



## *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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### **Red Food Day**

This Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April our canteen is having a Red Food Day. There will be all sorts of tasty things for sale including: Cupcakes, Surprise Jelly Cups, Sherbet Cones and more. Prices will be between .50c and \$2.50. Items available at recess and lunch.

### **Easter Hat Parade**

On Thursday 5 April at 10.10am our school will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. All students from Preschool to Year 2 will be proudly wearing their Easter Hats. Students will be making their Easter Hats in class however they may wear a hat they have made from home if they wish. Students from Year 3 to 6 will have their Easter artwork on display in the hall. We would like to invite all parents and friends to attend the parade.

Our P&C Easter Raffle will also be drawn at the parade. All raffle tickets need to be returned by Wednesday 4 April. If you would like more raffle tickets, please see the office.

### **Year 5 Gardeners Ice Cream Day**

A group of enthusiastic students has been working on renovating a garden near the Early Intervention Unit this term. They have weeded and put down paving and generally cleaned the area up. They will be running an ice cream day on Wednesday 4 April to get some much needed funds to use for getting the garden productive next term.

**Ice creams will be sold outside the hall on Wednesday for \$1.**

### **Harmony Day**

On Wednesday 21 March our school celebrated Harmony Day. The students came out of school uniform, wearing orange. Everyone had a choice to try traditional food from around the world. Foods like naan bread, dips and white rice, fried rice, curried chicken and much more were available.

Many classes made a Harmony Day hand with flags on them. They were put in the hall and look great. On the day we raised \$335.15 for World Vision. The

students had a fantastic day. Thank you to all the teachers and students that donated.

### **PSP Survey**

Congratulations to Khloe of K-IK who won the hamper for the PSP surveys being returned. Congratulations to the Harvie family and thank you to all the families who returned their surveys.

### **Gifted and Talented Student Camp - Year 6**

The Hunter Primary Gifted and Talented Student Camp will be held on 24-27 July 2012. The cost of the camp will be approx \$300 per student. If your child is interested in attending the camp, please see Mr Taylor. This is only available to year 6 students. All nomination forms need to be received by Thursday 5th April.

## **2012 Calendar**

<b>Wednesday 4 April</b>	<b>Ice Cream Day</b>
<b>Thursday 5 April</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 24 April</b>	<b>Students return for Term 2</b>
<b>Wednesday 25 April</b>	<b>Anzac Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 May</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 11 May</b>	<b>P&amp;C Mothers Day Morning Tea, Mothers Day Stall</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 May</b>	<b>Preschool Photographs</b>
<b>Thursday 17 May</b>	<b>Preschool Photographs</b>

### Hunter Sports High School 2013

If you would like to your child to attend Hunter Sports High in 2013, please see the office for an application form.

### National Young Leaders Day

On Monday 26 March, Telarah School Leaders represented our student body at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Some inspirational speakers told us their life stories. They certainly were extremely inspiring. Anh Do, the famous comedian told his wonderful and funny family story. We left the day looking forward to helping Mr Taylor develop some interesting activities with all classes at our school.

### Year 5 Camp

Students in Year 5 will be attending the Aussie Bush Camp from Tuesday 26 June to Friday 29 June. The total cost for the camp is \$291.50 which covers transport to and from the camp as well as all meals and cabin accommodation. A deposit of \$50 must be paid to the office by Friday 23 March to secure your child's place for the camp. If you have any questions regarding the arrangements or payment for the camp please see Mrs Keith or Mr Gadd.

### From Our Principal:

#### High School Students

Traditionally on Tuesday afternoons many of our ex-students attending secondary school come to our school to visit past teachers and collect younger siblings from their classes at the conclusion of the school day. Unfortunately, recently there have been some unsavoury incidents involving students from the high school and we will be reviewing this activity at the next meeting of the Rutherford Technology High School Partner Schools. Our preference is for ex-students to only enter the grounds under the supervision of their parents or guardians.

Individuals who have no reason to be on our site found to be behaving inappropriately will and have been excluded from being able to attend under the Enclosed Lands Act.

#### Canteen News

Recently at the Annual General Meeting of the Telarah Public School Parents and Citizens Association the financial reports for 2011 were tabled and discussed. It was noted that there are some significant financial issues in the canteen that need to be addressed. Karen and her team have always aimed to provide a canteen that was an affordable option for parents and caregivers to provide lunch to their children but this practice has unfortunately led to the canteen being unable to

effectively cover their costs and we need to review the price structure. Prices in the canteen will increase in Term 2. This is to cover the cost of having a paid part-time canteen manager and the on costs associated with this. To address the financial position of the canteen the P and C and I are working together to devise a range of strategies including;

- Shopping around a variety of suppliers to seek better, cheaper deals
- Looking at the pricing structure so the [prices charged for items will cover the running costs of the canteen
- Developing tighter controls on how money is handled and stock is controlled
- Encouraging new volunteers to come and work in the canteen so that more people are familiar with the regulatory controls and processes.
- Seeking the support of Department of Education and Communities Auditors to monitor controls and develop sound financial management systems.

Best Wishes for Easter.

Tony Gadd  
Principal

### Staff Development Day

Day one of term 2, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 will be a Staff Development Day. Teachers of students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be attending a Professional Learning in Mathematics Day at Rutherford Public School. Our Year 5 and 6 Teachers and I will be attending a workshop at Rutherford Technology High School to address the Middle Years of Education. We will be looking at how we cater for the needs of students in Year 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and ways we can improve. Our society and students are always changing; we need to look at how we can meet the needs of modern learners.

