

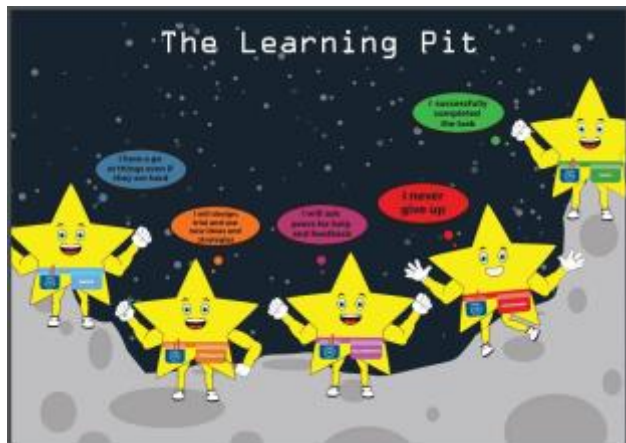
# Tarro Public School Newsletter: Week 6-8 Term 1

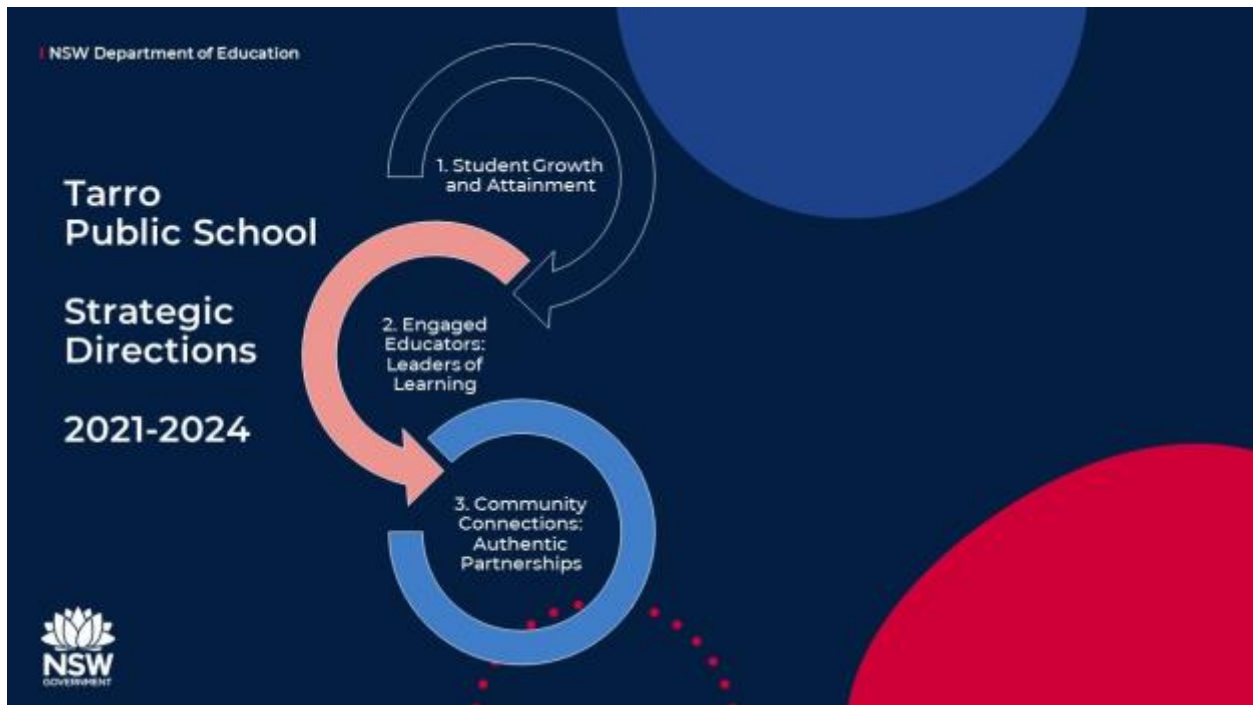


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## Coming Events



Friday 5th March - Clean Up Schools Day

Wednesday 17th March - Harmony Day

Thursday 25th March - School Photos

Thursday 1st April - Easter Hat Parade

## School News and Information

### COVID RESTRICTIONS EASE

As State COVID infections remain low, restrictions are slowly being lifted in schools and things are starting to return to normal. We must however remain vigilant with personal hygiene and social distancing. Although parents are not allowed back on site just yet, parents are allowed to enter school

