



# Principal Newsletter December 2023

## *Our Vision: Nurture Inspire Achieve*

Can you believe we have nearly made it to the end of Term Four 2023! I think we are all in disbelief it would ever arrive and yet where has the year gone?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their unwavering support and strong partnership in education throughout the year. We certainly managed to make the best of every opportunity and created many lifelong special memories.

I wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas holidays. If you are leaving our Tambrey school community- I know you will take special memories with you.

For those who are returning- the **first day of Term One is Wednesday January 31st 2024!**

## Quality Teaching Learning and Leading

### **End of Year Presentation Night**

Our Presentation night was a spectacular showcase of the talent and achievements of our Tambrey Students and staff.

Thank you to our parents and families for coming along to support the event. Thank you for being such a wonderful audience.

We would like to acknowledge the incredible costumes and hairstyles- they really made the night!

Please make sure you check out more of the photographs and reels on our school Facebook page.



We would like to give a special recognition to the following two award recipients -

**2023 Dux - Coby Hemmett**

*The Dux for 2023 has achieved exceptional results across all learning areas. His achievements have also been reflected beyond the classroom as he is an active participant in a variety of extracurricular activities, showing a deep passion for learning. He is a mature and responsible Faction Captain who shows a high level of commitment to the position. He is an outstanding role model to his peers and is to be commended on an excellent year, Congratulations Coby Hemmett.*

**2023 Citizenship Award - Clay Morris**

*This student is a considerate and selfless person who continually puts the needs of others and the school before himself. He goes above and beyond to assist those in need and to ensure that everything he does, is for the betterment of the school. He fulfilled his roles as a Faction Captain with eagerness and enthusiasm. His meticulous and caring approach to all that he does will ensure he is an asset to everything he is involved in. Congratulations to Clay Morris.*

*Congratulations to our **All Star Faction** for 2023 .... RANKIN!!*











## Student Leadership

After a highly competitive and rigorous process, we are very pleased to announce our new Student Leadership Group for 2024.

### Student Leaders

Momina Imran

Hala Hikal

Darcey Websdale

Jensen Walsh

Zakai Marshall

Jacob Valikoula

Finn Armstrong

Kiara Patel



### **Faction Leaders**

***Burru* Faction** – Casey Hine

Carter Ling

***Goodwyn* Faction** – Kingston Bartlett

Royston Hubert

***Griffin* Faction** – Indee Davies

Roslyn Bonney

***Rankin* Faction** – Isabella Flahavin

Fionn Canning



### **PBS leaders**

Jasmine Winsor

Cooper Bancroft



Rachel Killen

Addison Poole

Mya Cunningham



## Reports

Your child's report will be sent to you on Wednesday 13th December via email. For those of you who require paper versions- please contact the front office to organise this.

With regards to Seesaw - you will need to download your child's digital portfolio for 2023 if you would like to keep it as we will be archiving Seesaw classes mid-January to set up for 2024.

## Class Placements for 2024

You will be sent an SMS informing you of your child's placement for 2024 on *Tuesday January 30th*. This process is done class by class and takes all day! Please do not contact the school to ask for placements as you will be informed that you will be getting a text message during the day.

## Tambrey PS New Website

We launched our brand-new website in week 5! We're so excited to showcase our school and all the amazing things that happen around Tambrey in this way.

Click on the link below to check it out!

[Home » Tambrey Primary School \(tambreyyps.wa.edu.au\)](https://tambreyyps.wa.edu.au)

## School Teacher Recruitment Process 2024

We continue to plan for our class and staffing structure for 2024 as we are expecting further fluctuations in enrolments. Quite a few staff are taking planned leave for 2024.

We have been able to secure 9 new staff to Team Tambrey. Our new staff are from interstate and from all over Western Australia.

We were proud to acknowledge 44 applicants at a time when there is a teacher shortage.

## New Manager Corporate Services

Congratulations to Gwen Stirling who was the recommended applicant for a substantive position in a very competitive process. We had 6 applicants!

We look forward to allowing Gwen to slow down a little now!

### **Indee Davies takes out: Deadly Science Award 2023 - Outstanding STEM Student - WA**

Indee was nominated for the annual Deadly Science Awards highlighting the efforts of deserving Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who are excelling in STEM. The nomination has led to Indee winning the Deadly Science Female Student Award for Western Australia! This recognition is a testament to her hard work and passion during STEM based lessons, including her commitment to the Karratha STEM Centre throughout the year.

We hope to present Indee with her award before the end of the term.



