



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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2013 Calendar

Friday 1 March	Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 4 March	Parent Meeting 2.00pm
Wednesday 20 March	Kinder Photos in Mercury
Thursday 21 March	Harmony Day

Transition to Rutherford Technology High School

Many thanks to the Parents and Caregivers of our Year 6 students who will be transitioning to Rutherford Technology High School in 2014 for attending a meeting with Mr Whiting and Mr Archbold on Monday morning. Mr Whiting is the Principal and Mr Archbold is one of the Deputy Principals at the high school.

There is an invitation to a Year 6 information night at the high school attached to this newsletter. Please get along if you can.

This year we have joined some of our staffing entitlement with the high school to appoint a Learning and Support Teacher to assist with transition. Mrs Sherlock who retired last year from our school will be working between our school and the high school to support our students. This is a new initiative that we think will work very well.

Community Liaison Officer

In addition to the support for transition initiative we are also working in partnership with the high school to enhance our relationships with the wider school community. We have employed Maryka Gibson for one day a week to help us do some research on community perceptions of the school and the work we do. We would like to build a greater relationship with families in relation to learning, particularly literacy and numeracy. Maryka has an advertisement in the newsletter inviting parent comment. If you would like to talk to Maryka about anything, she works at the school on a Monday and can be found in the School Counsellor's office.

Staffing News

As stated in the last newsletter, Mrs Dorrian has accepted a transfer to Shortland Public School. As our student numbers came in as expected, we will maintain the current class structure. We have employed Mrs Jeanette Gaylard as the teacher on the $\frac{3}{4}$ class. Mrs Gaylard has been a long term casual at the school and we are confident she will do well with the class. This position is a temporary one. If our numbers hold at the current level we will hopefully fill the position permanently for 2014.

Best Start Interviews

Our kindergarten children have made a wonderful start to the year. Next week all kinder teachers will be holding Best Start interviews to give parents feedback and a written report about the Best Start assessment that was done with each Kindergarten student during the first week of school. This is also a chance to talk about how your children have settled in and chat to you about any questions or concerns that you might have. Notes inviting you to these interviews have already gone home. Please return the note with your preferred time and you will receive an appointment time from your teacher. We look forward to meeting with you all.

Volunteer Survey

Next week we will be sending a survey home to families to find out what activities parents, caregivers and community members might like to join the student in. Please keep an eye out for it and respond if you like.

Head Lice

We know that the term 'head lice' is an extreme negative. Many of the staff have been or are parents to school aged children and head lice have been a problem for all of us at some stage. Please remember to check your child's hair regularly, we encourage everyone to check it on a Monday night and if head lice are found treat it as appropriate. At home we use a preventative spray made from 5 drops each of tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil, lavender oil and geranium oil into 150ml of boiled and cooled water into a spray bottle.

When head lice are noticed at the school, we do call parents and suggest that it be treated as soon as possible.

The NSW Health website has lots of great information. If you google 'NSW Health head lice' you will track it down.

Have a great week. Remember to come and see us or give us a call if there is anything we can help with.

Tony Gadd
Principal

Mercury Photos

The Maitland Mercury will publish class photos of all Kindergarten classes in the area in the March 20 edition. The Mercury will deliver copies of this paper to the school at the cost of \$0.85 each on Wednesday, March 20. We will send home more information about this shortly.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Yesterday, all students in classes from Kindergarten to Year 2 received a lesson in how to behave safely around unfamiliar dogs. We would like to thank the Responsible Pet Ownership group for coming up from Sydney and sharing their excellent program with us.

Student Details:

If there have been any alterations to your family details such as change of address, telephone numbers or emergency contact details, please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible in order that we can update our records

STUDENT CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM

NAME:.....

CLASS:.....

ADDRESS:.....
.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone:.....

School Banking Notice:

Telarah Public School and The Mutual are pleased to advise that school banking will continue each Wednesday of the 2013 school year.

Bank@school is a financial literacy program that encourages students to learn about the importance of saving.

A representative from the Mutual will visit Telarah Public School each Thursday.

Simply place the passbook and deposit envelope into the locked deposit box, located in the school office, they will be taken for processing to the nearest Mutual branch.

Updated passbooks will be returned to the school the same day and returned to the children.

To help kick start your child's savings journey \$10.00 will be deposited into your child's account (maximum \$10.00 per child).

How do I apply?

Option 1

Simply visit www.themutual.com.au/tps.

The Mutual has developed an On-Line Application Form for adults over 18 years of age.

This may also be used for your child, if you complete the employer details as follows:

Employer: Telarah Public School

Employer Address: Raymond Street Telarah NSW 2320

You will need to supply identification details for your child, which can be done using your child's Passport and Medicare details.

Or

Medicare details and uploading a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Your child's account will be opened and your child's passbook and banking envelope will be sent in the mail.

