MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Another year is over and as we say goodbye to 2015, the Staff and I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

I’d like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to our school community, as this will be my last year at the school. After almost 20 years at Tarro, it is time to leave the profession I have enjoyed, the students who continue to amaze me with their knowledge and talent, the dedicated staff I have worked with and the community I have been a part of. I leave with many happy memories and am ready to start my next chapter.

2016 LEADERS

I would like to congratulate all Year 5 students who accepted nominations for Leadership roles in 2016, you should be proud of yourselves. The speeches gave us an insight into you and your understanding of what a Leader is. Unfortunately there are only 4 Roles to fill within the school and so some were naturally disappointed. May I say that I was very impressed by the maturity shown by all and the way each responded to the news of the 4 successful candidates. I was very proud of each and every one of you and I am confident you will all work together to support each other in 2016.

The successful candidates were:
Emily Bradford  Lillian Chapman
Riley Hoffman  Tegan Bell

These 4 students have met with a panel of staff and P&C. From this interview the 2016 Captain, Vice Captain and Prefects have been selected. The announcement will be made on Presentation Day.

MERIT AWARDS

Seth Thomas
Bowen Hine
Michael Hasson

Jennifer Kendall
Relieving Principal

Merry Christmas!
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 4

DECEMBER
Wed 9 – Christmas Capers – 5.30 – 8pm
Thurs 10 – Y6 Fun Day
Fri 11 – Presentation Day – 10am
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

NOTES RECENTLY SENT HOME

➢ Newsletter - every 2 weeks
➢ Y6 Fun Day
➢ Y6 Farewell Dinner
➢ Big Day Out End of Year Fun Day

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS CAPERS
When? WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER
5:30 – 8:00pm

Where? School grounds

What? • Sausage Sizzle and Picnic  
• Raffles, Cake & Small Item Stalls,  
• Class performances & Carols  
• A visit from Santa

Who? Tarro School Community

Why? To celebrate Christmas and the end of the school year.

Please come along and join us. Bring your picnic chairs or blanket.

YEAR 6 FUN DAY & FAREWELL

The Year 6 students Fun Day will be on:
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER.

Year 6 Farewell will be held on:
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER
at Hexham Bowling Club.
Information about both events has gone home.

PRESENTATION DAY

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER
starting at 10 am.
Full school uniform is to be worn.

Please bring a chair.

BIG DAY OUT

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Next Tuesday, 15th December, all students will celebrate the end of the year with an excursion to Newcastle. Buses will leave school at 9:30am, and return by 2:45am.

We will be visiting the ANZAC Walk, Newcastle Beach and Blackbutt Reserve.

What to bring: * School sports uniform  
• Brimmed hat  
• Joggers  
• Beach towel  
• Sunscreen (roll on or cream)  
• Water  
• Food for Recess  
• School Bag
GREENHILLS CHRISTMAS TREE
Don’t forget to ‘LIKE’ the Stocklands Greenhills Christmas Tree for Tarro.

BERESFIELD ANGLICAN CHURCH FETE
Thank you to the students and parents who attended the Fete on Saturday. The dancers did a great job and really enjoyed their Santa treats!

SCHOOL INFORMATION
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.

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, gifts etc can be donated.

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

We would like take this opportunity to say thank you to all the following businesses that have kindly donated vouchers for our raffle so far:

- Xtreme Go Karts Thornton
  5 X $25 Vouchers
- Mortels Cafe
  2 X $25 Vouchers
- Mortels
  2 X $50 vouchers
- Hayley Lindsay Massage Therapy
  1 hour massage voucher
- Inflatable World Thornton
  2 X family passes
  1 X double pass
- Christmas Trees Direct
  1 X live tree voucher
- Beresfield Golf
  1 X family voucher for 4 and 2 X Cart hire
- Reading Cinemas
  1 X Double Pass Maitland
- Baiada Chicken Shop
  4 X $20 vouchers 1 X cooler pack
- Anytime Fitness
  3 X 2 week vouchers + drink bottles
  3 X 1 month vouchers
  1 X 3 month voucher
- Woolworths Kurri
  1 X Christmas Hamper $100
- Pru D’Nail
  3 X $25 vouchers

Tickets are only $1 each or books of ten available from the office.
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS
Many families have already made donations to the raffle and I know they continue to come in at a steady pace. Thank you to everyone who has, and to those who are still planning to donate. If you are able to donate any items, please drop them in at the Office.

A big thank you to Amy Walsh who has been busy canvassing local businesses for raffle donations and of course we wish to thank all those who have supported our school. The list is extensive and I am sure any prize winners this year will be very happy with their win. If you haven’t as yet bought tickets there is still time and tickets will also be on sale early in the night of Christmas Capers

P & C MEETINGS 2016
Next P & C meeting – 9th February
AGM – 8th March

NOTE: To be eligible to vote at the AGM, membership must be paid before the 8th of March either at the first meeting of the year or at the Office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

GREENHILLS HIT-N-DIP
SPORTS CENTRE

2016 Intensive
Swim and Survive

4th January-8th January
11th January-15th January
18th January-22nd January

School Holidays
5 Lessons for $69.70

Call 49334733 now to enrol.

MINI STRAWBERRY SANTAS

FRESH STRAWBERRIES
1 CUP OF WHIPPING CREAM
1 TBSPN CHOC SPRINKLES

Slice the leafy end off each strawberry so they stand evenly.
Slice off the tip to make a little hat.
Using a spoon place a dollop of whipped cream on top of the strawberry base.
Plop the little hat on top.
Add another tiny dollop of whipped cream to the tip of the hat to make a pom pom.
Place 2 chocolate sprinkles on Santa’s face for the eyes.
Using a toothpick place 2 very small splotches of whipped cream down the front of the strawberry for buttons.
Store them in the fridge to keep cold.