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- ...in a safe and happy environment

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2013 Calendar

TERM 2		Activity/Event
Monday	6 May	Preschool Parent Interviews
Wednesday	8 May	Preschool Parent Interviews Gardening Club 3:15pm Rugby League v Beresfield Active After School Sport begins – Senior Rugby League (Years 4,5,6)
Thursday	9 May	Preschool Parent Interviews Boys & Girls AFL at Maryland Mother's Day Stall 10am Active After School Sport begins – Junior Rugby League (Years 1,2,3)
Monday	13 May	Chitchat & Coffee 2pm Old Library
Tuesday	14 May	NAPLAN Back to Basics Cooking Class 3:15pm
Wednesday	15 May	NAPLAN Preschool Parent Interviews
Thursday	16 May	NAPLAN Stage 1 Boys Social Skills Groups
Friday	17 May	Stamp Out Bullying Show

Welcome back to Term 2

This is a very busy time of the year and the calendar is very full already. A full Term 2 calendar is attached. Please watch the newsletter carefully for information about events. We extend a very warm Telarah welcome to families who are new to our school this term and we look forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks.

Last week was a great start to the term with the students behaving brilliantly during our ANZAC Commemoration and all having a positive start to the year. Many staff commented on the positive environment of the school. We also had a number of positive comments from new parents about how proudly the students were wearing their uniforms. Please ensure that as the weather cools down that students have access to a green school jumper to keep this positive trend with uniform happening.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is now available from Lowes Maitland. This is an option that has been supported by the school community as it will give parents and caregivers access to a shop to purchase uniforms at times that are convenient to you. Lowes are and will be stocking items that have been available in the uniform shop as well as microfibre jackets, school bags, school hats with logos and much more. They also have green and grey shorts, pants and tracksuit pants available, making Lowes a one stop shop for all uniform items if you like.

5% of every sale comes back to the school so please be sure to let them know where you are from even if you are buying an item that does not have a school logo on it.

SMS Advice of student Absences

Tomorrow we will begin notifying parents and caregivers via SMS if their children are absent from school. The purpose behind this is to make it easy for you to notify us of the reason for the absence. When your child is marked absent on the class roll you will receive an automated SMS to your mobile informing you that they are absent and encouraging you to reply by SMS with the reason for the absence. The message will read "Telarah Public School records show that STUDENT NAME is absent Tuesday 7th May 2013. Please reply SMS with student name, reason for the absence and the date."

Notifying the school of reasons for absences is a legal requirement under the Department of Education and Communities Attendance Policy. SMS notifications are something we are doing to make it easier for this to be managed by busy families.

Naplan

In Week 3, students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN test. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. The results of the test are not available until much later in the year. NAPLAN is only one way of gathering data on your child's progress at school. Continuous assessment takes place throughout the year and provides information that gives a more rounded picture than one test on one day of the year. We will be reassuring students that although they need to do their best, there is no need to become anxious about undertaking NAPLAN. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's teacher or contact Mr Gadd or Mr Debenham.

Opportunity Class – Rutherford Public School 2014

Applications for placement in the Opportunity Class at Rutherford Public School are now open to parents. Applications can be completed online or by paper. If interested please contact Mr Debenham for more details.

Reading Eggs

We have recently purchased a subscription to Reading Eggs. It is an online program that allows students to work on improving their literacy skills at their pace based on their individual needs. The website is www.readingeggs.com. Students will have their usernames and passwords given to them by their teachers as their classes are set up on the program. This should all be up and running in the next week. The program is available from home and school.

Social Skills Programs

During Term 2 some students from Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be participating in selected social skills small group programs with the Learning and Support Team. These programs will run weekly until the end of the term. They will focus on the skills of interacting, personal health choices, communicating and interpersonal relationships.

Nerissa King & Lauren Davis, Learning & Support Teachers

Chitchat & Cuppa for Parents

Do you know what takes place in your child's classroom? Would you like to hear more about ways that you can support your child's learning at home? Parents/Carers are invited to come into the school on Monday afternoons during Term 2 to meet informally with other parents and our Community Liaison Officer, Maryka Gibson. Maryka is not a Teacher – her role is to help develop the relationship between school and home - the discussion will be relaxed and free of jargon as she discusses a range of topics with parents/carers on Monday afternoons during Term 2, from 2.00–3.00pm in the Old Library, starting on Monday 13th May.

Come along and meet with other parents to share information to better understand what happens in your child's school and ways to support your child as they move from Kindy to Year 6. The first session will go through the "who's who" at Telarah Public School – what does everyone actually do? Who should I talk to if my child has a problem? What is the best time to talk to my child's teacher?

