



## *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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### **NAPLAN Reports**

Last Friday students in Years 3 and 5 took their NAPLAN results home. If Parents and Caregivers did not receive these please contact the school and let us know. We were very pleased with the individual growth demonstrated by some of our students and will be using the data collected from the assessment program as the impetus for continued improvement in 2012 and beyond.

If you have any questions or would like support in understanding the report please contact the school to make an appointment and we will gladly assist.

### **End of Term**

This Friday is the last day of Term 3 for 2011. School resumes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. There is no Staff Development Day in Term 4. Please take care in the holidays as the weather warms up. Snakes will be coming out and be safe around the water.

### **Parking**

We understand that parking around the school is limited but please take care when driving around the school. Lately many cars have been seen parking in unsafe areas and neglecting to take appropriate care when driving off. An area of particular concern is the pedestrian crossing in Raymond Street. We have contacted the council and are seeking their support to address the issue.

### **School Musical**

Congratulations to all students and staff for their wonderful effort in preparing for our school musical "Search for a Smile". The costumes, props and stage all look fantastic and I'm sure parents and friends will be amazed at this wonderful performance. A special thank you to Mrs Sally Carratt for co-ordinating the musical.

### **Kindergarten Enrolments**

We have had a large number of families contact the school to enrol their children in Kindergarten in 2012. There are still places available but we need the contact details of all children intending on coming to our school

so that we can send out information about our orientation program that will be happening in early Term 4. If you have a child who will be with us next year or you know of someone who intends to enrol their child please give us a call on 4932 8477.

Please note the change of Orientation Dates, we apologise for the confusion.

### **Kinder Orientation Dates are as follows:**

- Week 1 Term 4 Wednesday 12 October  
Parent Information Session at 7.00pm
- Week 2 Term 4 Tuesday 18 October
- Week 3 Term 4 Tuesday 25 October
- Week 5 Term 4 Tuesday 8 November

### **2011 Calendar**

<b>Tuesday 20 - 22 Sept</b>	<b>School Musical</b>
<b>Friday 23 Sept</b>	<b>Last Day Term 3</b>
<b>Monday 10 October</b>	<b>Staff &amp; Students Return Term 4</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 October</b>	<b>Parent Information Session Kinder 2012</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 October</b>	<b>Kinder 2012 Orientation</b>
<b>Saturday 22 October</b>	<b>School Fete</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 October</b>	<b>Kinder 2012 Orientation</b>
<b>Friday 28 October</b>	<b>Stage 2 Excursion to Sydney</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 November</b>	<b>Kinder 2012 Orientation</b>
<b>Monday 7 - 10 Nov</b>	<b>Yr 6 Canberra Excursion</b>

## Pre-School 2012

We have received a large number of applications for enrolment for the Pre-School in 2012. As previously reported in 2012 the Pre-School will be offering places for full day enrolments with students attending 5 days a fortnight. It is an affordable option and we would love to have as many students as possible transition from the Pre-School 2012 to Kindergarten 2013. If you are intending on sending your Pre-School aged children to school at Telarah, our Pre-School is a great, affordable option. Please see the office staff for an expression of interest.

## Boys Hockey Team

Congratulations to our boys hockey team who last week travelled to Lithgow to compete in the PSSA Championships. After a long trip, our boys played extremely well to be placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the state! Congratulations boys! We would also like to thank the students for supporting our out of uniform and ice cream day last Friday. We managed to raise \$683.00. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following businesses for supporting our boys hockey team:

- McDonalds Rutherford
- Reids Telarah Butcher
- Maitland Leagues Club
- Rutherford Hotel
- The Mutual
- The Bradford Hotel
- Peaks Bus Hire
- National Australia Bank
- Tony Cant Real Estate

A special thank you to Mrs Ros Sherlock for co-ordinating the hockey and for all her fundraising efforts.

## Stage 2 Excursion to Sydney

On Friday 28 October, Year 3 and 4 will be going to The Rocks and The Australian Museum in Sydney. All permission notes and money need to be returned by Friday 23 September. If you did not receive a permission note, please see the office.

## Lost Property

Our lost property boxes are currently overflowing with clothing and hats etc. If your child has lost any articles of clothing, please see the lost property (big pink boxes) near the school hall or in the blue building.

## Year 3 2012 – Bus Applications

If your child is going to be in Year 3 in 2012 they will need to reapply for a bus pass. Only students who live outside the radial map will be eligible for a free bus

pass. Please see the office for a new bus application as soon as possible.

## Coles & Woolworths Dockets

Don't forget to bring in your Coles and Woolworths dockets!

## School Fete

If anyone is interested in holding a stall at our school, please contact Kylie Singer on 0420 943 336 for further information. Stalls cost \$20. Any donations for our fete would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the following businesses for supporting out school by becoming a stall holders for our fete:

- Capture Me Photography (Renee Archer)  
Renee will be selling handmade clips, headbands etc at our fete.
- Jan Beeby will be selling home made candles at our fete.
- Shenae Morrisson will be doing nappy cakes
- Donna Oliver will have sweet treats for sale
- Kim Heagney will have a store of Intimo Ladies Wear


## 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



**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



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.



