



Our mission is to provide children with...

- a love of learning
- a pride in achievement
- a respect for themselves and others

...in a safe and happy environment

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Improving Communication

Over the last week Mandy, one of our office staff, has been busily contacting families to conduct some research on our behalf that will assist us to develop our strategic plan for the next three years. As of yesterday Mandy had spoken to over 80 families, we really appreciate the time taken to support us to improve our service to our school community.

One of the questions has asked whether or not parents would use Facebook to keep up to date with the activities at the school and the answer has been a resounding yes. We have set up a Facebook page that Mr Gadd will monitor and post events and information on relating to the school. If you would like to follow it the username is **Telarah Tps**, please be aware that we will only accept friend requests from people who we identify as genuine parents, you must use your full name. If you comment or ask a question please be sure to be mindful of your audience and keep the language "G" rated.

Stage One Report Information Session

Stage One staff have been involved in the Best Start trial for Stage One, Years 1 and 2, which has been run in one school within each school education group. Stage One Best Start builds on the learning continuum that is applied to all students in Kindergarten all over the state.

Stage One reports will use the Best Start parent report to give parents in Years One and Two feedback on their children's achievements in English and Number. It will be attached to the report that you would normally receive.

There will be an information session about this trial in the Special Programs Room in the new library building on Wednesday 30 November at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual fun swimming carnival will be held on Friday 2 December at Maitland pool. All Year 3 – 6 students are expected to attend the carnival as this is a school day and normal classes will not operate. Please see the

office if your child did not receive a permission note. If there is a medical reason your child cannot attend please see your child's class teacher, Mr Debenham or Mr Gadd.

Stage One Excursion

Next week our Stage One students will visit Newcastle Museum where they will look at the life of dinosaurs.

2K, 2B and 1F will be attending the excursion on Tuesday 6 December.

1H, 1J and 2N will be attending the excursion on Wednesday 7 December.

The cost of the excursion is \$12 per student. Please see the office if your child has not received a permission note.

2011 Calendar

Friday 2 December	Carols by Twilight, Swimming Carnival Yr 3-6
Monday 5 December	Parent Information Session, RTHS Yr 6
Tuesday 6 December	Stage 1 Excursion, Orientation Day RTHS Yr 6
Wednesday 7 December	Stage 1 Excursion
Thursday 8 December	Presentation Day 10.00am
Monday 12 December	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 13 December	Thank You Luncheon
Friday 16 December	Last Day for Students
Monday 30 January	Students return 2012

Presentation Day

Our students will be recognised for their academic and sporting achievements at our school Presentation Day on Thursday 8 December at 10.00am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the ceremony to celebrate their child's achievements.

Thank You Luncheon

Our Thank You Luncheon will be held on Tuesday 13 December at 11.45 – 12.30pm in our school hall. This is our opportunity to thank our parents and community members for all their help and support they have given to the school over the past year. If you have volunteered your time over the year and would like to attend, please contact the office on 4932 8477.

Classes for 2012

If your children will not be returning to Telarah Public School in 2012, please let us know. Classes are being organised based on our anticipated enrolment. The more accurate our information the more effective our planning will be.

Carols by Twilight

We are celebrating Christmas on Friday 2 December with Carols by Twilight starting at 5.00pm. All the classes and the choir will be singing and we will have sausage sizzle and selling glow sticks / flashies. At the end of the evening we will draw our Christmas Raffle and have a visit from Santa. It will be a great evening for all, so bring a blanket and come along. Christmas Raffle tickets will be going home this week.

Intensive Swimming School

Thanks to all parents who supported our 61 children through Swimming School for the past fortnight. Despite truly appalling weather last week, all children who attended made mighty progress. We are very proud of them. Special thanks to Mr Rees who organised it from our end and to the teachers who helped teach and supervise. We hope that all children get a chance to keep swimming and make the most of their progress.

Choir Performance at Rutherford Community Centre

The Choir performed for the Friday Day Group at the Rutherford Community Centre on Friday 25 November.

The frail and elderly people who attend the Group, as well as their carers and organisers from the library and the Maitland Neighbourhood Centre and Telarah Public School parents who came to support the choir were a very appreciative audience who enjoyed our program of

bright songs, poems, recorder pieces and Christmas carols.

The choir sang wonderfully and behaved beautifully and they were great representatives of our school. Mr Debenham, Ms Eckersley and Mrs Carratt who accompanied the choir, were very proud of all the children. After our performance, we enjoyed a drink, lollipop and fruit kindly supplied by the organisers.



Maitland Grossmann High - Gala Day

As part of the Maitland Grossmann High transition program, students attending Maitland Grossmann in 2012 are invited to a Gala Day to be held at Maitland Park on Friday 2 December. Year 6 students as well as current Year 7 students and Peer Support Leaders for 2012 will conduct a range of organised activities.

Lunch will be provided on the day at no cost, however, students may wish to bring their own food and drinks for morning tea.

All students need to be at Maitland Park ready to commence the day at 10am. Students will be able to be picked up at 2pm.

Rutherford High School – Parent Information

A Year 6 parent information evening will be held on Monday 5 December at 5.30pm to discuss all aspects of the transition to High School. Book packs for Year 7 will be available to purchase and the Uniform Shop will be open for the purchase of uniforms. Sausage sandwiches and cold drinks will be available for purchase from 5.00pm.

Rutherford High School - Orientation Day

All Year 6 students who have registered to attend Rutherford Technology High School are invited to participate in an Orientation Day on Tuesday 6 December. Students will travel from their primary school to the high school and will be placed in their classes for 2012, meeting their new classmates and undertaking a day of typical high school activities.

Samaritans Food Appeal

Our school will once again be participating in the Samaritans Food Appeal. We are asking students to please bring in any canned or packet food to put under our Christmas tree which is in the staffroom. These food items will be collected and distributed to needy families in time for Christmas. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.

Monday Night is Nit Night!

Remember Monday night is nit night where we ask parents to check your child's hair for head lice. If you find any lice please treat your child's hair immediately before they return to school.



st Christopher's Chess Club

When: Wednesday Nights
Time: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Where: St Christopher's Church Hall
92 Gillies Street
Rutherford
Cost: \$3.00

Enter our Annual Tournament!

Beginners to experienced...
From 6 – 18 years...
All players welcome!

T4 starts 12 October 2011

A group of the Anglican Parish of Telarah-Rutherford - 4932 8604

For More Information
Contact Janice Fleming 4932 4336 or 0402 239 813

Little Luke's Craft Group

4.30 – 6.00 pm
St Christopher's Church Hall
\$3.00 per night.
All materials supplied.

Junior Craft Club
recommences

17 October 2011

Come along and make Christmas Craft!

Monday nights during the school term for children 6-14 years

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Telarah Public School

Carols by Twilight

Friday 2 December at 5pm

BBQ

Glow Sticks & Flashies

Christmas Raffle drawn

Visit from Santa

Bring a blanket and enjoy a night out with the family!!!





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