May 2016 Newsletter

**Stage 2 Success!**
The recent fantastic news that we have been successful in obtaining $11.6 million to build Stage 2 of our school is quickly turning into reality. I have met with the original architect and planning has begun to get the project moving.

**School Athletics Carnival**
The TSC athletics carnival was held in early May at Werribee Athletics track. Fortunately the weather held up (just!) and the day was a success. It was great to see so many of our students participating and getting into the House colour theme on the day. Congratulations to Red House on their victory.

**School Athletics (2)**
Big thanks to our VCAL team for keeping all of us fed at Athletics. We sold out of sausages twice!
2015 Annual Report to School Community
Our 2015 Annual Report is now available for community reading on our website. The Report summarises the performance of our school during the 2015 school year. All government schools are required to produce an annual report to the school community.

End of Semester exams
All students sit exams at the end of semester one. Exams encompass all the work students complete during a semester. In preparation for exams students should be reviewing and revising the work they have completed during terms 1 & 2. Exams commence on Monday 6 June. Students are only required at school for their exams during exam week but are welcome to come to school and study before and after exams.

Winter Uniform wearing
It's getting cold; this does not mean wearing hoodies or other non-uniform items is ok! Our uniform requirements are clear at Tarneit Senior. Students arriving out of uniform are instructed to remove any non-uniform items or return home to get changed into correct school uniform. We ask parents to support us by ensuring your child does not leave for school out of uniform.

Library in winter
As the days get cooler, the library heats up with lots of board games and card games at lunchtime. Students meet their friends and socialise over the break. Others come to hide away, stay warm and get some work done.
It’s not okay to be away
At Tarneit Senior College we have a minimum attendance rate of 90% for all students. Even an attendance rate of 90% is in reality too low and all students should aim to be at school every day.

As a parent one of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she is at school on time every day.

There is a clear and established link between school attendance and success at school. A recent report from the Victorian Auditor General found that ‘students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long term unemployment later in life’. Conversely; students who attend school regularly experience success and achieve higher scores at Year 12.

School refusal
Children of all ages can be very persuasive when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear. If your child refuses to attend school then the best course of action is to contact the school for support; not to allow your child to stay at home.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase your child’s chances of future success just by making sure they turn up for school every day. Please support us in making sure your child attends school every day.

Michael Fawcett - Principal