## Maitland Swimming Club Inc

All present and new members must contact Maitland Pool if you are interested in Swimming Club. Please email the pool on: [maitswim@gmail.com](mailto:maitswim@gmail.com)

## The Dragons Move Up The Valley

Whether you want to represent Australia at the World Championships or just enjoy a leisurely paddle on our beautiful Hunter River, our new club will cater for you. Our new club will be located on the riverbank at the Endeavour Rowing Club Complex, Berry Park, 3km east of Morpeth.

There is a public meeting on Wednesday 12 October at 6pm at the Family Hotel (605 High Street, Maitland). Please phone Marie on 0404 468 433 for further details.

NEWCASTLE AREA - SPRING 2011  
Glenrock State Conservation Area  
Hunter Wetlands National Park/ Ash Island

Awabakal Nature Reserve  
Blue Gum Hills Regional Park

**DISCOVERY**  
WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

### Jr Ranger 'Wild Water Warriors'

Glenrock State Conservation Area  
Hey kids! Come and join a Discovery Ranger and the Waterwatch team for lots of fun and games. Participate in hands-on activities investigating the importance of our waterways and its creatures.  
When: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Time: 1-3pm Grade: Easy  
Meet: Start of Yeulabah track, Burwood Rd.  
Cost: \$10 child, adults FREE.

### 'Bush Art'

Hunter Wetlands National Park/ Ash Island  
Bring along all the family to meet an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger who will introduce you to painting in the bush art way. Take home your own creation!  
When: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Time: 10am-12pm Grade: Easy  
Meet: Carpark at Ash Island.  
Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family.

### 'Twilight creatures of Glenrock's Forest'

Glenrock State Conservation Area  
Come in search of our elusive nocturnal Australian animals. Discover the sights, sounds and smells as we explore the bush just as the native animals are waking up!  
Pre-payment essential  
When: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 6-8pm Grade: Easy  
Meet: Start of Yeulabah track, Burwood Rd.  
Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family.

### 'Wildflowers at Awabakal'

Awabakal Nature Reserve  
Discover the diversity of wildflowers at Awabakal- you will be amazed!  
When: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 10am-12pm Grade: Easy  
Meet: Carpark - end of Ocean Street, Dudley  
Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family.

### 'Wild World of Rockpools'

Glenrock State Conservation Area  
Join a Discovery Ranger and the Waterwatch Team to learn more about the fascinating wild, wild, world of rock pools. Please wear fully enclosed footwear that you don't mind getting wet!  
When: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 9-11am Grade: Easy.  
Meet: Merewether Baths, Merewether.  
Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family.

### 'Bush Foods'

Hunter Wetlands National Park/ Ash Island  
Join an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger to learn about life before European settlement and the traditional foods eaten by the Awabakal people.  
When: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 10am-12pm Grade: Easy  
Meet: Carpark at Ash Island.  
Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family.

### Jr Ranger 'Nature Diary & Storytime'

Blue Gum Hills Regional Park  
Be inspired at Blue Gum Hills through storytelling and art with an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger. Record your journey as you go!  
When: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 2-4pm Grade: Easy  
Meet: BGHRP Carpark, off Minmi Rd.  
Cost: \$10 child, adults FREE.

### Jr Ranger 'Fossil Forest Ramble'

Glenrock State Conservation Area  
Join a Discovery Ranger for a ramble through the forest to discover the amazing fossilized forest on the rocky shores of Dudley beach.  
When: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 2:30-4:30pm Grade: Easy  
Meet: End of Bombala Street, Dudley  
Cost: \$10 child, adults FREE.

### BIODIVERSITY DAY

Blue Gum Hills Regional Park  
Celebrate Biodiversity with walk, talks, activities and information stalls. Great day out for the whole family!

When: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Time: 10am-3pm  
Meet: BGHRP, off Minmi Rd.  
Cost: FREE.



### FOR ALL TOURS:

Please bring water, snacks and wear fully enclosed footwear.  
It's for your safety!

For more information on tours conducted at Kooragang Wetlands (Ash Island) please contact the Kooragang Wetland Rehabilitation Project on 4964 9308



For bookings and information call:  
NPWS NEWCASTLE on 49464112



PCYC KidzCare offers  
Vacation Care  
(8.30am to 5.30pm)  
To children in years K-6

**Affordable Child Care Benefit**  
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Fun & Friendship  
Healthy Body  
Active Play  
Quality People  
Quality Equipment

Call the friendly staff at Maitland PCYC on 02 49347122 or drop in to the club at 3 James Street, Maitland, to register your child for vacation care in the April holidays. Safe, Fun, and Active program.

Find us on

Note - Fees due on first day of care each week. Excursion fees do apply.

Ph: 02 49347122 E: [maitland@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:maitland@pcycnsw.org.au) W: [pcycnsw.org.au/maitland](http://pcycnsw.org.au/maitland)

## TEA GARDENS HAWKS NEST SLSC



# "NIPPERS"

Ever thought about joining a surf club?

Why you should join us.....

We are only 45mins from Maitland, we have heaps of free parking, and offer a warm friendly atmosphere with small age group sizes.

This is the place to come if your child or even yourself wishes to become surf aware and surf safe.

Please phone Nicola Young on 0438347930 if you have any questions

Registration and 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nippers is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.00am

Come join us