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Principal Message

Principal's Message

This week we wish Miss Livesey all of the best as she prepares for the new challenge of undertaking the role of Assistant Principal at Goulburn West Public School. Friday will be her last day with us for 2014, however we all hope we have the opportunity to catch up throughout the remainder of the year.

On Monday I sat down with Mrs McCabe to review the applications for the position of K/1 teacher for the rest of this year. This is never an easy task and I would like to thank Mrs McCabe for taking on the role on behalf of the P+C. I believe this process is very worthwhile as it opens the process in a transparent way and it is the chance for parents, key stakeholders in our school, to see aspects of school which they may often be unaware of.

Following our meeting I contacted Mrs Angela Wall to offer her the position as K/1 teacher, which she graciously accepted. Mrs Wall will commence at Tarago Public School on Tuesday 10th June, following the long weekend. Mrs Wall is not totally new to Tarago Public School having spent a few days here over the past years.

Fast ForWord

As outlined in last week's newsletter, at yesterday's P+C Meeting I took the chance to present a session on the program Fast ForWord. On the back of the newsletter I have included an overview for those who could not make it to yesterday's meeting. At Tarago Public School we have established a program which will allow five students to access Fast

ForWord. This was negotiated through SciLearn Schools Program coordinator Bridget Leach. Due to having been trained to use Fast ForWord before arriving at Tarago Public School, Bridget was able to offer our school use of the newest version of the program which is web based. To ensure this occurred successfully we created a content server at school so that as each student accesses the program some of the content is accessed from the server rather than from the internet. This proved very successful. So successful in fact that our school has been offered the opportunity to allow our 3/6 students access to the program. This should commence over the next few weeks. I would invite and welcome any and all parents to come along and look at the program.

Phillip Katen—Principal

We will miss you Miss Livesey!



Participation



Responsibility



Respect

More News

What is Fast ForWord?

It is a series of computer-delivered brain fitness exercises designed to produce dramatic language and reading improvements in a variety of student populations by improving memory, attention and processing skills. The Fast ForWord program supports existing curriculum—they don't replace it. When students process more efficiently, every other instructional strategy works better. The results in many schools around the world have been dramatic; students have achieved a one- to two-year gain in reading skills in 8-12 weeks!

What kinds of changes might you see after your child starts working on the Fast ForWord program?

Increased self-esteem

A new excitement towards learning

Better listening and communication skills

Improved ability to follow directions

Improved reading abilities

Better academic performance

What can you do to help?

Ensure that your child has good attendance. Success with Fast ForWord requires consistent effort.

Make sure your child knows that you value his/her participation in the program.

Acknowledge their successes!

Want to learn more?

Visit Scientific Learning's Web site www.ScientificLearning.com

Visit Tarago Public School and see the program in action.

Coming Up

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 2 Week 7 09/06-13/06	Queens Birthday Holiday	Welcome Mrs Wall K-2 Library	3-6 Library	Ukulele Student Banking Book Club Due	
Term 2 Week 8 16/06-20/06	K-2 Library	K-2 Library	3-6 Library CWA Poster Due	Ukulele Student Banking	