



TARCUTTA Public SCHOOL



Week 6 Merit Award Winners— Emmilly, Gabi and Aiden

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Reminders

*Return to
School*

Parent Survey Wellbeing



Building the Future



■ 2018

■ Term 1

■ Week 7



Calendar

Term 1

Week 7

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| Thurs 15 Mar | Responsible Pet Ownership |
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| Fri 16 Mar | St. Patrick's Day dress up |
| | Mobile Library |

Week 8

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| Mon 19 Mar | Day with a Scientist |
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| Wed 21 Mar | Harmony Day wear orange or purple |
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| Thurs 22 Mar | Wagga Council visit— 4pm-7pm @ truck stop |
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| Sat 24 Mar | Clearing Sale—let us know if you would like to help cook the BBQ or sell Easter Raffle tickets |
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Week 9

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| Mon 26 Mar | School Counsellor |
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| Thurs 29 Mar | Easter Hat Parade 9am |
| | Easter raffle drawn |
| | GOFO Dress up day |

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| Fri 30 Mar | Good Friday—Public Holiday |
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Week 10

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| Mon 2 April | Easter Monday |
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| Fri 6 April | Bluearth |
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Principal's Note

Thank you to our **scripture** teacher Robyn who organised a wonderful visiting show for us last week. The show brought us 2 puppets who were trying out for the Commonwealth Games and discussing what it's like to be on a team. Regular scripture returns this Thursday afternoon.

Thank you everyone who was able to make it to yesterday's **P&C Meeting**. It looks like it is going to be a wonderful year. We really appreciate the tireless work the P&C do for our school to provide extras for our students. The P&C have taken on a huge commitment to donate money towards new books in our library and to pay \$100 towards the Canberra excursion for each child. The P&C also contribute to presentation night at the end of the year and many other times during the year. Please do your part to support our P&C by attending meetings, purchasing raffle ticket—or selling them to your family, baking cakes and helping out at events. We know that many hands make light work and that every child benefits from this.

Our second Strategic Direction is around **Wellbeing**. Last week our students completed a survey about how they feel at school and I shared these responses at the P&C meeting yesterday. I have also handed out a **parent survey** on wellbeing and I would love to get that back by the end of this week so I can collate all the data together.

This Thursday we have another visiting show, which is free of charge. It is the **Responsible Pet Ownership** visit where our students will be learning about how to approach dogs and how to care for our pets. It is guaranteed to be a wonderful session. I look forward to hearing lots of stories about the pets in your child's life.

This **Friday is St. Patrick's Day dress up** since Saturday is officially St. Patrick's Day. Your child is welcome to come wearing something green, if they would like, for a bit of fun. Next Wednesday is **Harmony Day** and your child can choose to wear **orange (Anti-bullying) or purple (Everyone Belongs)**. Harmony Day celebrates our diversity and how we believe that 'Everyone Belongs'.

On Monday our Year 4 & 6 students are heading in to Ashmont Public School to attend **A Day with a Scientist**. Miss Post will meet the students at Ashmont Public School.

Kirrilee Post, Principal



Education

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What have we been learning in class?

This week Mrs Lustenberger has brought back her new learning in L3 and the students have been learning new working habits, working independently while they are at their learning stations.

In Maths we have been focusing on division where we are learning to share things into equal groups. The students drew pictures and used mathematical symbols to demonstrate what they already knew about division. Then they used blocks and had to divide them into groups evenly to work out how many were in each group. The older students were able to write a number sentence to show mathematically what they had done. On Thursday and Friday we started looking at the topic of 'Time' and started looking at analog clocks, the days of the week, how many days there are in each month, the seasons of the year along with how long it takes us to do things. The primary students also started a mixed mental task while the infants continued to build their fluidity with counting numbers up and down to and from 100, using a 100's chart.

In Writing we used 'Wilfred Gordon MacDonald Partridge' by Mem Fox to see how she uses special objects and the memories they bring to create stories. We also looked at a graph that showed our writing improvement over the last three weeks and were excited to see that most of us had more than doubled our writing amount over that time.

