Principal’s Reflections
While our grounds remain wet and soggy, and the play area has had to be restricted, we are happy to be back working in our normal school routines.

The term ahead includes NAPLAN testing, School photos, Grandfriends Day, K/1/2 Excursion, Public Speaking, Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews.

Change of Contact Details
If any contact details or circumstances have changed for your family please contact the office to update our data base. Current contact numbers are critical in case of an emergency.

Student Absences
Please remember to send in a note or fill out a green slip (available at the office) to explain your child’s absence. This notification is to be given to the class teacher within 7 days of the absence. This is a DET requirement.

Medical Information
I have noticed a number of Health Care Plans for students with medical needs are either out of date or ready to be updated. All students with medical needs are required to have a Health Care Plan developed by a health care professional and shared with the school so that procedures can be put in place for the wellbeing of all. These plans must be updated every 12 months. If you are not sure when your plan needs to be updated, please contact Mrs Bourke or myself.

Notes and Money
Just a reminder, all notes and money need to go directly to your child’s class teacher. These will be collected each morning, recorded and sent to Mrs Keeley for receipting.

Merit Awards
Congratulations to:
* Jay Hamilton for achieving this high honour.

NAPLAN 2015 Reminder
These tests will take place from Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May for all Yr 3 and Yr5 students. The testing timetable is:-
- Tue 12th - Language (40 min) and Writing (40 min)
- Wed 13th – Reading (45 or 50 min)
- Thur 14th – Numeracy (45 or 50 min)

Mothers Day Stall
Thanks to the P&C for the organisation of the Mothers Day Stall. It was a wonderful response. Hope everyone had a lovely day on Sunday.

Grandfriends Day
FRIDAY 22nd MAY - 12noon
We will be celebrating Grandfriends Day on Friday 22nd May at 12 o’clock. We’d love to see lots of grandparents visit our school to watch the children perform, visit their classrooms and enjoy a picnic lunch with them. Lunches may be ordered from the canteen, tea and coffee will also be available. More information will be sent out during the week.

Jenny Randall
Relieving Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 2
MAY

Tuesday 12th – P&C Meeting
Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th May NAPLAN
Friday 15th – Make up day for NAPLAN
Friday 15th – Y5/6 Discover Uni Day
Friday 22nd – Grandfriends Day
Wednesday 27th May – School Photos
Friday 22nd May – Grandfriends Day

JUNE

Wednesday 3rd – Drum Beat $6 per student
Monday 8th – Queens Birthday HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9th – P&C Meeting
Thursday 11th – K-2 excursion to Sydney Aquarium & Wildlife world.
Monday 9th – Finals Competition School Public Speaking
Tuesday 23rd – School Disco
Friday 26th – Last day of term

TERM 2 finishes Friday 26th June 2015.
TERM 3 begins Tuesday 14th July for students

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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WHAT IS NAPLAN?
NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

MOBILE PHONE APP
Tarro Public School now has a mobile phone app that can be downloaded from either the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. Search ‘Tarro Public School’ and download to your mobile device. The username is ‘community’ and password is ‘tarrops’. This App will allow the school to send out notifications and reminders that you will be able to receive instantaneously on your mobile device. This will allow for a clearer line of communication between home and school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
If you would like to order a family photo, this envelope is available from the office on request. This year you have the option to pay online for your photo graph orders. A specialised code for our school is located on the front of the order envelope.

Your online code is 152237

NEWSLETTER – every 2 weeks
School Photo envelopes
Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion
Years 3 & 4 Zoo Snooze
K-2 Sydney Aquarium Excursion

Next P&C Meeting
Tuesday 12th May – All welcome!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Anglican Parish of Beresfield-Thornton, have asked us to contribute to a food drive to assist local families. Our school has been asked to donate:
- jars of pasta sauce
- pasta 500g of spaghetti or any other pasta

Please leave your donations at the office.

Thank you for your support.

AN INVITATION TO CARERS
Do you provide care and support to another person? You are invited to Carers Connections so take the opportunity to connect with other carers and listen to Guest Speaker.

Where: East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street East Maitland.
Time: 10.00am – 12pm
Cost: Free including morning tea
When: Monday 25th May 2015
RSVP: Wednesday 20th May 2015
Guest Speaker: National Disability Insurance Agency
Topic: NDIS Community Conversation.
For more information phone 49214895 or 1300887776