



## ***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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## **2012 Calendar**

12 – 23 Nov	Learn to Swim – Year 2
13 November	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
14 November	Kinder 2013 Orientation
20 November	Musica Viva
21 November	Kinder 2013 Orientation
4 December	RTHS Parent Information Evening, Parent and Community Volunteer Lunch
5 December	RTHS Orientation Day
7 December	P&C Christmas Raffle Drawn
10 December	Yr 6 Farewell
12 December	Presentation Day, Semester 2 Reports sent home with students
14 December	Swimming Carnival Yr 3 to 6
19 December	Last Day of School for Students
20 December	Staff Development Day
21 December	Staff Development Day

### **Classes – 2013**

To assist us to plan for a smooth transition into 2013 it would be appreciated if anyone who is planning on moving schools could notify the school in writing (a note when home on Monday). Based on our current student numbers we have enough students to create 18 classes from Kindergarten to Year 6. We are only a handful of students away from being able to create 19 classes. Please note students who are leaving to attend High School do not need to notify the school.

Alternatively if you know of someone whose children are going enrol at Telarah Public School next year, please encourage them to contact the school if they have not previously done so.

### **Musica Viva – Tigramuna**

This year's Musica Viva group is called "Tigramuna". Their performance explores the musical styles of Latin

America. Students will also learn about the group's songs and their fascinating authentic instruments in the classroom, prior to participating in Tigramuna's concert.

Students received their permission note last week for the performance. The cost is \$7.50 per student or \$12.00 per family. If you did not receive a permission note, please see the office.

### **Remembrance Poppy's**

Our Student Council will be selling Remembrance Poppy's near the hall this week. The cost is \$2 per Poppy. Please support this worthy cause.

### **Presentation Day – 12 December 2012**

Our Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 12 December at 10.00am. Please note that the date has changed from 14 December which was advertised in our earlier newsletters and the Term 4 Calendar. Can parents please ensure that they change the date on their calendar that was sent home. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. The reason for the change was that we had to have the swimming carnival on the 14<sup>th</sup> December as the pools were not available on any other suitable day.

### **Samaritan's Food Drive**

This year our school will once again be participating in the East Maitland Samaritan's Food Drive. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items to be brought to school to be placed under our Christmas tree. These food items will be collected and distributed as food hampers to needy families. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

### **Personalised Learning Plans**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November have been locked in as the days we will meet with parents and caregivers of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student to review their Personalised Learning Plans. If you are going to be involved and one of these days suits you better than another please give the school a call to book your time.

### Kindergarten Beach Excursion

Thanks to all the parents who came with the kinder classes on our beach excursion. The weather was perfect, the behaviour was perfect and the iceblocks were icy! Special thanks to Mrs Banister who did all the organisation to get our 70 students there and back safely.



### Garden Meeting and News

My apologies for not being at school for the garden meeting a few weeks ago. So..... there will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> straight after school outside the new library. We will be talking about directions for the garden, our involvement with Slow Food and maintenance of the garden over the summer holidays. The steel beds are now all filled and planted. I hope you can make it.



### Yr 6 Canberra Excursion

On Monday 29 October Year 6 set off to Canberra. We participated in a bunch of activities such as the GEO Science Centre and The National Museum of Australia. The highlight of the day was Telstra Tower where we climbed up 800m to see the view of Canberra. Then we checked in at Gold Creek Resort where we had dinner. After dinner we completed a journal entry then went to bed.

On Tuesday we went to The Australian Institute of Sport and Parliament House. At Parliament House we saw Ms Julia Gillard! We went back to our resort and had dinner and then went Laser Tagging! The highlight of the day was the War Memorial where we participated in the wreath laying ceremony. Jock and Hailee laid the wreath and Emily recited the Ode. Jessica said the thank yous.

On Wednesday we went to The Electoral Education Centre and The National Gallery of Australia. At 12.00 noon we had lunch then set off to the CSIRO Green Machine – cold chemistry program. We went back to the resort for dinner. The highlight of the day was Questicon. Lots of students enjoyed the freefall and the earth quake room.

On Thursday we went to The Spanish Embassy then had lunch. Our highlight of the day was Cockington Green. It is a mini Hunter Valley Gardens! After that we had a sausage sandwich. Overall we all had a great time! Year 6 would like to thank Mrs Akhurst (dance teacher extraordinaire), Mr Willcocks, Mr Tilden and Mr Taylor.

By Jenna and Emily



### Gifted and Talented Workshops

Our school was a venue for the Wicked Writers Workshop today and Skellybones, a science workshop to be held a little later. Congratulations to Jada, Harper, Nathaniel and Cody who have been recognised by their teachers as talented writers. Our budding scientists are Blayd, Dylan, Charlotte and Ashley. We hope you enjoy

your workshop later in the term. These GATS workshops are organised by Mrs Fleming and provide enrichment and a chance for our students to work with other talented students in the area.

### Kinder Orientation

Our family orientation night was well attended and the orientation for the children has begun. We are keen to get any feedback about the Orientation program so that we can do it better next year. Please let a staff member or the office know if you have any ideas, criticisms or positive feedback.

### Office – Eftpos

Due to the school financial year ending soon, there will be no Eftpos transactions from 23 November to 5 December. Parents are still able to pay with cash or cheque. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### P&C Christmas Raffle

Students will receive today our P&C Christmas raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1 each.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$250 Coles Gift Card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$100 Gift Voucher at Hunter Valley Gardens
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Family Pass to Hunter Valley Zoo

Please return all raffle tickets to the front office by Friday 7 December at 1.00pm. If you require more raffle tickets, please see the front office.

### Kindergarten 2013

We are taking names for next year's Kindergarten classes. Please give your details to the office and tell any neighbours or friends who have children starting school next year to come up to school and put their names down.

### Preschool Enrolments

Application for enrolment at our fabulous preschool close shortly. Don't miss out on getting on the list. Please tell neighbours and friends who have children who may be ready for preschool next year.

### Bus Pass – Year 3 2013

Any student in Year 2 this year who has a bus pass will have to reapply for a bus pass for next year. Please see the office for a bus application form.

### 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

### P&C Dates to Remember

13 November P&C Meeting  
11 December P&C Meeting  
12 February 2013 P&C AGM Meeting  
**Please note that all P&C Meetings are held at 7.00pm in the old library.**



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.



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Dear Parents,

This is an invitation to families who would like to prepare their children for the Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2013.

We will be holding FOUR parent information sessions in early February for the eight parishes of the Chisholm Region: East Maitland; Maitland, Largs, Paterson; Morpeth; Dungog, Clarence Town; Gresford; Lochinvar; Beresfield and Rutherford. The first of which is on:



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 7pm St Pauls Church, Rutherford  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 7pm St Joseph's Church, East Maitland  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 10am Dungog  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013 10am Corcoran Centre, Morpeth



If you are interested, you are invited to attend any one of these initial evenings where an overview of our preparation process will be given. These are parent information nights only; children are not required to attend.

After this initial introduction to the process and if you feel as a family you are ready to commit to the process you will be invited to a further parent only meeting. At this meeting a more detailed explanation of the process will be given and resources needed to support you during the preparation process will be given out.

We look forward to meeting you and providing support to you and your children in this very important part of their journey in faith.

Yours sincerely,  
Father Paul and the Regional Sacramental Team.



PARISHES (established)

1835 East Maitland – 1841 Maitland – 1871 Morpeth – 1875 Dungog  
1892 Gresford – 1905 Lochinvar – 1947 Beresfield – 1961 Rutherford