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Country Women's Association Country of the Year

As always the CWA are encouraging students to research a country. In previous years students around Australia have researched many different countries all thanks to the CWA.

The country of study this year is Iceland. K-2 will be completing a colouring-in competition as well as researching Iceland at school. Years 3-6 make a poster about the country, answering a

set of given questions and this year we have been asked to take part in making a book about Iceland. The book is nothing new in terms of the competition but our region has never had a book make it to the next level of competition and so we have asked the senior students to give it serious consideration. As well as a monetary prize for the school, the student/s also is awarded a monetary prize.

As always, students who do not complete the project will not be invited to attend the International Day held at the Tarago Hall but will spend the morning at school with me while their peers are being treated to a morning of fun, information and a CWA morning tea!

Posters are due June 10th.

Healthy Kids Website

I came across this website last week and found it very interesting and informative. The main reason I am sharing it with you is you can't go wrong when you combine groups such as these.

The site has experiments for kids, stats and research, tips, resources and recipes.



New look Healthy Kids website

The Healthy Kids website has a great section for parents with lots of ideas, fact sheets, recipes for school age and preschool children and families.

This website is a joint initiative of NSW Health, NSW Department of Education and Training, Sport and Recreation, a division of Communities NSW and the Heart Foundation.

Have a look at www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Nutrition News Snippet 2011
Produced by Central Coast Health Promotion Unit



School Calendar

- **Friday 3rd June** - Tennis lessons
- **Monday 6th June** - P&C Meeting
- **Wednesday 8th June** - Small Schools Soccer in Goulburn for Yrs 5 & 6
- **Monday 13th June** - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Wednesday 29th June** - GCOPS concert rehearsal @ Bradfordville PS.
- **Monday 1st August** - GCOPS Concert (3-6 students)

P&C

As promised I have contacted the NSW P&C Association and have an answer as to what happens if we have no one to fill office.

As stated in the P&C Handbook, if the Tarago PS P&C were to disband all our funds are transferred to the nearest P&C.

Not one to usually use shock tactics I felt it was important to make that particular point stand out.

Our P&C has worked too hard over

previous years to let another P&C reap the rewards.

At the previous meeting it was suggested that an alternative to disbanding completely might be to drop the fundraising side of things and concentrate on writing grant applications as there is money out there being given away to those prepared to write the applications.

To maintain a P&C (and not lose previous fundraising funds) we need a President to chair meetings, a

Secretary to receive mail from the NSW Association and take minutes in meetings, and a Treasurer who receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts.

Our next meeting is on Monday in the library, please come along and support the P&C and if you can't make it but would like to accept a position, please let me know in advance.

Information on each role is attached to the back of the newsletter.

Items of Interest

National Reconciliation Week is held every year between 27 May and 3 June and is framed by two significant dates in Australia's history which best symbolise the hopes and aims for reconciliation. May 27 marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which over 90 per cent of Australians voted to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal people. June 3 marks the anniversary of the

High Court's judgement in the *Mabo* case in 1992.

Nominations for the 2011 **Public School Parent of the Year Award** will close on Friday 3 June 2011.

The award recognises the dedication of parents as partners in the public education of children and young people. It acknowledges parents, guardians and caregivers of public

school students who have made a significant contribution to their local government school community. Any individual, school, parent organisation or similar can nominate a parent for the award. **For nomination forms and more information:** www.det.nsw.edu.au/what-we-offer/awards-scholarships-and-grants/awards/public-school-parent-of-the-year-award or call Sally Kohlmayer on 9244 5545.

Uniforms

The first day of winter has arrived and most of us are reaching for more layers of clothing to wear. Please make sure students are bringing (and wearing) plenty of warm clothing (all labelled with names of course).

If you are in need of more school clothes please come and see Mrs Watson in the office. We have new uniforms and also second hand

items for \$5.

We understand that you might have trouble getting uniforms dry on the weekend and are happy to make exceptions for the need to occasionally be out of uniform.

A quick reminder about socks (grey or white), nail polish (none) and jewellery (small earrings only).

Positive Feedback

Our SLSO (Student Learning Support Officer) Mrs Fitzsimons takes students from both the primary and infants class and works with them in the library. Mrs Fitzsimons made the comment to me last week that every time she comes in something new and exciting is happening in the library. Miss Vaughan is responsible for the great changes we are seeing and can expect to see over the next few months.

Lunch Orders

Thank you to those people who filled out the survey that was sent home a few weeks ago.

One of the comments to come back was that some students are bringing money to school and ordering lunches without parental permission or knowledge.

From now on students can only

order lunches if we have an order form/envelope written by the parents. I realise that sometimes to help save time in the busy rush of the morning that students write out the envelope while a parent is nearby and we simply ask that parents sign the lunch order before it comes to school.

Again, if there were any families who missed out on the survey and would still like to let us know their feelings on the subject, please contact the school and ask for a copy to be sent home with your child/ren.

