

TERM 3 WEEK 2

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES

# Tarago Public School

## NEWSLETTER

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### Principal Message

#### Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool (PLASST) – 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of students. PLASST stands for Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

To assist with the delivery of the trial, the Department of Education and Communities has contracted an independent analytics and program management provider, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). PwC will also analyse the data collected from the trial and recommend adjustments to the tool before it is made available to all NSW public schools in 2014.

The trial will take place between July and September 2013 and involve up to 550 selected schools. Teachers will complete a questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students and submit their responses online. All data will be held in a secure web database designed specifically by

PwC for the trial. The data supplied to PwC through the trial will not provide any names of individual students.

Students will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed during the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's possible involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please contact school.

#### Other News

Students participating in the GCoPS Choir, recorder and percussion items will be attending a rehearsal on Wednesday 31st July leaving school 10:00am and returning to school by 3:20pm. Travel will be by bus at a cost of \$2. Please complete and return the permission note attached to the newsletter as soon as possible. The performance on Wednesday 31st July, commencing at 7:30pm. Tickets will not be available at the door and must be pre-purchased from school. Tickets for the performance are limited due to number of students participating. Each school is offered 2 tickets per participant and will cost \$5 each. Therefore each student is able to purchase two tickets. To purchase tickets payment can be sent to school in a envelope with the students name clearly marked on the front.

A reminder of the offer from software manufacturer EdAlive. This offer concludes on the 2nd August.



**Participation**



**Responsibility**



**Respect**

By now all camp medical notes should be returned. If there are any outstanding they must be returned by Monday 29th July.

In last weeks newsletter the concert "I Got Rhythm" was advertised. All details were correct however the venue has changed to the Soldier's Club, Goulburn.

I received news on Tuesday that Braidwood Central School will be holding an information evening for Year 7 2014 on Wednesday 31st July 2013, commencing at 6:00pm. This will clash with the GCoPS Concert. I suggest interested parents contact BCS and request an alternate arrangement.

Phillip Katen

### Kinder Key-ring Words

There are still some outstanding Kinder key-ring words. This makes it difficult for those who have not returned them to learn their daily words. Please ensure these important learning aides are returned ASAP.

### Year Two Homework

Year Two home work was sent home yesterday. As this is two days late, due to me being away, it is due on Monday next week.

Miss Livesey

### Library News

Book Week activities will be celebrated in Week 6 so on Thursday 22nd August we will have a Book Week Character parade. This year the theme is 'Read Across The Universe' so please start thinking about what character you will be coming as for the exciting parade. All students are encouraged to come as a favourite book character and tell Mrs Norris a couple of things about their character. Our annual Book Fair will also be on so books can be purchased on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of August between 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Mrs Norris



### Wonder Worker

**Amy McCabe**

**Creativity in helping write  
our percussion score**



### Wonder Worker

**Jimmy Humphries**

**For being a reliable student  
in the classroom**



### Coming Up

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 3 Week 3 29/07-02/08			Library 3-6 GCoPS CONCERT and Rehearsal	Recorder/ Guitar K-2 Library Student banking <b>Book Club Due</b>	Creative and Practical Arts Day - Tarago PS
Term 3 Week 4 05/08-09/08			Library 3-6	Recorder/ Guitar Mr Katen Primary Principals Council Student banking	Mr Katen Primary Principals Council Miss Livesey L3