Principal’s Reflections
This Friday at 10am is our 2011 Presentation Day. Please come along and celebrate with us. We have a wonderful school!

Book Award
Congratulations to Ethan Kulupach for achieving this high honour. Well done Ethan!

Merit Awards
Congratulations to these students for their outstanding efforts:
- Ryan Reid
- Ethan Kulupach
- Tegan Bell
- Dylan Watts (X3)
- Matthew Cheetham

One hundred and fifteen awards this year!

Homework Survey
Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned this survey instrument.

The responses to date are 100% in agreement that;
1. Homework is important.
2. Parents will support their children with homework.

Please return to the office or your child’s teacher ASAP, if you still have one at home.

Tarro’s 50th Anniversary
Next year we are the big 50! The committee meets prior to our P&C Meetings. The tentative date set to celebrate our wonderful school is Sat 28th July, 2012.

Christopher Parkinson
TPRG PPA H/CC
Principal 😊
DATES TO REMEMBER

December

Fri 9th Dec – Presentation Day 10am
Mon 12th Dec – Y6 Farewell
Tues 13th Dec – P&C Meeting 7pm
Tues 13th Dec – Party Day
Wed 14th Dec – Christmas Capers

Last day of Term 4 – Friday 16th December

TERM 1 - 2012
Kinder students return - Wed 1st February
All other students return - Mon 30th January

SCHOOL INFORMATION

YEAR 2/3 CELEBRATIONS
As part of last Term’s H.S.I.E children were involved in the Unit “Stories from around the world”. On 24th November 2/3R celebrated Thanksgiving with the help of Jes Sorensen’s family, thank you for making this a successful conclusion to the unit.

As you can see we really enjoyed Thanksgiving.

PRESENTATION DAY
Friday 9th December at 10am
Presentation Day will be held on Friday 9th December at 10am. All parents, family and friends are welcome.

Y6 FAREWELL DINNER
Monday 12 December at 6pm
This dinner requires Y5 students donating $5.00 each to assist with party food for the farewell dinner to Y6. Also assistance by some Y5 parents to heat and serve the food. Notes have been sent home and are to be returned to the office.

Y6 PARTY DAY
Tuesday 13th December
Meet at school at 9am
Y6 will be attending BlueGum Hills Regional Park at Minmi for a Party Day involving BBQ lunch and fun games as well as climbing on adventure ropes. The cost is $17.00 per student and $25.00 for climbing parents. Please return your note and money to the office asap.

CHRISTMAS CAPERS
Wed 14th December at 5.30 – 8.30pm at school
BBQ dinner available
Showbags available
Raffle drawn
Christmas Carols
Santa arrives at 8.15pm
P&C MEETING
Tuesday 13th December at 7pm.
All welcome.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS
Please return your raffle tickets and money to school as soon as possible.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPER
It's not too late to bring in a donation for the Christmas hamper to be raffled by the P&C e.g non-perishable food items, Christmas decorations, small gifts. These can be left at the office.
THANK YOU for your support

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

“To swim well is an asset for life” - Forbes Carlisle
Greenhills Hit-n-Dip
Sports Centre
Intensive Swim and Survive
9th–13th January 2012
16th–20th January 2012
one week= 5 lessons -- $59.50
two weeks= 10 lessons - $101.40
Call 49334733 now to enroll.
For more information
www.hitndip.com.au
Junior squash lessons available Saturday.

Butternut Snap Rudolph Chocolate Tartlets

Cooking Time
45 minutes
Makes
30
Ingredients
250g packet Arnott’s Butternut Snap Cookies
1/4 cup unsalted butter, chopped
1/3 cup cream
20g milk or dark chocolate, chopped
10 vanilla marshmallows, halved horizontally
2 tablespoons vanilla ready-made frosting
20 jaffas
20 mini vanilla marshmallows, halved crossways
Rich choc fudge writing icing
40 mini star pretzels
Method
Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced). Place 1 biscuit over each hole of a 12-hole, 1 1/2 tablespoon-capacity round-based tartlet tin. Bake for 2-3 minutes or until soft. Remove from oven. Using a small palette or knife, carefully press softened biscuits into tin to mould into a cup shape. Allow to cool. Remove from tin and transfer to serving plate. Repeat with remaining biscuits.
Place butter, cream and chocolate in a saucepan over very low heat. Stir constantly for 3 minutes or until melted and smooth. Pour into a clean, dry bowl and refrigerate for 20 minutes or until cool but not set. Fill biscuit cases with 1 heaped teaspoon of chocolate mixture. Place in refrigerator for 20-25 minutes, or until set.
Using the picture as a guide, gently press 1 marshmallow half, cut-side down into each tartlet. Attach 1 jaffa to each marshmallow with ready-made frosting to form a nose, then attach 2 mini marshmallow halves above nose, cut-side up, to form eyes. Use a drop of writing icing to form pupils. Cut pretzels in half to form antler shapes. Place 2 pretzel pieces above eyes. Press to secure. Serve.
Notes
Variations: After the chocolate tartlets have set, dust each with a little icing sugar mixture. Gently press 3 red mini m&ms into tartlet to form berries. Gently press 1 spearmint leafolly into tartlet to form holly leaf. Serve.
PLAN AHEAD FOR 2012!

Years 3 and 4

In Term 3 next year the children in these classes will be invited to attend a camp to Gosford. Dates for the excursion are:

Thursday 26th July to Friday 27th July

There will be a cost of approximately $190.00 per child. A deposit for this camp will be required in week 5 Term 1 2012.

Santa might need to bring your child a sleeping bag.

Years 5/6

It is Canberra time again. Children will be invited to attend a three day excursion to Canberra and the snow. Dates for the excursion are:

Monday 27th August to Wednesday 29th August

There will be a cost of approximately $300.00 per child. A deposit of $50.00 will be required by week 7 Term 1 2012.

For birthdays you may need to buy beanies, scarfs and waterproof gloves.

Years 4, 5 and 6

Children in these years will have the opportunity to participate in:

*Star Struck 2012.*

This requires a big commitment by parents and students. It is always held after the long weekend in June. Parents are required to transport children to the Newcastle Entertainment Centre over a 5 day period and to rehearsals at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre.