2016 LEADERS
Over the coming weeks the students in Year 5 will be contemplating the possibility of becoming a school leader for 2016. The qualities of a school leader are many and varied. Being well-behaved at all times, being a good role model for others, showing initiative and always demonstrating our three values – Respect, Responsibility and Quality – giving their personal best are valuable qualities to have. Being able to stand up for what is right and being strong enough to stand apart from the crowd are also important leadership traits.
Our speeches and voting will be held in week 8 of this term. The very best of luck is extended to all students who are interested in this opportunity.

ARE YOU HERE NEXT YEAR?
As always, if your child will not be here next year (except for those leaving us for high school), please contact the office so we can adjust our numbers. If you know of any families coming into the area, ask them to contact the school so we can include them in our planning.

SOCCER GALA DAY
Our soccer gala day was a huge success! Our Tarro soccer teams were joined by Metford, Beresfield and Woodberry schools to participate in a friendly soccer gala day, which was all about fun, fitness and the opportunity to represent our school. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended our soccer gala day last Friday and helped with transporting our players and cheered on the teams from the sidelines. A big thank you to Mr Willis and Mr O’Connor who looked after our teams and all of our students who demonstrated sportsmanship and outstanding behaviour both on and off the field.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY
Thanks to the families who have returned the pink community survey – your feedback is appreciated and very welcome. Survey results will be published in the next newsletter.

SWIMMING SCHOOL
Remember your swimmers, swimming shirt, sunsafe hat, and change of underwear, sunscreen and towel for swim school.

MERIT AWARDS
Lillian Chapman
Jasper Walker
Jack Norman
Jye Rogers

Mr Parkinson has had a change of plans - he will continue to work in Sydney as a Principal Support Officer until the end of the year.

I’m lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to stay on at Tarro as principal until early December. 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 happy and healthy week everyone,

Debbie Healey
Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 4

NOVEMBER
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

TERM 4 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

SCHOOL STARTS AT 9AM

Please remember your child’s learning starts with the 9am bell!

Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class.
- Reduces classroom disruption.

The law in NSW regarding attendance at school is very specific. Section 22 of the Education Act (1990) indicates it is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to ensure that children between the ages of 6-17 years attend school on all days the school is open for instruction, unless there are justified reasons for an absence. All absences must be satisfactorily explained to the school at which the child is enrolled.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. If you are not bringing your child to the office to fill out a late arrivals slip, you will need to send along a note with them explaining the lateness. Please be aware that all absences – include late arrivals are closely monitored by both the school and the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO)

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 below:
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.

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.

SCHOOL OPAL CARD

Attached to this newsletter, please find information on the new School Opal Card.

P & C INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Donations can be dropped off at the office to go towards our Christmas Raffle. Anything Christmas themed eg food, decorations, wine etc can be donated. Tickets will be sent home later this month. Tickets will be $1 each.

P&C MEETING

TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER - 3.30 PM
OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Summer Vacation Care**
Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.
ABN 94 286 357 501

- Quality care for children 2-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.
- Organised activities such as Craft, Sports, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Movies and Surprise Guests.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

*Photo from Soccer Gala - Oct 30th*

**Cancer Council NSW**

*The simplest way... to create a healthier brekkie.*

Choose these simple, tasty swaps for your family’s brekkie: they’re fruit and veggie rich and will give you the energy to get through the day!

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*For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit*

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**NEW ADDRESS**

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*WE HAVE MOVED*

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Have a look at your
Specialty Groups
Log on code: 66353AA

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*Photo from Soccer Gala - Oct 30th*
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
• Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
• Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
• Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.
Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.
A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.
However, a new application is required if:
• The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
• The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
• The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
• The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).
Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing.
Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.
The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.