



## *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

#### Welcome back!

Welcome back to Term 2. As usual it will be very busy with NAPLAN, PSSA Sport, Star Struck and many other activities for you and your children to become involved in. We will also be reporting on your children's progress towards the end of term but if you have any questions or would like to speak with your child's class teacher please do not wait until then, contact the school to make an appointment.

#### Starting Over

At our Staff Development Day last Wednesday we spoke about the need for us all to start over and build on the successes of last term.

This involves all our classes re-visiting their class rules and setting the expectations for each class very clearly. In addition to this we are also working to improve student safety in the playground and we have initiated a new playground supervision policy that means we have more teachers on duty all the time and more activities to engage children productively.

We are also having an emphasis on ensuring students move safely around the school which includes walking around the school especially on hard surfaces.

#### ANZAC Day

Our school was represented extremely well by our school captains Jack and Jade at the Maitland RSL ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony. It was a very well run service with great support from the community.

Last Thursday we hosted our school ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony which was also very successful. Thank you to all community members who supported our students at this very important occasion.

#### Pink Day

We have decided to have a beautiful mosaic mural made to go on a wall in our new library in remembrance of Mrs Tilbrook.

We will be holding a Pink Day on Thursday 12 May. Students are encouraged to wear something pink (or a close colour) on that day and bring a gold coin donation. Small, pink iced patty cakes will also be for sale at lunchtime near Mrs Bateup's room for \$1.00 each.

All money raised will go towards the mural.

#### Performance "What Can I Do"?

On Wednesday 1 June there will be a performance in the hall called "What Can I Do"? The cost of the performance will be \$4.40 per student. A permission note will be sent home closer to the date.

#### Stewart House Donation Drive

Students have received with today's newsletter a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope. Please place \$2 in the envelope and complete the details on the back of the envelope and return to school by Friday 20 May 2011. All donations received will go into a draw to win \$4000 holiday to a destination of your choice!

#### 2011 Calendar

Wednesday 4 May	Mothers Day Stall
Friday 6 May	Zone Cross Country
Tuesday 10 May	Naplan Yr 3 & 5
Wednesday 11 May	Naplan Yr 3 & 5
Thursday 12 May	Naplan Yr 3 & 5
Friday 20 May	Stewart House Envelopes Due
Wednesday 1 June	What Can I Do Performance
Thursday 12 June	Pink Day

### ANZAC Day Service

It was my pleasure and my privilege to play a small part in the service on Thursday. As well as my normal school captain participation, I was able to relate to the story of an ex-student and war veteran Mr Garnet Tinson.

Mr Tinson lived at 29 Mount View Road Cessnock. He had a wife Martha Tinson and three children. At the age of 27 he enlisted in the Light Horse Regiment and died at the age of 28 years on board "Dunlace Castle" the hospital ship, with wounds to both of his legs and several bullets to one of them.

Mr Tinson's wife Martha Tinson was issued with a victory medal and a memorial plaque. Mr Tinson suffered the most when he was in charge of a bombing at a place called "No Mans Land".

I think it is sad that a person at such a young age had to die like that. It did please me to learn that his wife Martha Tinson was in the repatriation hospital at Concord when she died at the age of 77 years. Mr Tinson was a very brave man and should always be remembered.

*By Jade, School Captain*



### Year 5 Camp

Thank you to all the parents who have returned permission notes and paid the deposit for the Year 5 Camp. Regular payments can be made at the office before 2.00pm each day. Anyone who has not returned permission notes, made a deposit or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Dorrian as soon as possible.

### Hunter Wetlands Trip

It first started at school. Some of us were going on the bus and others were going by car. Me and Thomas went on by car. Soon we had reached the Wetlands. We got in lines and went in a room which was our classroom for the day. After that we went netting in the swamp. We caught boatman, bloodworms and so on. Then we went to recess and we had nice food there. After that we went to look at displays in the lunchroom. Then we went home. What a great day we had.

*By Rohan*

I loved the dip netting even though I didn't catch much. I loved the microscopes and going for a walk. In dip netting I caught two waterboatmen, one bloodworm and a mosquito fish.

*By Jason*

I just loved the dip netting because you can catch heaps of little, cool creatures. My favourite one is the bloodworm. It is my favourite kind of worm now. I caught three bloodworms. Dip netting is very fun because you are catching all kinds of little insects that you might never have seen. Before yesterday, I didn't know about bloodworms, now I know that they are little worms. If you could scrunch it into a little ball it would be as tiny as a crumb. I think that is amazing.

*By Liam*

At the Wetlands we saw some amazing animals like a blue tongue lizard, turtles and tiny animals. One I like is a tadpole and they can turn into a frog when they grow up. We did a play with some puppets. We also looked in the binoculars and we saw some swamps in the rivers. The river is not fresh water for people.

*By Kaia*



### 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.

### Mother's Day Stall

On Wednesday 4 May the P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall. Gifts range from \$2 to \$5 each. Students are able to purchase one gift each. Any remaining gifts will be sold on Thursday 5 May out the front of the hall.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Brazier for her generous donation of Mothers Day Gift Cards.



### 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  
92 Gillies St, Rutherford  
\$3.00 per night.  
All materials supplied.

Commencing  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2011

### Telarah Child & Family Health Clinic Wednesdays

9.30am – 12.30pm

Aboriginal Resource  
Centre

George Street, Telarah

For further information contact  
Rutherford Clinic on 4932 9768



The Mutual  
**BANK@school**  
www.mightymutuals.com.au

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.



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are short of numbers in our junior classes and are looking for girls aged from 5 yrs to join us & be part of our teams this year.

We would also love to have some more pre-schoolers join our class.

Located at the Wallsend Pioneer Memorial Hall, we provide one of the cheapest dance/sport classes around. No ballet shoes or tutus required!!  
Physical Culture is a sport that combines the basics of ballet, jazz & choreographed exercise routines while improving co-ordination, fitness, flexibility & strength.

Lessons cost \$7.00 a week (paid by the term).

Your first 2 lessons can be paid for on the day. Come along & join us & be part of a team.

For class times phone: Mary Manton 4952 8130 or 0418 430 662

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