Principal’s Reflections

Socceroos March Past
Yet another wonderful opportunity presented to our students. By all accounts, it was a memorable experience and our students were very well behaved. Thank you to all of our parent supporters and assistants who accompanied the children, and to our teachers who organised and supported this event.😊

Clubs Grant Beresfield Bowling Club
Thank you to Beresfield Bowling Club who presented two cheques to our school on Friday 30th May, under Clubsgrant - Category 2 Funding. Our School Captains received the cheques on behalf of our school. Money is “earmarked” to assist with cost for a new School/Community Notice Board, and Wakakirri Dance Performance in Sydney @ NIDA ...(The National Institute of Dramatic Art is the Australian national training institute for students of theatre, film, and television, based in the Sydney suburb of Kensington).
I have also applied for assistance from Hexham Bowling Club, who is another strong supporter of our school.

Merit Awards
Congratulations to these students for achieving this high honour;
- Kali Cheetham (X2)
- Ryan Reid

Official Correspondence and School Information Site (Reminder)
Please note, that our official school website:-
www.tarro-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
has a copy of all information, newsletters, excursion forms, and special events etc.
This should be your first “port of call” if looking for any school information.
Further, if you would like and electronic copy of this newsletter sent to you each fortnight, please contact the office and provide your email address.

POP (Parent Online Payment)
We are in the process of obtaining permission to allow for electronic direct payments to the school account, for approved school events, excursions, requirements etc., rather than collecting cash. Permission has to be obtained through the Department and I have given my permission for this to occur in consultation with Mrs Keeley.
P&C purchases are not covered by this arrangement under Departmental guidelines. Hopefully, this will make the payment of school events etc., more convenient for you.

P&C Life Member Forms (Reminder)
The Tarro P&C is holding nominations for P&C Life Members. Nominations close by end of term. Nomination forms are available through the office and require a short testimonial. We have many fine people who have supported our school P&C in the past, and deserve our recognition.

Christopher Parkinson
Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE
Tuesday 10th June  P & C Meeting
Wednesday 11-14 June  Star Struck Performances
Friday 13th June  Book club orders and money
Wednesday 18 June  Grandfriends Day 12.15pm – 2.00pm
Monday 23 June  Knights Rail Safety 9-10am
Thursday 26 June  Claymation Workshop 5/6

TERM 2 ENDS – Friday 27 June
TERM 3 COMMENCES – Tuesday 15 July

SCHOOL INFORMATION

STAR STRUCK
For students involved in Star Struck this year please note the following dates:
Wed 11 June  Rehearsal
Thurs 12 June  Rehearsal
Friday 13 June  Performance
Sat 14 June  Performance

Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek.

REMINDERS:
Camp 2/3
Permission notes and deposits need to be returned. Instalments can be paid at the office any time for any amount.
Parent EOIs for 2/3 Camp are due (to the office) by Friday 13th June.

Canberra 4/5/6
Deposits need to have been paid. Instalments can be paid at the office at any time for any amount.

Wakakirri
Students performing in or working backstage have fees of $60 per performer and $40 per backstage helper. This fee includes bus fares to and from Sydney as well as costumes, entry fee etc.

Claymation
Students in 5/6 who are attending the fabulous workshop need to remember there is a fee of $35 per student.

Grandfriends Day
Grandparents / Grandfriends are invited to come along to an afternoon of entertainment. All welcome.

P & C Meeting
Our P & C will be having their monthly meeting today Tuesday, 10th June at 3.20pm in the library.

Book Club
Please return orders and money to school by Friday 13th June.

Make Online Payments
As from July it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.
This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.
Thank you note for Parents from the GOTIT Team

Thank you for your honest responses to the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires (the blue form) you filled out in relation to your children. It was excellent to have so many comments from the parents in relation to your children’s development. Some parents requested an interview, and some of the results to the questionnaires indicated that it may be useful for your child to further participate in the GOTIT program. These parents will be contacted to organise an interview and we look forward to meeting you then.

Many parents had questions or comments in relation to your child’s social and emotional development. The GOTIT team has provided a program called “fun friends” that will be run by the teachers in the class room starting next term, we will have a parent information session in regards to this program and answer your questions in regards to your child’s social development some time in term 3.

Other parents had questions about their child’s behaviour and we will conduct a session in regards to resilient families, where we will provide parents with some strategies to use to address their concerns, if parents are interested.

It’s wonderful to have such proactive parents, and it’s a strong indication that your children are being provided with the well rounded care that will see them continue to thrive. We look forward to the next stage of the GOTIT program in your school.

