Principal’s Message

Tarrawanna Public School would like to welcome all the new kindergarten students, parents, carers and families who commenced their schooling with us yesterday as well as the new students and families in other grades.

I would also like to welcome students and families returning this year. You will find wonderful students, an active P&C, great teachers and excellent learning opportunities for students in a caring environment.

Tarrawanna Public School is undergoing a number of changes. These changes will be explained in this newsletter and upcoming newsletters. Our newsletter is produced fortnightly on Tuesday and is emailed to families who have forwarded their email address to us. The newsletter is also on our school website.

I have had the pleasure of talking to some of the parents and I am looking forward to talking to all of you as the year progresses.

Michelle Sotiros
Relieving Principal

Upcoming Events

February 2
- School Swimming Carnival @ Corrimal Pool (9-12am)
- Kindergarten commence @ 9.00am

February 3
- School Assembly in hall @ 2.25pm. (5/6PN)
  All welcome.

February 4
- Breakfast Club commences in the multi-purpose room @ 8.15am.
  Cost .50c.
- P & C meeting @ 6.30pm in school staffroom.
  All welcome.

February 6
- Breakfast Club commences in the multi-purpose room @ 8.15am.
  Cost .50c.
- K – 6 School Sport (Tennis)

February 9
- K – 6 NRL visit (9.30am)

February 11
- Breakfast Club commences in the multi-purpose room @ 8.15am.
  Cost .50c.

February 12
- Environmental Clean-up (1.45 – 3pm)

February 13
- Breakfast Club commences in the multi-purpose room @ 8.15am.
  Cost .50c.
- K – 6 School Sport (Tennis)
- Meet the teacher & welcome BBQ (4.30pm)
School organisation 2015

In 2015 we have formed 6 classes from Kindergarten to year 6. Staff changes include:

- Welcome Miss Sarah Delaney. Sarah will be teaching Kindergarten (KD) and is an experienced Kindergarten teacher who was previously at Unanderra Public School.

- Welcome Mrs Monique Crotty-Moore (to be referred as Mrs Moore). Mrs Moore will be teaching stage 1 (1/2M) and is an experienced teacher with expertise in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy and has come to us from Coniston Public School.

- Welcome Mrs Erina Kilpatrick. Mrs Kilpatrick will be teaching Library and Release from Face to Face 2 ½ days per week. She will be developing our Environmental Program and is highly experienced in this area. She has developed environmental plans with local councils, taught at the University of Wollongong Law faculty and prior to teaching was a lawyer specialising in Environmental Law.

- Welcome Mrs Nikki Dalla Pozza who is our new school Counsellor. Nikki will be at Tarrawanna for ½ day per week on each alternate Monday (12 -3pm) and Wednesday (9 -12 noon).

- Mrs Carly Rice will be teaching at Mt Warrigal Public School in 2015

- Welcome Mr Tim Swan and Mr Brett Swan. Tim will be replacing Mr David Swan (General Assistant) each Monday for a number of weeks and Brett each Wednesday for ½ day. We wish Dave a speedy recovery.

STAFFING

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School Administration Manager: Mrs Dot Duff
School Administration Officer: Mrs Michelle McLeod (Mon & Tues)
General Assistant: Mr David Swan (Mon & 2nd Wednesday)
Captains 2015

Last year the school captains were elected and inducted for 2015.

Last week the School House Captain elections took place and they are:

Ousley:       Tayla S  5/6PN
Keira:        Jordan B  5/6PN
Kembla:       Phoebe G  5/6PN
Broker:       Tiarna P  5/6PN

This week SRC elections will be held. The induction of SRC & House Captains will take place at Assembly on Tuesday 17 February commencing 2:25pm.

Library 2015

Library borrowing will commence from Week 3. Please ensure your child brings their library bag on the day indicated. Every Kindergarten child was issued with a school library bag thanks to the generosity of the P&C.

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Notes to Parents and carers on our website

All notes that are sent home are now placed on the school website.

