



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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Messages from Mr Gadd

Harmony Day Celebrations

Congratulations to all students who performed at yesterday's Harmony Day celebrations. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved and performing for their peers and community members.

The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2011 is that **Everyone Belongs**, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

The students also raised \$227.90 for World Vision by coming to school out of uniform. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



Arriving to School

Please be aware that students are not meant to arrive at school prior to 8.42am which is half an hour before school starts each morning. The reason for this is that Teachers are not required to be actively on duty until half an hour before lessons commence. We understand however that from time to time this may cause problems for some families and that students may need to be at school before 8.42am, in this instance parents

and caregivers need to be aware that direct supervision is not provided and that students must do the following.

1. Drop their bags to their classroom
2. Walk safely to the COLA outside the hall
3. Sit quietly and wait for the teachers to come on duty at 8.42am. Students are not to move off from the hall area until permitted to by a teacher.

We will be working to ensure that students follow this procedure this week. If your child is arriving before 8.42am and it is not absolutely necessary please ensure this is addressed. If it is absolutely necessary that they arrive early there will not be direct supervision provided and all students need to follow the outlined procedure.

Easter Hat Parade

Early Stage One and Stage One invite all parents and carers to the Easter Hat Parade in the hall on the last day of term. Hats can be made at home but all classes will be making simple hats at school as well. The P&C will draw the giant Easter Raffle on this day. The parade will start at 10.30am with the raffle being drawn at around 11.15am.

2011 Calendar

Wednesday 23 March	Book Club Due
Friday 1 April	School Photos
Monday 4 April	School Photos
Tuesday 5 April	P&C Meeting
Friday 8 April	Easter Hat Parade, Last Day of Term
Wednesday 27 April	Staff Development Day
Thursday 28 April	Students Return Term 2

Book Club

Tomorrow, Wednesday is the last day for book club orders. Please put order and money in an envelope and hand to Mrs Bateup.

Starstruck 2011 – Congratulations!

We are very excited, because this year our school has been invited to take two dance groups and also a choir group to perform in Starstruck in June at The Entertainment Centre.

Wow! This will mean that we will have lots of practices both at school and combined practice days in Newcastle. Students involved have received permission notes and some information about Starstruck. It is important that students who are part of the choir or dance groups know that they are representatives of Telarah Public School and we expect exemplary behaviour, as well as reliability of attendance at all rehearsals and performances.

Mrs Keith, Mr Taylor, Mrs Carratt, Mrs Greedy and Mrs Akhurst.

School Photographs

All students should have received their school photograph envelopes yesterday. If your child did not receive an envelope, please see the office.

Payment for all students in a family can be placed in one envelope. However, it is important that each member of the family hands in their own personalised envelope to the photographer – one order per envelope. Clearly mark on each envelope the name and class of the child who has the money enclosed.

Photograph packages range from \$20 to \$34.

Students are also able to get a family photograph taken. Please see the office for a family photograph envelope.

Please note: **ALL PHOTOGRAPH ENVELOPES NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF THE PHOTOS AND HANDED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER. THE CLASS TEACHER WILL NOT BE COLLECTING THE ENVELOPES AND MONEY. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.**

Festival of Speech

All classes are working hard on persuasive speech in their classes. In week 9, that's next week, we will celebrate our Festival of Speech and you are invited to hear the classes debate against each other. We are looking for the winning team in each grade. Your class teachers will let you know when your grade will be

having their great debate. The results will be published and winning class teams will receive their medals at an assembly in Week 10. Perhaps we will find some future politicians in our classes!

Museum Box

We have enrolled in the Museum in a Box program with the Australian Museum again this year. The boxes are mini exhibits which come from the museum once a term. This term's box is set up in the library and is called Living on Land. Students may look at the box and do the activities when they visit the library.

Stage 1 Excursion

Notes will go out for the Stage 1 excursion to the Hunter Wetlands this week. Please look for these notes if you have a student in Year 1 or 2. We are looking forward to a terrific day.

Read With Me

Thanks to the many parents who joined us for Read With Me two weeks ago. The children really appreciated having you in their classrooms, showing how much you value reading. Special thanks to those parents who read with other students, sharing the warm atmosphere around. We look forward to seeing you again next term for our next Read With Me.



Year 5 Camp

All medical, consent and participation forms need to be returned to Mrs Dorrian as soon as possible. A deposit of \$50 needs to be paid by Friday 25 March. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gadd or Mrs Dorrian if you have any concerns regarding the camp.

Earth Hour

Telarah Public School students will be participating in Earth Hour on Friday 25 March. All classrooms will be turning off all electrical appliances in the school for one hour.

