**Principal’s Reflections**

**HUNTER INTER-SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Very big congratulations to the following students for their outstanding effort at the recent Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition held last week at Nulkaba Public School. Public speaking can be difficult – but to speak in front of a large audience at another school deserves a special mention!

Well done to these very special students:

- **Early Stage 1**
  - Evie Bass
  - Joshua Drinkwater

- **Stage 1**
  - Sarah Polson
  - Jack Norman

- **Stage 2**
  - Brodie Tarasenko
  - Riley Drinkwater

- **Stage 3**
  - Jovan Nelson
  - Riley Hoffman

**KINDER TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Kinder orientation will look a little different this year. Our Kinder Transition program will be running over a week – this will give our new kinder students the opportunity to experience ‘big school’ for 5 consecutive mornings (rather than one morning a week over a number of weeks).

Program dates:

- Monday, 19th October - 9am – 11am
- Tuesday 20th October - 9am – 11am
- Wednesday 21st October - 9am – 11am
- Thursday 22nd October - 9am – 11am
- Friday 23rd October - 9am – 11am

During the transition week, our new students will spend time in the Kinder rooms, meet their senior buddy, meet our teachers, visit our school library, have a canteen order, meet other students and join in on various classroom activities. Parents and caregivers will have a tour around the school, meet staff and existing parents and have the opportunity to find out about the amazing Tarro Public School firsthand!

Information regarding Kinder Transition will be sent home to families soon.

**WELCOME BACK MRS RANDALL!**

We hope you enjoyed your holiday – but it’s lovely to have you back!

**MERIT AWARDS**

Katelyn Liddell
Justin Hasson
Marnie Miller
Jay Hamilton
Brodie Tarasenko
Will Chalmers
Joe Chalmers

**A Few Important Reminders…….**

**Jump Rope for Heart Sponsorship Money**

Jump Rope for Heart Sponsorship money is due this Friday – Friday, 21st August. Thank you for your support in such an important fundraiser!

**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.

Have a happy and healthy week everyone.

**Debbie Healey**

Relieving Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 3

AUGUST
Fri 7 Aug, 14 Aug, 28 Aug – Y5/6 Lawn Bowls
Tues 18 Aug – P&C Meeting - 3.30pm
Wed 19 –Fri 21 – Y5/6 Sydney Darling Harbour Excursion
Thurs 27 – Book Week Activities

SEPTEMBER
Fri 4 Sept – Lawns Bowls Y5/6
Fri 4 Sept – Water Safety Talk
Mon 7 Sept – Y3/4 ZooSnooz Parent Meeting - 3.15pm
Mon 7-Fri 11 – Creative Arts Camp
Thurs 17 – Musical

TERM 3 finishes Fri 18 September 2015.
TERM 4 begins Tues 6 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. Without a note it will be marked in the roll as an unexplained absence.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week
Wednesday 19th August – Kinder will be walking to Beresfield Library to meet and greet the library staff and participate in some hands on craft activities. We will be leaving school grounds and meeting at the Library at approximately 11am. Permission notes will be sent home soon.

Wednesday 26th August – Year 3 and 4 will be walking to Beresfield Library to meet and greet Author Belinda Murrell. We will be leaving school grounds and meeting at the Library at approximately 1pm. Permission notes will be sent home soon.

Thursday 27th August – Whole school book parade. Remember to come dressed as your favourite character out of a book. Parents are welcome to come and watch the parade and then stay and have lunch with your child/children after the parade.

CONGRATULATIONS

Former school captain Lara-Lea Hadfield (2004) has recently celebrated her degree as a Bio Medical Scientist. We wish Lara-Lea well in her next endeavour.

AIM HIGH PROGRAM – UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

Our Year 4 students have been lucky enough to participate in the Aim High – Careers through Science Program with the University of Newcastle. Every week for a term the University has been visiting our Year 4 classroom bringing with them science experiments and activities that test the imagination! The students have made lava lamps using food colouring, oil and water; they have made slime and learnt a very valuable lesson – never throw slime at a table! - and just recently planted seeds to determine what will happen when watered with salt and fresh water.

NOTES RECENTLY SENT HOME

➢ Newsletter - every 2 weeks
➢ Lawn Bowls
➢ Jump Rope lunch order form
➢ High School Y6

P & C INFORMATION

FATHER’S DAY STALL
More information to come.

CANTEEN NEWS

PIZZA DAY
We will be having a Pizza Day Tuesday 8th September. Prices will be the same as last time $5.00 or $5.50 depending on drink chosen.

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES

YR 3 & 4 ZOOSNOOZ
Remember you can make payments on these excursions at any time.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WOODBERRY LITTLE ATHLETICS
Registration for Woodberry Little Athletics will be:
from 10.30am - 12.00pm
at Fred Harvey Oval
on Saturday August 22nd and 29th
with the season to start on Saturday 19th September.
For more information please call Anne on 0466412348.

Beresfield Memorial Cricket Club
Registrations Season 2015/16

Dates: Friday 14th August – 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Saturday 22nd August 2.00pm to 4.00pm
(BBQ and a net session will be available on the Saturday)
Venue: Lindsay Oval, Beresfield

Costs:

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NOTE: the NJCA has adopted a number of different formats for Under 12s and below. Please ask at registrations about the various options. Under 13s and above remain normal competition cricket.

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Beresfield Memorial Cricket Club

EVERY DAY COUNTS...
A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...

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➢ Encourage behaviour you would like from your child
➢ Deal consistently and decisively with problem behaviour
➢ Take the stress out of parenting

When: Friday 4th, 11th and 18th September
Where: Place of Friends, Woodberry Public School, Lawson Ave, Woodberry
When: 9:45 for a 10am start 12pm finish
Cost: FREE – morning tea provided
Bookings: Please call Cynthia on 4964 2174 or email cynthia.jenkins@det.nsw.edu.au

Child minding is available for these seminars. Please enquire at time of booking as numbers are limited.