Tangy Beasts and Creatures
Do you love to sketch, draw, or doodle? Design mythical beasts and fantasy creatures using the art of Zentangle. Learn the techniques of Zentangle and skills in drawing different beasts and creatures. **Maitland Library Sat 5th July 12.00 – 1.00pm 4-8 years Free.**

Colourful Butterflies and Majestic Dragonflies.
Come to the library and learn about butterflies and dragonflies. Drip, splat and squish your way to making a stunning paint blot butterfly, or use your skills to create an origami butterfly or concertina dragonfly. Children are advised to wear old clothes or a paint smock to the activity. **East Maitland Library Friday 11th July 10.00-11.00pm 5-12 years Free.**

Creature Features – Get crazy about creatures these school holidays. Dragons, fairies, and elves abound, create your own mythical creature using the art Zentangle or explore the different continents of the world through their native animals. Meet baby dinosaurs in **Maitland Library** at the Dinosaur Discovery workshops, or create your own sculpture out of books.

“To swim well is an asset for life”
Forbes Carlisle

**Greenhills Hit-n-Dip**
Sports Centre Intensive Swim and Survive

30th June – 4th July
7th July – 11th July

**School Holidays**

10 lessons for $109.70
5 lessons for $64.40

Call 49334733 now to enrol.

Junior squash lessons available Saturday.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

Library Activities July Holidays 2014

Wings and Fire Tea Party
Calling all fairies and dragons! Wear your wings when you come along to this fun tea party. Hunt for you invitation, make your own badge and create your own invitation, mythical recipe or birthday card. **Maitland Library Thursday 3rd July 1.30-2.30pm 4-12 years, Free.**

Fantastical Fairies and Elves
Come to the enchanted library forest dressed as your favourite fairy or elf and to be entertained by Fairy Shell Belle, the sweetest fairy in the land. Go on a treasure hunt and find magical pieces to make your own fairy garland or elf wand. Get your face painted and impress your friends. **East Maitland Library Friday 4th July 10.00-11.00 4-8 years. Free**
**Too sick for school?**
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

**Mental maths strategies**
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them.

School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

**NICU Helping Hands Angel Gown Program NSW** is having an open day for everyone to come along and see what the program is all about. We take donated wedding/formal gowns and lovingly transform them into outfits for babies who do not make it home from hospital. Our open day is for people to drop off donated gowns, look at what we do and perhaps volunteer some time or become part of the team. The day details are as follows: [Angelgownsaustralia.nsw@gmail.com](mailto:Angelgownsaustralia.nsw@gmail.com) and mark the message for the attention of Catherine.

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**Freaky Family Fun! Lollipop’s playground & café along with Hunter Connect Autism Spectrum Support.**

What: Freaky Family Fun Night  
Date: Friday 13th June 2014  
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm  
Where: Lollipop’s Park Ave Kotara.  
Cost: $10 per ticket

Details: Theme optional Freaky Friday/Black Friday

Hunter Connect and Lollipops are hosting a family-friendly night for parents, carers and children, providing them with the opportunity to connect with each other in a relaxing, fun and enjoyable atmosphere. The children will also have exclusive use of the playroom at Lollipop’s from 6.30-8.30pm. The café will opened at this time so the family can grab a bite to eat, or parents can enjoy a coffee while the kids play.

**Spots are limited! To reserve your tickets inbox us or email wayne@hunterconnect.org.au**

**GET THE KIDS ACTIVE! Term 3, 2014**
Do you find it challenging to get the kids away from their computer or TV to play outside?

We all know how important it is for your child’s, growth and development to be physically active each day, but with increasing technology in our lives, this can sometimes be a real challenge! **WE MAY HAVE THE ANSWER FOR YOU!**

Go4Fun is a free healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It is run after school hours by a qualified Dietitian and Exercise Leader. To see if your child qualifies for the Go4Fun program, or for more information, visit the Go4Fun website at [http://go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)

Encourage your child to be active, happy and healthy TODAY!
Newcastle Permanent Junior ranger Fun Day
To coincide with NAIDOC week, children will learn about Australia’s Indigenous culture through craft, games and interactive activities. Tuesday 8th July at 11.00am-1pm at Richley Reserve top flat (entry off Freyberg St) Blackbutt Reserve.

Free sausage sandwiches for children only, $1 each for adults. Drinks are available to purchase and no booking are required. Children must wear fully enclosed shoes and compulsory parental supervision at all times.

More information contact Blackbutt Reserve Office: 49043344. Email: blackbutadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au