



# Tarago Public School

## NEWSLETTER

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### Staff Changes

Following our loss of Miss Vaughan there are to be some more staff changes in the coming months.

The position of principal has been advertised and applications close today. With the process of culling the applications, contacting referees, holding interviews and allowing time for any appeals we are looking at week five next term at

the earliest for the new principal to start.

Until the new principal starts Mrs Norris has agreed to stay on the 4-6 class. After this time, Meredith will become our new librarian, working three days a fortnight and taking on any casual days.

Another change to our staffing is the departure of Mrs Cathy Lyttle our LAST (Learning and

Support Teacher). Mrs Lyttle has been working with us for many years now but (sadly for us) has been offered more permanent days at her other school, West Goulburn PS. Mrs Lyttle will be sadly missed but we are pleased for her permanency.

This position will be filled as soon as possible.

### Global Wind Day

Last Friday we visited Woodlawn Wind Farm to celebrate Global Wind Day. The weather was sunny, a big improvement on last year, and whilst there was no breeze at school we ran the risk of losing some of our smaller students should they have opened their jackets to catch the wind!

We were treated to a coach trip with Ian at the helm. He was a very knowledgeable driver and pointed out all the sites and points of interest on the 8km trip to the wind farm.

Frank was our tour guide. His job is to find and develop areas for wind farms.

We learnt lots of interesting facts about the wind farm such as;

- The total number of turbines is 23 at Woodlawn and 87 at Capital Wind Farm.
- Woodlawn Wind Farm farms enough wind annually to power 23,000 homes and has been operational since October last year.

### School Calendar

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday 27th June</b> - CWA International Day</li> <li>• <b>Friday 29th June</b> - Soup Day</li> <li>• <b>Friday 29th June</b> - Last day of term</li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 17th July</b> - First day of term 3</li> <li>• <b>30th July - 3rd August</b> - Education</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tuesday 31st July</b> - GCOPS Concert</li> <li>• <b>Monday 12th August</b> - Woolworths Earn and Learn closes. Please return stickers to school by Wednesday 14th August.</li> <li>• <b>Wednesday 14th August</b> - Coles Sports for Schools finishes</li> </ul> |
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**Participation**



**Responsibility**



**Respect**

## Our P&C

The Annual General Meeting was held for our P&C on Monday. I would like to thank the outgoing P&C on the wonderful job they did to support the school.

Congratulations must go to the new P&C (very similar to our past one, we're sticking to a good thing).

President - Emma Tubman

Vice President - Phil Tubman

Secretary - Katie Moritz

Treasurer - Kathy McCabe

Already our new P&C have come

up with lots of different fundraising ideas.

The first fundraising idea that's being put into place is Soup Day for the students to help keep them warm in the cold winter terms.

The general order of events for the Soup Day will be as follows; attached to the newsletters on a Wednesday will be an order form for the Friday of the same week. Order forms and money are to be returned to school on a Thursday and Soup Day will be that Friday.

The P&C will be charging \$2 for a cup of homemade soup and a slice of bread and cupcakes will be

available for an extra 50 cents.

Keep an eye out in next week's newsletter for the lunch order form for the cup o' soup.

The first Soup Day will take place on the last day of term, Friday June 29.



## Items of Interest

### Be fire safe this winter

Winter's chill has arrived and with it our scramble for heaters, electric blankets and open fires. Entertaining is now year round thanks to portable outdoor gas heaters. But with all these conveniences come fire dangers. Statistics reveal that almost half of all home fires are started in the kitchen and 43 per cent of all fire fatalities occur in winter. NSW Fire and Rescue reminds us to do a fire safety audit of our homes this winter, check smoke

detectors are working and ensure appliances such as clothes dryers and dishwashers are running efficiently and safely. For more household fact sheets and useful videos on how to protect your home and family from fire go to [www.fire.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/)



### School holidays sorted

The school holidays are fast approaching. For great activities to keep the kids gainfully occupied check out the informative Go Play website which is full of ideas for kids aged up to 18 years. You can search by age, activity, region, date, time and by government organisation. Go to: [www.goplay.nsw.gov.au](http://www.goplay.nsw.gov.au)

## PBS Free-Time Winners

Congratulations to the winners of Free-Time Friday for week 8 and congratulations to Samantha Kendall-Torry for suggesting it off the back of a great week from students.