Not sure if your child has given you notes from school?

Problem solved – check the website.

Calendar items

Although a paper copy of the Term 1 calendar is attached to this newsletter, the most current version can be found on our website calendar.
School Building and Grounds update

1. Library
The Library is currently undergoing a transformation. New carpet has been laid and ‘Quiet space’ has been placed on 2 walls. The collection of resources is currently been updated and the layout has dramatically changed. “Quiet space” will be added to the 2 other walls followed by a total internal paint. New shelving will be purchased to house the library collection.

2. Guttering and fascia
Block B (5/6PN & 4/5D) and Block C (1/2M & 2/3P) have new guttering and fascia boards. The fascias will be painted in the near future.

3. Ride on Lawn Mower
The school lawn mower was traded in on a new one. Mr Swan is extremely excited and now mowing can be done without continual breakdown and repairs.

4. Painting
4/5D classroom has been painted. Thank you to Mrs Dalli for arranging Brad to volunteer his time to enhance the classroom learning environment. Quotes are currently been made to purchase new display boards in 4/5D and other classrooms.

5. Trees
Council approval was given for 3 trees to be removed from the school boundary and a residence on Kendall St. Thank you to the resident who paid for the trees to be removed.

Council approval was also gained for the pruning of tree branches that were overhanging the play equipment. These trees were also pruned during the holidays.

6. Unused furniture and equipment
3 large skip bins have been used to clean up the school buildings. All unwanted items have been removed. This has created a better and safer learning environment for our students.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C meeting for 2015 will be held this Wednesday 4 February at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome especially our new families.
Meet the Teacher and Welcome Barbecue
Our Meet the teacher and welcome Barbecue will be held on Friday, 13 February, under the COLA. This is a great opportunity to come and meet and discuss class expectations, routines, procedures and teaching/learning experiences planned for the students. Please refer to the note that went home yesterday with all details and catering return slip.

School Swimming Carnival
Yesterday our school swimming carnival was held at Corrimal Pool. It was wonderful to see good sportsmanship and students going in several events in order to gain House points and be selected for the Brokers District Swimming Carnival to be held on Monday, 16 February. Swimming ribbons and the announcement of the winning House will occur at Assembly on Tuesday, 17 February. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Tarrawanna Public School at the Brokers Carnival:

5/6PN - Brock, Nioka, Phoebe, Laura, Hannah, Brody, Ella, Jordan, Chloe-Lea
4/5D – Tully, Harvie, Will, Margaret, Kalarni, Reanna
2/3P – Herewaka, Tahlia, Lleylan
1/2M - Mason

Tennis
Tennis lessons commence this Friday 6th February. Please ensure payments by Friday. If you need alternative payment arrangements, please make an appointment to see Mrs Sotiros.

Canteen
The canteen will remain closed until the Canteen Roster is completed. If you are available to volunteer to assist, please see the Office immediately. The number of opening days is dependent upon volunteer help.

Book Club – Volunteer required
If you are interested in co-ordinating the School Book Club please see Mrs Sotiros. The job includes the distribution of catalogues to students and money and orders are placed with the Book Club. When the books arrive, they are distributed to the student.
ENVIRONMENTAL AFTERNOON

On Thursday 12th February from 1:45 – 3pm the school will be having an Environmental afternoon. If you are available to bring your whipper snippers and saws to further enhance the school grounds, would be greatly appreciated. Children will be garden various sections in their class groups.

Voluntary School Contribution
The Voluntary School Contribution for 2015 will be $10. Although this is voluntary the money is an important part of the school budget. These funds go directly to supporting every child at the school. Payment of the school contribution fee will be greatly appreciated and welcomed. Payment can be forwarded to the school at any time preferably by the end of Week 5, Friday 27 February.

Assemblies
Whole school assemblies are held fortnightly on a Tuesday beginning week 2 at 2:25pm. Parents and family members are invited to attend. The School leaders will host the assembly and each class will provide an item. Term 1 details are as follows:

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