

# Tarcutta School News

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<b>WHAT'S HAPPENING TERM 4 2014</b>				
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>Mon 8</b> Swimming Adelong Pool 12.30pm—3.25pm	<b>Tues 9</b> Swimming Adelong Pool 12.30pm—4.15pm	<b>Wed 10</b> Swimming Adelong Pool 12.30pm—3.25pm	<b>Thurs 11</b> Swimming Adelong Pool 12.30pm—4.15pm	<b>Fri 12</b> Swimming Adelong Pool 12.30pm—3.25pm
<b>Mon 15</b> Milo Cricket—Yrs 3,4,5,6 at Bolton Park, Wagga	<b>Tues 16</b> Presentation Night 7.30pm—8.45pm	<b>Wed 17</b> Last Day of Term 4 End of term activities at school	<b>Thurs 18</b> Staff Development Day Tarcutta	<b>Frid 19</b> Staff Development Day Collingullie

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015**

<b>JANUARY</b>		
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	<b>Wednesday 28</b>	<b>Thursday 29</b>
Staff Return	Students Yrs 1-6 return	Kindergarten students start

## **ABSENTEES**

If your child is away from school for any reason, we require a note explaining their absence. This is a requirement from the Department of Education and Communities.

Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend whenever instruction is provided. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly.

In 2008 the Department of Education and Training introduced new measures to monitor the attendance of students. This was due to the changes in law that occurred at the beginning of 2008 following media focus on a series of horrific cases of child neglect.

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children within seven school days.

These explanations can be

- ◆ Verbal- including a phone call or a conversation in person with the parent. A record of the conversation must be made by school personnel and kept with other absence explanations.
- ◆ Written- a letter from the parent or a doctor's certificate explaining the absence.
- ◆ Electronic- an email or text message explaining an absence. A record must be made by school personnel and kept with other absence explanations. Text messages must be sent to principal's phone.
- ◆ Principals may request a doctors certificate

## **Farewells**

Best wishes to our Year 6 students, Oliver and Theo, who are moving to high school next year. We have enjoyed having you at our school and watching you grow in confidence as well as height. A very special thank you for the great way you have performed the role of student leaders. Keep in touch and let us know what you like best about high school.

Sue Hardwick will also be finishing up with us next week. Sue has been involved with Tarcutta Public School since 1998 and has been an active member of the parent body and later as a staff member. We take this opportunity to wish Sue all the best and thank her for her contributions to the school over the years.

### **PRESENTATION NIGHT**

Our annual Presentation Night will be held next Tuesday 16th December starting at 7.30pm. Students are required to wear their school uniform and to be at school by 7.25pm. Parents, siblings, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and all community members are invited to attend. Parents, could you please bring something along for supper.

### **END OF TERM ACTIVITIES**

To celebrate the students accomplishments for 2014 we have decided to give them a rest from literacy and numeracy and kick off their holidays by having a games day next Wednesday. Students may wear mufti (casual clothes suitable for water play, **PLEASE NO SANDALS**). We will be having a sausage sizzle lunch. The cost will be \$1 for a sausage in bread with sauce.

**FOR SALE**—We have a 2004 48 inch cutting deck Husqvarna Ride-on lawn mower for sale, similar to the photo. It has a 12hp motor which was replaced in 2012. New blades & belts have recently been fitted. All bids must be in a sealed envelope and received at school by **3.30pm on Wednesday 10th December**.



### **SWIMMING**

The students are enjoying the swimming lessons and are keen to go each day. The cost is \$40 per child for the two week program regardless of how many days your child has been able to attend lessons and these accounts need to be paid by next Monday, 15th December 2014. School is contributing towards the cost of the bus hire and has been able to use AASC funding to cover all cost for four days of the program to reduce the cost to parents.

### **MILO CRICKET**

Our year 3,4,5 & 6 students have been invited to take part in the Milo Cricket Program at Bolton Park, Wagga, on Monday 15th December 2014. Travel will be by private car. The day starts at 9.15am and finishes at 1.15pm. Our students will join with Kapooka and Collingullie students. Those not taking part are to attend school as normal. A separate permission was sent home last week.

### **P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

The P & C Christmas raffle will be drawn tomorrow. All raffle books, with money, must be returned to school tomorrow by 9am. 1st prize—1 cut up sheep, 2nd prize—1/2 cut up sheep, 3rd prize—1/2 cut up sheep. This prize has been kindly donated by David Nugent and Tony Rutter.

*We wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.*

*Enjoy the break with your children  
and  
we look forward to seeing you next year*

