



# Tallowood School Newsletter

7 February 2020

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great holiday break and were able to spend some quality family time together. It was great to see all our returning students back last week and we also welcomed 17 new students who have started at Tallowood School this year. You will also notice our new school logo which has been launched this year. After much consultation with our school community in 2019 designers came up with this new and fresh design for the logo that makes the school name and our motto – “Creating Pathways for Life” clear and easy read. We hope that you like this fresh new look as much as we do. Over time, the new logo will be phased into uniforms and accessories, however there is no obligation to buy anything new until you would normally be replacing items.



## MEET THE TEACHER

Our Meet the Teacher evening is scheduled for Tuesday next week, 11 February from 5.00-6.00pm.



*Creating Pathways for Life - We Learn - We Care - We are Safe*

## Meet the Teacher

Notes went home this week and we hope all parents and carers will join us for this opportunity to meet the staff that will be working with your child this year and to talk about the exciting programs they will be able to participate in. You will also be able to visit your child's classroom. Please ensure you return the bottom section of the note to let us know that you will be coming.

## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

This year I am very excited to announce that we have been successful in gaining funding as part of the School Chaplaincy program for the next 3 years. This program has allowed us to employ a School Chaplain two days a week. All chaplains are qualified and employed through chaplaincy service providers. We have been very lucky to secure Juanita McMillan as our Chaplain this year. Juanita comes to us with a great deal of experience and the focus of her program will be wellbeing support for students, families and staff. Juanita has included an article in this newsletter to introduce herself, so please take a few minutes to have read of it. She will be at Tallowood on Tuesday and Thursday and is happy to meet or talk with you and she will be running social gatherings and information workshops throughout the year for parents and carers.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 February	Meet the Teacher Evening 5:00-6:00pm
2-13 March	Swim School
6 March	Metropolitan Swimming Carnival
20 March	Harmony Day
8 April	Anzac Service
9 April	Easter Fun Day

## PERSONALISED LEARNING PLAN (PLP) AND REVIEW MEETINGS

Teachers are in the process of organising PLP and Review meetings which will occur over the next few weeks. You should get a letter home very soon inviting you to come to a meeting to discuss your child's personal priority goals for the year. They will also review things such as health care plans, behaviour management plans and update permissions for things such as photos and videos, physical management and medication.

At these meetings, the teacher will also talk to you about your child's placement at Tallowood School and ensure it is still the most appropriate option for them. This annual review of placement is a mandatory requirement from the Department of Education and it is important that you have input to this process each year.

## P&C MEETING

Our first P&C meeting for 2020 will be held on Tuesday 18 February at 9.30am at the school. We would like to extend an invitation and warm welcome to all new families to come along and join the P&C and all our returning families to continue your support of the P&C. Meetings are held once a term and some light refreshments will be provided. At our first meeting you will have a chance to meet our School Chaplain, Juanita, and hear about some of the programs that she is looking into and support that she can provide.

The P&C are a critical support for our school and students, raising funds to support school programs, resources and the operation of our school buses and are always looking for more families to help out. Please come along to this first meeting for the year to hear how you can assist.

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## MEET SOME OF OUR STAFF

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Greg Wood  
Principal

### 2020 Executive Staff



Michelle Rose  
Deputy Principal Instructional Leader



Deb Swinton  
Deputy Principal



Mel Grevett  
Assistant Principal  
Red Block  
Team Leader



Cassie Lloyd  
Assistant Principal  
Blue Block  
Team Leader



Susan Dibley  
Assistant Principal  
Green/Orange Block  
Team Leader



Linda Sheridan  
Assistant Principal  
Yellow Block  
Team Leader

# 2020 Administration Staff

## School Administrative Officers



Kathryn Ralton  
School Administration  
Manager



Elizabeth Jones  
Mon-Thurs



Anita Dunn  
Mon, Tues, Thurs,  
alternate Friday

Karen Plant  
Mon, Tues, Fri

Lisa Jackett  
Wednesday

Sarah Lawless  
Alternate Friday

We are looking forward to a busy and productive year of great teaching and learning opportunities for all students and staff and collaboration with parents and carers.

Greg Wood  
Principal

new role

This year I will be working as Deputy Principal Instructional Leader at our school. This is a newly created position and I am excited to have the opportunity to work together to build and strengthen the collaborative learning culture in our school.

I will be leading innovative programs to improve learning outcomes for all students. I have extensive experience in the provision of quality professional learning and will be working alongside teachers to model quality teaching and assessment and coordinate targeted student support. I look forward to bringing you updates in future newsletters.



Michelle Rose  
Deputy Principal Instructional Leader

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Hello, hello!

My name is Juanita although I often go by Nita. I have commenced this year at Tallowood as the School Chaplain. In addition to being a Chaplain to 2 schools, I am a mum to 2, a wife, a local, and an explorer. I love to try new things, to have great conversations, and would love to travel EVERYWHERE and breathe in the air of faraway places.

Professionally, I have attained 3 diplomas in counselling and family therapies and am currently engaged in a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology and Spanish). I have worked in op shops, government (Quarantine at airports, mail centres, imported foods, learning and development and the plant and animal facility), in a hospital, and as a nanny to 5 boys!

So what is a chaplain? A Chaplain is someone who works within the school structure to provide wellbeing support to students, their families and the staff. My position is funded through Government grants won by schools who request the chaplaincy program and additional support.

Although I am employed by a non-denominational faith-based provider (Generate Ministries), I am not employed for religious education. I am employed as part of the health and wellbeing programs within government funded schools.

What this means is that I will do my best to connect you with other services, provide informal pastoral support/counselling, provide information about holistic wellbeing, help upskill families and staff in the area of wellbeing, and assist with group facilitation.

You can expect me to be approachable, open, honest and kind. And most of all, to hear your story.

Over the next few weeks I will be busy getting to know staff and students. You will also see a survey soon regarding engagement in the school community, and what your needs and wants are. You can also expect some wellbeing hints and tips to appear in the newsletter and online from time to time.

If you need to contact me, I am at the school on a Tuesday and Thursday and you can leave a message for me there.

# hello



### *A Message from Sam Thompson (President)*

"I just wanted to say on behalf of Tallowood P&C, welcome to the new school year and invite all parents, carers and family members to our first meeting for the year which will be held on Tuesday 18 February at 9:30am in the school hall. Come along, have a cuppa and find out what the P&C are involved in and do and what is happening at the school. Looking forward to seeing you there!!"