We are also building stamina in reading and graphing how long we are able to sit and read and manage distractions so we can take ownership of our own learning.

The Infants looked at old toys in HSIE yesterday and we played games from yesteryear such as marbles, and "pick up sticks". They found this a fascinating and interesting lesson.

The Primary students have been watching videos about Federation and have begun to plot out a mind map of information they have gathered about why Australia became a Commonwealth in 1901. Our new laptops have been magnificent for this task, especially yesterday when the new windows were being installed across the school and we had to learn in the staffroom.

In art we created a camel landscape to go with our rhyme of

the week—Alice the Camel. We also had a go at creating a stained-glass window effect with some trees. This was very challenging for us as many students were scared to make a mistake and were not confident in drawing a tree to begin with. We really had to move out of our comfort zone and just have a go. I'm very proud of the way the students pushed through the challenge and completed a beautiful finished project. Our library is starting to look like an Art Gallery!

In PDHPE we participated in Yoga which was related to the movie Moana and in meditation we let our minds wander to a glorious tree house. Being able to find a calm spot in our mind is very good for our mental health and wellbeing.

Primary Excursion Cost—\$350 approx

The primary excursion will cost approximately \$350, the P&C have agreed to help reduce this cost by \$100, reducing this to **\$250 per child**, and we thank them for their generosity. This excursion **must be paid in advance or your child will be unable to attend**. To help with this there will be deposit dates to be met. The first deposit is \$50 and is due by the end of this term—Monday 9th April. You can pay cash or on POP. You may also prefer to **pay it off each week**. There are about 25 school weeks (not counting school holidays) until the excursion needs to be fully paid. If you paid \$10 a week you will have it paid off in time.

- First deposit \$50 (Mon 9th April—Week 11—Term 1)
- Second deposit of \$50 (Fri 1st June—Week 5—Term 2)
- Third deposit \$50 (Fri 6 July—Week 10—Term 2)
- Fourth deposit (\$50) (Fri 24 Aug—Week 5—Term 3)
- Final Deposit (to be confirmed based on number of students attending) (Fri 28th September —Term 3)

Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge started on Monday 5th March and closes on Friday 31st August. I have sent home today the sheet for you to fill in at home.



Quiz Works Show



Baby guinea pigs

Let us know if you want some.

UNSW Tests

If your child is in Primary and would like to challenge themselves by participating in the University of NSW tests please let us know. There are tests in English, Writing, mathematics, science, spelling and digital technologies. If you would like your child to participate please pay on POP and let us know which tests your child wants to do. Please see the next page. I would love for all Primary students to choose one to challenge themselves and have a go.

** Please return the form by Friday ****

Free Guinea Pigs

Over the weekend our school population increased by 4! We now have 6 adorable guinea pigs. Unfortunately our Guinea Pig haven will not be big enough for all of them. If anyone would like some guinea pigs please let us know.

School Attendance—100%

Attending school everyday is vitally important for your child's education. Education in NSW is compulsory for all students between the ages of six years and the minimum school leaving age. Once enrolled children are required to attend school each day it is open for students. If your child is unwell then we understand you will keep them at home. If for any reason your child is late to school (any time after 9:10am) they need to provide a note explaining why they are late. This is recorded on their attendance record. If you are going to be absent from school on a holiday, you must contact the school and complete an Application for Extended Leave—Travel form for the principal to approve.

Textbooks and Novel

This year our students are using a maths text book for their learning and the Year 2-6 students also have a class novel. We are subsidising the cost of these books for your child so you are getting them a little bit cheaper. The cost of the text books is \$20 each and the novel is \$15 each. If this can be paid to the office in the next month that would be appreciated.

Kinder and Year 1—\$20

Year 2-Year 6—\$35

*** Please pay this before the end of term****

School Banking

Do you have a Commonwealth Dolomite Account for your child? If you don't and you would like to set up an account to save pocket money for your child, application forms are available from school. Student banking is process at school each Monday and the school receives a commission from the Commonwealth Bank for processing these transactions.

