Principal’s Reflections
This week marks the centenary of the First World War (WW1) sometimes referred to as “The Great War”. This week the world will be commemorating 100 years since the start of WW1. For many Australians, other nations, and peoples from around the world, this is a momentous occasion.

The First World War touched the lives of nearly every Australian and the impacts are still prevalent today. For these reasons, it is essential to commemorate, remember, and learn from those who sacrificed their lives during those four years.

During our 2014 Canberra Year 4/5/6 excursion (1st to 3rd September), our students will be visiting the Australian War Memorial to learn about this significant event first hand.

Aim High Certificate Awarded to Tarro PS
It was wonderful to receive the “Aim High Certificate of Partnership with Newcastle University” last week. The testimonial reads:-

The school works closely with the University of Newcastle to develop and deliver educational programs and experiences designed to support aspirations for and access to further education for students and their families.

Merit Awards
Congratulations to these students for achieving this high honour;
- Alexis Leyshon (x3)
- Cooper Cotterill
- Saran Polson

Drama Camp
Congratulations to these students who will be attending Drama Camp this week. Well done 😊
- Phoebe Magill
- Aleah McAllister
- Stephanie Foster
- Cain Giles
- Hayley Giles

Road Safety - Hold Hands
Given the tragedy in Sydney recently, it is critical parents hold children’s hands, especially with children under 10 years of age, while crossing roads. Let’s keep them safe!

Helmets for Bikes and Scooters - Mandatory
Please note that children are required to wear a bike safety helmet if riding a bike or scooter to/from school. Let’s keep them all safe!

Mrs Keeley on Long Service Leave
Mrs Keeley will be taking Long Service Leave from this Friday till the end of team, with an exciting overseas holiday planned. During her absence, Ann will be working in the office. Please make Ann feel welcome.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is Tue 12th August at 3:30.

Annual School Report Parent Surveys (ASR)
These will be sent home this week as part of our 2014 data gathering. Randomly selected parents, teachers and students are surveyed. Again we are surveying three key areas to look at our long term trend data. The three key areas are School Culture; Technology; Literacy (Reading & Writing). Surveys are anonymous and will only take a few minutes to complete.

Christopher Parkinson
Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Term 3
Wed 13 Aug – HS CAPA Y6
Fr 15 Aug – Wakakirri
Mon 1st – Wed 3rd Sept – Canberra Camp Y4/5/6
Mon 8 Sept – Tues 9 Sept – Y2/3 Camp Foster
Wed 17 Sept – School Disco

TERM 3 ENDS – Friday 19 September

SCHOOL INFORMATION

REMINDEERS:

CAMP 2/3
Medical/Permission notes need to be returned as soon as possible. All payments must be finalised before 5th September.

CANBERRA 4/5/6
Instalments can be paid at the office at any time for any amount. All payments must be finalised before the 27th August.

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. Our performance date is Friday 29th August.

SUPPORTERS BUS (Wakakirri)
If you would like to book a ticket and seat on the supporters bus (leaving Tarro at 4.00pm) please leave your name and the number of tickets/seats you require with the office. Tickets are $33.00 each and bus seats $20 each.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL PORTRAITS
Speciality Group Photographs 2014 will be available online at www.newcastleportraits.com and follow the online ordering tabs to School Specialty Groups.

Password: 39819AM

These photos include School Leaders, Library Monitors, Parliament, House Captains, and Environmental Rangers. If you have any inquiries please contact the office on 49654114.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s school photographs please contact Newcastle School Portraits on 49654114.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BERESFIELD SWIMMING POOL
Newcastle City Council will open the pool for the first week of Term 4, 2014 (October) and back to normal operating hours.

PARENTING TIPS
By Michael Grose – Australia’s No 1 parenting educator

BEDTIME – A CHECKLIST
If bedtime presents difficulties in your home use the following checklist of tried and true strategies to make sure bedtimes run as much as possible in your favour:

1. Decide on a time with your child and then stick to it.
2. Establish a 30 minute bedtime routine that signals the end of the day.
3. Reduce over-stimulation at bedtime by using passive activities.
4. Temporarily remove distractions at bedtime for bedtime resistors.
5. If you have a procrastinator focus on your behaviour, not theirs.
6. Distinguish between being in bed and being in the room.
7. Resist children’s efforts to involve you by ignoring calls for drinks etc.
8. Avoid sitting with young children until they fall asleep.
9. Ignore or return boomerang children to their rooms and give them minimum attention.
10. Make sure you wake them at the same time each morning.
TECHNOLOGY NEWS

POP (Parent Online Payments)
This is now available on our school website. When you access the website (www.tarro-p.schools.msw.edu.au) there is a payment tab at the top of the page.

Make Online Payments
It is now 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: excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities. There is also a category called Other - this is 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.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
Our school website address is www.tarro-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

When you access this site on your iPhone's internet browser a prompt will appear with directions to save the site to your home screen. Follow these directions for quick access to school contact details, newsletters and the school calendar on your iPhone.

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