately this does not mean that they won’t. Sometimes it is better for all parties if you send the email or message the next day rather than in the heat of the moment.

If the matter is something that can’t be resolved with the classroom teacher, then please contact the principal to arrange a meeting if required. Every now and then we hear about instances where a parent uses social media or chat groups to vent, recruit support or share information, while we can’t control how you use these platforms, we do understand the fall out and impact of this behaviour which is completely counteractive to the messages we give students about being responsible digital citizens. Speaking directly to the school should always be your first course of action. Being active informed parents sends a powerful message to your child about the importance of their education and promotes positive partnerships between home and school.



Volunteers Make a Difference

P&C and School Board

As we start another school year, I would like to thank all the parents and community members who support the school by way of their participation in P&C and School Board. I strongly encourage parents and carers to consider how they will contribute to the community perhaps through P & C or school board. As a parent I was so grateful for the social connections that I made at my children's school as a P&C and school council member. Your children love seeing you involved in activities at school (especially at primary school – not so much secondary!).

School Board positions 2023

The school board will be inviting nominations for 2 Parent/Community positions before the end of this term. Information & nomination forms are attached in hard copy to this newsletter. The school board is the mortar that holds the school vision together and acts as an important source of feedback for the school leaders and information for the school community. The more informed you are as a parent the more you can support not only your child's education, but the education of all children in the school community. Please read the information that accompanies the nomination form and consider nominating for a position.



Kind regards,

Norah Flanders

Principal

SunCity Tennis Academy

Leaders in Regional Coaching Service!

Term 1 2023 Coaching Schedule

8 week Program Monday February 6th - Friday March 31st

Tarcoola Park Tennis Club & Spalding Park Tennis Club

	3-5yrs Red Ball 45mins \$14.30 per session	5-7yrs Orange Ball 60mins \$17.60 per session	8-12yrs Green Ball 60mins \$17.60 per session	Teens Yellow Ball 60mins \$17.60 per session	Adult Sessions	Midwest Regional Development Academy
Monday Tarcoola	3:45-4:30pm	3:45-4:45pm	4:45-5:45pm	4:45-5:45pm	6:00-7:00pm CardioTennis	
Tuesday Tarcoola	3:45-4:30pm	3:45-4:45pm	4:45-5:45pm	4:45-5:45pm	9:00-10:30am Ladies	5:30-7:00pm
Wednesday Tarcoola	Private sessions are available any day & are scheduled around this timetable. Bookings are essential. 30mins = \$44.00 60mins = \$77.00				5:30-7:00pm Beginners to Advanced (Multiple courts & coaches)	6:45-7:45am Strength & Conditioning (optional)
Spalding	3:45-4:30pm	4:30-5:30pm	5:30-6:30pm	6:30-7:30pm		
Thursday Tarcoola	3:45-4:30pm	3:45-4:45pm	4:45-5:45pm	4:45-5:45pm	6:30-7:30am CardioTennis	5:30-7:00pm
Friday Tarcoola	9:00-9:45am	7:45-8:30am Before School	7:45-8:30am Before School	7:45-8:30am Before School	9:00-10:00am Mothers Group	Junior League Match-Play

*All Junior Bookings are Invoiced for the Term Block *All Adult & Private Bookings are PAYG

For all bookings & enquiries:

Email Subject: Tarcoola OR Spalding Tennis Coaching
 tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au OR midwest@suncitytennisacademy.com.au
 SMS: 0409 485 117 - Jarron OR 0412 686 540 - Reza

When Booking in Please Provide:

- Participants Name & Age
- Preferred Day/s & Session type (can do multiple days)
- Guardians Name, email & mobile number
- Any Medical information we may need
- YES or NO Photo/Video Consent

Contact Details:

- Reza (Head Coach) : 0412 686 540
- Jarron (Director) : 0409 485 117
- Maranda (Accounts) : 0448 772 464



COME AND TRY TENNIS

GOLD COIN DONATION

6-12 YEAR OLDS
8 AM TO 9.30AM
SATURDAY MORNINGS
FEB 11 TO APRIL 1

Contact
 Danny Bowen
 0428 927 402 or
 Luke Ertzen
 0474 217 807
 For more info.

SPALDING PARK TENNIS CLUB
All Skill Levels Welcome

ANYONE for TENNIS