Puggles

The Puggles mobile children's service van visits Tarcutta every Tuesday from 9.45am—2.45pm. They cater for children aged from 6 weeks to 5 years.

Currently there are vacancies and if you know someone who has children who would be eligible to attend please get them to contact the Puggles service on 04274833070.





Primary—Wonderopolis—reading task



Assembly item—Alice the Camel

Fruit Break

Every day we will be having a fruit break to stimulate our brains and to have a break between lessons.

Office Days

Office days are Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

P & C Easter Raffle



The P & C is running an Easter Raffle and are asking each family to donate items to the raffle. This would include any items relating to the Easter theme. Donated items need to be brought into school by Friday 23rd March 2018.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 29th March at the Easter Hat Parade.

Raffle books are being sent home today and we encourage each family to sell tickets to family and community members.

Funds raised will help the P & C to continue supporting every student at our school in the way of subsidising school excursions, other activities and the purchasing of library books.

The P & C thanks you for your support.

EVERY DAY COUNTS...
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

| When your child misses part... | that equals... | which is... | and therefore, from Ready to Year 12, that is... | This means that the best your child can achieve is... |
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| 1 day each fortnight | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 1/2 years of school | Equal to finishing Year 11 |
| 1 day a week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 1/2 years of school | Equal to finishing Year 12 |
| 2 days a week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 7 |
| 3 days a week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 4 |

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will be back this week. All books must be returned by next Friday so students can borrow new books. If they finish their books early there is a tub near the office door where they can return them.

School Contribution

At the start of each year we ask each family to contribute a small fee towards our school. The contribution is \$30 per child or \$60 for a family of three or more. This contribution fee is the same as it has been for the last few years.

Go Green for FOGO Day

Tarcutta Public School is 'Going Green for FOGO' to celebrate the new food organics and garden organics collection service in the Wagga Wagga area.

On Thursday 29th March students are encouraged to wear a splash of green to celebrate this service that means we can now place food waste in the green lid bin at home. This food waste, along with our garden waste, will be composted and reused, rather than being sent to landfill.

All students will receive a free lunchbox on the day to take home and reuse over and over again.

This is a very big change in the way that we manage waste in Wagga Wagga, so wear a splash of green to join the festivities.





What's going on in your neighbourhood?
Have questions for Council?

WE'RE COMING TO VISIT YOU!



Monday 12 March | In front of the playground, Humula | 4pm-7pm
Thursday 22 March | Truck stop memorial, Tarcutta | 4pm-7pm

What's on offer:

- ▶ Town Planner on board
- ▶ Update on Council projects
- ▶ Ask a question
- ▶ Provide feedback
- ▶ Lodge a request
- ▶ Access online services

DROP IN ANYTIME BETWEEN 4PM & 7PM

You will not be able to pay rates via cash, EFTPOS or cheque at Charlie.

Hume Bank OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER
 1300 292 442
 wagga.nsw.gov.au/charlie



Tumut Easter Bazaar

Good Friday March 30
Easter Saturday March 31
at BOYS CLUB HALL
 (76 Fitzroy Street, next to Ambulance Station)

9am to 4pm BOTH DAYS

FREE ENTRY

GREAT BARGAINS

Craft, Books, Antiques, Collectables,
Plants, Fruit, Toys, Jewellery,
Baby wear, Clothing, Socks, Handbags,
Jams, Cakes and Lots, Lots More

B.B.Q Tea & Coffee

Bookings: ph 02-42322337 or 0419427801

University of NSW Competitions



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| Digital technologies | Tues 8 May | \$9.90 |
| Science | Tues 29 May | \$9.90 |
| Spelling | Wed 13 June | \$13.20 |
| Writing | Thurs 14 June | \$19.80 |
| English | Tues 31 July | \$9.90 |
| Mathematics | Tues 14 Aug | \$9.90 |

| Child's name | Competitions | TICK—Paid online via POP |
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