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 - a pride in achievement
 - a respect for themselves and others
- ...in a safe and happy environment

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2013 Calendar

TERM 2	WEEKS 4-5	Activity/Event
Monday	20 May	Chitchat & Coffee 2pm Old Library Starstruck rehearsal – Newcastle
Tuesday	21 May	Back to Basics Cooking 3:15pm
Wednesday	22 May	Netball Gala Day – Year 6 Girls National Simultaneous Story Time St Peters Music Festival Gardening Club AASP – Rugby League Years 4,5,6
Thursday	23 May	Stage 1 Boys Social Skills Group AASP – Rugby League Years 1,2,3 Knights Knockout Opens
Friday	24 May	Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser – Ice Cream Day
Monday	27 May	Chitchat & Coffee 2pm Old Library
Tuesday	28 May	Back to Basics Cooking 3:15pm Good Food Cooking Class
Wednesday	29 May	Kinder Beach Excursion Gardening Club AASP – Rugby League Years 4,5,6 Disco
Thursday	30 May	Stage 1 Boys Social Skills Group AASP – Rugby League Years 1,2,3 Knights Knockout Under 10's

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.

Chitchat & Cuppa for Parents

Have you ever wondered how you can help your child with language, spelling and writing? Our next Chitchat & Cuppa for Parents will be covering this topic. Scheduled for next Monday, 27th May, from 2.00 – 3.00 pm in the Old Library, our Community Liaison Officer, Maryka Gibson, will discuss what parents can do at home to help their child with language, spelling and writing skills in the classroom.

The following Monday, 3rd June, the Chitchat & Cuppa afternoon will see Maryka discussing ways to help parents get the most from reading with their child at home.

Don't miss this opportunity to find out how you can support your child as they make the journey from Kindy to Year 6. Community Liaison Officer, Maryka Gibson.

Kinder Beach Excursion - POSTPONED

Our Kinder excursion to the beach has been postponed until Wednesday, 29th May due to inclement weather being forecasted for this Wednesday.

Walk Safely to School



Stage 1 are supporting Walk Safely to School on Friday 24th May. We will be taking the students to the school crossing and practising how to cross the road with safety. If you do not wish your child to participate in this safety program, please send a note to your child's class teacher.

Gardening Club is on this week from 3.15 until 4.15pm.

Back2Basics Cooking Club had its' first session last week. This afternoon is session number 2. The manager from Rutherford Woolworths will visit to see how the class is going. Woolworths at Rutherford is donating the food ingredients for the club. We thank them for their generosity.



The Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser will be held at school this Friday. There will be an **ice cream day** for the students on Friday at a cost of \$1.00. They will be sold outside the hall at lunch time.

Good Food Cooking Class with Amorelle is on again! Date is Tuesday, June 4th. This time the theme is rice with Amorelle doing Pumpkin Risotto, Chicken Biryani, Nasi Goreng and Rice Pudding. The cost is \$5.00. The class runs from 5.30pm until 7.00pm in the school canteen. Please contact the front office if you are interested. 10-12 places only.

Stamp Out Bullying Show

Nearly all students attended and enjoyed our visiting performance for this term - Stamp Out Bullying. Andy gave us some clear and easy strategies for dealing with



issues in the playground. Many thanks to everyone for supporting our continuing work on making our school Bully Proof. Work in classes, performances and special days and our PBL program are all aimed at making our school a safe and happy place for all children.

Read with Me is Wednesday, June 5th. This is an invitation for parents of all classes from Preschool to Year 6 to go into classes from 9.20 until 9.40. You could listen to your child read or read to your child or a group of children. This is a very pleasant and informal way to spend 20 minutes in classrooms before you begin your busy day. Everyone is welcome!



P and C AGM

Following the Telarah Public School Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting last Tuesday, the following people have been elected as office bearers for 2013.

President: Kylie Huntington
Secretary: Elizabeth Cantwell
Treasurer: Kath Tranter
Vice President: Trish Stevenson

Key projects for the P and C this year are to fine tune the operations of the canteen and continue to consult with the school on how we can continue to improve our educational service to the local community.

Next meeting is in the staffroom at the school on 11th June at 7pm. Meetings are always on the second Tuesday of every month when school is on.

Preschool Parking

We have had a concerned member of our local community raise a concern with us regarding parking in George Street adjacent to the preschool. Please do not park across peoples' driveways when dropping children off or picking them up from school. It is also appreciated if people take notice of all other parking signs around the school.

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.

Please return notes and payment of \$16.00 to the office by Friday 21st June.

Pie Drive

Don't forget to return your pie drive orders with money by Wednesday, 22 May to the canteen. Orders can be collected on 29 May between 9am and 2pm at the canteen.

Starstruck Costumes

Some assistance is needed with the sewing of the Starstruck costumes as soon as possible. If anyone is able to help with this, it would be most appreciated. Please see Ms Morgan.

Class News:

In **Early Intervention** we have been learning about taking turns and making friends. We have had lots of fun doing this by playing group games and visiting Telarah preschool for outside play.

Preschool had a great day looking at their local environment on Monday. They walked to IGA to buy food for our Biggest Morning Tea, posted a letter to Oak Flats Preschool and listened to the fire officers at the Telarah Fire Station.



At the fire station the officers talked about fire safety. Preschool then looked in the fire engine and sprayed water with the hose.