### **Living Stem Two-Way Science Project**

Mrs Sinclair, Miss Tash & Clinton Walker have been working together for Living STEM 2-Way Science program through [CSIRO](#), taking students on country to learn. We feel so privileged to have someone as generous as Clinton willing to share his cultural knowledge with our students.

It has been great teaching the students about mangroves and sea life, as well as local bush tucker, as part of their school curriculum.

Being on country has enabled these students to understand more about the environment and ecosystems, than if they were just doing it in a classroom.





### Staff Farewells

We are farewelling a few staff this year. I would like to thank them for their valuable contributions to our school community and wish them all the very best for their future. We hope some staff boomerang back to us!

**Kevina Burroughs-** Kevina has had a busy year at Tambrey and has won a substantive position in Northam. Kevina and Ben are also expecting their first baby early in the year. We wish them all the very best for their next exciting chapter!

**Holly Webb-** Holly joined our team for the year from Kalgoorlie. We wish her all the best with the decision she has made to move much closer to her family in the city!

**Emily Vanin-** our effervescent bundle of energy found Team Tambrey when we were short staffed at the start of semester two! She has managed to support us with carnivals, interschool events and a myriad of other challenges- all with a huge smile. Emily plans to continue her travels around Australia with her partner next year.

**Jessica Vidau-** our amazing unicorn! Jess also arrived at Tambrey when we were searching for a teacher at the start of term 4! She has fitted right in, managed the challenges presented to her and had enough time to make a very special impression on her class. Jess is also planning to repack her bus with her partner and continue their travels back to Adelaide for Christmas.

**Brittney McCagh-** Brit completed her final teaching practicum in term 3 and we kept her for Term 4! Brit is looking forward to having her own class next year at another local school. We know Tambrey will always have a place in her heart!

**Serene Johns-** has worked as an Education Assistant at Tambrey since August 2022. Serene has been flexible and reliable to support wherever she is needed! We know we will see her smile at Tambrey as her two children still attend!

**Trish Kiehne**-has worked as a special needs EA at Tambrey since Feb 2015! She is taking a year to relocate her life to the big smoke! She promises to return at some stage and can't say goodbye to Tambrey yet!

**Scott Ross and Shelley Alder-Ross**- are both taking a year on deferred salary. You may have guessed if you are a member of Buy Sell Swap!!! We wish them safe travels, good fishing and endless sunsets with their dogs Harley and Josie!

**Belinda Morris**- is taking leave for a year where she will celebrate life with a year of travel and Adventures and time to be a Mum!

I wish all these staff all the very best, I thank them for their contributions, and we know they take with the many amazing memories of the Pilbara and particularly Tambrey primary school.

## Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment

### PBS Focus

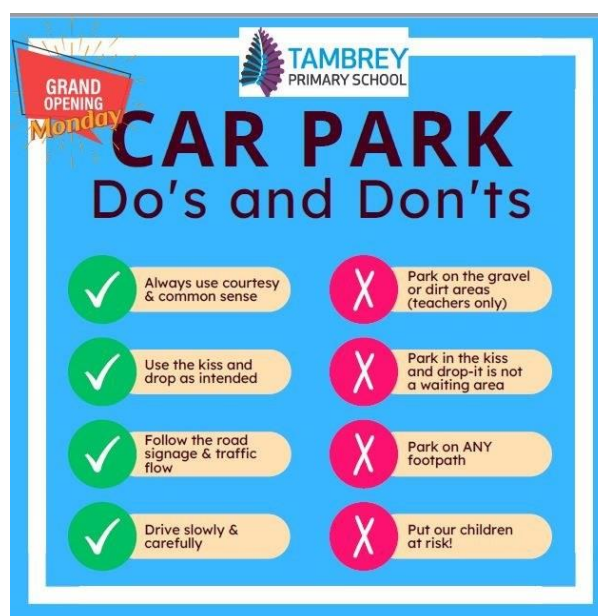
#### Take Responsibility: Own Your Choices

Please take the time to revisit this important focus as the weather warms up!

### Carpark Update

After such a long wait- we finally opened our new carpark this morning!

Please use all carparks with care and safety. We ask that no parents park on any footpaths and that Kiss and Drop zones are utilised in the correct way.





*1 - Santa approves of our new carpark!!*

## Cyclone Preparation

Please ensure you are aware of the cyclone procedures and take time to prepare your homes if you are travelling. We are all very well aware that there is no place for complacency.

