BIG DAY OUT!
After much discussion we have decided to change the activity for our end of year party day – we’re going to have ‘A Big Day Out!’ Our end of year party day will involve visiting the Anzac Memorial Walk.

The Memorial Walk not only provides safe access to one of the most scenic sections of Newcastle’s coastal walk but 360 degree views that stretch over the Pacific Ocean and beyond. The beauty of The Memorial Walk is that anyone can get involved with the structure providing safe access to all to soak up the spectacular views.

We will visit Blackbutt Reserve to visit the animals - the koalas, wombats, native birds, emus and kangaroos, have a play in the park, enjoy a BBQ lunch and listen to a reptile talk.

The day will be finished off with a splash in the very shallow kids’ ocean pool at Newcastle Beach.

Our ‘Big Day Out’ will be a busy day with lots to see and do. It will be a fantastic way for the students and staff to celebrate the end of the school year.

The cost of the day is $8. This will cover bus travel for students, reptile talk & a delicious BBQ sausage sizzle, drink and an ice block on return to school. A very big thank you to our P&C for their support of the day – the costs associated with lunch has been covered by the P&C – thank you! Support from the P&C has ensured the cost of the excursion has been kept low so all families can be involved. Initially the P&C were not asked for money to support the day due to the large amount they have committed towards the playground. However, they are very keen to support any activity at school. Thank you.

2016 LEADERS
Our 2016 leader speeches and voting will be held this week. The very best of luck is extended to all students who are interested in this opportunity.

THANK YOU
After talking to a few parents and caregivers this week there seemed some confusion in the school community around what was happening in the school.

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who dropped into the office to ask for the ‘right information’.

If there is ever a time when the information you hear or gain, for example, from an ‘announcement’ on Facebook, doesn’t seem quite right – please feel free to ask one of the staff or drop into the office to clarify any questions you may have.

Have a happy and healthy week everyone,

Debbie Healey😊
Principal

TARRO GOES PINK ON FRIDAY
This Friday Tarro is going PINK! We are encouraging everyone in our school to take on the challenge and wear pink to school. The day is all about raising the awareness of the vital work of the National Breast Cancer Foundation – which the colour pink is strongly associated with. The whole of Maitland is planning to go pink and we would love everyone at Tarro to get involved.

MERIT AWARDS
Phoenix Williams
Blake Trigg
Brayden Stair
Tyler Cotterill
Jasmin McDiarmid
Lachlan Chapman
Kaylen McDiarmid
Faith Neely
Stephen Stair

Have a happy and healthy week everyone,

Debbie Healey😊
Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 4

NOVEMBER
Tue 24 – Y5 Speeches
Wed 25 – Y6 FGHS Disco 5.15-7.30pm
Wed 25 - Y5 Speeches
Thurs 26 – Voting for captains
Mon 30 – Lawn Bowls Gala Day

DECEMBER
Thurs 3 – Y6 Orientation Day @ FGHS
Tues 8 – P&C meeting 3.30pm
Wed 9 – Christmas Capers
Fri 11 – Presentation Day
Mon 14 – Y6 Farewell
Tue 15 – End of Year Party Day –BIG DAY OUT
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
- KB & 1P excursion to Greenhills
- Y6 Fun Day
- Christmas Capers cake stall
- Headlice
- End of Year Party Day – BIG DAY OUT

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)

STUDENT ABSENCES

Sometimes students stay at home for reasons that are not acceptable. For example:
- Birthdays
- Too tired to come to school because of a late night
- Stay home with siblings or parents who are sick
- Staying away for a whole day when an appointment is booked for a short time in the morning or afternoon.
- The weather, for example it’s too hot or raining.

Students staying home for these reasons will be marked as an unjustified absence.

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.

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.
VOTE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TREE
Details coming soon on how to vote will be on the Greenhills Stockland Facebook site.

SWIMMING SCHOOL
A very big thank you to the parents and caregivers for help with transporting students to and from the pool for swimming school. Your help with transport kept the cost of swimming lessons to a minimum for our students – thank you!
An extra big thank you to Mrs Parkes for her organisation – it’s a very big job and it is very appreciated by everyone involved.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY
Many thanks for the return of our pink school community surveys. Your responses help us with planning – classroom planning and preparation for extracurricular and community activities and make staff aware of what is important to our school community. Thank you 😊

Staff have collated your responses and some of the answers are as follows:

1. What do I want the school to look like? *Clean and tidy, colourful, welcoming, friendly, including everyone*
2. When I come to school, how would I like to be treated by students, staff and other community members? *Respectful, kindness, polite, make me feel important*
3. How would I like the students at Tarro to act towards others? *With manners, friendly, empathy, confidence, kindness*
4. What values are important to me? *Respect, opportunities, community, having a go, sport, the environment*
5. How do I want the students and school community to remember our school? *Community spirit, a place where you want to come back to, the opportunities provided, friendly classrooms, a small schools with a big heart*
6. Other ways student success or student learning be enhanced at Tarro *Increased sporting opportunities, feedback from teachers, opportunities for positive praise/reinforcements and opportunities for community involvement*

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.

Raffle will be drawn at Christmas Capers Wed 9th Dec.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Why not try Beresfield Golf. Afternoon and Twilight rates all year round from $10. No joining fee!! Contact 49664665 for more information.
ACYFS Early Years Project

**Free stuff for big school is back!**
Is your child attending Kindergarten school in 2016?
Come along for a fun, relaxed morning.
**Monday 30th November at 10.30-11.30am**
**Where: Woodberry Family Centre, 11-13 Lawson Avenue, Woodberry. (Opposite Francis Greenway High School)**

Lunch to follow, including wraps/sandwiches/fruit platters.
Register for free back packs.
Talk with the Awabakal health team including a nurse, nutritionist and hearing worker.
Free Raffle.
Activities for the kids.
**Please RSVP on or before 26th November for catering purposes**
Phone or text Krystal Astill on 0429 881163 or email kastill@awabakal.org
Or phone Cynthia Jenkins at Woodberry Place of Friends on 49 642174
Registration forms are available from the school office.

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**RECIPE**

Cheerio Christmas Trees

3 cups marshmallows
3 tbsp butter
Green food colouring
3 cups cheerios
Mini M&Ms (red and green)
Jaffas
Canola spray

In a bowl, place marshmallows and butter together and melt in microwave on high for 40 seconds. Mix well with spoon.
Add green food colouring until you have the colour you like.
Pour Cheerios into the marshmallow mix and stir well to coat. Leave to cool until the mixture becomes tacky. You may need to put it in the fridge.
Cover a tray with baking paper. Spray your hands and shape the Cheerios mixture into cones and place on the tray.
Remove and decorate with red and green M&Ms and place a Jaffa on top. The trees will still be sticky enough for the decorations to adhere, but you may need to use a little icing to stick the Jaffa on top.
Place in the freezer for 20 minutes to firm up.