A different topic will be covered every Monday afternoon (see flyer in newsletter for further information) and come along and meet with other parents to share your experiences and get a better insight into your child's school day. A light afternoon tea will be provided.

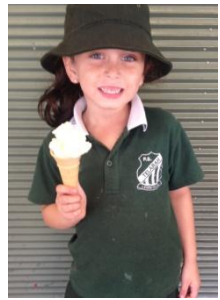
Volunteer Survey

The school is always appreciative of help from parents and family members who can draw on their skills and experience to help in the classroom or around the school. Attached to this newsletter is a Volunteer Survey - if you are able to offer your assistance, can you please complete this form and return it to the school with your child to indicate your availability. We know that our children enjoy having a family member volunteering at the school and that this provides an opportunity to gain an insight into school life.

Gardeners Club and Ice Cream Day

Thanks to everyone who bought an ice cream last term to support the Gardening Club. We raised \$213 which we will use to buy equipment and plants.

Gardening Club starts tomorrow (Wednesday May 8) and will run fortnightly from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. All children who have returned notes to Mrs Kelly are in the club this term.



Back to Basics Cooking Club

Ms Crawford and I are running this activity which has been devised by the University of Newcastle and includes a small component of parent education and data collection from both students and parents. Notes were offered to students in Years 3 and 4 and we will let families know by the end of the week if they are in the club. The menu is: Week 1 - Crunchy Crostini, Week 2 - fruit salad and fruit smoothies, Week 3 - pizzas, Week 4 - bushman's beef stir-fry and Week 5 - berry crumble. Woolworths at Rutherford is providing the ingredients and we thank them for their generosity. There is a limit of 10 students for this club which will run after school from 3.15pm until 4.45pm beginning on Tuesday, May 14. The club is free.

Mrs Kelly

Kinder Beach Excursion

Our Kinder excursion to the beach is on May 22nd. Notes have gone out and we invite parents to join us. Parents need to let the class teacher know if they wish to come and accompanying parents will need to complete a Child Protection Declaration.

Read with Me is a chance to visit your classroom on Wednesday, June 5 between 9.20am and 9.40am to hear your child read to you in class and perhaps for you to read to your child. Parents are welcome in all classes from Preschool to Year 6. We hope that many of you will take this opportunity to join your children in their classroom.



Stage 1 Transport Excursion

Students will be travelling by bus to join in a tour of Newcastle Airport followed by a picnic lunch and a trip on the Ferry from Stockton to Newcastle.

IJ, IR, IN & 2C will be going on WEDNESDAY 26th June 2013. 1/2K, 2/3L & 2B will be going on THURSDAY 27th June 2013.

Notes will be going home today. Payment of \$16.00 is due to the office by Friday 21st June.

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is fast approaching. Our P and C Mother's Day stall will be held at the school on Thursday, 9th May. Gifts are between \$2.50 and \$5.00 and we will sell any leftover gifts from the canteen on Friday. The Preschool will be coming up at around

9.30am. Children from the Preschool who are in the white group may come and attend the Mothers' Day stall on Thursday if their parents or caregivers are able to bring them in. They are to meet with the students and teachers from the green group at the Preschool and come up as one group.

Pie Drive

The school is holding a Pie Drive as part of their fundraising for the year. Attached to this newsletter is an Order Form which needs to be returned to the school by 22 May together with the money. Orders can be collected on 29 May between 9am and 2pm at the Canteen.

Class News:

Welcome back to **KC** for Term 2. We have welcomed two new students in our class, Sharmeeeka and Kaitlyn who have settled well into the class and school routine. This week we have been doing some fantastic art works for our 'Under the Sea' topic.

KF were very excited to join **6W** to learn the PBL rules for the back playground. They taught us that the back playground is a hat zone, food free area and a run zone and showed us how to play safe, friendly games.

KB has had a great start to Term 2. We have started to take home our home readers this term and the children look forward to reading their readers to their family. Keep up the good work KB.

On Sunday afternoon Old Stephen nodded to the dark clouds spreading in the south. 'Big rain coming,' he said." **IJ** have been learning about days of the week, dry/wet seasons, the water cycle and more in anticipation of the precipitation promised in our Term 2 Accelerated Literacy text "Big Rain Coming" by Katrina Germein.

IJ and I-2K are very excited to start dance with Robyn this week. We had a great time moving to different music and it was lots of fun. Happy Birthday Robyn! We look forward to dancing with you next week.
Mrs Ison and Mrs Jackson

This week **IR** has settled back into class routines well. They have enjoyed learning about the water cycle in preparation for our book this term "Big Rain Coming".

In **2B** this fortnight we are learning about how to be safe at home and school.

2C are excited to study "My Mob going to the Beach" as part of our transport unit. Ms Crawford has really hard 'dot to dots' to help us practise counting. We only have 6 minutes to do them. Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and nans!

