



TERARA TIMES

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Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year break. It was lovely to see all our students excited about returning to school today, there's certainly a lot to be excited about.

Today we welcomed some new students into our school and I was delighted to see each of them being included in games and conversations with their new peers. I'm sure our new families will find the school a very welcoming, friendly and supportive educational environment.

New Curriculum

Our staff have begun teaching from the new English Syllabus in line with the National Curriculum. The final 2 days of last year was spent in training for this transition. Parents will be provided with more details about the changes shortly.

Kindergarten Begins

Our new kindergarten students begin their first official day at 'big school' tomorrow, and judging by the success of their orientation days, they're sure to be in for a good year! Parents are reminded that their first day is to begin at 9:30am with the usual 2:55 pick up.

We look forward to welcoming our new students into our school.

Class Structure

Our 2014 class structure is outlined below:

K/1: Mrs Walker (Bu Ferry Thursday pm and Friday)
1/2: Mrs Moogan
3/4: Mrs Buckingham (Mr White Wednesdays)
5/6: Mrs Jamieson (Mr White Fridays).

I will also continue in the role of Learning Support Teacher on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

We also welcome Mrs Baker to Team Terara as our Reading Recovery Teacher this semester. This position will continue to be shared with Greenwell Point Public School, where she will operate from during Semester 2. I know Mrs Baker will love working with our wonderful Year 1 students.

Students will continue to be supported by our fantastic School Learning Support Officers Mrs Mazengarb and Mrs Muller, and of course Mrs Thompson will continue to keep us in line as our School Admin Manager.

As always, if there is any aspect of your child's time at school that you would like to discuss, please see myself or their classroom teacher.

Have a great year!
Rod White
Principal

Week 1, Term 1

wednesday 30th Jan

Thursday

Kindergarten begin - 9:30 start.

Friday

5/6 library

Next Monday 3rd February

3/4 library

Upcoming Events:

- First P&C Meeting of the year : Tuesday 11th February, 7pm in the 5/6 room. All welcome!
- After School Sport: commences Week 3 See details in next week's newsletter.

A special welcome to our new families who are joining us for the first time in 2014.

Welcome to the Terara Public School family.

Bus Book

Parents are reminded that if there is a change to usual afternoon routine, the office is to be notified by either telephone or in writing. This information is added into the *Bus Book* and read out each afternoon so students and teachers are informed of changes. This includes if someone other than their regular pick-up person is collecting them.

Thank you for helping keep our students safe.

School Uniform

It was great to see the overwhelming majority of students arrive in their full school uniform, including black shoes and the correct socks (grey for boys and white for girls). Thank you for the pride you show in our school.

Please also remember that students who are not wearing a hat are asked to remain undercover during breaks. Hats are for sale in the office for \$11.00

Tuckshop

Our school tuck-shop will continue to operate each Monday and Friday, commencing on Monday 10th February (week 3). A price list will be sent home next week.

Once again we require volunteers to take orders on these days, as well as provide home-baking if convenient.

Attached to this newsletter is a sheet to return if you are able to assist us. If we get enough helpers we should only have to call upon you a few times per term.

Text Books

Teachers will be using textbooks in class to supplement student learning.

These have arrived and are available for purchase through the school office.

Kindergarten:	
Maths	\$19.00
Sounds Right	\$15.50
Yellow Journal	\$5.00
Total:	\$39.50

Year 1:	
Maths	\$19.00
Sounds Right	\$15.50
Spelling	\$15.50
Dictionary	\$7.00
Journal	\$5.00
Total:	\$62.00

Year 2:	
Maths	\$19.00
Sounds Right	\$15.50
Spelling	\$15.50
Journal	\$5.00
Total:	\$55.00

Years 3&4:	
Maths	\$18.00
Spelling	\$18.00
Total:	\$36.00

Years 5&6:	
Spelling	\$18.00
Total:	\$18.00

Library Days

This year Mr White will be taking 3/4 for library on Monday afternoons and 5/6 for library during his time with them on Fridays.

Bu Ferry will be covering K/1 library on Thursday and 1/2 on Tuesday.

Please ensure books are returned safely each week. Library bags are available for purchase in the office for \$8.00 each.

Home Reading

Once again we will be promoting regular reading at home through our successful home reading program. Parents are encouraged to support the initiative by listening to their child read each night. Students who read for 50 nights this term will be invited to the Principal's morning tea at the end of the term. Kindergarten students can combine this term's reading with Term 2 to reach 50 nights at the end of Term 2, although for other years students must reach 50 nights within a term.

A home reading card was sent home with primary students today. Infants students can use their home reading journal as a record of their reading.

Nowra Show entries for 2014

Children may bring in school made art and craft objects to enter into the show. These works are things your child made in the 2013 school year. Please put your child's name and age on the back.

All items are to be at school by Tuesday 4th Feb. Thank you.

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After School Sport

We will continue to offer the Active After School Sport program on Tuesdays this term, commencing on Week 3 and running for 7 weeks. Places are limited and during Term 1 we exclude Kindergarten because it has proven to be too tiring after a full day at school. The free program operates between 3:10-4:10pm. Students are provided with a light healthy afternoon snack and participate in a range of physical activities and games. Further details and EOI next week.