Many thanks to the Telarah Fire Station officers who were so

generous with their time in helping us to be aware of safety around fire. Thanks also to our families who joined us on the walk and stayed for a picnic lunch. Your support is very much appreciated.

Also preschool would like to thanks Masters for making a great improvement to our playground. Our new steps and texture walk are now a very popular part of our playground.

KC this fortnight will be looking at families for our HSIE unit, 'This Is Me'. We are going to look and talk about who are members of our family and what those members can do for each other. We are going to draw and paint some great pictures of our families.

KB is busily working on their undersea collages. The children excitedly drew their fish and painted them with beautiful rainbow colours. It will be great to see the finished artworks in a few weeks.

IJ have been busy in maths lessons using equal arm balances to weigh objects and we are now starting to learn different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We are enjoying studying passage 2 of our AL text *Big Rain Coming*.

This week in **1-2K** we are busy learning about whole number, addition and subtraction in Maths. We are learning to count by 2s, 5s, 10s and 100s. We are also learning some strategies to assist us with counting backwards and forwards including using the jump strategy on number lines. Counting games are great fun and can be done at school, at home, in the car or at the shops. Encourage your children to count every day and it will improve their understanding of whole number. Mrs Ison

2B have been studying our new text for A/L, *Our Mob Going to the Beach*. We have been looking at Aboriginal customs in relation to the book. Home readers will be sent home this week.

2C have been busy writing their own sentences in the same style as Sylvia Emmerton. We have been practising our 3 digit numbers and making amounts of money up to \$2.00. Phillip was a star, helping Andy at the STAMP bullying show too.

Well done to **3R** for being committed and diligent towards the NAPLAN last week. Best of all, students truly "tried their best". Our Accelerated Literacy book study this term is called "Harry Highpants" by Tony Wilson.

Last week Year 3 from **3-4D** class sat NAPLAN and they handled it beautifully. 3-4D all look forward to being back into routine and have started reading our new text, Harry Highpants.

4T welcomed 6 students from 4D last week while the 3D students completed NAPLAN. All 36 students co-operated very well and completed all of their literacy activities quietly and thoughtfully.

4/5K is busy researching and examining sharks as part of our Accelerated Literacy Text this term. In science we will be conducting experiments and learning about simple machines over the next couple of weeks. Students have done a fabulous job with learning to draw sharks.

After a busy time working hard on NAPLAN this term, **5/6P** is now concentrating on fitness and healthy lifestyle choices with their unit on the 'Human Body'. 5/6P is also looking forward to starting the novel 'Rowan of Rin'.

5M have had a very busy fortnight. After working diligently in NAPLAN numeracy and literacy practice activities, the students applied themselves maturely and will gain great confidence for future external testing when entering secondary school. Feedback for the teachers will ensure that we can tailor future learning programs to support identified areas of concern.

6A is currently focusing on the human body. We have been discovering the purpose of the circulatory and respiratory system. Our blood and oxygen are vital to our bodies.

6W are nearing the end of their exciting Stormbreaker unit. All the class has worked very well and has really enjoyed reading this novel. We have also begun work on our Human Body Unit and have been discussing the major systems of the body.

Library News

On Wednesday, 22nd May, our school will take part in National Simultaneous Storytime.

This year the story is **The Wrong Book** by Nick Bland.

Mr Gadd will be reading the story to the children in the hall at 11am.

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 look forward to seeing you at St Peters.

Woolworth's Earn & Learn Promotion



Thank you to everyone bringing in their Woolworth's Earn & Learn stickers to help your school.

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.

Sporting Highlights of the Week:

The Senior Netball team had a great win over Woodberry last Thursday, 23 January. The team was led very well by the captain, Megan Atkins. Only five of the girls have played before so this was a fabulous high score for our first game. The 13 girls in the team are Megan Atkins, Sharnie Hampton, Sienna Hunter, Lylah Kershaw, Melina Bishop, Lisa Moy, Abby Collier, Maddison Christiansen, Mykayla Nisbet-Gore, Emma Turner-Turnbull, Brooke Vale, Jannali Hunter and Tenieka Wiecezorek.

Telarah boys at Davistown Boxing Night: Thomas won his 52kg and Paulo won his 44kg division in front of world champions, Jamie Pitman and Daniel Geale.



Encouraging children to get along

Children's ability to get along with others – or their 'social development' – is a process that happens as they grow.

For example, four-year-olds are in the early stages of social development – they are learning to take turns, listen to other children's ideas and play group games. By middle primary school, it is common for children to congregate in small friendship groups based around similar interests

Groups give children valuable practice in setting, following and negotiating social rules. Think about how you deal with other groups of people at work, home and in social situations – chances are you learned and gradually refined these skills throughout childhood.

Limited social development can affect children's ability to get along with others, particularly in group settings. Children with poor social skills may dominate groups and exclude members, which can lead to bullying, peer-pressure or getting mixed-up in trouble. Or they may have confidence problems, becoming easily dominated and influenced.

Positive social development is about teaching children good values and responsible decision-making, which can help them resist peer-pressure and become valuable members of their group of friends and society in general. You can:

- Teach by example – model positive behaviours by treating them and others fairly and respectfully.
- Develop their social and emotional skills – empathy, sharing, caring, listening and taking turns.
- Help them learn from their mistakes – use situations as 'teachable moments' to reinforce good values.
- Give them chances to practise good values – like volunteer work or charitable donations.
- Supervise external influences – media, internet, games and friends.

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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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