

Tarras Talk

Find us online at www.tarras.org.nz



Over the next couple of months Volunteers from our Community will be making contact with every household in Tarras. These Volunteers are your neighbours and friends, who have offered to help coordinate your local “Hub”, of which there are 10.

The purpose of this contact is to gather information, on the resources that may be available, should there be a major emergency.

Questions like:

Do you have spare beds?

Do you speak another language?

Do you have an airstrip?

How many people live here?



The Upper Clutha Wilding Pine Group would be very grateful for donations of clean 1litre milk bottles.

Please email: uniquely.liz@gmail.com to arrange collection.

Its important information to share, so that our Tarras community can remain resilient in a major event, but its also so that we can coordinate that resilience and support, to ensure everyone in our community remains safe, and cared for. We know that more densely populated areas, with high visitor numbers are likely to receive external support some days and possibly weeks, before they get to Tarras.

While your participation is voluntary, we hope that you are willing to work with us on gathering this important information. All information provided, will be kept entirely confidential and ONLY used in a major emergency. Hard copies will remain in a locked box, in a locked cabinet, in a locked container and will not be shared with any other group, or organisation, unless there is a risk to life.

Like everyone, we hope that the use of this information will never be needed.

“It is better to look ahead and prepare, than to look back and regret”

THE TARRAS CHURCH SERVICE
IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AT 11AM

Upcoming services:

6TH JULY 2025

DUTY: ANTONIA WILSON & JAYNE RIVE

3RD AUGUST 2025

DUTY: SUE RUTHERFORD & ANNE RIVE

Services lead by Damon Plimmer – all welcome

Community Spotlight

Have you ever wondered about the beautiful little school that sits in the heart of our village? The heart of our community? Here is a little taster on what is on offer there, your interest (& support) would be welcomed at any time.

Tarras School was established in 1885 & is a 1 fulltime & 2 part time teacher, newly renovated school, which provides personalised education for students Yrs 1-8. It boasts a library, 2 classrooms, swimming pool, a multi-purpose court, an updated & expanding playground, extensive vegetable gardens with fruit trees & a tunnel house. The pool can also be used by the community.

Tarras School's values are community, curiosity, diversity, sustainability which are consistently interspersed amongst their teaching. The basics of mathematics, reading & writing are priority learning areas at Tarras School, & the students benefit from teachers who know them well, & tailor programmes to meet their specific learning needs.

The teachers, Alice, Lisa, and Chrissy create a calm, safe & fun environment for the children. The children themselves are hardworking, resilient, motivated, & enthusiastic problem solvers who are also encouraged to be creative & artistic. They love to lend a helping hand at school & in the community, are incredibly kind & respectful. The children all strive to be successful, & the teachers at Tarras recognise that this looks different for everyone. Letitia in the school office, is a friendly face that is always supportive to parents, staff & the children. Paul, keeps the school grounds safe for play & looking their best.

To help new children adjust to moving schools, Alice can arrange Zoom sessions for the child to have a look around the school & meet some of the current students online, before they come along themselves for a visit. Alice will also go & visit 'new to school' learners at their daycare/kindy & spend time in their setting. These proven methods assist in enabling a smooth transition & settling nerves for both the child & parents!

As well as a full curriculum, Tarras children get loads of opportunities to try different activities sometimes joining with other small schools in the area, including athletics, cross country, swimming, rippa rugby, ice skating, curling, skiing, singing, performance, cultural performances, & events, including the Wanaka Challenge. Pet day, is always popular, environmental studies, gardening, cooking, preserving, dehydrating fruit from the school gardens, school camp, & so much more, that challenges and stimulates the children. Not all learning happens in the classroom!

Tarras School is also an approved Cancer Society Sun Smart School, an Enviro-friendly school & takes part in the Garden to Table programme, which teaches children to grow, harvest, prepare & share fresh food. Tarras children know how to make jam, chutney, bread, butter, fruit leathers & more— skills that will last them a lifetime. The children also manage a budget to utilise the money raised on the school produce stand, to buy extra resources & play equipment. More amazing life skills!

There is a school bus that picks up the children in the mornings & delivers them home in the afternoon & a newly created After School Care programme which acknowledges the changing need of families living in the area, where one or both, parents may work in nearby towns of Cromwell or Wanaka. Tarras School supports the community in many ways & looks forward to answering any queries you may have about life, in the best little school in Central Otago. Follow the Tarras School Facebook page for regular updates on what the children are doing. You'll love it.

TARRAS SCHOOL



Kia ora,

And just like that it is a term holiday! We've had another great month; farm visits, cross country, ice-skating lessons, learning goals being achieved and tamariki feeling proud. Our wee school is humming! We've loved having the playgroup visit on Friday's for buddy reading. Our seniors love the opportunity to showcase their reading skills and play together. We're looking forward to Phoebe and Archie starting school next term - they'll fit right in with their farm chats, enjoyment for sports, art skills and friendly nature.

Great news, we're trialling an 'After School Care' club, starting in Term 3. We're hoping that this will help parents with their work commitments and provide a fun afternoon for tamariki. This will be running Monday-Friday, 3pm-5pm.

