



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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Stop Work Meeting

On Thursday 15 December there will be a two hour stop work meeting called by the Teachers Federation. Between the hours of 9 – 11am there will be minimal supervision at our school. Normal classes will resume at 11.00am. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

2011 In Review

2011 has been a very exciting, interesting and action packed year for our school and we have all enjoyed the opportunity at the end of the year to reflect on it and wonder where all that time has gone.

Academically our students results in literacy in Kindergarten working with the L3 program have been outstanding, reading results within this initiative are measured in reading levels with the target for students participating in L3 being level 9, for all schools in the region it is level 6. 71% of our students have reached level 9, 81% of the students are above level 6. This is outstanding and a great testament to the intensive literacy work our teachers, students and families are doing in Kindergarten. The challenge for us all is to turn this great start into improved overall school performance in NAPLAN 2014, something we will attack with great enthusiasm.

On the sporting field our students have had some tremendous results but their sportsmanship and application to doing as well as they can have been the real highlight. In the performing arts the year has also been very successful with the school having over 60 students participate in Star Struck and all the students participate in Search for a Smile.

Today we took the opportunity to thank the many volunteers that support our students, schools do not run effectively without them and we appreciate all their support and friendship.

We are all very excited about the challenges that 2012 will bring as we strive to continually improve the services that our school provides to the local community.

Canteen Fire

On Monday night our school was unfortunate to have a fire in the canteen at the school, rendering the canteen unusable for the remainder of the school year. It is suspected that the fire is an electrical one and that it started with an air conditioning unit. We are working closely with the Department of Education and Communities Asset Management Unit to arrange repairs.

Mrs Clarke and the volunteers will be preparing lunches for students out of the kitchen in the old school residence in George Street. They will do this until Wednesday (14 December) being the last day the canteen is operating this year.

There will be a limited menu as we were able to salvage some of the food. There will be no canteen available at recess. Please only use this option if it absolutely necessary. It would be preferred if children brought lunch with them tomorrow.

Cheeseburger	\$3
Pizza Slab	\$2
Macaroni & Cheese	\$3
Lasagne	\$2
Sausage Sandwich	\$2
Basic Sandwiches	Normal canteen prices
Fruit Juice Poppas	\$1
Bottles of Water	\$1

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on 7 February 2012. This will be our AGM and all parents are invited to attend.

2011 Calendar

Friday 16 December	Last Day for Students
Monday 30 January	Students return 2012

Carols By Twilight

Thank you to all the families who came and celebrated Carols by Twilight at our school. A wonderful time was had by all and the children really enjoyed singing the Christmas Carols.

Congratulations to the following raffle winners:
Mackenzie, Keira, Isaac, R Hall, Caitlyn, Nic, Roy, Rebecca, Ben & Aileen.

Judith Tilbrook

Our tribute to Mrs Tilbrook has been completed. If you would like to go and have a look at our library wall at the mosaic, which depicts lots of things Mrs Tilbrook loved and also the beautiful reading seat and garden.

Many thanks to Karyn Kennedy, Trish Maher, Madeleine Maher and Julie and Rob Greedy for all their time and hard work to create these memories.

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.

We have tentatively created 18 classes for 2012 and will announce these on the first day back next year. Where possible we look into all requests by families and endeavour to be transparent in our decision making by including parents as partners in the discussions.

Holiday Maintenance

Over the holidays we have a number of maintenance projects that will be taking place. The termite damage in B Block (2011 K/IF and IH classrooms) and the canteen are getting repaired.

School Security

Any issues throughout the holidays relating to school security please call 1300 880 021 to speak to the school security unit.

Presentation Day Award Winners

KB

Thomas, Chiquita & Maddison

KC

Skylar, Emmat & Jesse

KS

Emilia, Roman & Isaac

K-IF

Eddie, Savannah & Courtney

IH

Jaylea, Addison & Hunter

IJ

Emily, Suellen & Brodie

2B

Samantha, Jessalyn & Kade

2K

Byron, Rohan & Brendon

2N

Taj, Keegan & Katie

3F

Tahlia, Shakira & Danyella

3R

Emily, Leiya & Kyle

3-4J

Jada, Joshua & Mitchell

4D

Blayd, Emily & Tyson

4T

Charli, Khobi & Joshua

4-5C

Abby, Cameron, Kade & Madison

5D

Kiera, Desharn & Sophie

5M

Felicity, Jorgia & Lacey

6K

Christopher, Tiffany & Alyssa

6T

Zarnie-Rose, Jordan & Shari-Lee

6W

Kamryn, Kelly & Hannah

Horder Sports Boy – Brendon & Bryce

Horder Sports Girl – Jade & Lilly-Bree

Hunter PSSA Representatives – Brendon, Bryce & Jade

Chess Champion – Craig

Hockey Finalists – Joshua, Daniel, Connor, Bryce, Ethan, Cameron, Brendon, Deyon, Connors, Anthony, Bayley, Lachlan, Cody & Jessie

Rutherford Lioness Scholarship – Maddison

Neighbourhood Watch Scholarship – Keiarn

View Club Reading Improvement – Dylan

Learn To Live – Anthony & Rebecca

Citizenship Award – Jordan

Ian Wilson Achievement & Service – Taylah

Aboriginal & Cultural Arts – Ethan

Cultural Award – Laura & Anthony

Principals Science & Tech Award – Alex

Achievement Award – Laura & Jake

School Captains Recognition Award – Jade & Jack

Dux – Ellen

School Leaders for 2012

Boy Captain – Jock

Girl Captain – Hailee

Boy Vice Captain – Cameron

Girl Vice Captain – Emily

Prefect Boys – Danny, Tahj & Jaiden

Prefect Girls – Jorgias, Jacinta & Hannah



Absent from photo – Tahj

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



Knight School for Kids

When 20 or more children line up for hand to hand medieval combat like the knights of Ye Dayes of Olde, the excitement is palpable.

If you would like your children to burn off energy in a day-long, fully supervised immersion into medieval themed fun and action, Knight School during the Christmas school holidays is the obvious choice.

With weapons of rubberised swords and shields at the ready, these warriors are transported in their imaginations back to Medieval times. They will also get to play at being Robin Hood and Maid Marion learning archery.

Your young Knight or Lady will also be taught about chivalry, combat tactics and life in the dark ages along with getting their hands on real replica armour. Your child will be having so much fun they won't even realise they're learning.



Bookings are essential as we have limited numbers available each day. Knight School runs from 9am until 4pm (however, up to 5pm pick ups can be arranged). Knight School caters for kids aged 6 to 16. They must wear enclosed shoes and clothing suitable for the temperatures of the day. Jeans, shorts, hat and T-shirts are suitable.

Morning tea and afternoon tea are provided, your child will need to bring their own lunch and a water bottle.

\$55 per child per day.



Hunter Area Dates—Knights School will be conducted on the following dates during January 2012.

2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27

For venues and bookings call Justin Holland on

0427 038 831

or email novahollandia@bigpond.com

Glenbrook Primary School, Woodville Street
22, 29 December. 6, 13, 20, 27 of January 2012

Jamiesontown Public School, Thurwood Ave
30 December. 3, 10, 17, 24 of January 2012

Emu Plains Community Center, Lawson St Emu Plains
23, 28 December. 9, 16, 23 January 2012

Mulgoa Hall, Littlefields Rd Mulgoa
21 December and 12 January 2012

To book for these Knight Schools please contact
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