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Principal Message

Learning Culture

Last week I spend three days at the Illawarra South East Annual Principal's Conference. This conference is the only time each year that all Principals within our region have the opportunity to meet and discuss the directions of education within our region. As always, there were a number of impressive speakers each of which offered their input into what is a changing landscape of education. Director-General Dr Michele Bruniges and Deputy Director General Greg Prior both spoke about the changes currently occurring within the structure of the Department of Education and Communities. There has been a great deal of discussion and some media coverage of the restructure of the Department and how this will impact on schools, students and teachers. Until the restructure plan is complete the full extent of the changes will not be known, however the message coming into schools is that there should be no impact on student learning.

In our setting, this is very welcome news. As the structure of our Department changes the focus of Tarago Public School will remain the same; that is creating an environment which fosters and enhances the learning of all students. As a school this is our focus and as parents there is a role to play. Developing a positive outlook towards learning can be created by small things, such as a discussion each day. This can be about the events of the day, the many activities we are part of such as Gather Storm, or even news

stories. By creating discussion we demonstrate the importance of school and learning.

We are preparing our students for a world in ten or so years that has not yet been invented and we are probably not going to recognise. Many future jobs currently do not exist and in preparing our students we must instil a learning culture. This will allow them to fulfil their potential and lead a fulfilling and rewarding life.

Phillip Katen

Principal

Gathering Storm

Dance Performance

As has been discussed in previous newsletters our dance program coordinator is working very hard preparing students for the performance which will form part of the Gathering Storm Concert on Sunday 24th March at The Mirramu Creative Arts Centre Bungendore. I would like to see all students participate in this event and also understand that there may be some families who have difficulties attending. To ensure maximum participation if there are any families who may be able to help with transport please stop in at school and let us know. This is a great chance for our students to participate in a major performance and I urge everyone to help out where possible to ensure a successful day.

A reminder that senior students 4/5/6 will need to wear blue and juniors K-3 will wear white. If there are any issues with organising clothing please contact school.



Participation



Responsibility



Respect

Creative Arts News

Drumbeat

Due to the GCOPS choir rehearsal yesterday there was no Drumbeat session. Things will return to normal next week.



Goulburn Community of Small Schools

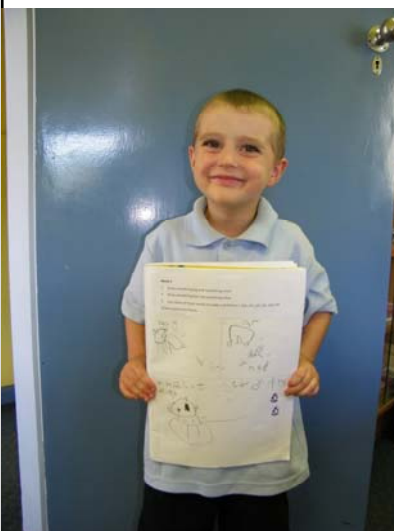
Choir Rehearsal

The first rehearsal of the combined GCOPS Choir occurred at Bradfordville Public School yesterday.

It was great to see our students amongst the approx. 400 students who attended. And judging by the sound of the first rehearsal we will be in for a treat come performance time.



Great Job with Homework Josh!



**Easter
raffle
donations
still
required!!**



**Book Club
Due Tomorrow
All orders to the Office.**

Coming Up

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 18/03-22/03		Drumbeat 4/5/6	Library 4/6	Recorder/ Guitar	Dance
Week 9 25/04 - 29/03		Drumbeat 4/5/6 Library K-3	Library 4/6	Recorder/ Guitar	Good Friday