



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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We have had a great start to what is going to be a hectic term. Preparations are underway for the musical, our sporting teams are all busily training and we are hoping to have our athletics carnival next week, weather permitting.

We have also been very pleased to welcome a number of new families to our school, they are all settling in very well and being made to feel welcome.

Yesterday we celebrated NAIDOC and next week is Education Week, I have provided some information on both these celebrations below.

NAIDOC Day

Thank you to all students for enjoying our wonderful NAIDOC Day yesterday. Children got to learn about Aboriginal culture and participated in lots of wonderful activities with the support of one of our ex-students, Aaron Taylor. The day finished with a performance by both of our Aboriginal Dance groups.



The Ned Show

The Ned Show is coming to our school assembly on Wednesday 27 July. It is a free show which combines yo-yos, humour and audience participation to teach children how to develop three valuable characteristics:

- Never give up
- Encourage others
- Do your best

Please see the attached sheet for items from the show which will be available to purchase for a few days after the show at the school office.

Education Week

Next week is Education Week and we will be celebrating by acknowledging some of our students who are our quiet achievers. Teachers will be asked to nominate a student from each class who works really hard and makes every effort to be a great class member. We are also planning to acknowledge some students who are great playground role models and display great resilience and work hard to be safe and happy the majority of the time. We will advise parents and caregivers of the award recipients so that they have every opportunity to join with their children and celebrate this important occasion.

The assembly will be held on Thursday 4 August at 10.00am. All parents are invited to visit classrooms following the assembly and then enjoy a picnic lunch (brought from home) at lunchtime. Our normal school routine will continue following lunchtime.

2011 Calendar

Wednesday 27 July	The Ned Show
Tuesday 2 August	Athletics Carnival
	Primary Students
Thursday 4 August	Education Week
	Assembly
Monday 22 – 26 Aug	Book Week
Tuesday 20 - 22 Sept	School Musical

Active After School Sports

Our school is once again participating in the Active After School Sports Program. This term the sport being offered is Soccer. If your child is interested in this free program, please complete the attached form and return to the office as soon as possible.

Thank You Highway Ford

We would like to thank Highway Ford for their generous donation of \$100 to our school. This donation is from the community program called "Mates in Action". If someone purchases a vehicle from Highway Ford & Hyundai they are offered a sheet listing selected organisations. The customer is able to choose an organisation to receive a donation of \$100. Please remember to support the businesses that support our school.

Coles & Woolworths Dockets

Telarah Public School has had a long standing association with Ritchies IGA last year receiving \$4779.23 as part of an Ritchies IGA School Support Program and we will be continuing this.

The benefits from collecting the COLES and Woolworths dockets are not as great as this program however we will be participating in their reward programs as every little bit does count. If Parents and Caregivers wish to provide their COLES or Woolworths dockets we will make the appropriate boxes available in the school administration area available when the collections periods commence. Mrs Taylor and Mrs Banister will be coordinating these programs.

Athletics Carnival

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our annual Athletics Carnival until Tuesday 2 August. Students should have received a new permission note (blue note) yesterday. All notes need to be signed with the new date and returned to your child's class teacher. All details will remain the same as previous notes. The Athletics Carnival is for students turning 8 years old this year as well as Year 3-6. Please see the office if your child did not receive a new permission note.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2012

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2012 now and welcome any interested families to make a time to come in and talk to us or simply place your child's name on the list in the office.

If you are aware of any friends or members of your extended family who are considering their child enrolling here in 2012 please pass the message on!

We will be working very hard with our own pre-school as well as other local schools to ensure that all of our Kindergarten students for 2012 have access to our orientation program later in the year.

Remember also that we are now taking applications for Pre-School in 2012 and that children will be attending for 5 full days each fortnight from next year.

Book Week

It is that time again in the library, Book Week is on 22 – 26 August. As usual lots of fun and activities are planned.

Our Book Fair will again be held over the entire week, so come along and buy a book for yourself or buy a book and donate it to our new library!

We will again be holding a Book Week competition with the theme this year being "One World, Many Stories". Children will be looking at the short listed books from the Children's Book Council, and will be filling our beautiful new library with their work.

Just a reminder now to start saving for the Book Fair and remember that the school receives a percentage of total sales so we can purchase new resources for the library to be enjoyed by everyone!

School Musical

Yes! There's going to be another fantastic School Musical again this year! More details later, but dates to mark on your calendar are:

Tuesday 20 Sept	7pm Evening Performance
Wednesday 21 Sept	10am Matinee Performance
Thursday 22 Sept	7pm Evening Performance

It is anticipated that all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be involved in the musical again this year. The production is a modern, musical fantasy called "Search for a Smile". Auditions for the main parts will take place soon.

