



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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NSW Teachers Federation Stop Work Meeting

The NSW Teachers Federation has called a Stop Work meeting for Friday morning from 9am to 11am. At this stage Federation Members from our school have not held a meeting or been canvassed as to whether or not they will be at school or the meeting. We intend on holding a meeting of Federation members this afternoon and **will provide advice to our families tomorrow.**

Usually during a Stop Work meeting we are able to provide minimal supervision to our students who require this due to parental work commitments. We are also committed to ensuring that those students who require the opportunity to catch up missed NAPLAN tests have that made available to them.

BEYBLADES

Beyblades are currently a favourite toy amongst the students but unfortunately they are causing a fair bit of concern for our staff and students. The students have been pulling them apart, swapping pieces of the Beyblades and sometimes even taking things that do not belong to them. We would like to discourage students bringing them to school at all. We will not be letting students play with them in the playground as they are causing to many altercations between students.

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted this week for students in Year 3 and 5. Students are tested nationally in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to discuss your child's involvement in any way please contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Sherlock or Mr Gadd to make an appointment.

School Photos

School photographs arrived late on Friday afternoon. Parents and Caregivers are invited to come into the office to pick them up. All photos that have not been collected by Thursday afternoon will be sent home with children on Friday. If you would like to make alternative

arrangements please contact the lovely ladies in the office.

Snaketails

Our performance this term is the reptile show Snaketails. This show has been given the Frater Award for school performance eight times and our children will really enjoy it. The notes have gone out and the show is \$6 per child or \$12 per family. The performance is on Friday 25 May and there will be four performances.

Kindergarten 2013

We are now taking names for Kindergarten 2013. If you have a child or know of a child who will be attending our school next year, please contact the school and leave your details with our office staff.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)

Telarah School will again be involved in NSS on Wednesday 23 May. This year's story is The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland and many schools throughout Australia will be reading this story at the same time.

2012 Calendar

Tuesday 15 May	Preschool Photographs
Tuesday 15-18 May	Naplan Yr 3 & 5
Thursday 17 May	Preschool Photographs
Wednesday 23 May	NSS
Friday 25 May	Snaketails Performance, Out of Uniform Day
Saturday 23 June	Bunnings BBQ
Tuesday 26 – 29 June	Year 5 Camp

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Helina and Braith who made Telarah Public School extremely proud when they travelled to Broadmeadow Racecourse on Friday 11 May to compete in the Regional Cross Country.

Helina (3R) was placed a very close 3rd in her age division (9 years), which secured her a spot at the State Cross Country Championships at Homebush in July. This was an outstanding result from such a young and relatively inexperienced long distance runner. Helina comes from a little athletics - short distance background and still holds records in hurdle races in Queensland. I am sure that Helina has an extremely bright future ahead of her. Best wishes at the next level of competition.

Braith (5/6P) finished 36th in his age division (10 years). A great achievement considering he was only notified of his position in the squad late Wednesday afternoon. He may have finished even closer if he didn't stop to pat the horses!!!

Well done to you both for showing great tenacity and drive to succeed at such a high level.



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.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

All families received last week a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Card. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you get one sticker. Once your chart is full it can be returned to the office. Please see the office if you would like more sticker cards for family and friends. Thank you for your support.

Bunnings BBQ

On Saturday 23 June our school will be holding a Bunnings BBQ. If you are able to donate any time to help out on the day, even if it is just for one hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Please return the tear off slip attached to the newsletter if you are able to help.

Active After School Sport

We still have some places available in our Active After School Sport program. Students from Year 1 – 6 are able to participate in Zumba on a Tuesday afternoon. Students from Year 4 – 6 are able to participate in Ultimate Frisbee / Soccer on a Thursday afternoon. If your child is interested in doing any of these activities, please complete the attached form and return to the office as soon as possible.

Year 5 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.

Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 23 June 2012.

Yes I can help at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 23 June.

Name _____

Contact Number _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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.

Notes / Newsletters Emailed to Parents

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.

Mothers Day Stall & Morning Tea

Thank you to all the families for supporting our Mothers Day Stall and Morning Tea last Friday. The students enjoyed buying presents for their mums and loved seeing them at the morning tea. We were able to raise nearly \$700 from days activities. Once again, thank you for your support.



Out of Uniform Day

Friday 25th May 2012



We are raising
money to sponsor
Mrs Cartwright who
is doing the Million
Paws Walk for the
RSPCA.



Bring a Gold Coin Donation


This Out of Uniform Day is supported by our
Student Council

**Wear Blue
or Green**

P&C Dates to Remember

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.



Do you provide CARE for a family member or friend? Come along to

Carer Connections

- Take the opportunity to meet or re-connect with other Carers
- All new Carers are welcome to attend



Laughter is the Best Medicine


LAUGH YOUR WAY TO BETTER HEALTH, DECREASE YOUR STRESS AND INCREASE YOUR HAPPINESS WITH LAUGHTER YOGA TEACHER - DR ADITYA MENON

When: Thursday 24 May 2012
Where: The Place, Charlestown Square
Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm (Morning tea provided)

Carer Connections is a FREE event but please RSVP for catering purposes. Limited places are available.

Respite may be arranged by contacting the Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222

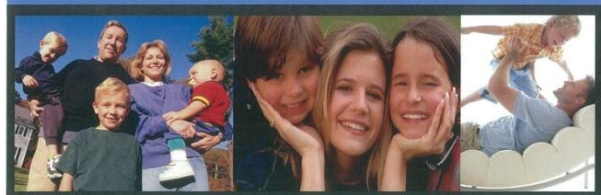
For more information or to register contact the EDuCARE Support Service on: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or email Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au by Thursday 17 May 2012



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Maitland Pickers Rugby League

On Saturday 19 May, Maitland Pickers will be celebrating Junior Club Day. We would like to invite all players, parents, coaches, support staff, committee from West Maitland, East Maitland, Morpeth, Thornton / Beresfield, Dungog and Woodberry to wear their club colours proudly to gain free entry to the game. This round is dedicated to celebrating all our juniors in the area, achievements of junior school teams and players on an individual basis. Hope to see you there!

Triple P Seminar Series

Positive Parenting Program
Small changes, big differences

Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc would like to invite parents and carers to attend a Triple P Seminar Series. The seminars are designed to provide an overview and introduction to the principles of positive parenting. Parents learn how to use positive parenting to encourage children to learn the skills and competencies they need and to promote their health, development and wellbeing. These skills promote family harmony, reduce conflict, foster successful peer relationships and prepare children for successful experiences at school.

Tuesday June 12 and Wednesday June 13, 2012
at Shamrock Hill Multipurpose Centre,
19 Galway Bay Drive Ashtonfield
10am to 1pm.

Parents and caregivers welcome.

There is no cost to register for this course and no child care is available

Morning tea provided

 Find us on Facebook Get updates on what's happening. Look for... Maitland Family Support Scheme	To register please contact Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc on: Ph: (02) 49 33 8200	
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Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Play in May!

At your local Guide meeting
For girls aged 6-17 years



Guides enjoy adventure, games, camping, outdoors, cooking, craft and more
Contact District Leader on: 0429449912
To join us FREE during may at
Maitland Guide Hall at Cnr Ken Tubmand Dr & ST Andrews st

Or contact coastalvalleysgirlguides@live.com.au to find out more