

TERM 2 WEEK 1

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Principal Message

Welcome Back!

The first day back and this term is already shaping up as a busy and productive time at Tarago Public School.

This week started, for the first time in my career, with two Staff Development Days. Why did this happen? The short answer is the implementation of the new NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum.

This year is allocated for familiarisation and programming of the new syllabus in preparation for its implementation next year. Staff spent the morning session on Monday examining the new document and looking at the implications for their teaching and for our school. Tuesday staff took part in workshops involving all District schools. These sessions explored the documents in greater detail focussing on stage levels. The stage 3 and 4 workshop being particularly interesting, as it offered the opportunity for primary and high school teachers to look at the important transition period from year 6 to year 7.

All session proved very beneficial and an excellent starting point for our planning, programming and eventual implementation of the English K-10 syllabus.

The new syllabuses incorporating the Australian curriculum will be taught at Tarago Public School following the Dept. of Education and Communities timeline.

2013

All current NSW syllabuses taught. Familiarisation and programming of new English syllabus.

2014

New English syllabus implemented.

Familiarisation and programming for new Mathematics, and Science and

Technology syllabus.

2015

New Mathematics, and Science and Technology syllabus implemented.

Familiarisation and programming for new History syllabus.

2016

New History syllabus implemented.

Further information regarding the new syllabuses is available from the Board of Studies NSW syllabuses website:

<http://syllabuses.bos.nsw.edu.au>

It has been announced that Tarago Public School is to receive additional funding through the Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership. These funds are aimed at improving the performance of students who are experiencing difficulties in these areas.

The Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership is underpinned by a whole-school approach to improve student outcomes in literacy and numeracy. This whole-school approach recognises the critical role of quality teaching and leadership in improving student learning outcomes, and the importance of focusing on the underlying school culture of continuous improvement to optimise student achievement and to ensure sustainability.

Good luck to students attending next weeks district athletics carnival. The competition will be tough however I know all Tarago students will do their very best. Notes for participating students are attached. Please return these to school by Friday.

Finally congratulations to all students who participated in the GCOSS Cross Country Carnival on the last day of Term One. It was great to see



Participation



Responsibility



Respect

so many students participating and challenging themselves over the challenging Windellama course.

Special mention to the students on the table below Great Work!

If there are any parents seeking placement for students in an opportunity class for 2014 please contact me at school.

The allocation process has commenced and I am more than happy to discuss with those interested. Application are available from www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Organisation is underway for the

biennial Small Schools Camp. The dates for this event are Monday 26 to Friday 30 August (Week 7 Term 3). This years camp has a proposed cost of \$360.

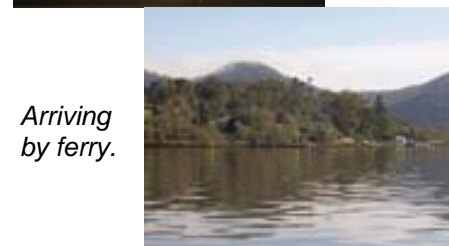
This camp is for students in years 3 through to 6 and occur at Milson Island in the Hawkesbury River, about three kilometres west of the F3 freeway bridge at Brooklyn. One hours drive from Sydney or Newcastle and a short ferry ride the Centre occupies the whole island.

Phillip Katen

Principal



An aerial view of Milson Island



Arriving by ferry.

AGE GROUP	BOYS	GIRLS
5/6 Years 600m	1. Jimmy Humphries (Tarago) 4. Josh Chinnery (Tarago) 5. Oscar McCabe (Tarago)	
7 Years 1000 metres	1. Lachlan Moritz (Tarago)	
8 / 9 Years 2000 Metres	6. Sebastian Lesniak (Tarago)	
10 Years 2000 Metres	4. Jaiden Moritz (Tarago) 5. Jordan Babic (Tarago)	4. Gemma Seymour (Tarago) 6. Grace Tubman (Tarago)
11 Years 3000 Metres	2. Adonis Katrivessis (Tarago) 4. Liam Moritz (Tarago)	2. Tanisha Williams (Tarago)
12/13 Years 3000 Metres	1. Jacob Babic (Tarago)	2. Temia Humphries (Tarago)

Coming Up

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 29/04-03/05	Staff Development day	Staff Development day	School Resumes Library 4/6	Recorder/ Guitar Miss Livesey - District Athletics Organisation Mrs	
Week 2 6/05 - 10/05	Miss Livesey Live Life Well Training—Mrs Norris Replacing	Miss Livesey Live Life Well Training—Mrs Norris Replacing	District Athletics Hudson Park Goulburn Miss Livesey attending—Mrs Norris replacing	Recorder/ Guitar Student Banking	Mr Katen—Primary Principals Association meeting Queanbeyan Mrs Watson—School Administration Managers meeting Queanbeyan Miss Livesey—L3 Yass
Week 3 13/05 - 17/05		Naplan	Naplan	Naplan Recorder/ Guitar	
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