Maitland Bluelight Disco

There have been some rumours going around particularly on facebook about the recent Bluelight Disco held on 11 March at Maitland City Bowls and Recreation Club alleging children were fighting with weapons at the bluelight. I am responsible for overseeing the disco's so *please let me put things into perspective about what actually happened.*

When supervisors and police became aware of the rumour at 7.30pm a number of children were spoken to and searched and this rumour was quickly dispelled. I stopped the disco and addressed the children asking for anyone who has any concerns to speak with either the supervisors in the reflective vests or myself and to cease spreading rumours and making silly comments that are upsetting some of the children.

The night continued without incident with 13 year old Bailey Hibbert from Bolwarra winning the major prize a "Nintendo DS" courtesy of The Good Guys East Maitland.

We had a total of 370 children attend the event supervised by 20 supervisors, 3 uniformed police and 1 plain clothes police.

There were no children injured at the event and definitely no brawl involving weapons – the whole situation is a classic example of rumours being spread via Facebook.

Michael Steele

Newsletter on the School Website

Have you missed a school newsletter? Parents are able to log on to the schools website to access current and old newsletters.

Hats and Water Bottles

Please remind your children to bring their hat and water bottle to school every day. Remember, No Hat No Play.

Head Lice – 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.

Preschool Read With Me

Thank you to the parents who came to Read With Me at the Preschool. The kids loved reading with their parents and grandparents.




Preschool St Patricks Day

We celebrated St Patricks Day on Thursday 17 March at the Preschool. We danced an Irish dance. Our family and friends are invited to dance with us on Harmony Day.



Student Absences

A friendly reminder that all student absences must be explained. Parents are able to phone the school or send a note to the class teacher explaining why their child was absent from school. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



The Mutual
BANK@School
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Every Thursday

Please be reminded that Bank@School continues each Thursday at the school. Students can make their deposits by placing their passbooks in the secured school banking box at the School Office. At the allocated time a Mutual representative will arrive to process transactions. Any students not currently enrolled in Bank@School should see the office for an application.

Red Food Day

All students should have received their order form for the Red Food Day which is being held on Friday 25 March. Please return order forms and money to the canteen before Thursday 24 March. The canteen will also be selling lollies at lunch and recess.

P&C Meeting

Thank you to the wonderful parents that attended our AGM. Our new committee members are as follows:

P&C President	Kylie Singer
P&C Treasurer	Tobie Anderson
P&C Secretary	Kim Minns

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 April at 7.00pm in the old school library. All parents are invited to attend.

P&C Easter Raffle Tickets

Our P&C Easter Raffle Tickets will be going home this week. Students are able to collect more tickets from the front office. Our Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

Found

Cockatiel in Telarah Public School on Thursday morning. Please phone the school and speak to Miss Carratt for more information.

**HUNTER NEW ENGLAND
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AN INVITATION TO CARERS

*Do you provide care and support to another person?
You are invited to attend our **FREE Carer Information Workshops**
that run each Thursday over 3 weeks.*

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Where: Raymond Terrace Bowling Club
Jacaranda Avenue R/Terrace

Time: 9.30am — 2.00pm

Cost: Free — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided

When: Thurs 12th May, Thurs 19th May & Thurs 26th May 2011

Program:
 Session 1 — Meet with representatives from Centrelink and a panel of Community Service organisations & understand how they can assist you in your caring role
 Session 2 — Caring for the carer/yourself: stress management, effective and practical caring skills
 Session 3 — Covers: legal issues, advance care planning and advocacy

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For more information or to register contact
 EDuCARE on: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
 or email EduCare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
 (We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)







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
 Beginners to experienced...
 From 8 - 18 years...
 All players welcome!

A group of the Anglican Parish of Telarah-Rutherford
 For More Information
 Contact Janice Fleming
 4932 4336 or 0402 239 813



Junior Craft Club
Monday Nights
4.30 – 6.00 pm
 For children 6 – 14 years

St Christopher's Church Hall
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Kurri Kurri
 Nostalgia Festival

Family Fun Night

Rock n Roll in the Park

Date: **Friday 25th March**
 Where: **Rotary Park**
 Time: **5pm – 8pm**
 Cost: **FREE**

Grab the kids, get your dancing shoes on and join us for an evening of rock n roll in the park with **Robbie Urquhart and the Rattlesnakes**.

The kids can learn some dance moves, win prizes for best dressed (50's & 60's style) and enjoy a sausage sizzle (gold coin donation)

So come on down and join us as we kick off the 2011 Nostalgia festival in style.

Visit our website for the full Festival program
www.kurrikurrinostalgiafestival.com.au



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DATE	½ DAY	FULL DAY
MON - 11 th April	CRAFT	BINGO
TUES - 12 th April	COOKING	GAMES
WED - 13 th April	PAINTING	MAKE GOO
MON - 18 th April	GAMES	CRAFT
TUES - 19 th April	MAKE GOO	BINGO
WED - 20 th April	CRAFT	COOKING

½ DAY - \$20.00 FULL DAY - \$38.00

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