



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

Preschool: Full days in 2012

Earlier this year all Australian states and territories committed to providing 15 hours of early childhood education for children in the year before school through a National Partnership on Early

Childhood Education with the Commonwealth Government, to be implemented by 2013. At Telarah Public School we are going to offer 15 hours access from 2012.

This will mean that instead of the current structure where children attend for either the morning or afternoon session they will attend for whole school days, five days a fortnight.

For example; if we had two groups in attendance for 5 days a fortnight called Telarah White and Telarah Green their attendance timetable could look like this, the timetable will be finalised in consultation with Parents and Caregivers prior to the end of Term 4.

	Week 1	Week 2
Telarah White	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	Monday, Tuesday
Telarah Green	Thursday, Friday	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Our school is greatly advantaged by having our own Preschool within the very grounds of our school. It enables us to ensure that there is a smooth transition into Kindergarten for our students and helps us to get a head start in ensuring we are able to cater for the needs of each individual student. Parents and Caregivers can begin to develop strong relationships with the school that will ensure their child's education is well supported, children can get a feel for their school and we are able to initiate anti-bullying, social skills and welfare programs right from Preschool through to Year 6. In Kindergarten all of our students participate in the innovative L3 literacy initiative and we are looking at ways of supporting this program by starting our students on the path to reading whilst they are in preschool.

School Disco Tonight!

Don't forget the school disco tonight.

Entry is \$2 per student.

The canteen will be selling glow sticks and flashies for \$2 each. Chips, lollies and drinks will also be available.

Pre-school – Year 2	5.00 – 6.00pm
Year 3 – Year 6	6.00 – 7.30pm

Performance “What Can I Do”?

All students received last week a permission note for the performance “What Can I Do?” The performance will be held on Wednesday 1 June with a cost of \$4.40 per student. All permission notes and money need to be returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Please see the office if you did not receive a note.

2011 Calendar

Tuesday 17 May	School Disco
Friday 20 May	Yr 5 2012 Opportunity Class Placements Due, Stewart House Envelopes Due
Wednesday 25 May	Stage 2 Tomaree National Park Excursion
Friday 27 May	Stage 2 Tomaree National Park Excursion
Wednesday 1 June	Read With Me, What Can I Do Performance

Pink Day

Thank you all so much for your overwhelming support for Pink Day last week. With donations from children, staff and parents and the proceeds from selling the patty cakes and the raffle, we have managed to raise \$911.20!

This money will be used to construct a mosaic mural in honour of Mrs Tilbrook.

Thank you to Mr Tuckwell (Sam's dad) for the donation of a hot pink netball for us to use as a raffle prize. The lucky winner of the netball was John Crouch (Bumpy's dad).

Thank you also to Village Walk Bakery for reducing the prices of the patty cakes so we could make a bigger profit.



Parents Supporting Student Welfare

We are very appreciative of the fact that we have many parents and caregivers who spend time at the school supporting their children and others in their education. Please be aware that it is not appropriate for Parents and Caregivers to confront students other than to stop the immediate behaviour if for example there is an altercation. It is appropriate for parents and caregivers to approach a teacher and for the teacher to manage the incident.

Reporting Timeline

We will be sending student progress reports for Semester 1 in Week 9 this term. We are trialling two different versions, one based around using Microsoft Word and the other using an online program provided by the Department of Education and Communities. The content will be identical however the formatting will look slightly different.

NAPLAN

All of our students in Years 3 and 5 participated very well in last week's NAPLAN assessment tasks. Students who were absent for any part of the tests were able to make the tests up later in the week.

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We have started preparation of the Tournament of Minds competition which is in Term 3. At this stage a

group of twenty students are doing some drama training through the Songroom Program.

Preparation on the challenges will begin in Term 3 and competition day is Saturday 27 August at Newcastle University. At this stage we are looking at having 2 teams compete but this may go to 3 teams.

Read With Me

Our next Read With Me event will be on Wednesday 1 June from 9.20am until 9.40am. All parents are invited to spend those 20 minutes reading with their children in classrooms. We hope that many of you are able to come.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the 32 children who represented Telarah Public School at the Zone Cross Country Trials held at Tocal on Friday 6 May. All students tried their very best and exhibited wonderful behaviour.

Our school is very fortunate to have two students who will represent our school at the Regional Cross Country to be held at Walka Water Works. Congratulations to Lilly-Brees and Michael. Good luck Lilly-Bree and Michael, we are sure you will do Telarah Public School proud!



Stage 2 Tomaree National Park Excursion

Notes were sent home yesterday for the Stage 2 Tomaree National Park Excursion. Students from 3R, 3F and 3-4J will visit the park on Wednesday 25 May. Students from 4T, 4D and 4C will visit the park on Friday 27 May. The cost of the excursion will be \$17 per student. Students will need to be at school by 8.30am and will not return until 3.30pm on the day of the excursion. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Speech Pathology, What Is It?

One in seven Australians have some form of communication disability. This means that one in seven people has a problem understanding other people or being understood by people. A speech pathologist has been trained to assess and treat people who have a communication disability. Speech pathologists are trained in all aspects of communication including speech, language and phonological awareness. You may like to contact a speech pathologist if you're worried about any of the following:

- Your child isn't using real words by 18 months
- Your child has trouble understanding what you say
- Your child has an unusual or husky voice
- Your child isn't trying to make sentences by two and a half years.

SPINS is a Speech Pathology service offered by Newcastle University to support local Primary schools and their students. Clients are seen once a week for a 30-60 minute session and sessions are conducted by second year speech Pathology students, with assistance from a trained Speech Pathologist. Teachers refer students they believe would benefit from the service, and parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend sessions. If you believe your child would benefit from seeing the SPINS team, please talk to your child's teacher.

Stewart House Donation Drive


Students have already received a Stewart House 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!

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.

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.




**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



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.



**St Luke's Anglican
KIDS CRAFT CLUB**

**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
4th 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