

Please Join us for a



Tarras District Picnic

Tarras School Pool

DECEMBER 17



FROM 3PM

Activities: Swimming, Lolly Scrambl, Santa's visit at 4:30pm
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.

Community consultations

Tarras community plan is now ready for implementation:

<https://www.codc.govt.nz/services/community-development/community-plans>

Local school and road speeds around Tarras:

<https://lets-talk.codc.govt.nz/school-zone-community-speed-limits-2023>

Community wellbeing supported by Angus and associates:

<http://www.angusassociates.co.nz/CODCWellbeing>

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2178117/13799864>



Tarras Talk

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Come along to the

TARRAS CHURCH



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

7.00PM 24th 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 4th February 2024
Services lead by Damon Plimmer – all welcome

Tarras Times

2024 will see a new feature added to the popular Tarras Talk Community News and we need your help.

Many of you may have seen the recent edition of Country Calendar featuring Jayne Rive and George Reed from Cloudy Peak Station? Despite knowing Jayne and having worked with her at many fundraising events, I had no idea what Jayne did other than 'farm' or the amazing skills she shares with farmers of the area.

Tarras is full of interesting people, some here for generations, years and now many new families and faces, with interesting jobs, interesting skills, hobbies, backgrounds and lives. Let us celebrate these together in a new "getting to know your community" feature, called **Tarras Times**, each month.

So - if you are one of said interesting people, or you know someone, or you live next door to someone please email me their name, address, phone and email details, I'll make contact and write a piece with them for the next Tarras Talk. Contact Liz Carroll-Lowe: uniquely.liz@gmail.com

Community is important. Let's really get to know, who makes up ours.

School Photos



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

Have news for Tarras Talk?

Please continue to email tarrastalk@gmail.com by the 30th of the month. If you too would like to be included in the reminder email, send me an email and I will add you to the list.

TARRAS SCHOOL

Kia ora,

It has been another lovely month at school! The tamariki have been working hard to get the gardens weeded and replanted for a bumper Summer crop - we're looking forward to harvesting, cooking, eating and/or selling the produce. Keep an eye out for corn, watermelon, tomatoes, gherkins and lots of other fresh veggies at the stall! We've also been rehearsing for our end of year Nativity Play being held on Thursday the 14th of December at the Tarras Hall. Shows are 1pm and 6:30pm - you're going to be super impressed, they're sounding great!

Last term, the seniors wrote letters to the Board Chair of the Christchurch Airport to ask some of their questions and concerns about the proposed Tarras Airport. Last week, Sarah, Rhys and Rebecca from the Christchurch Airport visited us in person to answer the children's questions. We were really grateful that they took the time to visit and hold a very interesting, lengthy conversation.

The School Pool is now open! Special thanks to Gae Chant and Jason and Sophie Gilmore for all their hard work waterblasting and tidying up the area - it is looking great! We'd also like to acknowledge the Tarras Community Fund for the grant that contributed towards the cost of replacing the solar - your generosity is appreciated. If you wish to purchase a pool key please email Letitia in the office, office@tarras.school.nz. Here is a message from Liz Carroll-Lowe about the pool:

"Thanks to some very hard work, the Tarras pool is ready to use for summer. The new fibreglass surface looks amazing and very inviting. A new non-slip surface on the steps and new handrail should improve safety when entering and exiting the pool. New seats (with no splinters) were partially funded alongside support from Nichols Garden Centre and these will make it much more comfortable to relax poolside. As you are aware, last summer just as we were about to start swimming again, the solar heating unit stopped working and the pool was too cold to use. More funding grants were applied for and the replacement with a brand new unit has recently been completed to ensure the pool would be usable asap.

The installation of an improved shady area both over the pool and for poolside, was requested by both school and community users, and it has always been our intention to do this. However with the solar unit needing to be replaced so the pool could be used, securing funding for that became the priority, therefore funding for the shade is still being sought and while we hope to be successful with this soon, it does mean that there will be a delay in the purchase and installation of it. As always a job is never as simple as it looks, and we have faced a few challenges ensuring we get the right fit for our pool, situation and environment. It will be worth the wait, so please be patient with us. It is a work in progress. We hope you enjoy being able to cool off in the refurbished pool many times this summer."

We held our annual Pet Day on the 21st of November. It was great to see all the families and community members attend on such a sunny day. We're really grateful to our judges; Paul (Cafe), Wanda (Store), Sheryl (Merino Store) and Pastor Damon for their time and effort. And special thanks to Clare from Fern Fuels of the loan of the BBQ.

We're so fortunate as a school to have so much support from our families and wider community. We owe a special thanks to:

- Camila Rutherford, Ana Bakx, Anton Bakx, Stacey Bennett, Michelle Dacombe and Antonia Seeney for giving up their time to successfully feed 170 people at the Rogaine. We're incredibly grateful for your fundraising support.
- Dan and Dani Feary for helping out with spraying and strimming around the school.
- Victoria and Maheshwar from Downer for kindly donating tubes for our vege garden enclosures that we're currently building.

We have an action packed last few weeks of the term left - we hope to see you at our Nativity Play!

Thanks,
Alice



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