Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Small Schools swimming carnival at Tara. All students swam well and gave their best effort. I was very impressed with the student behaviour and sportsmanship. Tilly Austin will represent the school at the Tara & District trials in Freestyle and Backstroke. Well done everyone.

Alyssa Eley and I were on a teleconference on Thursday morning with Adam Myers. Adam discussed the School Review and was very impressed with the results. We have an amazing school, great children and wonderful nurturing staff. We talked about the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. We have four priority areas:

1. Explicit improvement agendas
   (Teaching of reading)
   (Writing)
   (Mathematics)
   (Science)
2. Refine Curriculum and Pedagogical Frameworks
3. Professional Development for Staff Capabilities
4. School & Community - ongoing productive partnerships with the P&C.

On Wednesday 30 November, Year 3-6 students will participate in a cricket skills, game and carnival day at Meandarra. The day begins at 9:30am sharp and finishes at 2:30pm. The students will have this opportunity thanks to Queensland Cricket. All students are to wear full school uniform and a hat. Please ensure they have a water bottle and sun cream.

Bookfair finished on Friday 25 November. Thank you to all the parents and staff who bought books and supported the School. The school collected $1023. From this achievement we received a commission which enables us to donate new books to the library. Well done everyone.

Every day counts - please remember attendance is very important. Regular attendance means your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve more when they attend school all day and EVERY SCHOOL DAY.

On Wednesday 7 December the Music concert will begin at 10am followed by morning tea. Parents, please could you supply a plate of morning tea to share.

Thursday 8 December - all students will go for a swim at the Tara Pool. Please ensure they have swimmers, towel, sun cream and water bottle. **Student may wear free dress.** Christmas lunch will be provided for students and staff. Please include snacks for 1st lunch.

**Library Books - Could all school library books and homework readers be returned to the school this week.**

I would very much like to thank The Gums School Staff for their tremendous effort, dedication and ability to give their all to the job throughout the year for your children. A special mention to the P&C for your ongoing work and raising money for all our students. Your generous $5000 donation will go towards the end of year books and other school events. Thankyou.

Mrs Meacle is taking six months leave as from January 2017. Thankyou Helen for your excellent teaching and fostering a love of learning to our students over the years. I have enjoyed working with you.

The staff and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, safe travelling on the roads and enjoy the time with your children.

School resumes **Monday** 23 January 2017. The staff will resume Tuesday 17 January on the student free days.

**Quote of the Week**

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere” - Chinese Proverb
DATES TO REMEMBER

01 Dec  Tuckshop
05 Dec  Kim Whitta
06 Dec  Kim Whitta
06 Dec  Presentation Night/concert
07 Dec  Music Concert
08 Dec  Tara Pool Visit
        & Christmas Lunch

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Student Banking is now every
Tuesday is library day -
Please remember your
library bag

Uniforms
Shirts $30;  Hats $10
Long-sleeved Shirts $32
School Bags $32

Tuckshop Prices
Fish  $1.30
Chips  $0.70 half $1.30 full cup
Sausage Roll  $0.60
Party Pie  $0.60
Pizza  $0.60 half $1.60 full
Nuggets  $0.40
Hash Browns  $0.70
Mini fish or chicken nugget
& lettuce roll  $1.50
Popcorn  $0.70
Milk/Juice Poppers  $1.10
Chocolate Bars  $1.10

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with your email address to be added to the distribution list.
NB Families will still receive a hard copy in their newsletter folder.
Happy Birthday
13th Dec - Marcus Morrison
15th Dec - Brock Carpenter
31st Dec - Brooklyn Bean

Students of the Week

Week 6
Brock - for his excellent effort in his Maths Assessment.
Noah - for having a go at his sight words.
Lachlan - for knowing the elements of art and applying this to his final art piece.

Week 7
Glen - for trying his best in speed maths.
Liam - for participating well in group work.
Tilly - for listening well and applying new knowledge in art.
Abigail - for working hard to catch up and for completing all tasks.

P & C NEWS

Hi All,

Last Thursday I was involved in a teleconference with Sue and her boss, Adam Myers, discussing our school’s audit review and our plan going forward. After reading our review, I think we should all feel really proud of our little school, so many positive things were said!

Next Tuesday, 6th December, we have our school concert and presentation night. Can I please ask all parents to bring a slice or cake for dessert. We are keeping things simple with a BBQ dinner. If any parents would like to donate a salad as well, it would be really appreciated.

Our music concert is on Wednesday followed by a morning tea. Could I also ask for parents to donate a slice or cake or something for morning tea. I know, it’s that time of year where everything gets crazy but it’s also all good fun!

Thankyou for all your support with working and donating baking etc over the last year. All this benefits our school and as I said earlier, we have a lot to be proud of!

Merry Christmas and I hope you all have a relaxing holiday!

Regards,
Alyssa Eley
P&C President
Tara Show Society

2017 Showgirl & Princess Open for Participants in all Categories

Senior Showgirl - 18-28 years
Junior Showgirl - 13-17 years
Show Princess - 10-12 years
Junior Show Princess 7-9 years (Charity Only)

* Great Prizes * Community Involvement *
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* Raising Funds to Improve our Facilities *
* Join in and Enjoy a Great Experience *

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