**Principal’s Reflections**
Welcome back everyone for another fun filled and fantastic term at Tarro 😊.
This term is always the exciting term with Christmas Celebrations, Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell, Yearly Reports, Water Fun Day and other key events, announcements and happenings. Enjoy 😊.

Thank you to Mrs Randall for relieving while I was away as Principal and to Mrs Bourke for relieving as Assistant Principal. It is lovely to be back 😊.

**Merit Awards**
Congratulations to these students for achieving this high honour;
- William Chalmers (x2)
- Phoebe Magill (x2)
- Kane Brunner
- Chloe Farrelly
- Stephanie Foster
- Bella Walsh
- Kaelyn Liddell

**Principal School Leadership (PSL) Appointment for Mr Parkinson**
Over the holidays I was successfully appointed to the position of “Principal School Leadership” for each Monday and Friday (two days per week). This is a brand new exciting position, which will not only directly benefit our school and community but many, many other schools and communities both Primary and Secondary, at the local, regional and State level, on key DEC leadership initiatives, priorities and directions.

As a result, Mrs Randall will be your Relieving Principal each Monday and Friday, with Mrs Bourke Relieving Assistant Principal for the same two days. I will remain Tarro’s substantive Principal and be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with our school still being my first priority 😊.

**Trees**
The scheduled tree rectification work has now been completed 😊.
The temporary safety fencing is now due for removal.

**Next P&C Meeting (Today @ 3;30)**
Please come along. There will be three meeting this term being;-
- ✔ Tue 14th October.
- ✔ Tue 11th November.
- ✔ Tue 9th December.

**New School Plan (2015 to 2017)**
Both this term and next, we as a school and community will be working on our next three year School Plan for Tarro PS. Potential key areas may be Learning, Teaching, and Leadership with special emphasis on sustaining the good practices and programs we are currently doing and building our future capacity towards student learning, teacher professional learning, and student engagement.

**Wakakirri**
Fantastic effort everyone and well done Mrs Bourke 😊. The “Judges Comments” reads;

*What a wonderful out of this world performance. The cast brought a big sunny smile to our faces, with terrific energy and commitment and funky dance moves. Loved the design, costumes and the set, and especially the space ship. Vibrant colours, makes for a visually exciting item to watch. Really enjoyed the contrasting fun songs I the sound track, especially the standoff. Well done to all involved, a great performance from all the onstage crew and cast.*

Christopher Parkinson
Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Term 4

OCTOBER

Tues 14 Oct – P&C Meeting
Mon 22 Oct – MAD Monday Talent Quest & Market Day 12.15pm
Wed 22 Oct – First Kinder Orientation Day
Wed 29 Oct – Kinder Orientation
Wed 29 Oct – High School for a Day

NOVEMBER

Wed 5 Nov – Kinder Orientation
Wed 5 Nov – High School Ab Ed Orientation
Wed 12 Nov – Kinder Orientation
Wed 12 Nov – High School Jump Start
Wed 19 Nov – Kinder Orientation
Wed 19 Nov – High School Jump Start

DECEMBER

Wed 3 Dec – High School for a day
Wed 10 Dec – Lawn Bowls Gala Day
Thur 11 Dec – Presentation Day
Fri 12 Dec – Year 6 Party Day
Mon 15 Dec – Y6 Farewell – Hexham Bowling Club
Tues 16 Dec – Christmas Capers

TERM 4 FINISH DAY FOR STUDENTS – Wed 17th December

SCHOOL INFORMATION

MAD MONDAY
(Music, Art and Drama)
Monday October 22nd at 12.15pm
We will have a Talent Quest where student will show off their talents. Parents and grandparents welcome.
Also, Y4/5/6 will have a market day with proceeds going to the Year 6 Gift to the school.

SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY SCHEME
Notes have been sent home to students K-5, please complete the forms and return them to school as soon as possible. The cost of the 10 day program will be $28.00 (just $2.80 per day) operating from Monday 10/11/14 to Friday 21/11/14. Please remember students will need to be dropped off at the pool in the morning and returned to school after the lesson.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
Our first Kindergarten orientation session will be held on Wednesday 22nd October from 2.10pm – 3.30pm. There will be four more Orientation afternoons to follow – Wednesday 29th October, 5th November, 12th November finishing on 19th November.

Please remember to bring along your completed enrolment form along with your child’s birth documents and immunisation certificate if complete.

School Information Booklet, Library bags and other helpful information will be given out to you on this day. You are also invited to stay on for afternoon tea, (provided by the P & C.), so please join us on Wednesday 22nd October.

WAKAKIRRI DVD
Last chance to order a DVD of our wonderful Wakakirri performance all orders and money need to be returned to school by Friday 17th October. The cost of the DVD is $40.

LOST PROPERTY
Our lost property bin is over flowing with items. Please remember to mark everything your child brings to school or takes on excursions. If it’s not marked we cannot return it. Feel free to come in to the school foyer and have a look to see if any items belong to you. Anything left at the end of the term will be taken to a Salvation Army collection bin.

STUDENT ABSENCES
When a student returns to school after an absence he/she must bring a note from a parent explaining the absence or telephone the school on the first day of the absence. This is a legal requirement of the Department of School Communities. Thank you for your help in this matter.

CANBERRA EXCURSION 2014
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. Please use it we definitely don’t want to lose it.

Getting organised for Term 4
Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z’s monthly planners. They’re easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child’s bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. [http://bit.ly/UbmQz8](http://bit.ly/UbmQz8)

Public speaking made easier.
Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: [http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB](http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB)

Motivating “laid-back” children
Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?
Find out more: [http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z](http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z)