



**COMMUNITY & SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

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**AUGUST 2009**

**Tarras School Jubilee and Runholders' Centennial celebrations.**

An inaugural meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m. at the School to gauge the level of interest in the community and to form a committee to organise the celebrations. Enquiries to Rebecca Chapman-Cohen or Bede Goodger.

**Congratulations -**

Jessica Gibson on her 30th birthday.

Peter Snow and Pip Scott on their engagement, they live in Cromwell.

**CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAY**

**Friday 28th August 2009**

**Venue: Stalls outside the Merino Shop.**

Tarras Rural Women will be organizing a sales table to fund-raise for the Cancer Society on Friday 28th August between 9am and 3pm.

Any people in the community that are able to support us with this, it would be very much appreciated.

We would like produce for the sales table - eggs, nuts, baking, plants, jams, preserves, veggies, etc. Sale items can be delivered to the stall on the day or left at the Tarras store.

If you are able to help on the day or need further information please contact M. Wilson 443 1557.

A raffle will be set up in the Tarras store to support the appeal from Monday 17th - Friday 28th August.

*Please help us support this worthy cause.*

**Thank-you** Cliff Still for removing all the leaves around the Tarras Hall in the freezing cold weather.

**Golf -**

The Ravensdown Tournament had a field of only 25 people. The winning team was Dave Trevathan, Pete Davis, Don McRae and Holger Reinecke on 56.4 nett. Runners-up were Robbie from Ravensdown, Robert Leslie, Robert Gibson and Buck Buchanan on 56.9.

Coming up on 8th, 9th and 10th September are our 3 days of Tournaments.

**Yoga** - each Monday at the Hall at 10am.

**Book club** this month is at Lynette's home at 7.30pm on 12th August. Please return your book to Felicity as soon as possible if you are unable to attend.

A big **Thank You** to the Tarras Volunteer Fire Brigade for assisting with our chimney fire.

Much appreciated!!

Rebecca and Gus.

*The Tarras Talk is sponsored by*

*Tarras Rural Women*

*and can be viewed on-line at:*

*<http://webweb.tarrasnz.com>*

**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER TARRAS TALK IS FRIDAY 28 AUGUST — PLEASE BE EARLY**

## ! 11.00 AM Services !

# TARRAS CHURCH

All Are Welcome

Combined Services for all the Community

Cup of Tea after all Morning Services.

### Sunday August 9 at 11.00 am

Led by  
Rev Denis Bartley

### Sunday August 23 at 11.00 am

Led by  
Rev Neil Cowie

*Love, even the love of God, is always mediated through persons.*

*Parker: "Prayer can Change Your Life."*

Enquiries	Anglican –	Spin Lucas	445 2885
	Presbyterian –	Ian Westergaard	445 2333

Church flower and cleaning roster for August -  
S. Rutherford

## 11.00 AM Services !

## Playgroup

Welcome back for Term 3!!

### AGM Notification:

The Playgroup AGM is to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30 p.m. at the Playgroup building, all welcome. A copy of the minutes will be available if anyone is interested, and other information will be supplied in the next issue of the Tarras Talk.

Over the winter it has been far too cold for too much outdoor activity at Playgroup so we have carried out a lot of Art & Craft indoors, as well as exercise with Emma from Sports Central. Thank you for your visits Emma.

Thank you to Glen Dennison for donating a rock bag for all our garden clippings, no doubt this will be put to good use in the spring!

Thank you to Emma Pledger who kindly donated some posters/paper from her work which will be great for the children's art.

Thank you also to those of you who anonymously drop things in to our Playgroup for the children's enjoyments. Without the generosity of the Tarras community our Playgroup would not nearly be as well resourced.

### Birthdays

Fergus Perriam	1 <sup>st</sup> September
Ang Dennis	17 <sup>th</sup> September

Last Playgroup for this term will be 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Playgroup is open each Monday, 9.30 a.m. –

**Playgroup** is open each Monday, 9.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. during the school term.

Visitors welcome.

Enquiries – Pip – 445 2330.

email: [shepherds.creek@xtra.co.nz](mailto:shepherds.creek@xtra.co.nz)



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Monday to Friday	7.30 a.m.—5.00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	9.00 a.m.—5.00 p.m.

It was Four Square's birthday last month and with that we had a colouring in competition. There were lots of enthusiastic entries and the winner was Hamish Robertson with an outstanding entry. Thank you to Gillian Porteous who had the hard job of judging the entries. Hamish won a portable DVD player for his effort. Well done Hamish!

## TARRAS RURAL WOMEN

Next Meeting.....7.30pm  
Wednesday, 19th August 2009  
In the Tarras Hall supper room.

