



# Tarras Talk

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Come along to the

**TARRAS CHURCH**



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**7.00PM 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

The service will include Christmas carols and

**CHILDREN'S NATIVITY**

The children are welcome to dress up as shepherds or angels (some costumes will be available on the night)

Refreshments afterwards – a plate would be appreciated.



The next church service will be

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Services lead by Damon Plimmer – all welcome

# Tarras Community Response Group



## ***“The Community looking after the Community”***

With the year coming to a close the small Tarras CRG has been working away in the background to identify how such a group can benefit the community should an emergency occur. We are currently waiting to identify the right location for an emergency response centre and expect that will be confirmed in February next year.

Maybe this holiday break is the right time for each household to **establish or check** their emergency kits and plans.

### **Tips for getting ready:**

- Check out [www.getready.govt.nz](http://www.getready.govt.nz)
- Make a Household Plan – consider tenants and the visitors you may have over the holidays. Will they know what to do in an emergency situation? Don't forget your animals!
- Put together emergency supplies – make sure you have supplies to last at least 3 days. Water – 3 litres per person per day; medication.
- Have a grab bag ready or at least know where your important documents/items are
- Make your home safer – secure heavy items; know how to turn off gas and water to your property; Think about external rainwater storage.
- Sign up to Otago Gets Ready for emergency alerts. <https://commbase.nz/join/otago>. This was very effective in the recent flooding in East Otago.

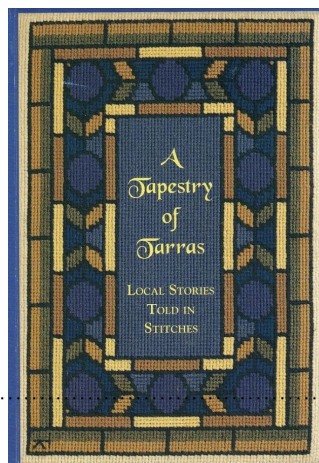
## **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND A HAPPY AND VERY SAFE SUMMER**

If you would like to join the Group drop us an email: [tarrascrg@gmail.com](mailto:tarrascrg@gmail.com)

All Welcome!!!!

### **Great Gift: limited edition**

**A Tapestry of Tarras  
Get yours before they go  
[tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com](mailto:tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com)**



### **Twilight Golf**

-if you are interested in playing 9 holes of Twilight golf on Thursday's beginning mid January with 6.15pm report time



### **Tarras talk by email!**

Anyone in the community who would like to receive Tarras Talk via email to send their email address to Tarras Rural Women: [tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com](mailto:tarrasruralwomen@gmail.com)

Please email [tarrasgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:tarrasgolfclub@gmail.com) with your interest. All abilities welcome and no membership required.



# TARRAS SCHOOL

Kia ora,

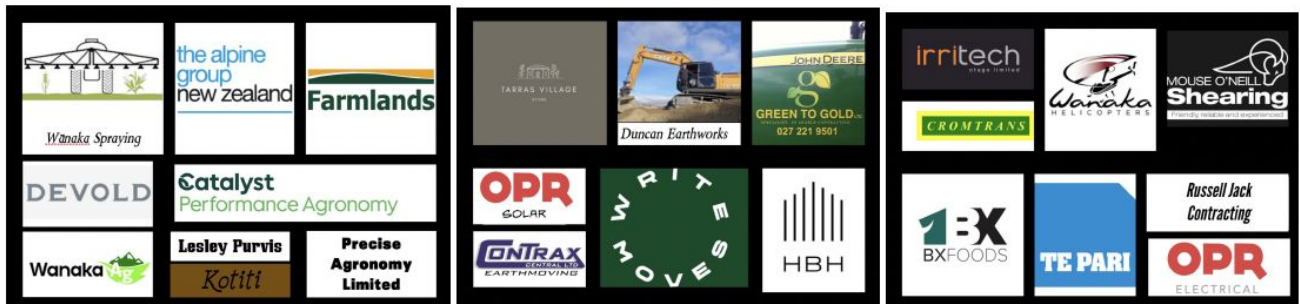
It has been another lovely month at school filled with; a trip to the Lindis River, Pet Day, planting out our gardens, signing off our maths goals, writing some fabulous information reports and practicing our soon to be performed play, 'Cinderfella'. We've been working with the Playgroup to create our own Fairy Gardens after visiting the gardens in Hāwea - we've loved connecting with the tamariki and Mums and look forward to finishing the project in the coming weeks. Another great month that has flown by!