Where to go for advice:

- [bom.gov.au/wa/](http://bom.gov.au/wa/)
- Phone: 13DEFS (133337)
- [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au)

CYCLONE ALERT SYSTEM	
<b>BLUE ALERT</b> <b>Get ready for a cyclone.</b> When a blue alert is issued, you need to get ready to put your plan into place. 	<b>YELLOW ALERT</b> <b>Act now to stay safe.</b> If you don't take action now, the safety of you and your family is at risk. 
<b>RED ALERT</b> <b>Shelter now.</b> You need to take shelter immediately. It is too late to be getting prepared now. 	<b>ALL CLEAR</b> <b>Be careful.</b> The cyclone has passed, but you are still at risk of hazards caused by the cyclone damage. 

For current alerts visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au)




## Working with Children Check

As you are aware, parents and children (under 18 years of age) are eligible for a parent or child volunteer exemption and are not required to hold a Working with Children Check card.

From 1 July, changes to the *Working with Children (Screening) Act 2004* came into effect. The key change is that if a parent or child volunteer **is** the holder of a Working with Children Check card **and**

is issued an Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice, the exemption no longer applies, and they cannot volunteer in child related activities. If parents or a child under 18 years old wish to volunteer at a school, they will now be required to complete a Parent and Child Volunteer Declaration Form declaring that they do not have an Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice. More information to come regarding these changes.

## Enriching Relationships and Partnerships

### Final 2023 Assembly

On Wednesday 13 December at 830am we will be holding our final assembly for 2023.

This will be a very special morning as we Farewell our Year 6's and a number of Staff Members, as well as present our new 2024 Student Leaders!

We would love to see our Tambrey families attend!

### School Development Days 2024

The Board approved the 2024 School Development Days:

Please make sure you keep these dates somewhere easily accessible. All Principals agreed to the same dates so that we have consistency across our network.

Term 1 – 29th and 30th January 2024

Term 2 – 15th April 2024

Term 3 – 15th July 2024

Term 4 – 7th October 2024

### School Review

**Our Public School review was held in week 5.**

We received our validation and feedback this week. The results are a celebration of the hard work and investment from all staff and partners in education. This report can be found on our website and also on Schools Online. Tambrey is considered to be a high functioning school, after having completed a detailed and rigorous self-assessment. They felt that we have created a wonderful environment, and they loved our strategic alignment.

### Canberra Camp

**\*\*\*Media Release\*\*\***

### Tambrey Students are On Track

Ten lucky Tambrey Primary School (Karratha) students were among 50 children from Indigenous communities in remote Australia selected to travel to Ngunnawal Country (Canberra) in November as



part of the inaugural Indigenous Marathon Foundation I-CAN Championships. The Indigenous Communities for Activity and Nutrition program works in remote Indigenous primary schools and communities across Australia to provide children with access to fun and educational health and fitness programs that encourage school attendance and address childhood obesity and inactivity.

The event, hosted by IMF Founder and former World Marathon Champion Runner Rob De Castella, was attended by students from Tambrey, as well as schools from Bamaga and Injinoo from the Northern Peninsula Area Region and schools from Horn Island and Thursday Island in the Torres Strait Islands. Students camped at the Warrambui Retreat during the four-day event, which consisted of numerous leadership and teamwork sessions, a visit to Questacon and a tour of the Australian Institute of Sports. Each of the participating students registered in the 2.5km Stromlo Running Festival, which took place at Stromlo Forrest Park. Students were also delighted to be treated to lunch with Their Excellencies, General The Honourable David Hurley and Mrs Linda Hurley at the Government House.

Tambrey Primary School Principal Shiona Hobart says the school's Tambrey on Track program, run by Aboriginal Islander Education Officer Natasha Leslie, has provided enormous opportunities for Tambrey students. "Tambrey on Track came to life at Tambrey two years ago and has gone from strength to strength, so we are thrilled to now include interstate travel to the I-CAN Championships as part of our program highlights," she said. The program, which is offered to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander girls in Years 4 through to 6, is designed to develop relationships, fitness and a positive self-image through community engagement.

De Castella, who represented Australia in the 1984 Summer Olympics, says the experience developed students' leadership skills and opened their eyes to the world of opportunities that a healthy and fit lifestyle can bring. "I know the Tambrey students made new friends from other remote communities and it is wonderful for them to come home with the vision that they can do anything they set their mind to," he said.

Leslie, who is a 2017 graduate of De Castella's Indigenous Marathon Project and has competed in numerous World Marathons, believes attending this event was a life-changing chance for each of the ten students: "I think the program is really important for kids these days, especially with the amount of technology they can access, so getting them to love being active is vital."

Students have now returned to Karratha to continue developing their abilities as future leaders and – potentially – someday, future marathon runners.