### ' Antarctic Adventures '

Talk and powerpoint presentation by Mike Floate.  
Travel via South America to the awe inspiring Antarctic.

Hostess Duty....M Westergaard & D Jolly  
Raffle....S Stark

### Upcoming Event !

**'TASTES OF TARRAS' TOUR**  
LABOUR WEEKEND, 25th OCTOBER 2009

- \*Vineyards, Wine Tasting and Food
- \*Works of Art and Crafts
- \* Produce and Plants

**Take this opportunity to display the 'fruits of Tarras' !**

For your exhibit or stall contact.....  
Billee....445 2266 Lynette....445 2200  
Organised by Tarras Rural Women



Tarras Rural Women enjoying mid-winter dinner at the Country Coffee Shop

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ANY THING /ETC-----

SPACE UNDER THE STAGE OR BEHIND  
STAGE FOR STORAGE OR RING MARGO OR  
SPIN FOR COLLECTION

## Tarras Community Trust (TCT) News

### Feasibility Study into Alternative Water Scheme

The final report into the feasibility of the proposed water scheme for the Tarras district has been completed and the release of the report's information will be released by:

*Individual Water User Release.* Information relevant to individual water users who have subscribed via the \$20/ha water user levy will be released by 10<sup>th</sup> August. Each user will receive their own document detailing, for example, the projected quantity and pressure of the water received. Turnout locations, scheme costs and on-farm economic information will also be included.

*Public Release of the Full Report.* On Wednesday August 19 the final report will be released at a public meeting held at Tarras Hall starting at 1.30pm. There will be afternoon tea just after the meeting. All residents are welcome to this public meeting.

Secretary  
Ph 445 2033  
Email: [info@tarrasnz.com](mailto:info@tarrasnz.com)  
<http://web.tarrasnz.com>

## SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. Bill Godsall (Central Otago Sports Co-ordinator) visited the school in May and did some fitness tests with the children.

There was a (beep) test which is a duration test during which the children keep running between cones until they are too tired to continue. Also an agility test where the children leap as high as they can against a marker and the height of their jump is measured.

Mr. Godsall revisited last Thursday and retested. Nearly all the children improved by two levels, a few one, and the only non-improver was a child with the stitch.

The children are active with their winter sports training and active at school, combining to give a high level of fitness across the school.

Thank you Mr. Godsall for your enthusiastic input.

Lucy Crabbe scored the highest score for fitness of all the children.

### Gardening Project

The Friends of Tarras School have initiated the idea for this project and have expressed interest in supporting it.

It is hoped however that we will be able to get most of the requirements through sponsorship.

The children have written letters and we hope for success.

Mrs. Perriam has indicated that the Tarras Store will gladly look forward to selling some lovely organic vegetables and flowers in their shop. Funds for the school??

The children have discussed the project amongst themselves in the class and have come up with some very good ideas.

Bill Pullar is an enthusiastic gardener and hopefully will be the garden project manager and teacher.

### School Buildings

The tenders have gone out for the building project, and the BOT are hoping that it will be underway within a couple of months.

### New Student

The school welcomes our next new entrant Jackson Silcock and his family who join the school community on August 3rd.

### Latest Reading Report to the BOT

Schools are required to inform the schools community about student achievement. These latest results are based on recent assessment data. Schools have a wide choice of assessments to use for gathering data and this time we used Probe. The results were as follows: 66% reading above their chronological age, 27% reading at their chronological age, 7% reading below their reading age.

### Tarras School Jubilee 2010

Rebecca Chapman-Cohen and Bede Goodger have decided to convene an inaugural meeting on Wednesday, August 5th at school at 7.30 p.m. Members of the community who can support this very special occasion are called upon to attend. Given the required level of support, this event will take place next year to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the school. For more details please make contact with either of the above.

## WANAKA PRE-SCHOOL ART AUCTION

FABULOUS ART  
FABULOUS FOOD  
FABULOUS FUN

**WHEN:** SAT 8TH AUGUST

**VENUE:** LAKE WANAKA CENTRE

**VIEWING STARTS AT 6.00PM**

**AUCTION COMMENCES: 7.30PM**

**TICKETS:** \$15.00 includes drinks & nibbles

Contact Pip if you would like a ticket - 445 2330

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### Willow Art Workshop

Tutor: Lynne Wilson

Date: Sunday 23 August

Venue: Tarras School

Time: 9.30 am—4.30 pm Cost \$55

Lynne is a Cromwell based landscape designer and artist in willow and clay. She has been involved in "willow art" for the last seven years since shifting to Cromwell and seeing the abundance of available materials.

This one day workshop involves harvesting and preparation of the willow and flax for weaving and creating a finished piece.

Register at COREAP Ph 0800267327 or email [admin@coreap.org.nz](mailto:admin@coreap.org.nz).