2/3L has had a great start to 2013 in Term One with great work produced! Last week, **2/3L** began a Connected Classroom and Pen Pal activity with another class from Weston Public School, also a **2/3** class. We are all very excited for this!

Welcome back everyone to **3R**. The start of each term is a great time to consolidate what has happened and get ready for our future learning experiences. This term Year 3 will be sitting the NAPLAN assessment during week 3. NAPLAN is about reading, writing, language conventions (grammar) and mathematics. These are the things that your child has been learning since their first book was read to them and the first counting experiences they had, right through to all the learning experiences in Pre-School, Kindergarten and Years 1 – 3.

3/4D has had a good start to the term. We have been familiarising Year 3 with NAPLAN and we have all continued to learn about persuasive devices and persuasive texts. This week we have been looking at homophones during spelling.

This term in **4/5K** students will be conducting experiments to examine the physics of Simple Machines in Science, Living in Communities in HSIE. Students will be preparing for NAPLAN assessment and looking at the conventions of persuasive writing. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term.

4T are very excited that Mrs Taylor has set all students up on Reading Eggs and they are working hard in maths adding and subtracting to solve complicated problems. We are also writing recounts and will be learning about using action verbs when writing procedures very soon.

5/6P has made the steady transition into term 2. We have begun studying our science unit for the term, The Human Body and have been testing our fitness for PD/H/PE. A major priority for this term is NAPLAN next week and **5/6P** has been busy concentrating on this preparation.

During Term 2 **6A** are learning about healthy bodies, healthy living. With the assistance of our equipment from Coles First school points, all students are participating in a range of fitness activities including beep testing, hurdles and a range of aerobic structured lessons. We are encouraging students to wear appropriate footwear. We are seeing positive results being recorded already and look forward to watching the improvement in all students as the term progresses.

School Choir

The school choir is performing at the **Children's Music Festival** at St Peters Church, East Maitland on Wednesday evening 22nd May. Rehearsals will begin at 5pm and the performance starts at 6.15pm and finishes at 7.30pm. We are singing our own songs and also participating in the combined item at the end of the concert. All choir members have received a permission note. Please return these to Mrs Carratt. We look forward to seeing you at St Peters.

Library News:

We have some new Rugby League Reads in the Library. These are for class borrowing and reading in the Library. I am sure they will be popular.

Woolworth's Earn & Learn Promotion



As you are aware the Woolworth's Earn & Learn promotion is currently running. Last year we received thousands of dollars of educational resources that our children are enjoying and benefiting from.

This year we are hoping to match last years' effort. We have a bin at Woolworths-Rutherford (white with green hand prints on it) or you can bring your stickers or completed sheets into the box in the office or preschool. If you need a blank sheet for stickers, see the office ladies.

Thank you for your participation.

Speech Therapy in School

Every Tuesday we have Cass Hinchcliffe from Get Ahead Speech Therapy coming to the school to work with students. If you would like your child to have in-school speech therapy or your child has FaHCSIA funding, please contact Cass on 1300 657 220 or email cass@getaheadspeechtherapy.com.au.

Teaching children better friendship skills

Are you worried that your child is having trouble making friends? Perhaps he or she walks out of the school gate alone each day or talks of trouble finding other children to play with at lunchtime.

It's important to remember that like so many aspects of your child's development, friendship is a learned skill. Just like learning to play the piano or ride a bike, practice helps children learn how to interact with other children and make friends.

The long-term benefits of friendship are many. Through friendships, children learn to relate to others and foster a sense of belonging to a group – skills that will continue to serve them into adulthood. Plus, children with friends are more self-confident and perform better academically at school than those without friends.

But friendships are not always easy. Your child may find it difficult to share their favourite toy or listen to another child's instructions during a game in the playground. Children who are bossy, aggressive or unable to say sorry can be difficult to get along with.

The good news is that there's a lot parents and carers can do to help children make friends. You are one of the most powerful influences in your child's life, so make the most of it, and remember that children are learning social skills through their relationship with you and from watching how you relate to other people.

You can also promote positive social skills:

- Teach your child to smile and say thank-you when another child lends them a toy.
- Plan a fun game for when your child invites a friend over for a play date.

- Talk to your child about their friends and any problems they might be having – this helps children feel supported and encourages resilience.

Taken from Kid's Matter – Issue 1



CHITCHAT & CUPPA FOR PARENTS

WANT TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET THE MOST OUT OF BEING AT SCHOOL?

LIKE SOME HINTS ON HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING?

FIND THE LANGUAGE OF MATHS CONFUSING?

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME INSIDE INFO ON WHAT TAKES PLACE IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM?

