Principal’s Reflections

EDUCATION DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS
Last Wednesday evening the Gateway Learning Community celebrated Education Week with an evening at Francis Greenway High School. Our kinder students represented our school with their ‘Dem Bones’ item. Amazing effort girls and boys! Thank you to their parents and caregivers for transporting them to and from the event.

Congratulations to the following amazing people for their Education Day Awards.
Excellence in Teaching Award - Allison Bourke Amanda Crozier
Non-Teaching Award – Michelle Mould
Community Award – Lyn Keevers
Student Award – Phoebe Magill
School Program – PAL (Peers as Leaders) Program accepted by Mr O’Connor.

ZONE ATHLETICS
On Friday, fourteen super athletes represented Tarro PS at the Zone Athletics carnival held at Woodberry Oval.
The following students deserve a special mention for their effort, sportsmanship and outstanding behaviour on the day - Liana Welsh, Regan Fitzpatrick, Colby Ison, Janae Thompson, Dylan Farrelly, Kalari Beltsch, Emily Moore, Riley Welsh, Lexie Graham, Aleah McAllister, Montana Ninness. Well done! A big thank you to the parents for their help with transport, support and organisation on the day.

BEHAVIOUR CODE FOR STUDENTS
There is an updated behaviour code for students in Department of Education schools across NSW. It clearly outlines the expectations of students and provides a behaviour code for students that promote the learning, well-being and safety of all students in NSW public schools. The updated behaviour code has been included with this newsletter.

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to:
Jaye Simons Dylan Farrelly
Nicholas Buchanan Emma Langford
Dylon Simpson Amelia Fullick
Sufiya Walk Jett Robards-Hassall
Sarah Polson
Book Award: Jack Norman

A Few Important Reminders……

Bus Passes
Just a reminder that Hunter Valley Buses are conducting regular Bus Pass Checks on all school and route buses. It is a condition of travel that students show their bus pass to the driver or pay a fare on boarding the bus.

Late Arrivals
Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class.
- Reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. If you are not bringing your child to the office to fill out a late arrivals slip, you will need to send along a note with them explaining the lateness.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Debbie Healey ☺
Relieving Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 3
AUGUST
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 – Fri 11th – Creative Arts Camp
Thurs 17th – Musical

TERM 3 finishes Fri 18th September 2015.
TERM 4 begins Tues 6th October 2015 for staff and students

SCHOOL INFORMATION

LATE ARRIVALS
The school day at Tarro Public School starts at 9am. ALL students are expected to be at school by that time. Starting the school day with the rest of the class reduces the class from unnecessary disruption. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and MUST be explained by parents.
When dropping a child off late for school, the school requires a parent/caregiver to either come in with the child and fill in a YELLOW late slip with a reason OR send the child in with a signed note explaining the lateness.

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.

ALL NOTES AND MONEY TO THE CLASSROOM
Just a reminder that all notes and money must go directly to your child’s class teacher. These are collected each morning, recorded by the teacher and then sent to the office for receipting. Please keep your receipts if you have any queries.

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.

NOTES RECENTLY SENT HOME

➢ Newsletter - every 2 weeks
EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES

YR 3 & 4 ZOOSNOOZ & YR 5 & 6 SYDNEY TRIP
Remember you can make payments on these excursions at any time.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - Friday 14th August
This year our School will again be participating in the “Jump Rope for Heart” Jump Off.
The Jump Off will take place on Friday 14th August 2015, under the COLA at 12.30pm.
After the Jump Off, parents are welcome to stay and have lunch with their child/children.
The children will be practising their skipping rope skills at School leading up to the Jump Off.
Information and sponsorship forms are attached.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

CARPARK MARKET DAY
Hexham Bowling Club
Sunday 4th October 2015
12nn – 4pm
All proceeds go to Tarro Public School.
See below.
Everyone get started with art/craft items to sell at a stall on the day.

PHOTOS

Naidoc Activities

Year 1, Kindergarten and Year 5/6 went to the library and we tasted rosella flower jam, lemonade, kangaroo sausages, lemon myrtle cheesecake and pepper berry and salt.
By Hunter (Y1)

Year 1, Kindergarten and Year 5/6 went to the library and we had crocodile and other stuff.
By Tyler (Y1)
Creative Writing for Young People

Workshops designed for young writers 12-16 years.

Learn valuable writing tips and practical exercises to build your imagination and develop your writing.

Presented after school sessions for young people.

Watagan City Library and Hunter Writers Centre

Wednesday: 5.30-7pm

East Watagan Library

Tuesday: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Thursday: 6.30pm and 27 August

The workshop is open to people studying English at Year 11 and Year 12, as well as people who are interested in creative writing.

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FREE 4 SESSIONS

$40 FOR 4 SESSIONS

There are thousands of educational resources available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program.
Eat It To Beat It

Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters

Save time and money making healthy meals

will show you how you can easily:

This FREE workshop run by Cancer Council NSW against cancer, including some forms of cancer. Vegetables all their lives can help protect children.

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables daily may lower your risk of some cancers.

Venue: Kirimba Public School
Time: 1:30pm until 2:30pm
Date: Friday 7th August 2015

Free Fruit & Veg
Sense Workshop
To improve the health of your family and save money
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**Behaviour Code for Students**

New public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We value and model the behaviors we wish to see in our students.

- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers, and community members.
- Use the highest standards for respectful, safe, and engaged behavior.
- Promote the learning, teaching, and support of all students in NSW Public Schools.
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and recognize the efforts of others.
- Actively participate in learning and participate in school and class activities.
- Avoid dangerous behavior and encourage others to avoid dangerous behavior.
- Treat others with dignity and respect.
- Speak and behave courteously.

**Every Day Counts!**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!