**Principal’s Reflections**

**End of Term**
Our School Term ends this Friday 26th June. Students return to school on Tuesday 14th July. The staff at Tarro wish everyone a safe and happy winter holiday.

**Class Contribution**
This week Years K-2 students have contributed to the Newsletter. Look out for your child at the Aquarium.

**Interviews**
Staff are currently conducting Parent/Teacher Interviews. Thank you to all those who have been able to make the time to discuss their child’s progress with their class teacher. It has been a wonderful response. For those whose interview slips did not make it home, I’m sure if you make contact with the class teacher they would be more than happy to organise a time either during the week, or early next term.

**Public Speaking**
Congratulations to all students who took part in the recent Public Speaking Competition. We have seen the confidence levels of our students continue to grow. Special congratulations to the following students who were successful at school level and are now headed for Nulkaba Public School.

- Early Stage 1 - Josh Drinkwater
  - Evie Bass
  - My Favourite Toy
- Stage 1 - Sarah Polson
  - Ducks
  - Jack Norman
  - Stingrays
- Stage 2 - Brodie Tarasenko
  - Lochness Monster
  - Riley Drinkwater
  - Fishing
- Stage 3 - Riley Hoffman
  - Riley’s Circus
  - Jovan Nelson
  - Muscle Cars

**Disco**
The School Disco is on tonight, 23rd June, from 6pm-8pm at Beresfield Bowling Club in the Rainbow Room.

**Staff Leave**
I will be on leave for the first 5 weeks of Term, Jane Mahony will be replacing me.

**Dates to remember for Early Term 2**
- Circus Quirkus – K & 1 – Week 1
- NAIDOC Celebrations – Week 2
- Public Speaking – Week 5

**Jennifer Randall**
Relieving Principal

**Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. Benjamin Franklin**

**Merit Awards**
Congratulations to:
* Ryan Reid
* Jack Norman
* Bella Walsh
* Tyler Cotterill
* Claire Price
* Cooper Cotterill

Well done everyone!
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 2

JUNE
Tuesday 23rd – School Disco
Friday 26th – Last day of term

TERM 3

JULY
Tues 14th – Students return
Thurs 16th – Circus Quirkus
Monday 20th – NAIDOC celebrations
Mon 27th - Civic Theatre Excursion Year 3

AUGUST
Monday 3rd – Backyard Footy
Monday 10th – Tues 11th – Zone Public Speaking
Wed 12th – High School Transition Yr 6
Friday 14th – Jumpoff
Wed 19th –Fri 21st – YS/6 Sydney Darling Harbour Excursion
Thurs 27th – Book Week Activities

SEPTEMBER
Mon 7th-Frid 11th – Creative Arts Camp
Thurs 17th – Musical

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

NOTES RECENTLY SENT HOME

- Newsletter - every 2 weeks
- Year 3 Civic Theatre excursion
- How to purchase photographs form the Aquarium
- Disco Information
- NAIDOC Celebrations

ABC READING EGGS

Classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 are beginning to bring home ‘Reading Eggs’ logins and passwords. Please note that students need to complete ‘Reading Eggs’ lessons without support as their progress is based on independent completion of the activities.

ABC Reading Eggs is an online reading program that makes learning essential reading skills a fun and motivating experience for 3-13 year olds. The program has many features that support our core literacy teaching and get our students successfully started on their journey to becoming proficient readers.

YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO THE CIVIC THEATRE

Year 3 will be going on an excursion to the Civic Theatre, Newcastle, to see the theatre production of the 26 Storey Treehouse on Monday 27th July, (term 3 Week 2). They have been reading the 13 and 26 Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths. The cost of the excursion will be $27.00 with the $11 bus component not refundable.

YR 3 & 4 ZOOSNOOZ & YR 5 & 6 SYDNEY TRIP

Remember you can make payments on these excursions at any time.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

MOBILE PHONE APP

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

Change of Contact Details

We have had some parents contact the school to update contact details on our data base. Remember if details or circumstances have changed it is vital we know. Current contact numbers are critical in case of an emergency.

Student Absences

Just a reminder - 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.
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs will be here early in Term 3

CIRCUS QUIRKUS
Kindergarten and Year 1 have been lucky enough to receive free tickets from The Immune Deficiencies Foundation, to Circus Quirkus at Panthers Newcastle on Thursday 16th July. As we have been given free tickets we only need to pay for the coach transport. Therefore the cost will be $7 per student.

NAIDOC
NAIDOC Week will be celebrated on Monday 20th July with a Tucker Talk & Tasting. This involves a 40 mins talk/presentation and tasting of Indigenous foods both in their natural form and in contemporary foods. This will include:

- Game meats including crocodile, kangaroo, possum and emu meats.
- A variety of flowers, seeds, leaves and fruits
- Jams, lemon myrtle cheesecake and rainforest punch.

The cost is $5.00 per student and needs to be paid by Thursday 16th July 2015.

P & C INFORMATION

SCHOOL DISCO
A School disco will be held, Tuesday 23rd June, in the Rainbow room at Beresfield Bowling Club. The cost will be $5 per person or $10 a family. Start time 6pm and finish time 8pm. Only students attending Tarro PS will be allowed entry. Chips, drinks & glow items will be for sale on the night.
Join our Kids Cooking Club
Get the kids cooking @home. Start collecting today!
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- Easy to follow, child friendly and allergy aware recipe cards
- Pantry ingredients to get started
- A shopping list
- A fun, food related craft activity
- ‘Chitter Chatter’ to help get your family talking at the dinner table.

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Recipes will vary each month and cooking tools and pantry ingredients will vary each month.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

On Thursday we went to Sydney aquarium and wild life world. We went to the wild life world first and my favourite animal was rex the crocodile. Then we had lunch and when we were eating lunch the sea gulls were taking our food. After that we went to the Aquarium. My favourite animal was the grey nurse shark and then we went to school.

BY BLAKE
What's on in the school holidays in the Newcastle Council Area

Log onto
www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au
Some photos from our Sydney Excursion to the Aquarium