



TERARA TIMES

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Week 6, Term 4. Monday 15th November

Dear all,

At the conclusion of this year, Mrs Cato will be retiring after an amazing 37 years of service, the vast majority of which has been at our school. Throughout her brilliant career Mrs Cato has enriched the lives of all her students, passionately engaged children in sport and has relieved as principal on a number of occasions. It goes without saying that she will be dearly missed here at Terara but we have some comfort in knowing she will often be popping in! I've been advised from staffing that Mrs Julia Buckingham has been appointed to fill Suzanne's position on a full time permanent basis. Mrs Buckingham lives in the Shoalhaven and currently teaches at Gwynneville Public School near Wollongong. During a brief telephone conversation last week Mrs Buckingham told me how delighted she is to begin her association with our fantastic school. I know the community will join me in thanking and congratulating Mrs Cato on a stellar career and in welcoming Mrs Buckingham into the Terara School community.

I'm excited to hear that our school has been successful in our request to implement the highly regarded *Reading Recovery* program next year.

Reading Recovery is an intensive literacy program delivered individually to eligible Year 1 students every morning for a semester. There are strict selection procedures in place and up to 4 places available for Year 1 students if they meet the criteria. To make the program viable in a small school setting we are sharing the *Reading Recovery* position with Greenwell Point Public School. Mrs Belinda Walker will be undergoing Intensive *Reading Recovery* training throughout 2011 and delivering the morning sessions both here and at Greenwell Point. For half the year Mrs Walker will be running the program at Terara for 5 mornings per week and the other half of the year she will be doing the same at Greenwell Point. Belinda will also attend training sessions every second Friday.

Reading Recovery will be Belinda's sole responsibility throughout 2011 so she will not be on a class as she has been in recent years. While it is unfortunate that she will not be on a full class throughout 2011, I'm very excited about the opportunities having a trained *Reading Recovery* teacher in our school will provide throughout next year and beyond. It's simply too good an offer to refuse!

Belinda and I attended a meeting about the program today. Students are not selected for the program until the beginning of 2011 but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a wonderful week,

Rod White

Principal

This week:

Monday

K/1 library

Rod & Belinda at Reading Recovery introduction.

Tuesday

1/2 library

Wednesday

Nowra High School's Orientation Program for Year 6 students who are attending.

After School Sport

3/4 library

Thursday

Scripture

Rod at Autism Course #2

Year 6 sundae fundraiser

Friday

5/6 library

Next Monday 22nd Nov

K/1 library

CANTEEN Puppet Show visit

**Please note our Next P&C Meeting is Tuesday
30th November!**

Monday 13th December will be the final day for lunch orders using only the stock that we have.

Thanks to the helpers that have helped throughout 2010. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Nowra High School Orientation Day

This Wednesday our Year 6 students who are attending Nowra High School in 2011 will be attending their Orientation Day.

The session will run from 9:30am - 2:30pm in the High School Hall. Students are to wear our Terara uniform and can bring \$2.00 for a sausage sizzle. We know our Year 6 students will thoroughly enjoy their transition to High School.

Healthy Eating

Staff have noticed several students snacking on chips before school in the morning. Often these children then say they have no recess because they have eaten it before school.

If your child is eating at school before the bell please ensure it is a piece of fruit or something healthy and reinforce that this is not an alternative to breakfast.

We also encourage parents to pack healthy snacks for recess as the amount of unhealthy food in students' lunchboxes is ever increasing.

Camp Quality Puppet Show

Next Monday 22nd November we will be having a visit from the Camp Quality Puppet Show, which aims to raise awareness about childhood Cancer and the amazing support available through Camp Quality. This light-hearted and entertaining session will commence at 2pm in the library.

Ice Cream Day

This Thursday Yr 6 will be hosting an Ice Cream Sundae Day as their fundraiser for a gift for the school.

Cups of sundae are \$2 (two scoops of ice cream and your choice of topping.)

Tuckshop Chit Chat

Pie Day on the 18th October was very successful with a profit of over \$200 for reading resources. Thank you to Mrs Langford for helping.

Tuckshop will slowly now have limited food as we approach the end of the year.

School Community Dinner

All staff and parents are invited to the annual End of Year dinner at the Bridge Tavern next Friday 26th November, commencing at 6:30pm

This is a wonderful way to celebrate the outstanding year we've had together by grabbing a meal and relaxing with friends. We hope to see you there.

Yearbook

A reminder that copies of the yearbook can now be ordered for \$12.00 each. These will be distributed on completion towards the end of the term. There is a order form attached to be returned.

Star of Bethlehem Christmas Craft

It's great to hear students are working hard on their Star of Bethlehem craft and we have already received some finished products back at school.

We look forward to seeing many more in coming weeks!

P & C Patter

It is almost the end of the term, the P & C would like for all parents to book a date with each other for an end of year dinner @ Bridge Tavern Friday 26th November starting at 6.30pm. Please RSVP ASAP for booking reasons.

Photos for calendars accompanied by order form and \$14.00 will need to be returned by Friday 26th November. Photos can be on CD, USB or paper photo.

Tuesday 30th November will be the next P&C meeting in the Yr5/6 @ 7pm.

Junior RSPCA - Term 4 Fundraising

The Orangutan raffle begins this week. Tickets are 50c each with names and donations being initially written in a "Orangutan Ticket Raffle Book."

The prizes are an assortment of monkeys, apes, orang-utan gifts from Borneo and one teddy donated by the school community.

End of Year Dinner

Yes, I will be attending the end of year dinner on 26/11/2010

Family Name: _____

Number of adults attending _____

Yearbook

Please reserve _____ copy/ies of the 2010 yearbook for the _____ family.

Total cost \$ _____

Signed _____

Date: _____

LIPI Corner

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