for essential educational programs such as numeracy and literacy groups. Teachers will be letting parents and carers know how they can become involved in the classroom this year. A reminder that all volunteers must complete a school induction every 5 years. Please see details in this newsletter for details about the next volunteer induction.

### TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

In Term 1 2021, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will **not** be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please call the office to let the staff know.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers>

### SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FEE

All families in NSW public schools are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the ongoing costs associated in providing a quality education. Unlike some schools, Tarro Public School does not have text book fees. It would be appreciated if the fee/s could be paid by the end of Term 1. The 2021 school contribution fee remains unchanged and is \$35 per child.

## NAPLAN THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. This year, like most schools, Tarro Public School students will sit the tests 'online'. This means that students will sit the test on a school computer.

NAPLAN 2021 Online test window: **11 – 21 May 2021**

More information about NAPLAN can be found at: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

## This week in 5/6H

5/6H have created caricatures to display their semester learning goals on in the classroom. WALT: understand how perspective effects the impact of artworks. Success Criteria: - I can recognise the elements needed to create contrast. - I can create a unique caricature of myself.









## This week in 1/2P

In 1/2P, we have been learning to recognise, model, read, write and order numbers to at least 100. Students applied a range problem-solving strategies while they worked collaboratively to order numbers 0 to 100. This learning experience, proved more challenging for the students than they thought but with determination they were able to climb out of the pit!















## COVID INTENSIVE LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Government and Department of Education have recognised that 2020 was a disruptive year and have therefore committed funds to an intensive learning support program to be delivered in 2021. For Tarro Public School this means the school will be able to offer additional support in numeracy and literacy through small group intensive tuition to support student progress in 2021.

Students in Years 3-6 will be involved in this program. Students in K-2 will still receive intervention support as per previous years.

## School News and Information

### Newsletter

The school newsletter is published every fortnight on even weeks. We aim to have all essential information for parents/carers and it is the best way to keep informed of school events and activities. Please contact the school office should you have any questions or need clarification.

### COVID restrictions

The latest COVID information can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

At this stage we ask all parents, carers and visitors to observe the following:

- Drop students at the front gate and then leave promptly each morning.
- Collect students from outside the school gate of an afternoon
- If there is a need to access the school, upon arrival to the school use the QR code displayed on the gates and entrances to check-in through Service NSW. **Don't forget to sign off when you leave.** All visitors, parents and carers must also report to the school office (or canteen) to sign-in, in addition to Service NSW check-in Parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have mild flu-like symptoms NSW health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested for COVID. Students who do not undertake a COVID test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school Parent/Carer Volunteers. From WEEK 5 (22/02/2021) volunteers are welcome to help in the school for essential educational programs. Class teachers will let their parents/carers know what opportunities are available to help e.g reading / maths groups etc. through Seesaw/Dojo or email. We ask that only one parent volunteers at a time to observe social distancing where possible. Ongoing volunteers in the school will be subject to the COVID conditions, updated and reviewed weekly.
- **SCHOOL INDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS**
- It is the Department of Education's policy that all volunteers must be inducted in order to volunteer at any NSW Public School. Mrs Keeley will be conducting an induction session at **9:30am on Friday 12th March 2021 in the staffroom.**

- If you are a new volunteer to the school, you must attend an induction session and complete a working with children declaration and provide 100 points of identification. Volunteers who have completed an induction in previous years (5 years or less) do not need to attend the sessions, but **MUST** wear their volunteer lanyard at all times whilst volunteering in the school. Parents and carers do not need to register for the induction.