## Tambrey Primary Playgroup

We are planning on running a new Playgroup at Tambrey next year. We are currently taking expressions of interest.

The Playgroup must be run by volunteers with support from the school.

If you would like to register your interest- please email Francis Bosman or myself before next week.

We will then hold a meeting with Playgroup WA early next year to discuss progressing the opportunity for our families.



PLAYGROUP WA and TAMBREY PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES  
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR:

## Tambrey Primary School Playgroup



**Would you be interested in being part of a local  
playgroup with your children aged 0-4 years in 2024?**

Tambrey Primary School is considering offering space at the school for a  
playgroup to meet in 2024.  
Playgroups typically meet for two hours per week for families and children to  
come together to socialise and learn through play.

At playgroup you can have fun playing and learning with your child and meet  
other local parents. Your child can make friends and become familiar with the  
school environment ready for future school years.

To register your interest please contact Francis Bosman by phone/email:  
phone - 91867400      email - [francis.bosman@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:francis.bosman@education.wa.edu.au)




## **P & C**

I would like to start by acknowledging and thanking our P&C for their ongoing support of Tambrey. A huge thanks to the Executive team- Leah, Suzy, Sarah, Jenna, Simone and Kylie, you do so much and are all busy people- Your commitment is appreciated and acknowledged.

Thank you to all our canteen volunteers, and welcome Kristy Wood- our new canteen manager!

The P&C AGM will be held in the Hub on Tuesday 6th Feb at 7.00pm- please save the date!

## **Faction Carnival Survey Results**

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We recently gave all parents an opportunity to take our Faction Carnival Survey.

As we continue to grow, and after some feedback from our school community, we needed to survey parents, staff and students about their preference for a daytime carnival or continue with our Twilight carnival. No matter the outcome, we will need to make changes. We are also aware that we cannot please everyone!. Please see the comprehensive results.

Thank you to those families who responded.

### **Parents**

Twilight- 59%

Daytime- 41%

### **Staff**

Twilight- 63%

Daytime- 37%

### **Students(Year4-6)**

Twilight-88%

Daytime- 12%



# TERM 1 PLANNER 2024

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TERM 1 PLANNER 2024  
Please note this planner is subject to change.

**TAMBREY**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 Jan SDD—Students do not attend	30 Jan SDD—Students do not attend	31 Jan Back to School	1 Feb	2 Feb
2	5 Feb	6 Feb P & C AGM 7pm	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
3	12 Feb Home Reading Program Begins	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb
4	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb Assembly—Rm TBA Hobart's High Tea Open Board Meeting 6pm	22 Feb	23 Feb
5	26 Feb P & C Meeting 7pm	27 Feb	28 Feb	29 Feb	1 Mar PBS Star Celebration
6	4 Mar Lenten Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY	5 Mar	6 Mar Assembly—Rm TBA	7 Mar	8 Mar
7	11 Mar Ramadan Starts	12 Mar	13 Mar NAPLAN Begins	14 Mar	15 Mar
8	18 Mar 25 nights of Reading	19 Mar Deadly Families Deadly Kids Parent Meeting	20 Mar Assembly—Rm TBA Hobart's High Tea Board Meeting 6pm	21 Mar Harmony Day	22 Mar Dockers Cup
9	25 Mar NAPLAN Ends	26 Mar	27 Mar Open Night	28 Mar Last Day of Term 1	29 Mar Good Friday



Assembly  
8:30am



Uniform Shop  
Thurs: 8:30am- 9:00am

Kindy Red Days  
Kindy Blue Days

## Tambrey Primary Communication Platforms



### COMMUNICATION FROM TPS

#### 1. SeeSaw



Each student has a SeeSaw account that parents are linked to. Information pertaining to classroom activities, reminders etc come from your child's teacher through this app. More information about 'merging' your children's journals can be found on our website.



#### School Facebook 2.

This is where we share good news and exciting events happening at Tambrey. 'Like' our page to see what's going on around our busy school as well as invites to community events when they occur.

<https://www.facebook.com/tambreytps>

#### 3. P&C Facebook



Our Tambrey P&C is very active and welcoming to new families and members. They are committed to contributing to our positive school culture and host fundraising and school rejuvenation projects across the school year. They are always seeking new members who are keen to help in any way-large or small.

Request to join this group on Facebook  
Tambrey Primary School P&C



#### Reporting & emails 4.

At the end of each semester an electronic school report will be sent home via email. Please ensure the school has your correct email address for this to happen. Paper copies can be provided on request.



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