Playground Update



HUGE thanks to Central Lakes Trust for helping to fund Phase 3 of our playground upgrade. We're incredibly grateful to them for their generosity and look forward to working to install the next 5 pieces of play equipment!

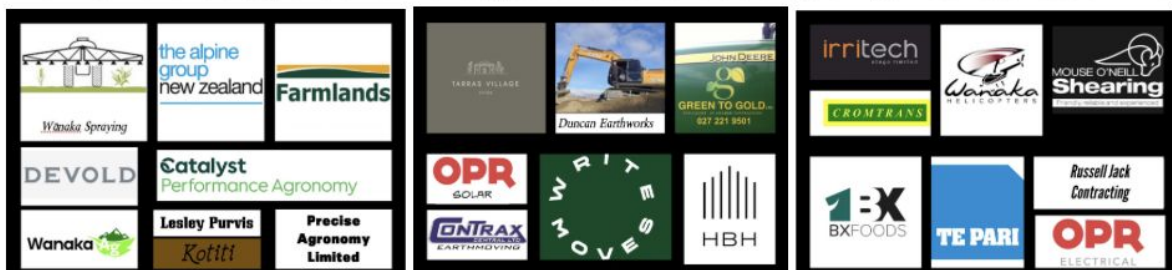
Wheels At Wānaka

We also owe a HUGE thanks to Wheels at Wānaka for kindly donating to FOTS - this will help towards funding our second teacher. Thanks for your generosity!



June thanks goes to:

- Huge thanks to Simon and Nicola for the kind donation of feijoa for us to sell on our stall.
- Thanks to everyone who purchases items off our stall. We've been able to purchase the kids' requests; a set of golf clubs and a wooden farm set!
- Ben, Chrissy, Dan and George - the 'Calf Initiative Committee' who have worked hard to set up this fundraiser, enabling us to have a second teacher. We really appreciate their time and effort to organise businesses and grazers.
 - With that, you'll see in our School Newsletter the regular advertising of the businesses who support this initiative. We're really grateful for their support. Please consider supporting these businesses in the future.



- We also want to again **thank all the grazers** who are helping to make our second teacher happen! Bendigo Terrace Farming Ltd, Sam McDonald, Tussock O'Sullivan, Maryland's, Lindis Crossing, Malvern Downs, Devon Dairies, Cluden Station, Geordie Hill Station, Morven Hills, Bendigo Station, Long Gully Station, Lindis Peaks Station, The Point, Cloudy Peak Station and Jonny Trevathan.

We hope you're all managing to keep warm! Have a great month.

Ngā mihi,

Alice

The Tarras Community Church Charitable Trust

Wishes to thank the following groups and Community Trusts for their generous donations toward the upcoming interior upgrade of the historic Tarras church. We are very excited to be able to go ahead with the upgrade later this year.

A huge thank you to:

OTAGO COMMUNITY TRUST
MASONIC LODGE

A.A.W JONES CHARITABLE TRUST
ALEXANDER MCMILLAN TRUST
WHEELS AT WANAKA CHARITABLE TRUST
RIPPONVALE PUBLIC HALL INCORPORATED



Save the date!!

Daffodil Day

Friday 29th August.
Fundraising Community Stall and raffle in the Tarras Village.

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

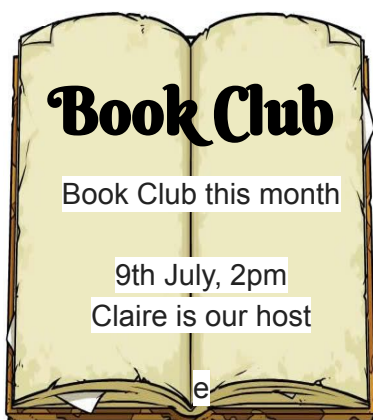
Māori Point Wines Tasting Room – July Update

Friday Night Happy Hours at Māori Point

With winter well and truly here, Māori Point Wines is giving you a great reason to leave the house — come for some socialising, light (free!) nibbles, and a Friday evening wine, all right here in Tarras. We're excited to share that our popular Happy Hours, which used to be a monthly treat, will now be happening *every Friday*! Starting Friday 4 July, join us weekly from 5–7pm. Enjoy discounted wines by the glass, the occasional winter cocktail, and free nibbles by our woodfire. We've also added heat lamps so our patio area will be open too. Hope to see you soon!

Māori Point Wines Classical Winter Concert: Candlelight & Strings

Join us on Saturday 23 August for an intimate candlelit evening of classical music in the barrel hall. Violinist and violist Cameron Stanley (Dunedin Symphony Orchestra) will present a solo performance of Bach and other works, sharing stories about his craft and instruments. Your \$60 ticket includes elegant hors d'oeuvres, with wine available for purchase. Formal attire encouraged (but never required!). 5:30pm arrival, 6pm start. Spaces limited - tickets and additional info available at maoripoint.co.nz under *Specials & Events*.



Tarras Golf-Championship Finals day for men and women is on Saturday 5th July

Stewart Jenkins Memorial Tray is on Saturday 12th July

Women's Club day is each Thursday, 9.45am report

Men's Club day is each Saturday, noon report. All players welcome.