## JOEYS 2021

Registrations for Tarro Public School's Joeys program are now open.

For more information please contact the school.

When presenting to the office to register your child, please bring the following documentation:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunisation records
- Proof of Residence

Dates and times will be included in the next newsletter.

## Student Information Sheets for Teachers

Notes requesting student information and permissions for publishing photos and internet use have been sent home by class teachers (green coloured notes). Teachers use this information throughout the year to manage student activities. Please complete these forms and return to school promptly.

### Our School is a Nut-Free Zone

Nuts and nut products such as Nutella and Peanut Butter should not be sent to school. Nut-free alternatives are available from most supermarkets and health food stores. We have a number of students in the school with life-threatening allergies to nuts, and not confined to just peanuts, but all nuts.

Please ensure that the food your children bring to school contains no nuts or nut products. We appreciate your support in our efforts to ensure the health and well-being of these students.

### 2021 Home Reading Program

Children should have brought home their new '2021 Home Reading Program' record book.

Reading is the single most important skill your child will learn at school, and while many children have developed reading skills, further development depends on using these skills regularly.

The card will be your child's only record for home reading and should be brought to school when they have reached 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175 and 200 nights of home reading.

Awards will be presented for every 25 nights of reading, up to a total count of 200 nights for the year. Children who reach the yearly 200 night target will receive a free book at the presentation day assemblies at the end of the year.



Parents are asked to complete their child's reading card. Younger students will need extra support whereas older students will be more independent. Parents should sign for each night the child reads (holiday periods and weekends can be included). The time spent reading each night will depend on the age of the student, other homework tasks and family schedules.

*\*If your child reads more than one book in a night please record this in the same box as it is the number of nights of home reading, not the number of books*

## STUDENT WELLBEING AND RAISING A CONCERN AT SCHOOL

Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community. We encourage parents and carers to advocate strongly on their child's behalf and, as part of this, expect them to raise concerns about their child. Sometimes these concerns may relate to the way a child may have been treated by another student at this school. It is natural for parents and carers to feel protective of their children. However, you must not raise any concerns you have about the behaviour of another child directly with that child (or his or her parents while they are at school), but should instead report your concerns to the principal or a member of the executive team. Your concerns will be taken seriously and responded to promptly. If a parent, carer or other community member raises their concerns directly with a child (or their parents while they are at school), this may result in the access that person has to the school site being restricted or withdrawn. We greatly value the contribution parents, carers and other community members make to the school community and do not wish to take any action that impacts on their participation in school activities. Please let us know if you have concerns about the behaviour of another person's child while they are at school or on school related activities. Raising your concerns directly with the child (or his or her parents while they are at school) could result in your access to the school site being restricted or withdrawn.

## Aboriginal Education-Yarn Up



Our first Yarn Up for 2021 is Tuesday 16th March at 3:10pm.

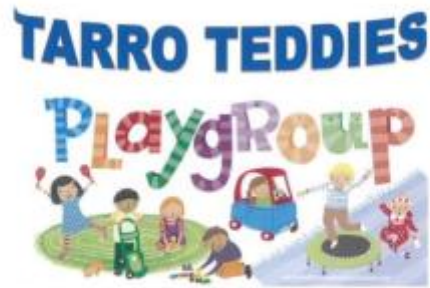
Please Join us in the Hall

## Notes from the Office

- Wakakirri 2021
- Parent feedback form
- Parent Teacher interviews
- Class newsletters



## Community news & events



Would you like to meet other mums in the area?

Would you like your child to have the opportunity to play with other children?

Would you like two hours of organised fun for your child?

**THEN**

Come along and join the fun at Tarro Public School Playgroup.

**When:** Thursday mornings

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Tarro Public School Hall

**Age Group:** Children aged from 0—5 years

If you are interested in coming along please contact

**Maxine Chapman @ Tarro Public School**

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*2 - Tarro Teddies is held every Thursday in the hall.*

## Contact Us

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