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



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.



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

Active After-school Communities

Helping kids and communities get active

Free sport and healthy snacks after school

The Active After-school Communities (AASC) program is an Australian Government initiative providing primary school children with a fun, free and safe introduction to a selection of over 70 sports and 20 other structured physical activities in the after-school timeslot.

Parents/guardians are invited to enrol their child/ren in the activities on offer (see below). As well as participating in these activities for free, all children will receive a free

healthy afternoon tea, coaching from a qualified coach (with current Working with Children Check), access to sports equipment and a supervisor.

These sessions will provide children with a positive and fun introduction to sport and other structured physical activities to motivate them to be active for life.

All programs are delivered by AASC registered community coaches.

Sports and activities on offer this term

Telarah Public School is pleased to offer the following AASC activities in Term 3 starting in Week 3, 2011.

Tuesdays: Begins Tuesday 2nd August 3:12-4:25pm	Soccer Year 4, 5 and 6 students
Thursdays: Begins Thurs 4th August 3:12-4:25pm	Soccer Year 1, 2 and 3 students

If your child is interested please fill in this slip and hand in to the front office.

As the program is very popular please detach the section below and return a.s.a.p. to the school office. You will receive written confirmation of your child's placement in this free program and a further permission note if successful. Some children will be placed on a waiting list.

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My child wishes to enrol in the following AASC program(s).

Activity:	Soccer (Years 4, 5 and 6.)	Day:	Tuesday 3:12 to 4:25pm	Activity:	Soccer (years 1, 2 and 3)	Day:	Thursday 3:12 to 4:25pm
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Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ausport.gov.au/aasc



TO OUR SCHOOL!

We are happy to announce that Australia's most popular school assembly will soon be hosted at our school. **THE NED SHOW™** is a programme experienced by more than 2.2 million children a year worldwide. The assembly combines a great message with yo-yos, humour and audience participation to teach children how to develop three valuable characteristics involved in becoming champions at school and in life...

Never give up (focus, persistence)
Encourage others (kindness, shared learning)
Do your best* (diligence, excellence)

For five school days following the show, our school will have **NED™** items available for purchase. Each child will receive a free yo-yo trick sheet and our school will receive two different and exciting how to yo-yo DVDs.

THE NED SHOW comes to us free of charge and proceeds from our sale allow another school to receive the programme free of charge.

NED's message is an inspiration for all ages. We are looking forward to **NED's** visit and the lasting, positive impact he will have on our school. To see a brief clip of the show, go to www.theNEDshow.com.

To order your **NED** items use the form below. Enclose payment & order form for your child to bring to school.



THE NED SHOW
Australia's Most Popular School Assembly

ALL FOR KIDZ Promoting Academic Achievement through Character Development.™
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Pupil:		Teacher:	
ITEMS	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
NED™ Yo	_____	x A\$ 8.00	_____
Boomerang™	_____	x A\$ 14.00	_____
Cosmic Spin 2™	_____	x A\$ 19.00	_____
10 strings	_____	x A\$ 4.00	_____
Yo-Yo Holster	_____	x A\$ 4.00	_____
How 2 Yo DVD	_____	x A\$ 4.00	_____
Kickin' Tricks DVD	_____	x A\$ 4.00	_____
GRAND TOTAL			_____

Cheques should be made payable to our school (prices include GST).



NED™ Yo A\$8
Great for beginners and pros.
Comes in several great colors.



Boomerang™ A\$14
Excellent for ALL skill levels.
Amazing auto return.



COSMIC SPIN 2™ A\$19
Ball bearing yo-yo. Spins up to 4 times longer than normal yo-yos.

ACCESSORIES A\$4 each

- 10 Replacement Strings
- Super Cool Yo Holster
- How 2 Yo DVD
30 tricks from beginner to advanced
- Kickin' Tricks DVD
Spectacular tricks, very entertaining

See our **100% satisfaction guarantee** and more **NED** messaged items online at:
www.shopNED.com



Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc. Newsletter Term 3 2011

Kindiplay

Maitland Family Support runs a supported playgroup each Tuesday from 9.30-11.30am during school terms called Kindiplay. Kindiplay is for children ages 0-6 and their carers. Each week there is a different fun theme or dress up. Maitland Family Support provides craft activities, toys and tea and coffee for the carers.

Kindiplay resumes for term 3 on Tuesday 26th July 2011

For further information please contact Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc. on Phone: 49 33 8200

Triple P Seminar Series

Maitland Family Support is running a series of three presentations on positive parenting. Parents/carers of children in their care aged 3 to 12 years learn how to use positive parenting to encourage children to learn the skills and competencies they need and to promote their health, development and wellbeing.

