



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

28 November	School Prefect 2013 Nomination Speech
29 November	School Prefect 2013 Nomination Speech
3 December	Hunter Surf Life Saving Yr 6
4 December	Thank You Luncheon, RTHS Parent Information Evening,
5 December	RTHS Orientation Day
7 December	P&C Christmas Raffle Drawn
10 December	Yr 6 Farewell
11 December	P&C Meeting
12 December	Presentation Day, Sausage Sizzle and Red Food 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
29 January	Staff Development Day
30 January	Yr 1-6 Students Return Term 1
4 February	Kinder Students First Day

School Captain and Prefect 2013 Nomination Speeches

Our school will be holding on Wednesday 28 November at 12.00pm and Thursday 29 November at 2.00pm student nomination speeches for captains and prefects for 2013. Students will be required to give a short two minute speech at the assemblies. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend to encourage their child on the day.

Thank You Luncheon

We will be holding our Thank You Luncheon on Tuesday 4 December at 11.45am – 12.30pm in our school hall. This is our way for thanking you for the wonderful support you have given to our school

throughout the year. If you have volunteered this year at school and would like to attend our Thank You Luncheon, please complete the form attached and return to the office as soon as possible.

Canteen Price List

At our last P & C meeting significant discussion was held around the canteen and the way it functions. In 2011 the canteen incurred a loss and in investigations into the operation it has been discovered that the prices on the menu have not been set to a point that enable the canteen to cover its operating costs.

With this in mind we have reviewed the price structure and have attached a new menu to the newsletter. We have deleted some items that did not sell and made the menu more explicit so that people know what can be bought and when. Our aim is to provide an affordable menu to support the school community. This needs to be realistic though and a review of the price structure is timely. Any changes to the menu must be passed through a meeting of the schools P & C. If you have questions or comments please come to the next meeting to discuss.

Please note that in keeping with the policy of a healthy canteen, all sandwiches will now be made on multigrain bread.

Canteen Volunteers for 2013

Please find attached to today's newsletter a Canteen Volunteer Form for our school canteen. Volunteering in the canteen is a good way to be part of your child's school experience and the children really enjoy showing off their parent / carer to school friends. If you are able to volunteer any time in our school canteen, please complete the form and return to the office.

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.

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 Calender. 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 14th December as the pools were not available on any other suitable day.

Hunter Surf Life Saving

On Monday 3 December, Year 6 students will be attending the Hunter Surf Life Saving at Nobby's Beach. The students will gain vital survival skills and knowledge whilst having fun and enjoying their experience. The cost per student is \$20. Please return permission note and money to the office as soon as possible.

Yr 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday 10 December at Telarah Bowling Club. Students arrive at 5.30pm and parents are invited to return at 8.30pm for the presentation dance. The cost per student is \$25 which includes meal, a drink and the disco. Please return permission note and money to the office as soon as possible. Please see your class teacher or the office if you did not receive a permission note.

Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival for Year 3 – 6 students will be held on Friday 14 December at Maitland Pool. Permission notes will be sent home next week.

Choir and K-1K at Rutherford Community Centre

On Friday, members of the school choir and class K-1K will perform for the elderly people who attend Friday Daycare at Rutherford Community Centre. The choir is very excited about going and singing some of our favourite songs and Christmas carols. Class K-1K has been learning the recorder this year and they will be performing some tunes, including "Jingle Bells". We will all be wearing our special white Telarah Public School music shirts and we will be proud to represent Telarah Public School and to take part in this community service activity.

Musica Viva "Tigramuna"

Last week students from Preschool to Year 6 enjoyed concerts by "Tigramuna". We learnt a lot about the group's music, which is in South American style, and their instruments both before the concert, in our classrooms and from Carlos and the other musicians on the day. Some lucky students were chosen to play in the band. We all enjoyed moving to the music and laughing at Carlos' jokes! Musica Viva is a program which brings live music to schools all around the state.



Congratulations Rohan and Codey!

Well done to Rohan of Class 3-4D and Codey of class 5M who have been selected through audition to be members of The Australian Youth Choir! Well done Rohan and Codey and enjoy this wonderful opportunity!

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.

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 have received our P&C Christmas raffle tickets. If you would like more raffle tickets, please see the front office. Tickets are \$1 each.

1 st Prize	\$250 Coles Gift Card
2 nd Prize	\$100 Gift Voucher at Hunter Valley Gardens
3 rd 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.

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

Sausage Sizzle and Red Food Day

On Wednesday 12 December (after Presentation Assembly) our P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle and Red Food Day. Sausage Sandwiches will be sold for \$2 each. Parents and friends are welcome to stay and enjoy a sausage sandwich with your child. The canteen will also be selling lollies, chips and drinks.

It's never too early for resolutions. Join Now, Rest of Year FREE!

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**Nutrition Snippet
Chilli - Vegetable of
the Month!**



Chilli Facts:

- Did you know that chillies are a member of the capsicum family?
- There are over 200 known varieties of chilli, some of the most common being long chillies (mild), jalapeno chillies (spicy) and birdseye chillies (extremely hot).
- Chillies can be added to stir-fries, curries, sauces, soups and salads.
- Try a mild fruity salsa at home!
1cup chopped peaches,
1 onion sliced,
1 chilli sliced and deseeded,
2 tsp cider vinegar,
2tsp sweet chilli sauce,
chopped coriander and mint leaves.
Delicious on potato jackets or as a dip for veggie sticks!



For more information about the *Eat It To Beat It* program Ph 4923 0710 or visit www.cancercouncil.org.au/

