



# TARCUTTA Public SCHOOL



Our young scientists with scientist Peter Eastwell

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## Reminders

*Return to  
School*

Donations for Easter  
Raffle by Tuesday 27th  
March 2018

Easter Raffle books,  
including money by  
Tuesday 27th March 2018



Building the Future



2018

Term 1

Week 8



## Calendar

### Term 1

#### Week 8

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

#### Week 9

Mon 26 Mar	School Counsellor
Thurs 29 Mar	Easter Hat Parade 9am Easter raffle drawn BOOK FAIR
Fri 30 Mar	Good Friday—Public Holiday

#### Week 10

Mon 2 April	Easter Monday
Fri 6 April	Bluearth

#### Week 11

Mon 9 April	P & C Meeting at 3pm
Friday 13 April	Small Schools Cross Country at Ladysmith—Whole school attending

## Principal's Note

It has been a wonderful week of connecting with our community. Last Thursday we had Helen from the **Responsible Pet Ownership** program come and teach us how to approach a dog whether they are familiar to us or unfamiliar. We were delighted to have the chance to approach and pat her dog, Milo, as part of the program.

Yesterday the Year 4-6 students had the opportunity of connecting with the **scientific community**. We met with a scientist—Peter—who performed a science show about electricity. It was great to see our students use their initiative and courage to push themselves out of their comfort zone to make new friends and to nominate themselves as a helper to help with the show. Then we moved on to individual experiments. Here our students made slime and concrete, they used test tubes to mix chemicals and to make liquid climb up a tube or a glass. There were mind puzzles and electronic circuits to create. Well done to the primary students involved for a wonderful learning experience.

Last Friday we were part of the Prime Minister's call to arms to stamp out **bullying**. We looked at our school **wellbeing survey** and considered the results. The students were surprised at how many areas we are doing so well in and saddened to see that there are still areas we need to work on. We had a long conversation about feeling safe at school and how we talk to one another.

Today we are branching out to visit Puggles as they celebrate Harmony Day. Tomorrow we are celebrating **Harmony Day** here at school 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'.

Our **school counsellor** will be visiting next week. She is available to talk to any student or parent who might like to touch base with her. All parents and students are allowed to access our school counsellor. Please let me know if you would like to meet with Anne.

We did have an issue last week with parents seeking out other parents outside of school to discuss issues between students. Please understand that school issues are dealt with at school. We have a **complaint's procedure** as part of the Department of Education. Please refer to this procedure.



Education

Check us out online:

[www.tarcutta-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:www.tarcutta-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au)







## Complaints:

If at any time you find that you have a concern about anything to do with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell someone, so that your concern can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a formal complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the Department's website. Further information is also available in the Department's Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to lodging a complaint. These documents can be accessed on the Department's website at [www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au)

Start saving for the **Book Fair!** It is coming up soon. Maybe you would like to purchase books for up coming birthdays or donate one to our library.

## Kirrilee Post, Principal

### What have we been learning in class?

This week Mrs Lustenberger has continued to implement the L3 program K-2. As part of this program she runs an engine room at the kidney shaped table in the room. In the engine room she uses explicit teaching to focus specifically on each child individually and addresses their immediate learning needs. While some students are in the engine room the other students are working on literacy activities at various spots around the room. We are working on structured activities that require the students to be able to work independently. One activity is the Read to Self activity. Here the students have to read a 'familiar' book, this is a book they have read previously with Mrs Lustenberger, Miss Post or Cathy during an explicit reading time. As part of the read to self they are practising the skills they have learnt during the explicit learning time. It may be sounding out words, re-reading what they have read, reading on to the end of the sentence, thinking about if what they have read makes sense, substituting the word with another that makes sense, looking at the end of the word, looking at the middle of the word or using picture clues. The primary students have started completing their book study

based on their independent reading book.

In maths we have been learning about two-dimensional shapes. We have looked at curved, straight, dotted and zig-zag lines; identified and created circles, squares, rectangles, pentagons, hexagons, octagons, rhombuses and trapeziums (depending on their year group); the older students started creating and identifying symmetrical shapes. We made 2D shapes out of blue-tac and match sticks and on geoboards. We also used a variety of 2D shapes to create symmetrical shapes.

As part of looking at bullying and developing strategies against it we continued our lessons on Yoga and meditation in PD/H/PE. We spoke about resilience and how we can deal with people who are not helping us to be the best we can be. Our mental wellbeing is very important to all of us. Two issues we have focused on this week have been 'hands off' at school and that if we don't have anything nice to say we don't say anything at all. We want to make Tarcutta Public School the best school in the state and we all need to contribute to make this happen.

In art, we had fun with celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Everyone dressed up in green or borrowed one of Miss Post's green necklaces for the day. We used crayons to create a green shamrock on an Irish flag. These are hanging in our hallway near our stained glass trees from last week and they look glorious.

### Go Green for FOGO mufti 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.





Aiden creating a circuit at the Day with a Scientist



Hunter with his Home Reading bag

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.

## 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)

### What will they do on the excursion:

The Year 3-6 students will be participating in this excursion with our Wagga Wagga Community of Small Schools' learning community as part of our HSIE study of Australia as a Nation where we will look at the Australian Government. I have not seen the final program but it usually includes a visit to: Old Parliament House, Parliament House (where we get to participate in a role play of passing a bill in parliament), the Australian War Memorial, The Australian Art Gallery, the Australian Institute of Sport along with driving past the embassies and going to laser tag at night.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge started on Monday 5th March and closes on Friday 31st August.

I sent home the sheet for you to fill in at home last week. Please let us know if you need another one. In the library the books that are part of the Premier's Reading Challenge have stickers on them for the Yr3-6 students and the Infants can read any of the picture books in our boxes as part of the challenge. For the primary students you can go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website for a longer list of books if you want to see if any of your books at home fit the challenge. I haven't sent these home as they are over 50 pages long.

## Free Guinea Pigs

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.





The electricity made Miss Post's hair stand on end



Making slime

## 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.

## 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.

## P & C Easter Raffle

The P & C Easter Raffle is well underway with some families already selling their allocated raffle tickets. Well done!

So far \$160 has been raised to support our students.

Thank you also to those families and staff members who have donated Easter items to the raffle. There's still time to get your donations in. All donations need to be at school by Tuesday 27th March 2018.

If you would like more raffle tickets to sell please contact the school.

Funds raised will help the P & C 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.

### Important Information

All raffle books, sold or unsold, including money must be returned to school by Tuesday 27th March.

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











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.

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# 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**



Gaby and Chris learn about responsible pet ownership.