

Tarcutta School News

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TERM 3 2016

SEPTEMBER

2nd—Mobile Library—9am—11am

5th—9th—Electricity Safety Week

5th—Lunchtime Tennis

15th—Play Group—10am—12noon

17th—25th—Bike Week

23rd—END TERM 3

TERM 4

OCTOBER

10th—Term 4 begins—all students return

19th—School Photos



The Sydney Opera House
A small part of the Combined Schools Orchestra that the Tarcutta Students were members of.
(photo courtesy of the Arts Unit)

REGULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY—Student Banking, **THURSDAY**—Scripture lessons, **FRIDAY**—Mobile Library

The Fabulous Book Week Parade

Tarcutta students had plenty to celebrate at the Book Week Parade last Tuesday. The school was visited by characters from Harry Potter, backyard cricket heroes, pirates, police officers, vets, cowgirls, a cow, a flat cat, Fancy Nancy and a rabbit who loved spaghetti. These characters paraded around the library, ate chocolate cake, read stories with parents and then walked to Puggles to share the exciting books with the children there. The costumes were fantastic and related to books that the students have read.

All of the Tarcutta students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge with two students logging more than double the number of books required in the event and another two students reading the majority of their books at a higher level than the one that they had entered. The effectiveness of the reading program is shown by the stunning improvement in the students reading ability over the time frame of the challenge from the school being overall well behind the expected abilities to now being ahead.

Fantastic, effort and well done parents for the enthusiasm and support for the home reading program.

Book week continued to be celebrated with numerous activities around the Book Council short listed books. The school library and the hallway is full of art that demonstrate comprehension and love of the books that were read at the school.

Tarcutta students Play Recorder to a "Sold Out" Audience at the Opera House.

The school's senior students played before 2000 people last Thursday at the Sydney Opera House as members of the Combined Schools Orchestra. Jenna, Dakota and Emmilly travelled with the senior students of the Wagga Community of Small Schools on Wednesday to Sydney to practise their recorders in the mass orchestra with other amazing musicians who played violins, cellos, drums and a harp. Thursday night was performance night and the audience was treated to an fabulous concert that featured many bands from numerous public schools from all over NSW. The girls were truly inspired by the range of music and the instruments that they heard that night.

A grateful and huge "thanks" to Rebecca who tirelessly trained the three girls in the music for the recorder band.

The senior girls also had time to walk around 'The Rocks' on a historical excursion, cross the Sydney Harbour bridge by foot, wake up early and go for run with Ms Sturman (from Ladysmith Public School), discover Darling Harbour present and enjoy the spectacular Sydney Aquarium. Another thanks goes to the teachers from the other small schools who organized the event and invited Tarcutta to be involved.

Enviro Champ Dakota

On Friday our Year Five student Dakota visited the Riverina Environmental Education Centre for a challenging and fun day of science. She is ready to lead the rest of the school in a block of science work that will culminate with a science fair at Tarcutta school.

The Science Fair

Tarcutta Public School students will be involved in a science fair both at their school and with the Wagga Group of Small Schools at the Kapooka Community Centre to be held on Friday the 4th November.

The best displays will then be sent onto Sydney in the State wide Science Fair.

Students will be investigating many areas of science for the next few weeks and discussing "Why is it so?"

Electricity Week will kick off our journey into Science where students will learn about electricity and become aware of some of the hazards with this force.

Could students bring small 'no longer required' electrical equipment so they can pull them apart and question what is inside these items that make them work. Please restrict the electrical goods to those that do not contain screens or glass tubes (i.e. valves or cathode ray tubes that are found in old televisions) and have no burnt surfaces.

The Wagga Show

Our school has been very busy with the Book Week celebrations and the Recorder Concert and sadly has not had time to submit school work into the Wagga show. Displaying work at the show will be on the calendar for next year.

Home Reading

Students are continuing their home reading program so they can share their commendable progress with their parents. The home readers also allow the students to practise the reading that they were involved with during that school day.

There will be another Library Reading program for the rest of the year however borrowing will be only twice a week. For this challenge. There will be another celebration at the successful completion of this event.

Home Writing

Some students are amazing and frequently write at home and share this at school. Mr Carroll loves to read the amusing stories and antics written by the authors at home. Well done!

Students are expected to practise their weekly spelling words and use them in entertaining sentences. This expected part of homework should not take any more than five minutes. Thankyou to our students who have responsibly completed their homework each night and return it in the blue sachets.

Tennis

Lunch time tennis hits off on Monday 5th September. The class time sporting activity will be tennis for the rest of this term and lunchtime activities will be supervised around the tennis courts on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays unless interrupted by rain.

Our visits to Puggles

The students have been visiting Puggles on Tuesdays and taking their favourite books and instruments along with them. These visits have been very popular with the students and the Puggle children.

PLAYGROUP / LEAPS AND BOUNDS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Unfortunately due to lack of community support the above program which has been a community supported program from the Wagga Wagga City council will no longer run at our school or within the Tarcutta Community. We thank Jodi, Trish and Victoria, presenters of the program, for their support and involvement over the last 2 years. Parents wishing to access the Leaps and Bound Early Childhood Program can do so at Ladysmith Memorial Hall. For information regarding dates and times contact (02) 6926 9367 or fdc@wagga.nsw.gov.au

The Book Week Parade

Our students loved dressing up as favourite characters from books that they encountered during the Premier's Reading Challenge and the Book Council short listed books activities.

Thanks to all of the community who joined in the fun and to those who also brought along morning tea.

Happy Reading !



The Recorder Trio Travels to the Sydney Opera House



The Wagga Cluster of Small Schools
Recorder Ensemble

The Tarcutta Primary Girls waiting outside of
the Opera House for rehearsals.



There was time to cross the Harbour
Bridge, explore the Rocks and the
Aquarium.

