Principal’s Reflections

Shave For a Cure
Firstly this fortnight a salute to Mr O’Connor and Mr Ebert who both braved the clippers (and their wives wrath) last Friday to raise money for the Cancer Council. It was a huge success with close to $900 raised. Thank you to all the parents and community members who supported the cause and came in early to see the hair fly.

NAPLAN
While we love fun events that get our community involved in the school, our core role is to teach our students. A key measure of our success is the NAPLAN assessments which will take place from Tuesday May 10th until Thursday May 12th for students in years 3 and 5. NAPLAN provides parents and teachers with a snapshot of where our students are at in their learning and provides the school with valuable data to inform us on our “where to next” in terms of whole school directions. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak to your child’s classroom teacher.

Easter Hat Parade
The Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday March 24th. A note will go home shortly outlining the details. We would love to have you with us for what is always a great event.

Playground Update
After much toing and froing with the suppliers we have sent through our final approval and deposit for our new play equipment. We look forward to it being completed and covered in happy children early in Term 2.

Environmental Rangers
Last week Mr O’Connor took our excited Environmental Rangers to the Wetland Centre to participate in an Environmental Forum with a large number of schools across the Newcastle region. They have come back full to the brim with ideas and ways we can be more environmentally friendly here at Tarro PS. Stay tuned for further updates.

Library
Due to the Easter Hat Parade and Grand Friends Day there will be changes to library in weeks 9 and 11. In both these weeks classes will visit the library on Wednesday. There is also some painting work scheduled to begin shortly on the library exterior. We appreciate your support with the disruption to routine.

P&C Meeting
On Monday the P&C Annual General Meeting took place. As part of this meeting the new (or returning as the case may be) executive were voted in.

P&C meetings are held at 5:30PM on the second Monday of each month. I encourage you to attend if you are able as the P&C is your voice within the school.

Hats
Over the last fortnight hats have become an issue. Can I ask that parents ensure that school hats are clearly marked with names. I am also reminding students that hats should not be lent or borrowed. This is due to the difficulties which arise when hats are lost or treated poorly as well as the risk of transferring head lice.

Looking forward to an amazing term

Mark Cridland
Relieving Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 1

March
Thurs 24th – Easter Hat Parade
Friday 25th – Good Friday
Sun 26th – EASTER
Mon 27th – Easter Monday
Wed 30th – School Disco

April
Fri 1st – Pizza Day
Thurs 7th – Grandfriends Day
Fri 29th – Yr 1&2 Excursion to Taronga Zoo

Friday 8th April – LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
TERM 1 finishes Friday 8th April 2016
TERM 2 begins for students Wed 27th April

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

K, YR1 & 2 EXCURSION
TARONGA ZOO
Friday 29 April
A note has been sent home. Please return with payment of $50 to the office by Friday April 1st.

NOTES RECENTLY SENT HOME
- Newsletter - every 2 weeks even weeks
- Zoo Excursion K/1/2

SCHOOL INFORMATION

UPDATING PHONE CONTACT DETAILS
As we have had some difficulty contacting some parents over the past few weeks, we ask that you please update your contact details on the form attached, if you have changed them recently.

It is important that we have up-to-date contact details in case of emergency.

STUDENT ABSENCES
Sometimes students stay at home for reasons that are not acceptable. For example:

- Birthdays
- Too tired to come to school because of a late night
- Stay home with siblings or parents who are sick
- Staying away for a whole day when an appointment is booked for a short time in the morning or afternoon.
- The weather, for example it’s too hot or raining.

Students staying home for these reasons will be marked as an unjustified absence.

NO HAT, NO PLAY
Just a reminder that Tarro Public School is a sun safe school – all students playing out in the playground will need to be wearing their school hat. Those students without a hat will be asked to play under the sheltered area near the office.

LAST CHANCE!!!!
LOST PROPERTY
The clothing in lost property is overflowing and we will need to dispose of it this week. If you think your child may have lost some clothing, please come and have a look in the lost property which is situated in the foyer near the office.

BOOKPACK PAYMENTS
Payment for book-packs (Kindergarten to Year 6) is due NOW. There are still many outstanding. The cost is $35 payable at the office.

POP Parent Online Payments
This is a payment option available on our school website. When you access the website (www.tarrop.school.nsw.edu.au) there is a payment tab at the top of the page.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
Student’s name and Date of birth
These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.
This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed at the time of payment.
Details of the payment are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process, please contact the School Administration Office.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL DISCO
WHEN: Wednesday 30 March
WHERE: Beresfield Bowling Club
(Rainbow Room)
TIME: 6-8 pm
COST: $5. per child or $10. per family

Only Tarro Public School students will be admitted. The disco will be fully supervised at all times.

P & C INFORMATION

CANTEEN
Open Tuesdays and Fridays
Our school canteen is open for lunches and recess snacks. Please fill out your lunch order and place it in the canteen box at the office on Tuesdays & Fridays.

HAPPENING SOON!!!
PIZZA DAY will be on April 1
More info to follow.

EASTER RAFFLE
We are asking for donations for our Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. They are $1.00 per ticket and books are attached to the newsletter.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Beresfield Netball Club are looking for players aged 7/8 years and 10/11 years for their 2016 Season.

All games are played at Maitland Netball courts on a Saturday morning at the same time each week.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Christine on 0451031901

Beresfield and District Netball Club
Photos from Assembly - Monday March 7

Swimming HOUSE Champions - Lawson

Kinder art work

Environmental Rangers visiting the Wetlands

Shave for a Cure

Swimming Age Champions 2016
What's happening at our high school?

Cross Country Colour Run

This year the PDHPE Faculty organised our first Cross Country Colour Run. Students ran the course throughout the day and had so much fun many of them ran the course twice!

Staff and students finished the day looking very colourful and with big smiles. The aim was to provide students with a fun way to exercise as part of our school’s commitment to wellbeing. We believe next year will be even better and hope some parents join in.

Francis Greenway HS has been rebranded!

After months of community consultation and research, the Woolcott Research has finalised our new school logo. We have kept the school name and colours and modernised our crest. We hope you like it! The next phase of the Schools renewal Program involves architects redesigning the front of our school to provide easier access and to soften the look of the front of the school.

2016 is our 50th Birthday

During Education Week we will be celebrating 50 years of education by Francis Greenway HS in our community with a Formal Assembly, an Open Day & Picnic and a Back to Greenway Day on the weekend. If you have any memorabilia you are happy to lend us please contact Lynn Young, our Community Liaison Officer on 49541282.

Introducing STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

This year we have joined the STEM Program and are pleased to announce the following programs are running:

- Queberider: Year 9 Science will build a platform for space
- Robotics and Engineering Electives in Stage 5
- Science and Engineering Challenge
- Robocup Challenge