



Tarago Public School

NEWSLETTER

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A Note From Miss Vaughan

Dear Students, Colleagues and Parents and members of the community.

Thank-you. It is only two words, I know, but they hold all my gratitude for the experiences I have had working here for the past 14 months. When I arrived in Term 2 last year, I had no idea how profoundly working at Tarago would change me as a teacher and as a person. The experience I have gained will serve me well in my future career and has given me a firm starting point for my teaching experience. There have been challenges and triumphs alike during my time here and I am proud to have been able to call myself a teacher at this school.

I have made great friends amongst staff, students and parents alike and feel torn about leaving you all.

Bronwyn, Meredith, Cathy and Megan, your assistance and friendship has been a comforting and

supportive guide for my future and I hope always to call you friends. The school is incredibly lucky to have such dedicated and supportive teachers and staff looking out for the well-being, learning and development of our future citizens. Your expertise and empathy for the needs of all those in our small community are valuable beyond measure. Thank-you for allowing me to come in as a whirlwind of changes to transform the library into what will hopefully become a valued learning space that is well loved by the students and other members of our community.

To the parents of the school, especially those who have gone out of their way in the past and recently to help me sort through the library and finish its transformation or assisted in getting equipment, sets and production pieces ready at the end of year performance. You have been a wonderful, encouraging and outgoing source of

understanding and support. Your involvement in our school, however small it seems, is invaluable to the continued development of our small community. Your support for the staff and students and general school will continue to bolster the quality learning experiences of the students and help us all to succeed in continuing to make Tarago a wonderful place to be.

Finally, to the students. You have been a wonderful source of inspiration and learning for me as a teacher. You have dared me to provide you with the best learning experiences possible and have made me proud when you have risen to the challenges I have set you. I hope that you never lose confidence in yourselves, you are an amazing bunch and I will miss you all a lot. I hope that I have left you with a desirable collection of books and inspired you to read them. I say goodbye (for now) with a sad smile for all the memories being at this school has provided and hope that each and every one of you continues to try your hardest to be

School Calendar

- Saturday 9th June** - Windellama PS P&C Auction and Fireworks. Starts at 2pm
- Wednesday 13th June** - Book Club orders due back at school
- Friday 15th June** - Global Wind Day
- Monday 18th June** - P&C AGM in the library @ 3:30
- Wednesday 20th June** - Posters and flags for the CWA day are due back at school
- Wednesday 27th June** - CWA International Day



Participation



Responsibility



Respect

Miss Vaughan Cont.

your best.

I leave Tarago with head full of memories and a heart full of gratitude and respect for a community who have provided me with opportunities I could never have had anywhere else. For those who would like to follow me as I set out on my next grand adventure, I will (hopefully) be keeping a regular blog which can be found at the address:

[http://
littlemissvaughan.wordpress.com/](http://littlemissvaughan.wordpress.com/)

Fondest goodbyes

Carly Vaughan

I'm sure you'll all agree with me when I say it has been an absolute pleasure having Carly at our school. When she first started here I remember saying that our library just needed someone to love it and give it some affection and that Carly was that person. She has spent a lot of time and energy working on our library, with the help of parents and Mrs Watson, bettering it for all our students.

Carly has brought a lot of fresh, new ideas to the school and has done so with an incredible amount of enthusiasm. This enthusiasm has shown through in all Carly's lessons

and interactions with staff, students and families. Carly leaves us with a new-look library, students speaking some French, students enthusiastic about drama and music.

We wish Carly all the best with her travels and teaching overseas. We hope that she has learnt as much from us as we have from her.

Good luck, we'll miss you.

Items of Interest

National Cyber Security Awareness Week

National Cyber Security Awareness Week runs from 12-15 June and aims to inform and empower everyone to stay safe online. The Federal Government's cyber safety website,

www.staysmartonline.gov.au, provides tips and info on how not to fall victim to online crimes such as identity theft, fraud, phishing, scams and cons. There is also a

section on smart socialising online as well as separate pages full of great advice for children and teens.

Also, check out School A to Z for plenty of technology info and the latest on cyber safety at: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety.

Health resources

Some great online resources to support your child with an existing or acute medical

condition can be found at two Westmead Children's Hospital websites:

www.physicalasanything.com.au and <http://kidshealth.schn.health.nsw.gov.au>.

For information sheets and updates on common childhood illnesses and current public health warnings go to the NSW Department of Health website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/index.asp.

Positive Behaviour for Success

A quick refresher for you all, when students display good behaviours they are awarded with a coloured turbine based on the behaviour they displayed. There are three colours, one for each of the turbines. Orange represents **Responsibility**, green represents **Participation** and blue represents **Respect**. Every time a student reaches 10 turbines of a particular colour they are awarded with a certificate. Five certificates will result in a badge. We have lots

of students working their way through the certificates.

Given the bumper crop of awards we gave out last week, it's no surprise that there aren't many to hand out this week. In fact we just have the one award this week to present.

Congratulations Anthony S on being awarded his second certificate for showing Respect.

PBS Free Time Winners

Congratulations to the winners of Free Time Friday for week 6.

- Grace T
- Jaiden M
- Gemma S
- Sebastian L
- Isaac T
- Anthony S
- Emily C
- Crystal D
- Liam M
- Tom Mc