Where: Shamrock Hill Multipurpose Centre, 19 Galway Bay Drive, Ashtonfield

Day seminar details

Wednesday, September 7, 14 & 21, 10am to 12noon

Free limited child care available

Evening seminar details

Wednesday, September 7, 14 & 21, 6pm to 8pm

No childcare available

To make a booking please contact Maitland Family Support Scheme on Phone: 49 33 8200

Self Esteem Workshop

Hunter Women's Centre and Maitland Family Support Scheme would like to invite women to a free self esteem workshop. Learn how to improve your self esteem and feel better about yourself as a person, learn how self esteem develops and why women are more vulnerable to low self esteem than men, learn positive self talk.

When: Wednesday, August 10th 10am to 1pm

Where: Shamrock Hill Multipurpose Centre, 19 Galway Bay Drive, ASHTONFIELD

Limited Childcare available

To make a booking please contact Maitland Family Support Scheme on Phone: 49 33 8200

Services we provide:

- Support
- Advice & information by phone or in person
- Short term case management
- Generalist counseling
- Referrals to community and specialist services
- Home & or Centre appointments
- Parenting programs
- Practical skills groups
- Supported playgroup
- Outreach to convenient venues throughout the Maitland LGA

For further information or to register please contact:

Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc. at:

19 Galway Bay Drive
Ashtonfield NSW 2323
PO Box 416
East Maitland 2323

Phone: (02) 49 33 8200
Fax: (02) 49 34 3237
E-mail: info@mfs.com.au



Basketball Come and Try Day and watch the Mustangs play!

What: Did you like basketball during the Active After-schools Communities program? Maitland Basketball Association has organised a fun-filled sport session of basketball for primary school aged children. All parents are invited to watch their children play basketball games and walk around the Maitland Basketball venue. In addition, parents and children are invited to stay and cheer on the Maitland Mustangs as they play against the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles for a spot in the post season. Maitland Basketball Association wants to encourage all children and parents to register to play basketball in the summer and enjoy this great facility.

When: Sunday 31 July 2011

Time: Basketball activities start at 1:00pm to 3:00pm, and Mustangs game starts at 4:00pm.

Where: Maitland Federation Centre, 10 Bent Street, Maitland, 4934 3503

Cost: Free!



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.



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

Please see the office for the Basketball Come and Try Day.



About the Education Tax Refund

Who is eligible?

- A person who has received Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A for a child undertaking primary or secondary school studies.
- Independent students in primary or secondary school.
- People on other allowances may be eligible too.

How much can be claimed?

Those eligible can claim 50% of eligible education expenses up to the maximum amounts.

For the 2010–11 financial year the maximum amounts that can be claimed are:

- \$794 for each primary school child — that is, a refund of up to \$397, and
- \$1,588 for each secondary school child — that is a refund of up to \$794.

What can be claimed in 2010-11?

Eligible expenses include the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and maintaining any of the following items:


- home computers and laptops
- computer-related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, and disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- computer repairs
- home internet connections
- computer software for educational use
- school textbooks and other printed learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, and
- prescribed trade tools for secondary school trade courses.

How do people claim?

- The ETR is claimed in an individual's tax return, or
- For those who don't lodge a tax return, it is claimed on the *Education Tax Refund for individuals claim form*, available from the Tax Office.

For more information go to www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au.






For more information and an electronic copy of this fact sheet visit
www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au



Australian Government

Education Tax Refund

Update

School uniforms

The Government is changing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) so that people can claim their kid's school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school-approved uniform items from 1 July 2012.





What do I need to do and when?


From 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

What school uniform items will I be eligible to claim?

Items need to be distinctive and recognised by the school — but are not limited to items bearing a school crest. For example:

- A public school has a policy which states that students should wear yellow shirts, blue hats, grey shorts or skirts and black leather shoes to identify the students as attending the school. However, while wearing these colours is strongly encouraged, it is not compulsory. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys items which fit within this policy from a store unaffiliated with the school. None of the clothing items contain the name of the school or school crest. As the items, including shoes, are approved or recognised as part of a distinctive school outfit and fall under the policy, they would be eligible expenses. This applies irrespective of where the clothing was purchased or the fact the uniform was not mandatory.
- A school has a dress code where students are required to be dressed in a neat and presentable fashion, but which does not indicate a more specific colour or style that the clothing should take. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys clothes which they intend to wear to school. The items would not be eligible expenses. While the clothing meets the school's dress code, they lack the sufficiently distinctive quality of a uniform, and could not identify the child as a student at the school.



Education Tax Refund
Claim everything you are entitled to

For more information and an electronic copy of this fact sheet visit
www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au