WELCOME TO OUR 2016 KINDERS
A big welcome to our 2016 kindergarten students and their families. It was wonderful to meet our new enrolments! Our students spent five mornings at ‘big school’ – they met our senior students, had a lunch order, joined in with assembly, had a library lesson and were kept very busy in the kinder rooms! A special thank you to Mrs Bourke for her hard work in organising the transition program.

P&C THANK YOU
Thank you to Mel Norman and Brenda Effer for their support as committee members of the P&C. Both Mel and Brenda have recently resigned from their positions on the P&C due to work and family commitments.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY
Last week a survey was sent home on pink paper. The purpose of this survey was to ask the community what they see as important, in terms of values – for themselves, the students within the school and the community. Please take the time to read and reply to our short survey – we would appreciate your feedback. Mr Willis will be working hard to collect the surveys from the classrooms this week.

ZooSnooze – YEARS 3 AND 4
Last week I had the pleasure of joining the Year 3 and 4 ZooSnooze excursion. Every student on the excursion represented Tarro Public School with outstanding behaviour – well done everyone! Parents/caregivers of our students who attended the excursion – you should be very proud of your child!

What an experience for the students – a visit to the Sydney Aquarium, a surprise ferry ride on Sydney Harbour, a bus trip over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, a walk around Taronga Zoo to meet the animals both during the night and day and a front row seat at the Seal Show where we managed to get wet!

This week will be my last week at Tarro Public School. As of next week I will be relieving as Principal on Mondays and Fridays until the start of December. Mr Parkinson will be returning to Tarro next Wednesday.

I would like to say a very big thank you to the staff, students and school community for making me feel so welcome and included.

Have a wonderful week everyone,

Debbie Healey
Principal

MERIT AWARDS
Sophie Shelton
Lochlan Chapman

Church celebration - Sept
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 4

OCTOBER
Thurs 29 – Oz Tag Day
Fri 30 – Soccer Gala Day

NOVEMBER
Wed 4 – School Disco
Mon 9 – Fri 20 – Swim School (2 weeks)
Tue 10 – P&C Meeting – 3.30pm
Tue 24 – Y5 Speeches
Wed 25 – Y6 FGHS Disco 5.15-7.30pm
Wed 25 Y5 Speeches
Thurs 26 – Voting for captains

DECEMBER
Thurs 3 – Y6 Orientation Day @ FGHS
Wed 9 – Christmas Capers
Fri 11 – Presentation Day
Mon 14 – Y6 Farewell
Tue 15 – End of Year Party Day -Excursion
Wed 16 – LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS & STAFF

TERM4 finishes Wed 16th December
TERM 1 2016 for staff begins Wed 27th January
Kinder starts Mon 1st February / Yrs 1-6 start Thurs 28th January

SCHOOL INFORMATION

NOTES RECENTLY SENT HOME

➢ Newsletter - every 2 weeks
➢ Swimming Scheme

NO HAT, NO PLAY
Just a reminder that Tarro Public School is a sun safe school – all students playing out in the playground will need to be wearing their school hat. Those students without a hat will be asked to play under the sheltered area near the office.

YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2017
If parents are seeking enrolment for their year 5 child in a selective high school in 2017, the enrolment forms, online, will be available soon.

Please keep an eye on the website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Applications will open on 13 October 2015 and will close on 16 November 2015. Applications can only be made online through this website at that time. Read the application information and the parents’ overview.

SWIMMING SCHOOL

Swimming school notes were sent home last week. They are on orange paper – nice and bright!!

All 60 spots are now taken, however you can place your name on a waiting list.

P & C INFORMATION

We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support.

Funds raised will provide additional resources for the students such as new playground equipment. It’s all for the kids!

Students will receive a Billy’s Gourmet Cookie Dough order form. There are 8 scrumptious flavours to choose including Choc Chunk & White Choc Macadamia, Doggie Dough and Gluten Free Choc Chunk. The tubs sell from $13 per 1kg tub – that’s only 33 cents per cookie! You can re-freeze the cookie dough making it very economical and kids will love baking these delicious cookies.
Each student that sells one or more tubs can also choose from an exciting prize program on offer. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! There is a selection of over 40 prizes to choose from such as Wahu, Disney Frozen, Remington, Razor and much, much, more.

WIN A BALI FAMILY HOLIDAY! - You also have the chance to win a 7 night Bali Family Holiday for 2 adults and 3 children, staying at the Holiday Inn Bali Benoa Beach including a $2000 Virgin Australia airfare voucher and $1,000 spending money. So don’t forget to enter! For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view the inside of the order form.

Order forms have been sent home. Please detach the order form with your orders, money and don’t forget to select a prize! Please return the order form along with your monies to the school Office by Friday 6th November. We will advise a date of when the cookie dough and prizes will be delivered to the school. Happy fundraising! Tarro P & C

OTHER ACTIVITIES

175th ANNIVERSARY WEEK CELEBRATIONS for Parish of Hexham

26 – 30th October ‘On the River’ Art Show at St Paul’s Church and Hall, Beresfield
28th October 175th Anniversary Service with the Bishop of Newcastle presiding at Tarro Public School at 6pm
31st October Family worship followed by a BBQ at 5.30pm.
1st November All Saints Parish Service at St Pauls at 9.30am
1st November All Soul’s Memorial Eucharist at Old Tarro Cemetery, Quarter Sessions Rd at 7pm.
Camp
To get to camp, we went on a bus. It took a long time to get to the Aquarium. First we went on a ferry. We saw lots of boats and birds on the ferry. We also saw the Sydney Opera House and went under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. At the Aquarium we had a little talk about coral, crabs and fish. We got to see the sea animals. We got to see big sharks, little sharks and really little fish. We talked through the tunnel and then got back on the bus. We got to the zoo, went to the room and set our stuff up. Then we went for dinner. We had sausages, pasta, vegies and drinks. We then went into a room to pat the animals. We got to walk around the zoo at night. We saw lots of animals. We had the most beautiful view of Sydney when we ate our fruit. We then got into our pyjamas and brushed our teeth and went to bed. In the morning we packed up our stuff, went to breakfast and then got a map of the zoo and went to see the animals. It was really hard to get up the hills. We got to have a little play on the equipment before the seal show. We got back on the bus, went to McDonalds and then we were home.
By Bronte - Year 3

Taronga Zoosnooze
I got up and went to school. I was excited. I got on the bus. We went to Sydney. It took us two hours to get to Sydney. In Sydney we got to go on not 1, but 2 ferries. After that we went to the Aquarium. I saw sharks, stingrays, dugongs, jelly fish and fish. Then we went on the bus again. This time we went to the zoo. We saw reptiles, lions, bears and a whole heap of other animals. The Red Pandas were my favourite animal. We had the best view of Sydney. We got to see the animals go to bed and wake up. We had sausages and pasta for dinner and for breakfast we had toast and cereal. To cool us down we went to the seal show. Camp was the best time ever!!!
By Brodie - Year 3

Taronga Zoosnooze
On Monday we went on an excursion to Sydney to sleep at the zoo. We didn’t just go to the zoo, we went on a ferry and to the Aquarium. It was awesome. We saw fish, sharks and stingrays. There were also penguins. After the Aquarium we went on a bus to the zoo. We got to stay the night and sleep in a big room next to the monkeys.
By Joe - Year 3