Parents are invited to come into the school on Monday afternoons during Term 2 to meet informally with other parents and our Community Liaison Officer, Maryka Gibson, to discuss what takes place during your child's day, with some hints & tips on how parents can make a difference.

13th May	Understand Your School—Who's Who & What do they do?
20th May	Help your child have a good day
27th May	Help your child with language, spelling and writing
3rd June	Help your child with reading.
17th June	The language of Maths
24th June	Common Issues and Solutions

**TELARAH PUBLIC SCHOOL, Raymond Street
OLD LIBRARY (Upstairs)
2.00 pm—3.00 pm
Afternoon Tea Provided**

Term 2

Term 2, 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Apr29	Apr30	May1	May2	May3
2	May6	May7	May8	May9	May10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool Parent Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool Parent Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 4,5,6) Preschool Parent Interviews Rugby League v Beresfield Gardening Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 1,2,3) Preschool Parent Interviews Mother's Day Stall Boys & Girls AFL at Maryland 	
3	May13	May14	May15	May16	May17
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chitchat & Coffee - 2pm Old Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to Basics Cooking Class 3:15pm NAPLAN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 4,5,6) Preschool Parent Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 Boys Social Skills Group NAPLAN Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 1,2,3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stamp out Bullying Show
4	May20	May21	May22	May23	May24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chitchat & Coffee - 2pm Old Library Star Struck Rehearsal - Newcastle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to Basics Cooking Class 3:15pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 4,5,6) St. Peters Music Festival Netball Gala Day - Year 6 Girls Kinder Beach Excursion Gardening Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 Boys Social Skills Group Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 1,2,3) Knights Knockout Opens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser
5	May27	May28	May29	May30	May31
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chitchat & Coffee - 2pm Old Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to Basics Cooking Class 3:15pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 4,5,6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 Boys Social Skills Group Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 1,2,3) Knights Knockout Under 10's 	
6	Jun3	Jun4	Jun5	Jun6	Jun7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chitchat & Coffee - 2pm Old Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to Basics Cooking Class 3:15pm Good Food Cooking Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 4,5,6) Gardening Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 Boys Social Skills Group Active After School Sport - Rugby League (Yrs 1,2,3) 	
7	Jun10	Jun11	Jun12	Jun13	Jun14
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chitchat & Coffee - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to Basics Cooking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 Boys Social 	

2pm Old Library

Class 3:15pm

Sport - Rugby League
(Yrs 4,5,6)

Skills Group
• Active After School
Sport - Rugby League
(Yrs 1,2,3)

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Jun17

- Science Week
- Chitchat & Coffee -
2pm Old Library

Jun18

- Science Week

Jun19

- Science Week
- Active After School
Sport - Rugby League
(Yrs 4,5,6)
- Gardening Club

Jun20

- Science Week
- Stage 1 Boys Social
Skills Group
- Active After School
Sport - Rugby League
(Yrs 1,2,3)

Jun21

- Science Week

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Jun24

- Chitchat & Coffee -
2pm Old Library

Jun25

- YEAR 5 CAMP

Jun26

- TRANSPORT EXCURSION
- STAGE 1
- YEAR 5 CAMP
- Active After School
Sport - Rugby League
(Yrs 4,5,6)

Jun27

- TRANSPORT EXCURSION
- STAGE 1
- YEAR 5 CAMP
- Active After School
Sport - Rugby League
(Yrs 1,2,3)

Jun28

- YEAR 5 CAMP



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Total:

Name:

Order form to be returned by: 22 May 2013 Total:

Pie Drive Collection Date:

29th May 2013 From: Canteen Between 9am 2pm



Parent Help Information Form

A Survey to Mums, Dads, Caregivers and Grandparents

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE TIME?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING?

DO YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN?

We know that research tells us that the more involved a parent is, the better the learning outcomes are for that student. You may not recognise the skills you have because you've developed them over a period of time. The skills you have can be used in our school. Being a volunteer will provide you with an opportunity to meet the variety of people with whom your child spends his/her day. If you have skills, talents or interests to help out at our school, and would like to volunteer your services, please fill out the following form and return it with your child to their class teacher.

VOLUNTEER SURVEY

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

CHILD'S NAME:

CHILD'S CLASS: :

AVAILABILITY (times and days):

Please tick any of the following boxes that apply to yourself:

- ☐ I am willing to assist in the school canteen
- ☐ I am willing to help out with craft and hobby activities
- ☐ I am interested in helping out at reading time
- ☐ I could help with structured play activities in the playground
- ☐ I am willing to assist with PE
- ☐ I could help out in the school library
- ☐ I could help with covering books
- ☐ I come from a different cultural background – where are you from ?
- ☐ I can speak another language – what language do you speak ?

THANK YOU





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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

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