Option 2

Membership applications are available from the school office, completed forms with identification (Birth Certificate, Passport, Medicare details) can be left in the bank deposit box: a passbook will be sent in the mail.

Option 3

You can visit one of our branches with identification to open your child's account.

If you would like any further information regarding Bank@school please contact The Mutual's Member Service Department on 1300 688 825.

You are invited to a Parent/Carer Meeting

Parent engagement in their child's learning makes a big difference to the child's learning outcomes

Telarah Public School would like to meet with parents to discuss ways that the school can best help you to support your child through their primary school years

Come along and have your say about the school - tell us what works and where you might like to see a change. Help us plan for the future

All parents/carers are invited - Kindy to Year 6 ...

Monday, 4 March 2013, 2.00 pm

RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
AVERY STREET, RUTHERFORD, NSW 2320
PH 4932 5999



YEAR 6 INVITATION

Time 5.30 pm
Tuesday 26 February 2013

YEAR 6 INFORMATION NIGHT

The Principal and Staff at Rutherford Technology High School are delighted to invite Year 6 students and their parents/carers to attend an Information Night on Tuesday 26 February 2013, from 5.30 pm in the Main Hall at Rutherford Technology High School.

You will hear about the school, the subjects offered, and how your child will be assisted in the transition from primary to high school.

This is a great opportunity to hear more about the school, meet the teachers, and take a tour of the school, led by Student Leaders, to see for yourself the educational facilities provided to students.

Every faculty will stage a demonstration including interactive, hands-on activities and displays of student work.

The Information Night is being held to provide information to assist you in your selection of high school for 2014.

Expression of Interest forms are due for submission to your Primary School mid March.

Year 6 Information Night

Subject Selection	✓
Class Structure	✓
Meet the Teachers	✓
Ask Questions	✓
Tour the School	✓

Special points of interest:

- Find out WHY we are a TECHNOLOGY High School
- Hear about your CHOICE of classes.
- Learn about the many SUBJECTS offered at the school



Smartboards, student laptops, connected classrooms - the emphasis is on TECHNOLOGY.



Sausage Sizzle and Cold Drinks will be available for purchase from 5.00 pm



Maitland Saints Australian Football Club
Registration Day Sunday February 24 2013 - 10am to 2pm - Max McMahon Oval, Weblands Street, Rutherford
For boys aged 4-17, girls aged 4-14 - Sunday games.
Come and try a great new game in the Maitland area.
All welcome. Enquiries to www.maitlandsaints.org.au

Newcastle Writers Festival

Kid's program Thursday 4 April & Friday 5 April 2013

- Jacqueline Harvey
- Frances Watts
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Are you aged between 8 - 12 years?

Do you help look after your brother or sister, parent, grandparent, other relative or friend who has a disability, mental illness, chronic medical condition, drug and/or alcohol related condition or who is frail aged?

Yes! Then... Come along to EDuCARE's

i-care 6 Week Young Carer

Peer Support Group!!

What will I be doing in the Group?

- Meet New Friends
- Share Your Experiences with Others
- Talk about your Feelings
- Learning to Deal with Problems
- Talk about your Worries
- Explore your Strengths
- Most of all have Fun!!!

When: Each Thursday from 28th February

til Thursday 11th April, 2013

Time: 3.45pm - 5.45pm

Where: St James Primary School,

Skellatar Stock Route, Muswellbrook

Cost: FREE! - Includes all Activities and Afternoon Tea

RSVP: Tuesday 26 March 2013

Limited Places, so Don't Miss Out on this Opportunity!

To Register Contact EDuCARE on: 4921 4895 or

email: educare-admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

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Monday & Thursday

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Join Maitland Hockey Association's

Hook into Hockey Program

Suits Boys & Girls U6 to U16 years of age

Starts: Wednesday 27 February to Wednesday 13 March 2013

Time: U6-U10yrs - 5:00pm to 6:00pm
U11 ~ U16yrs - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Where: Maitland Hockey Field, Maitland Park
Elgin Street, Maitland

Cost: \$60.00 includes Shin pads, stick, ball and mouthguard

Play Hockey this Winter

Registration Day on Thursday 28 Feb 2013

Juniors (U6 - U16) - 5pm to 6pm
Women's - 6pm to 7pm

FUN, SAFE, ONE PLACE, ONE TIME

Further information and registration forms are available on our website: www.maitlandhockey.org.au
OR contact Ros Sherlock 02 4933 5927 or Steven Orchard 0421 831 309

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	Monday	Tuesday
Maitland Park (Church Hall)	6 - 7:30pm	6 - 7:30pm
Maitland Grossman High School		4 - 5pm

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thornton Public School	6 - 7:30pm	6 - 7:30pm	
Telarah Public School			4 - 5pm