**Principal’s Reflections**

A quick reminder that I will be on Long Service Leave as of next Monday 12th September until Friday 21st October travelling through France and Italy. During my absence Mrs Randall will be relieving as Principal. Please support her!

**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding efforts:

- Rachael Robson
- Piyper Carne-Jordan

Eighty-one awards so far this year. Well done everyone!

**MS Read-A-Thon**

Congratulations to Jes Sorensen who has personally raised over $306 for this worthy charity.

MS is one of the most common diseases of the central nervous system. It is an autoimmune disease, in which the body turns against itself.

Up to 2.5 million people worldwide are affected. Approximately 70% of cases arise between the ages of 20 and 40 years. MS rates are approximately twice as high in women as in men.

**J Rock in Sydney**

Good luck to all of our students who are travelling to Sydney on Wednesday to perform. It is a wonderful opportunity to perform in front of such a large audience and with such other high performing schools.

I personally thank Mrs Bourke and Ms Mallory for their efforts and passion.

We are the only Hunter State School performing! Our students will be filmed by Channel 9 Sydney which will go “to air” later in the year. Enjoy this experience!

**Footy Team**

Congratulations to our Footy Team and their “supporters!”

The boys had a great day and represented the school with honour!

The boys came equal third on the day but the important thing is that they had a great time!

**Christopher Parkinson**

TPRG PPA H/CC
Principal

**:smile:**

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**24 HOUR TEACHER’S STOP WORK REMINDER**

Dear Parents;

The NSW Teacher’s Federation has called for a State Wide 24 hour Stop Work Industrial Action on **Thursday 8th September** as part of its Industrial Rights Campaign.

**ALL** teachers at Tarro Public School will be participating in this action.

There will be **NO supervision of students on this day and as a result the school will be non-operational.**

Parents will need to **make alternative arrangements for the care and safety of their children on this day.**

Yours sincerely

**Staff at Tarro PS**
Dates to Remember

Wednesday 6th, 13th 20th – Backyard League
Wed 7th Sept – J ROCK
Thursday 8th Sept - Teachers Stop Work – no supervision

Tuesday 13th Sept - P & C Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 19th Sept – CSIRO Lab on Legs - $8
Wed 21 & Thurs 22nd Sept – Y5/6 Camp

Last day of Term 3 – Friday 23rd September

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Reminders

CSIRO Lab on Legs
Permission notes and money need to be returned to the office as soon as possible.
“Experience the wonders of the night sky from inside the inflatable planetarium. Various multimedia are used to project a view of the universe onto the inside of the dome that leaves students spellbound.”
StarLab and Science show $8.00 per student, science show only $2.00 per student.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Urgent Attention required: Sport in Schools Program began this term, the cost is normally $40 per student for the term but the P & C have kindly agreed to subsidise each child $10 making it $30 per student. For families with more than 2 children the 3rd child will be free of charge. All fees need to be finalised by Friday 16th September.

5/6 3 DAY EXCURSION – KATOOMBA/BATHURST AND JENOLAN CAVES
TUES 20th – THURS 22ND SEPTEMBER
Cost $290 per child which includes: coach, sightseeing, lunch, breakfast, morning tea on days 2 and 3, dinner on days 1 and 2 and two night’s accommodation. Please remember payments can be made at any time for any amount.

Coles and Woolworths
We are still collecting both Coles’ vouchers and Woolworth docket boxes for both are at the office. Thank you once again for your support.

Free app for homework and study
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practice their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app is an essential tool for every parent of school-aged children.
Containing a range of fun applications including English, Maths, a spelling bee, times tables, technology A-Z and assignment starters, it’s great for parents and students. Download it for free at: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applicatio

Hunter Drama Camp
A group of our students attended the Hunter Drama Camp held at Maitland Town Hall. Tiarna Carne-Jordan went on to represent the Regional Drama Showcase on Thursday 1st September at Hamilton Youth Theatre.

Above: some photos from creative arts camp.
Y3/4 Camp – Morisset
Last week, Years 3 & 4 together with a merry band of parent helpers, Mrs Bourke and Miss Colvin, went to Morisset for a great camp. A lot of fun was had by all – favourites were the canoeing and the flying fox. Mrs Bourke outdid herself getting a bullseye in the archery and MAY have ended up in the dam during canoeing – but she wasn’t the only one. We enjoyed a great campfire with stories and lots of good music. Children were exhausted after all the activities and lots of yummy food. Everyone behaved beautifully with camp staff very impressed with our enthusiasm and “can do” attitude. We also showed great support for all our friends, encouraging each other and offering assistance when necessary.

Thankyou to all the parent helpers and to the children for their excellent behaviour.

Mrs Bourke and Miss Colvin

MS READ-A-THON
Please make sure all MS Read-a-thon sponsorship money is brought in by Friday of this week. Thank you.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Recreational Gymnastics
at Raymond Terrace Y

YMCA gymnastics is the ideal way for children to develop strength, speed, balance, coordination, flexibility, motor skills and confidence.

Gymnastics is one of the most comprehensive programs to make boys and girls stronger in body, mind and spirit.

Join us for our BRAND NEW Saturday Classes!
9-10am: 4 and 5 year olds
10-11am: 6+ year olds

Bookings are limited so phone us on (02) 4983 1703 to secure your place!

Tumble, jump and split into fun and fitness today at all your local Y

YMCA Raymond Terrace
Sturgeon St, Raymond Terrace
Phone: (02) 4983 1703
www.sydney.ymca.org.au/rtymca

Take the Hunter Valley Climate Challenge for your chance to win a $2,000 solar hot water system* from Do My Solar!

This is your opportunity to save your wallet, help the environment and win some great prizes along the way.

The Challenge is a FREE community program, providing you with the tools to make improving your household’s energy efficiency easy.

Join over 300 households across the Hunter already taking the Challenge!

For more information please visit www.companion.com.au/environment or phone (02) 9516 1488 or email leonie@ncmsnsw.org.au

Samaritans Early Learning Centre Woodberry Family Portraits
If you would like a family portrait please contact Helen or Sam on 49140401 to make your booking. The date will be Saturday 10th September 2011.

Just think what great Christmas gifts they would make for hard to buy for Grandparents etc not just photographs but bookmarks, gift cards and calendars. You will receive a framed portrait for $20 complete package $179! No obligation to buy.

10 Glenwood Dr, Thornton.

Junior indoor soccer and netball comps for ages up to under 12’s are about to begin Soccer played Monday afternoons between 4pm and 6pm.

Netball played Tuesday afternoons between 4pm and 6pm starts 12/13 September 2011 cost is $6.00 per player per game, with a $10 rego fee no training – all games are indoors boys and girls are welcome referees supplied comps will be completed by Xmas

Registration days will be held 5th – 8th September, but if you can’t attend these days you can nominate by phone on 4964 2244

Team or individual nominations will be accepted

To nominate or for more information please ring Terry or Neil on 4964 2244

“Swim well is an asset for life”
-Forbes Carlisle

Greenhills Hit-n-Dip Sports Centre

Intensive Swim and survive:
26th – 30th September 2011
4th – 8th October 2011
One week = 5 lessons = $59.50
Two weeks = 10 lessons = $99.50

Call 49334733 now to enrol
For more information go to www.hitndip.com.au

Junior squash lessons also available Saturday.