- Hayden G
- Lachlan M
- Todd W
- Melissa W
- Cheyanne B
- Gemma S
- Kaylee W
- Jordan B
- Sebastian L
- Jaiden M
- Emily C
- Tanisha W
- Adonis K
- Liam M
- Emma dR
- Temia H
- Samantha K-T
- Jessica S

- Damien H
- Michelle dR
- Anthony S

Two certificates were handed out this week. Congratulations to both the students who earned them

### Responsibility

Jordan B (2nd certificate)

### Respect

Jessica S (2nd certificate)

## Global Wind Day Cont.

- Other than for the occasional visitor, the turbines are only ever turned off for two reasons; maintenance and for really big gusts of wind.
- The turbines are 80m tall and the blades are each 49m long.
- The blades can be turned in different directions to catch the wind.

It was nothing but the best of service for our students, after seeing Turbine 17 we were driven to a marquee where we were

served drinks and sandwiches, our students were even made a hot milo by the Woodlawn Wind farm site manager David! Talk about good service

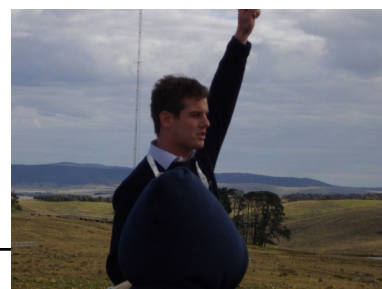


Safety comes first.

Checking the aerodynamics of their arms



Our tour guide Frank.



## Mixed Bag

Our Woolworths Earn and Learn current total stands at 2340. Thanks once again for your continued support. We will try to keep you updated on our points tally for both Woolworths and Coles as the weeks wear on.

This year for our presentation day we are making some changes (following feedback) that we hope you will support and enjoy. Rather than a day time presentation we will hold an evening presentation with carols

mixed in.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for an evening of carols, with awards being presented in between.

So please **SAVE THE DATE - Monday 17th December.**

With the snuffly noses and students now concentrating hard on the latest catch-cry "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" we seem to be going through an unusually high number of tissues and we

haven't even hit the cold season yet. Could families please send in a box a tissues (nothing fancy) to help us through the snotty season. One per family will be a big help.

Many thanks to our official photographer for the day, Mrs Katie Moritz



## Book Packs for 2013

In a recent P&C meeting we discussed the possibility of book packs being made available at the end of this year to purchase for 2013. This would mean that students have all their book needs for the year, as well as knowing that the Maths text had been paid for before the beginning of the year. Book packs purchased would remain at school over the holidays

so that they are at school ready to start at the beginning of the new school year.

There would be variations to the book pack for different years with stationery packs available as well.

Some of the reasons behind the idea of introducing book packs were that students would have a greater respect for their property if they knew it was

something mum and dad had paid for, the school was unable to continue providing books (and stationery for infants students) with continued lack of support for the School Contribution. The school would not be looking at making a profit from these packs.

At present this is just an idea but we would like to know what your thoughts on the matter are. All feedback is most welcome.

[ ] Yes, I think book and stationery packs are a good idea.

[ ] No, I don't think book packs are a good idea.

[ ] I would purchase a book pack for my child/ren.

[ ] I would not purchase a book pack for my child/ren.

We value your opinion. If you have any other suggestions or comments to make on the idea of having book and/or stationery packs please write it on the reverse of this slip of paper. Please feel free to attach more paper if there is not sufficient room.