With the generous support of many of you from our 'Cattle Fundraiser', we've been able to appoint a second teacher for 2025 - Lisa O'Mahony will be joining the team, bringing a wealth of experience and skills. We're looking forward to having Lisa as part of the team.

*Kia Ora, My name is Lisa O'Mahony, I am looking forward to becoming a part of the Tarras School community in 2025. I grew up on a farm south of Dunedin and lived there until I moved away to start my teaching career in a small rural school in the North Island. I then moved overseas and spent a large part of my career, teaching in London, Brisbane and Melbourne. At the end of 2018, I moved back to Dunedin with my husband. We have two children, Talia who is 4 and Fionn who is 10 months old. I have a passion for teaching Literacy and Numeracy and enjoy working alongside students to ensure they achieve their very best. I love to spend my spare time training my dogs. I have a Golden Retriever and a Toller, who I am currently training to work as a support dog for children. I also love to bake and get out in the garden when I get the chance.*



Thanks to the generous 'Cattle Fundraiser Businesses' who have kindly donated:



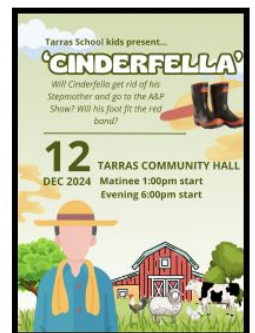
The School **Swimming Pool** is all ready for your first swims of the summer! Keys can be purchased at the school office where you also need to read and sign a User Agreement contract - this helps to ensure safety of everyone and care of the pool. Please ensure the cover is put back on after use; this helps to keep the heat in and the pool clean!



**Playground Update:** we've ordered two pieces of play equipment to be installed during the break time. Once this is in, we'll finish loading in the woodchip whilst we seek out more funding for the next play pieces.

We are still on the hunt for a School Cleaner. Please spread the word - or for any questions, please email [principal@tarras.school.nz](mailto:principal@tarras.school.nz)

We hope to see you all at our End of Year Play, 'Cinderfella'. The tamariki have been working hard to learn their lines - they'll be sure to make you laugh! Performances are Thursday the 12th of December at 1:00 pm or 6:00pm at the Community Hall.



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**Tarras School Pool**

DECEMBER 15  FROM 3 PM

*Activities: Swimming. And this year more outdoor fun, and a Santa visit!  
Bring food and drink (BBQ available, no alcohol on school grounds)  
Gift for children from Santa (\$15 max value)*

*This is a great social afternoon and a fantastic way to meet new people in your community. Bring your togs and enjoy the opportunity to see what an amazing facility the recently refurbished school pool is.*

This month we have responded to 2 motor accidents, 2 tanker assists outside of Tarras. We also responded to search for a person in the river, fortunately the person was located safe and well by peers before ourselves, Luggate and Wanaka arrived at the scene. This is a timely reminder that as the days get warmer and longer the use of lakes and rivers will become increasingly utilised by people wanting to cool off. We prefer you do this in a safe manner, always keep an eye on children and limit alcohol when driving boats.

Merry Christmas to all and stay safe.

## Fire Restrictions

For the current fire restrictions and permits go to [www.firepermit.nz](http://www.firepermit.nz) or QR Code



## Fire Update



## Accommodation Needed in Tarras!

Hardworking and respectful worker starting full-time at a local cherry orchard on December 5th seeks a room or shared accommodation for the cherry season. I have my own car, so parking (garage or street) would be ideal.

I always maintain my living space clean and organized and can provide references from previous landlords or flatmates if needed.

While I'm not entirely sure about the typical rent in Tarras, I can pay up to \$230 per week (including bills) but am happy to negotiate. It would be great if a bed and basic furniture were available, though I have my own pillow and blanket.

I enjoy learning about new cultures and am happy to connect with families or housemates. If personal time and privacy are preferred, I'm also comfortable spending my own time reading or improving my English skills.

Please contact me at [020 475 8849] or [alex.green.sang@gmail.com]. Thank you so much!