Our administration and support staff will be at school working as normal.

#### Facebook

The school has a Facebook page that we will be posting updates, news and events on. If you wish to receive these please search for Telarah Public School and "Like" us! The up to date authentic page is the one with the green school logo.

#### Emails

Parents are also able to have copies of newsletters and notes emailed. If you would like to take advantage of this please contact the office.

**Eftpos**

We now have an Eftpos machine at the school office which can be used for paying school excursions, fees etc. Please note that we are not able to give any cash out when using the Eftpos machine.

**Headlice**

Remember Monday night is Nit Night where we ask parents to please check their child's hair and treat if necessary.

**P&C AGM**

I would like to thank all the parents who attended our P&C AGM.

Congratulations to the following people who have accepted these roles in our P&C:

President	Kylie Singer
Secretary	Meredith Edwards
Treasurer	Phil Debenham

Our school looks forward to working with you all in the future.

**P&C Easter Raffle Tickets**

The eldest student in each family received their raffle tickets today. All raffle tickets need to be returned by Wednesday 4 April to go in the draw to win a fantastic Easter Hamper. If you require more tickets, please see the front office.

**P&C Dates to Remember**

8 May	P&C Meeting
11 May	Mothers Day Stall
6 June	School Disco
12 June	P&C Meeting
17 July	P&C Meeting
14 August	School Disco
14 August	P&C Meeting
31 August	Fathers Day Stall
11 September	P&C Meeting
9 October	P&C Meeting
6 November	School Disco
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.

## East Maitland Pine Tree GAPS Support Group



### Providing Grandparents As Parents Support

Come along and join our volunteers for morning tea, relax, meet new people, be involved in discussions with guest speakers discussing relevant topics and access information we have available.



**St. Peters Hall  
Banks Street  
East Maitland NSW 2323**  
*Commencing Tuesdays 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012*  
**Every Tuesday 10am till 12pm  
(During school terms only)**

For more information  
Phone Thel on 49336662 or 0414 924586  
Or Marilyn on 49331294

## First Chess night for Term 1 8 Feb 2012



### 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



Newcastle Family Support Services' Family Relationship Skills Project and Maitland Family Support Scheme would like to invite parents or care-givers of dependant children to a free 4 week group program.



## Building Family Stories

Create a visual record of your family, using recycled materials  
Share your stories of parenting: your hopes and dreams, challenges and achievements.

Conversations may also include;  
Clutter and de-clutter  
Building and restoring relationships  
Mindfulness and family life  
Taking good care of ourselves



**NO ART EXPERIENCE NEEDED** .....

.....Just an interest in having fun and connecting with other parents.

Materials, Afternoon tea and Children's Activities provided

When: Tuesdays, 8<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2012  
Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Where: Maitland Family Support Scheme  
Shamrock Hill Centre, 19 Galway Bay Drive, Ashtonfield



To make a booking please contact  
Maitland Family Support Scheme  
on 4933 8200



The NFSS Family Relationship Skills Project is funded by the Australian Government and auspiced by Newcastle Family Support Services.

Do you like playing games, Crafts  
Meeting new friends and camping.  
You can do this and more.

**COME ALONG AND JOIN**

1st Telarah Scout Group  
Russell Street  
Telarah

Joeys—6–8 yrs old - Thurs 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Cubs - 8 -10 yrs old—Wed 6:30 to 8 pm

Scout - 10 -15 yrs old - Fri 6 to 8 pm

Contact : Dorothy O'Toole

Ph. 49327407

Ada Wright

49329680

Cash for Cans

1st Saturday of the Month

1st Telarah Scout Hall

Russell Street

Telarah

Hunter Region National Parks presents:

'Easter 2012'



**DISCOVERY**  
WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

### Tomaree National Park

- Jnr Ranger 'Easter Bunny vs Easter Bilby' – Wednesday 11 April from 10am-12noon Cost: \$10 per child, adults free if accompanying children.
- Ghosts, Goblins & Ghouls – Friday 13 April from 5-7pm Dress up if you like.  
Cost: \$10 per person
- 'Koala Capers' – Thursday 19 April from 2-4pm Cost: \$10 per person

### Port Stephens- Great Lakes Marine Park

- 'Introduction to Snorkelling' – Thursday 12 April from 12:30-2:30pm. Cost: \$25 per person, all equipment supplied. Not suitable for under 10 years old.
- 'Wide World of Rockpools' – Tuesday 17 April from 11am-1pm Cost: \$10 per person,

Booking and pre-payment is essential for all tours as numbers are limited. Book online at <http://www.wildwildworld.com.au> or contact our Regional Office on ph 02 49848200. Payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) is required at time of booking.

**Bookings and pre-payment are Essential.**

.....discover just how much fun the school holidays can be!

The NPWS is part of the Office of Environment & Heritage.

## Life Saving Blood Donations Needed this Easter

The celebration of new life can be made more rewarding by giving people in need a new lease on life this Easter long weekend.

By donating blood at The Maitland Hospital Centre, 550-560 High Street, you could help save 3 lives!

Maitland Blood Donor Centre is opened:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 12.30 – 7.00pm  
Wednesday 8.00am – 3.00pm