



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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Welcome

Yesterday we welcomed 8 new students into our school with 2 more to start next week. They were welcomed extremely well by all of our students and had a great day. We're very close to having the enrolment numbers for another teacher to be employed at our school, we'll keep you posted!

Positive Behaviour for Learning

A major component of our school plan is to implement an initiative called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). PBL is a program designed to support schools to develop clearly defined expectations for student behaviour in all settings. These are developed around some key expectations that can transcend all school environments.

Our key expectations will be for students, staff and parents to;

- Be Safe
- Be Learners
- Be Positive

We will be consulting with our P and C at the next meeting and our students in each class in the next fortnight. We will keep you informed.

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted in Week 4 of this term beginning on the 15 May. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to discuss your child's involvement in any way it is imperative that you contact us this week. Please contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Sherlock or Mr Gadd to make an appointment.

Staffing Changes

On Friday we sent out a note about some key staffing changes that have had to happen this term. Apologies for the few typos, it was very important that the note went home on Friday to make parents and caregivers aware of what is happening. In summary Mr Tull will be on 4T, Mrs Kelly and Mr Taylor will both be available to support students, staff and parents whilst Mr Debenham

is on Long Service Leave and Mrs Nugent is returning to work 3 days a week this term.

Mrs Taylor

As we made you aware last Friday Mrs Taylor is taking sick leave to be treated for a recurrence of a serious illness requiring immediate treatment. Mrs Taylor has been wonderful in providing some key points to talk to students about if they ask questions about what is happening. The school community has been very supportive of the Taylor's during this difficult time and it is greatly appreciated. If you or your children need to discuss anything further please contact the school and we will assist where we can.

Active After School Sports

Please find attached to today's newsletter a copy of the Active After School Sports Note. Students from Year 1 – 6 are offered Zumba on a Tuesday afternoon and students from Year 4 – 6 are able to participate in soccer and ultimate Frisbee on a Thursday afternoon. If you would like your child to participate in any of these activities, please return form to the office as soon as possible.

2012 Calendar

Tuesday 8 May

**P&C Meeting,
Book Club due**

Friday 11 May

**P&C Mothers Day
Morning Tea,
Mothers Day
Stall, Stewart
House Envelopes
due**

Tuesday 15 May

**Preschool
Photographs**

Tuesday 15-18 May

Naplan Yr 3 & 5

Thursday 17 May

**Preschool
Photographs**

Preschool 2013

Expression of interest forms are now available for children wanting to attend our preschool in 2013. Parents are able to collect an application form from the preschool or the front office of the school. Please note your child must turn 4 years of age prior to 31 July 2013 to be eligible for a place. Please return completed expression of interest as soon as possible. Places will be offered by 21 September 2012.

Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country was staged in trying conditions on Thursday 26 April at Tocal. We were blessed with another glorious Autumn day and Telarah Public School went to 'The College' represented by 27 strong endurance runners.

The competitors did themselves and the school extremely proud in boggy and often sticky conditions. Telarah had a large number of students in the top 40, an excellent effort considering the strength of the schools competing.

Congratulations to all runners and especially Helina who was successful in qualifying for Regional Cross Country which will be held at Broadmeadow Racecourse on Friday 11th May. Braith and Scotts were just behind the qualifying cut off spots and are reserves for the Maitland Zone squad while Megan finished 9th.

A big thank you must go to all the parents, carers and grandparents who helped with transport to and from the venue on the day.



Book Club

Last day for book club orders will be next Tuesday 8 May. Please put order and money in an envelope and hand to Mrs Bateup.

P&C Mothers Day Morning Tea

Please find attached to today's newsletter an invitation to our P&C Mothers Day Morning Tea to be held on Friday 11 May from 11.00am in our school hall. If you would like to attend, please return tear off slip along with \$5 per person to the office.

Stewart House Donation Drive

All students received last week a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope. Please place \$2 in the envelope and return to school by Friday 11 May to go in the draw to win a \$4000 holiday of your choice. All money supports the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year.

Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2013

All students in Year 5 have received with today's newsletter an expression of interest for the Opportunity Class in 2013.

If you would like your child to apply for this class, please complete the expression of interest and return to the office as soon as possible. Parents are able to apply online or can request a printed application form.

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. Parents are able to make payments at the office. If you have any questions regarding the arrangements or payment for the camp please see Mrs Keith or Mr Gadd.

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 Easter Raffle

We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support for our Easter Raffle in which we were able to raise over \$600! Congratulations to the following prize winners:

- 1 B Mills
- 2 Olivia Bridge
- 3 Mitchell Parsons
- 4 Fiona Thomas
- 5 Kristy Cauallaro
- 6 Angus Guy
- 7 Lara Mai Shearman

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.



Nutrition Snippet Did You Know???

9 out of 10 parents in the Hunter do not eat enough vegies on a daily basis and about half don't eat enough fruit every day.

A lifetime of eating enough fruit and vegies can help protect you against:



- Coronary heart disease
- Help prevent some cancers
- Overweight and obesity
- Constipation
- Help reduce blood pressure and cholesterol levels
- Improve control and prevention of diabetes

But more importantly, by eating more fruit and veg you'll be a healthy role model for your kids, helping to protect them against these conditions.

For more information about the Eat It To Beat It program please visit www.cancer council.org.au/eatittobeatit or phone 4923 0710.



BECOME A WEP HOST FAMILY

Open your door to an international exchange student and expand your knowledge of other countries, cultures, languages and cuisines!



A place to call home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2012. Our students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Meet Our Students

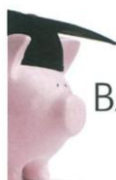
"I think it would be a magical experience to share our cultures and each other. I'm very curious to discover, to see a "new world". ~ Harmonie, France
 "I see this as I once-in-a-lifetime experience. I hope to find a loving family that can teach me a lot of Australia and show me the way people live 'down under!' ~ Toon, Belgium.
 "I would like to come to Australia because it is my dream to see your beautiful country, to know lots of new friends and to learn a new kind of life. From here we see Australia as the best place in terms of education, welfare and style of life: it is two years that I try to spare my money for this experience." ~ Umberto, Italy

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!



The Mutual
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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.