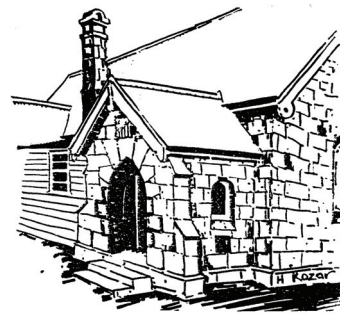




TERARA TIMES

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Dear parents, caregivers and friends,

Welcome to the 2012 school year. I hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year period. The staff and I were very proud of the school's achievements throughout 2011 and I'm very much looking forward to the opportunities and programs we're able to offer again this year.

I'm sure you don't need reminding that 2012 is Country Fair year! Our last Fair in 2009 showcased just what can be achieved when a school community works together and I have no doubt that this year's Fair will be another wonderful celebration for Terara Public School.

During the two staff development days at the end of last year our staff attended Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) training with our other small school's colleagues. The high level of positive student behaviour that already exists within our school is an excellent platform to reflect on what we do and refine our current practices. I encourage you to see page 2 of this bulletin for an outline of PBS.

Tomorrow we welcome our 2012 Kindergarten students for their first full day at school. I'm sure they will all thrive at Terara School.

As always if you would like to talk to a teacher or myself about any aspect of your child's learning, please don't hesitate to call us on 44216034.

Looking forward to a fantastic year,

Rod White

Principal

WEEK 2

TERM 1

Monday 30th
January

Tuesday

1/2 library

Wednesday

3/4 library

Friday

5/6 library

Next Monday 6th Feb

3/4 library

Welcome
Kindergarten
students and
new families!

Positive Behaviour for Success

PBS is an internationally recognised method of supporting schools to implement positive values, behaviour and social structures to help create respectful learning environments. Approximately one half of schools in our Region are part of the PBS system. Like all behavioural systems, a focal point of the initiative is to ensure expectations are clear and explicitly taught, clear systems remain in place for rewarding positive behaviour and problematic behaviours continue to be dealt with consistently and transparently.

PBS is not designed to be a one size fits all program but gives school communities the tools to identify, modify and monitor individual behaviours or problematic areas within the playground. A key element of PBS is collecting data on student behaviour and using the data to refine existing practices.

PBS is not just about fixing misbehaviour; in fact research has shown that it has very little affect on students with high behavioural needs, and we should continue to deliver individual behaviour programs for these students. It's about continuing to tweak elements of practise with the aim of supporting all students. Research has shown that schools such as ours with low levels of misbehaviour have great success with PBS as the strategies tie in beautifully

with the strong values based culture that already exists.

As a staff we chose our 3 core values to reflect those of Nowra High School (also a PBS school) as the majority of our students transition to NHS for Year 7.

Our values are:

- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Safety**

Over time these will be embedded into all aspects of life at Terara School through explicitly teaching the many sub-values that will lie under them.

We're very excited about beginning our PBS journey which is a 5 year process (they stress that no matter how enthusiastic we are, we shouldn't rush!)

I look forward to sharing more information with you as we become more heavily involved in the program, making our great little school even greater!

Rod

What week is it, Anyway?

As all staff returned last Friday, the DEC has gazetted this week as Week 2!

Bus Book

If there is a change to usual afternoon routine please ensure the school is notified by either telephone or a note (parent signature please!) This information is added into the bus book and students are informed each afternoon.

Occasionally students on the Worrigee bus get off at a different destination (eg for netball practice) If you would ever like your child to do this please provide a note for the office as well the bus driver.

Class Structure

The class structure for our school this year is as follows.

K/1: Bu Ferry

1/2: Mrs Moogan

3/4: Mrs Buckingham (Mr White each Wednesday)

5/6: Mrs Jamieson

Library

This year we're excited that Mrs Walker will be returning to our infants classrooms for library and computers, as well as performing her Reading Recovery role both here and at Greenwell Point Public School.

Library days are as follows:

K/1 Monday (Mrs Walker)

1/2 Tuesday (Mrs Walker)

3/4 Wednesday (Mr White)

5/6 Friday (Mr White)

Active After School Sport

Active After School Sport will commence again in Week 4 of this term. We are inviting students in Years 1-6 to participate this term. We have found in previous years that the after school exercise is too onerous for beginning kindergarten students in Term 1, but they will be able to participate in Term 2. Please complete the attached form if you would like your child to participate each Tuesday of Week 4 - 10 from 3:10 - 4:10. Places are limited - please return slip ASAP.

Tuckshop

Last year our tuckshop raised over \$2000 thanks to the hard work of our canteen co-ordinator Nat Speechley and our dedicated volunteers. Once again we will be asking you to consider helping take orders this year.

The tuckshop committee, consisting of Ruth, Rod and Nat will be meeting this week and more details about this year's tuckshop will be included in next week's bulletin. We are expecting Tuckshop to commence in Week 5 or 6.

Bus passes

Some students received 2012 bus passes today and others will arrive at school shortly. Year 3 students in NSW are to reapply for their bus pass (no charge). Forms are available in the office. All 2011 passes are valid until replaced.

Textbooks

At the beginning of each year students are required to purchase textbooks to support their learning. For your convenience all textbooks have been ordered through the school and should arrive shortly.

We would appreciate prompt payment so students can receive their books and commence working in them.

K/1:

Targeting Maths	\$10.75
Yellow Journal	\$4.45
Sounds Right, Reads Write	\$12.55
Year 1 - Spelling Book	\$15.00

1/2:

Targeting Maths	\$10.75
Yellow/Green Journal	\$4.45
Sounds Right, Reads Write	\$12.55
Spelling Book	\$15.00

3/4:

Targeting Maths	\$16.15
Targeting Handwriting	\$12.15
Spelling Book	\$15.00

5/6:

Maths Mentals	\$13.95
Spelling Book	\$15.00

School uniform

As outlined in bulletins at the end of last year, students are expected to wear black shoes to school. Ideally these are to be leather but black jogger styled shoes (without colour) are acceptable. Shoes should be suitable for daily physical activity and play with closed toes. Boys and girls can wear white joggers as part of their sports uniform each Friday.

Home-reading program

Due to its success throughout 2011, our homereading program will continue again this year. Today primary students received a homereading sheet to record their reading, infants students can use their journal when it arrives.

Students who read for 50 nights this term will be invited to a principal's morning tea at the end of the term. To reach 50 nights students will need to read each weeknight plus the occasional weekend.

Thank you to the parents who eagerly support this program at home.

Nowra Show

It's showtime again! The Nowra Show will be held at the end of next week. This year the theme for the show is *Farmers Fill Fridges*. Each year classes from our school do very well in the school section and students are

encouraged to also enter work individually. Bu Ferry has once again kindly volunteered to take all work in (including entries from home) but they must be at school by Wednesday 8th Feb.

Cardboard Horses Find New Home

Our cardboard horses (Kate & William carriage horses) have been given to the Shoalhaven City Turf Club and were on display for the annual Children's Day and delighted the crowd, and will be on display for other occasions. Thank you to the club for providing a new home.

McCains Vegie Patch

Last year we participated in the McCain Vegie Patch promotion and were able to purchase a wheelbarrow. We have now received from McCains extra funding to help our school environment and we will be purchasing school brooms to be used for clean-ups. The promotion begins again in Term 2.

Thank you for your support.

Show Project

We are asking families to bring in old supermarket pamphlets so our poster for "Farmers Fill Fridges" can be completed.

Webpage

Unfortunately we are still experiencing

problems with our DEC supported school webpage, and we are unable to upload any information at this stage. IT are working on it and it will hopefully be fixed soon.