Term 2 Week 7 Issue 9

**Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. Malcolm X.**

**PRINCIPAL’S REFLECTIONS**

**Class Contribution**
This week Year One students have contributed to the Newsletter. Look out for your child’s writing!

**Winter Colds**
Winter is here …. and so are colds and runny noses! We are constantly reminding students of the need to cover mouths when coughing but there is no escaping the spread of germs. Please remind your child to pack a hanky or tissues each day. The school’s supply of tissues is quickly being depleted. You may also like to send along a box to your child’s classroom to share.

**Reports and Interviews.**
Reports will be going home in Week 8, Friday 12**th** June. Weeks 9 and 10 have been set aside for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Remember to get in early to book your preferred interview time. Interview booking sheets will go home next week.

**School Disco**
The P & C have organised the next disco for Tuesday 23**rd** June in the Rainbow Room at Beresfield Bowling Club. They will be sending home more information about this closer to the event.

**Lost Property**
Our lost property basket is full again! Lots of children are arriving shivering, with no jumpers. Remember to put names on all articles of clothing. Some creative parents have chosen clever ways to mark clothing so that if names rub off they can still identify their child’s items.

**Staff Leave**
Mrs Parkes will be on leave during the last week of this term and the first week of Term Three, she will be replaced by Ms Fraser. Mrs Bianchi and Ms Sinclair will both begin their Maternity Leave next week. We wish them well with the new additions to their families.

**Jenny Randall**
Relieving Principal

**Merit Awards**
Congratulations to:
* Brodie Tarasenko for achieving this high honour.

**Stage 3 Reading + University = Career Choices**
During the last 5 weeks of Term 2, Stage 3 students will be involved with The University of Newcastle in an Aim High Program called ‘Careers Through Reading’. This program seeks to provide a connection between University students and Primary students. It is set within the existing school structures and around the theme of tertiary education and professional careers. The activity-based model of Careers Through Reading aims to raise awareness amongst primary school students, of various professional careers and the pathways to these careers. Simultaneously it builds skills and further interest in literacy. The following is a Recount by a stage 3 student after the first session:

**Report by Chloe Farrelly**
On Tuesday we had some University students come to our school. They were teaching us a Careers Through Reading Program. The first group I was in was with Amy. We were reading ‘Oh The Places You’ll Go’ by Dr Seuss then we did a few questions. After that Amy told us what she wanted to do as a career. She would like...
to be a High School teacher on the Central Coast. It takes Amy an hour for her to get to the Uni. Then we moved to the next group, we were with Emma. She was dressed up as a witch. We read ‘A Witch On A Broomstick’. Emma asked some questions and then we played games with a broom stick. Next she told us what she wanted to do in the future. She would like to be a Social Scientist, which is pretty cool I think. I’m looking forward to next week!

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are going to the Aquarium by bus. At the Aquarium, I hope I see a dolphin.

By Pepper, Year 1.

$10 each.

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.

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
A reminder to send in a note in 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.

NOTES RECENTLY SENT HOME
- Newsletter - every 2 weeks
- Year 3 Civic Theatre excursion
- Pizza order form

FOR YOUR CALENDAR
Tuesday 9th – P&C Meeting
Thursday 11th – K-2 excursion to Sydney Aquarium & Wildlife world leaving 7.30am
Monday 15th – Finals Competition School Public Speaking
Tuesday 16th – Pizza Day
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

SAVE THE DATE - Hexham Bowling Club
The home of Ossie the Mossie, Hexham Bowling Club, will be having a Carpark Market Day on Sunday 4th October 2015 from 12noon to 4.00pm. All proceeds will go to our school so come along and support this great event.

Why not have a stall and sell some of those unwanted items or show your arts/crafts or culinary talents. For more information regarding site bookings please contact Denise, Dot or Angela on 49648079. Sites are

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are going to the Aquarium and the Wildlife Park. We might see a dolphin.

By Brittney, Year 1.
Years K-2 Excursion to the Aquarium
Just a reminder the bus will leave promptly at 7.30 am. on Thursday 11th June. Please pack all food and drinks in a back pack
We hope to arrive back at school by approximately 5.00pm but we will be using our new school communication app to keep parents and caregivers updated.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs will be here early in Term 3.

P&C MEETING
The P & C meeting is this afternoon at 3.15pm all welcome.

EXCURSIONS
Remember you can make payments on Yrs 3&4 Zoosnooz or Yrs 5 &6 Sydney trip at any time.

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Disco
School disco Tuesday 23rd June in the Rainbow room at Beresfield Bowling Club more information soon.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Beresfield / Woodberry / Tarro
TERMS 3 & 4 2015

Women: Choice & Change  Term 3
This is a course for women who are in, or have been in, an abusive relationship.
It offers women a chance to meet with others who have had similar experiences, to talk through their concerns and look at positive choices for the future.

The course covers:
Past relationships, Communication, Feelings of grief & loss, Managing conflict & stress, and Building confidence & self-esteem

When: Thursdays 16 July – 3 September (8 weeks)
Time: 10am to 1230pm
Cost: free
Expressions of interest from Tues 9 June
Me and My Friend Term 4
Confidence & Self-Esteem Building for Children
A fun, 8 week program enabling children to grow in self-esteem and confidence

This is a course for 7-11 year olds to help build confidence and self-esteem.
The group will assist children in getting to know themselves better, understand their unique qualities, deal with conflict situations, and talk about feelings and practise social skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Parents alone are required to attend an Orientation Session;
On: Week 1, Term 4 (day TBC)
Time: 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Parents are also invited into the group for the last half hour of each session to get feedback on progress and to support their child’s learning.

When: Week 2, Term 4, day/venue TBC (8 weeks)
Time: 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Cost: Free
Expressions of interest from Tuesday 1st September

Bookings Essential - Phone 4940 1500 or Email: hunterrep@ransw.org.au

These courses and others can be tailored to meet specific community needs.
For further information, please contact.
www.nsw.relationships.com.au

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Do you have a parent/teacher interview coming up?
Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan. Find out more:

Pizza Day
Next Tuesday 16th June the canteen will be having a pizza day (see order form).
Orders and money need to be returned to school by Monday 15th June.
Please remember that there will be no other lunch order food available on that day.

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.