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# TARRO TIMES



Brayden Stair and Paea Tivoli at the commemorative plaque.  
Picture: Jovan Nelson

## Celebrating 175 years of local worship

By **PAEA TIVOLI, JOVAN NELSON** and **BRAYDEN STAIR**

THE Anglican Parish Church of the Beresfield and Thornton area, is celebrating their 175th anniversary. On October 28 the community will combine together in honour of this important occasion.

Tarro Public School has weekly scripture lessons in which Reverend Doug Morrison-Cleary and other local community members volunteer their time to engage and communicate with students, teaching them lifelong lessons and values they can incorporate into their everyday lives.

Anglican priest, Reverend Doug, has explained the importance of the church over time. "It provides the community with a place to have baptisms, funerals and somewhere for people to turn to when in need of help. It is a place of faith for people in the community and has been for an extended period of time."

The 175th anniversary and a special service will be held at Tarro Public School. It will be attended by the local Anglican parish minister and bishop, past members, local politicians and other community members. There will be a dinner to conclude the celebrations at Hexham Bowling Club. This is another example of how the community comes together to commemorate past and present culture.

By **JASMINE RUDD-FUREY, CHLOE FARRELLY** and **PHOEBE MAGILL**

AS part of our Creative Arts program, Tarro Public School students produce a school musical every second year. This year it was performed on September 17 at Hexham Bowling Club.

There are many benefits for students to include a whole school musical into the curriculum. With Tarro being a relatively small school of 140 students, an opportunity like this means all students are given the chance to collaborate, have fun and work as a team.

The Creative Arts syllabus states that, "Studying the Creative Arts gives students opportunities for creative action, aesthetic pleasure and emotional response as well as insights into personal and cultural values and beliefs."

We highly value the importance of Creative Arts and the opportunity it allows for all students to express their diverse talents.

The theme for the musical two years ago was "I Love You to the Moon and Back." This year the Theme was "Blame it on the Boogie." All six classes had a dance item before performing the finale as a whole school.

Teachers say that "Student morale and encouragement for one another is just one of the many



Tarro Public School students enjoying a dress rehearsal for the school musical.

Picture: Holly Pedersen

positives to come from a community activity like this".

A lot of time, effort and resources are used to choreograph dances, make costumes and ensure the musical ran smoothly.

Tarro Public School students are always up for a challenge and eager to impress the local com-

munity. This activity provides our community with a chance to connect and enjoy student's development, achievements and many talents. Creative Arts is an important part of every student's social, physical and emotional development as engaged learners at our school.

Much of the proceeds from our

school musical go towards the departing year 6 students, buying a farewell gift for the school at the end of the year. It is thanks to Mr Chin and the staff at Hexham Bowling Club, who are always supportive of the school's activities, that help in making a successful activity like this possible.



Joan Gregory (front) and Helen Ward enjoying student company while volunteering at Breakfast Club.

## Breakfast Club builds relationships

By **SETH MARTIN, GEORGIA REDMAN, HARRY WILLMAN** and **EMILY SHELTON**

TARRO Public School builds relationships with the community through joint activities and partnerships that strengthen the bond between the two.

One of these regular activities is Breakfast Club, run at the school three times a week. Parents, relatives and other community members

volunteer their time to ensure students receive a healthy breakfast and a great start to their day.

Breakfast is essential for students to reach their full potential both within and outside of the classroom.

Volunteers Helen Ward and Joan Gregory say, "The reason we like to volunteer

our time is because we like the children that come to this school. It allows us to keep in touch with the students.

"We have been volunteering in Breakfast Club for more than three years after finding out about it through the local Anglican Church. It's a well-documented fact that having a daily breakfast helps students with their learning."

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