



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

Wednesday 6 March	School Leaders Badge Presentation Assembly 2pm
Tuesday 19 March	Good Food Cooking Class
Wednesday 20 March	Kinder Photos in Mercury
Thursday 21 March	Harmony Day Book Club orders to Library
Thursday 28 March	Easter Hat Parade: Pre-School – Year 2

Facebook Etiquette

The Telarah Public School Facebook Page has been established as a quick and easy tool to communicate information to our community such as positive insights into the operation and programs we offer. It was launched some time ago but has been used irregularly as we worked out exactly how we were going to use it and what the purpose was. This is something we should have been much clearer on when we launched the page.

Our key aim with the Facebook Page is for it at all times to remain a positive advertisement of the school. With this in mind we ask that any issues, questions and/or complaints need to go through the regular channels of the school office and not be posted onto the page.

Since the Facebook Page is open for all to see, we must maintain its positive image. Any material that is posted that does not comply with the purpose of this Page will be promptly removed to maintain its integrity.

If you have not 'liked' our page yet search on Facebook for Telarah Public School, the school managed page is the one with the green school crest and a photo of some children taking a photo.

School Communication Plan

We are currently undertaking some research with our community to improve the way we communicate with each other; most importantly we want to communicate more effectively in regards to student learning issues.

With this in mind our Community Liaison Officer, Maryka, hosted a small number of parents for a focus group session yesterday with some fantastic feedback. Maryka will be

hosting some other gatherings and seeking information from a variety of sources as this long term project develops.

Parking

Please be mindful where you park around the school in the morning and afternoons. Remember that we have over 500 children on our site every day and all adults have a responsibility to do what they can to ensure their safety. Do not park in areas that are marked for you not to and please do not park across driveways or disabled access points.

School Leadership Assembly

Tomorrow we will be acknowledging all of our students who have been elected into leadership positions by their peers and the staff at the school. The special assembly will start at 2pm. If you have a child who is receiving a badge, you are more than welcome to attend to celebrate this special occasion. The students had a rehearsal today and are very excited.

After School Gardening Club

This is an after school activity for students in Years 3 and 4. The first session will be tomorrow. We plan to work on the vegetable garden and also maintain some of the other gardens around the school. Please remember to bring gloves, an extra snack for afternoon tea and wear suitable, safe shoes. The club will run every Wednesday until the end of term.



Good Food Cooking Class

We have an exciting new initiative starting at school this term for parents of Preschool and Kindergarten children. We are offering a chance to get some ideas about cooking simple and healthy meals for the family. Our first class is on Tuesday, March 19th at 5.30pm and will be held in the school canteen. We are offering just 15 places. The class will be run by talented local chef Amorelle Dempster and there will be generous tastings of the 3 course meal that she will be demonstrating. Notes were given out on Monday to Kinder and Preschool families. We are planning to run Good Food Cooking Classes once a term.

Kindergarten Mercury Photos

Class photos of our Kindergarten children were taken last Tuesday and will appear in the Wednesday March 20th edition of the Mercury. We have to give the paper the number of copies that we want delivered to school by this Friday. If you wish to receive a copy of this paper through school for the reduced price of \$0.85 please return the note with the money to your teacher this week.

Best Start Interviews

Thanks to all parents who attended the Best Start interviews last week. If you were unable to make your interview, please contact your class teacher to arrange another time. We are required to discuss the results of the Best Start Assessments with you and give you the written report personally.

Anne Kelly

Preschool News

Our four new preschool classes are settling well into their routines at our wonderful preschool. Our staff is very happy with the way the year has begun. We currently have just 2 vacancies. Please contact the office if you have a child whom you would like to enrol. The children come for 5 full days each fortnight.

Book Club

All orders for Book Club need to be in by 21 March at the latest. No orders can be taken after this date. Please put orders and money in an envelope and hand to Mrs Bateup in the Library.

Thank you

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will be on the day before the Easter weekend, Thursday, March 28. Children early next from Preschool to Year 2 will be parading their hats which can be made at home. All students will be making hats at school too. The fabulous parade will be held in the hall before lunch. This is one of our most well attended family events and we look forward to seeing many of you there. Look for more details about times in the next newsletter.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. We are collecting donations of Easter eggs for the prizes at the school office. Please send any donations into school. Raffle tickets will go out early next week to all students. We are hoping for a bumper raffle so please get those egg donations rolling in (gently).

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Maitland Grossman High School		4 – 5pm

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Telarah Public School			4 – 5pm

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