



# TERARA TIMES



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Dear all,

The Federal Government's controversial My School Website will be updated on December 3rd and while the focus last year was on the unethical comparisons that can be made against schools, this year the attention is sure to shift towards financial data provided on each school.

Having seen a preview of our school's page I can assure you the figures are grossly misrepresented. The DET's overall operating costs are broken down and added to each public school's data, significantly inflating school financial figures. Our school data is not solely for Terara School but includes a percentage of overall DET resources such as the salaries of DET personnel across the state as well as capital programs, utilities and teacher salaries.

I would love to receive the \$908634 the website states we have to run our school but unfortunately this is not the case! While *MySchool* claims our funding equates to \$10690 per student in reality the general operations figure on our funding entitlement is \$111.36 per student, including \$50 from the Federal Government. Furthermore we received \$1473 from voluntary contributions from parents based on \$38 per student as agreed upon by the P&C. The website's suggestion that we have received \$37311 from parent sources is misleading as it includes all moneys paid by parent including excursions, tuckshop etc.

While many private schools will be revelling in the data showing how much money the public schools are allegedly receiving, we know that in reality the gross inequity in funding between public and private schools continue. The reality is that the 30% of students who attend private schools continue to receive 70% of funding.

NSW Public Schools are used to doing more with less and it is this sort of misinformation that is damaging to public education. Only a true and accurate comparison of individual school (not departmental) data can show the inequity in the funding of our public and private schools.

Have a great week,

Rod White

Principal

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WEEK 7

Monday 22nd  
November 2010.

Tuesday

1/2 library

Wednesday

3/4 library

After School Sport  
School Assembly

Thursday

Scripture

Friday

5/6 library

End of Year Dinner

Next Monday 29th November

K/1 library

*Celebrate the  
success of 2010  
with dinner at the  
Bridge Hotel 6:30  
this Friday night*

### **End of Year Dinner**

All parents and staff are invited to celebrate the fantastic achievements of Terara School by attending our Annual End of Year dinner this Friday evening, commencing at 6:30pm.

Please return the slip at the back of the newsletter so we can get an idea of numbers. We hope to see you there.

### **A Word from Year 6**

We would like to thank the school community for supporting the Ice Cream Day. We raised \$152.00. Thank You.

This Friday from 11.30am is the Talent Quest. All money and entry forms need to be in by Wednesday.

### **The Friendly Games Results**

Dressage	1st	Archer
	2nd	Calamia
	3rd	Arwon

Next event Spoon 'N' Horseshoe.

### **Last Week of LIPI 2**

This week is the last week of Class 1/2 LIPI 2 instruction. Thankyou to Mr & Mrs Hadley, Mrs Smith, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Roberts, Mr & Mrs Wright, Mrs Burinaga, Mrs Chittleborough and Mrs Turner who assisted over the 18 weeks of instruction.

Your assistance was an invaluable tool in improving literacy skills.

### **Parent Helper Morning Tea**

All our dedicated parents who have helped in all different ways throughout the year are invited to join us for a morning tea at 10:30am on Thursday 9th December. Helpers have assisted the school in so many ways this year, including LIPI programs, assisting in our tuckshop, working in the garden, by attending P&C meetings, covering books and countless other jobs.

Thank you for your hard work throughout 2010, we hope to see you there.

### **Yearbook**

A reminder that copies of the yearbook can now be ordered for \$12.00 each. There is a order form attached to be returned.

### **Tuckshop**

A reminder that limited stock will be available in the coming weeks as we approach the end of the year.

We are looking to further improve the service our students receive through the tuckshop for 2011. Rod and Nat are meeting next week to discuss how we can make it bigger and better for next year. If you have any ideas or thoughts for tuckshop 2011 please see Rod this week.

### **Claiming the Date**

Monday 13th December 2pm -The Friendly Games Presentation, all welcome to attend

### **P&C Meeting**

A reminder that our December P&C meeting has been brought forward to next Tuesday 30th November so we can discuss end of year festivities.

### Assembly

The 5/6 class will present an item at this week's assembly starting at 2.10pm.

All welcome.

### Nowra Animal Shelter Christmas Hamper

We are now collecting tins/packets of animal food for our Christmas hamper for the Nowra shelter.

Dog, cat, bird and rabbit food can be placed in the basket outside the library. Please write the student's name on the can or packet so he/she can go into the lucky food draw for a prize. Both the raffle and hamper will conclude in December.

Good people love animals, better people help them.

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### Community News

Rescued baby kitten tri colouring (very cute) free to good home ring Bec on 0403699213

*Yes, I will be attending the parent helper morning tea on 9th December.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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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Revision sounds:

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