



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

TERM 3	WEEK 4	Activity/Event
Tuesday	6 August	Zone Boys Cricket Trials b2b Cooking
Wednesday	14 August	Primary Drama Workshop Gardening Club Public Speaking Competition Disco 5:30 – 7:00pm
Thursday	15 August	Primary Drama Workshop Public Speaking
Friday	16 August	Stage 2 Excursion (proposed) Primary Drama Workshop

Education Week 2013

Last week the Rutherford Learning Community celebrated Education Week 2013 at an awards reception held at Rutherford High School. At this reception a number of members of our school community were acknowledged for their hard work and support of the students at the school.

Congratulations and thank you to the following people:

Staff: Brad Wilcocks – An extremely effective teacher committed to engaging students in all facets of school life. Builds great relationships with students and supports them to do as well as they can socially, academically and in extra-curricular activities.

SASS: Mrs Wendy Lidbury – Outstanding performance in the role of School Administration Manager in particular supporting the effective Financial Management of the Telarah Public School Parents and Citizens Association.

Community Member: Mrs Lyn Wirth – Volunteering in Stage 2 classrooms ensuring they are bright and happy places to be; supporting students to achieve their potential and to remain on task.

Student: Mikayla Nisbet-Gore – A student who is fully engaged in school life and works as hard as she possibly can in all areas of her education; a great social and academic role model for all students.

Aboriginal Award: Sienna Hunter – A fantastic member of the school community who is fully engaged in all facets of her education; an excellent role model for all students.

School Program: Active After School Sports, Mrs Leanne Taylor and Mr Phil Tilden – Providing excellent sporting opportunities to students of all ages after school.

The theme for Education Week 2013 was to share our stories. One of our key stories in 2013 is the implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page for the next video by Mrs Payne and her creative group of students as they share our PBL story. This was an innovative and interesting way to share our story; we hope you manage to enjoy it.

Staff Professional Learning

Recently our staff has been engaging in significant amounts of professional learning to continue developing their skills and ensure the children of our community have access to a high quality education. In 2013 we are focused on ensuring that we refine our practices within the teaching of English and as such have had teachers training in Accelerated Literacy and L3 programs. These are both programs that we have been invested in for some time; we are aiming to implement them as effectively as possible.

In addition to this, throughout 2013 we are also aiming to up skill all teachers regarding how we teachers manage and support students with behavioural difficulties and students with autism. To do this we are all participating in an online learning program facilitated by Mrs Donna Curtis who is a Regional Learning and Support Assistant Principal. Our aim is to ensure that we have a consistent approach to supporting all students.

In 2013 the resources we have at our disposal to ensure our teachers are doing the best job they can are greater than they have ever been. These are just two initiatives to share with you, if you have any questions or would like further information please give the school a call and arrange a time to speak with one of the Executive.

Dogs in school grounds – Due to Council regulations, no dogs are permitted on school grounds, including dogs on leads. Please ensure that if you are picking up your children from school with your dog you arrange to meet your children at one of the external gates of the school. We recently had an incident where a dog on a lead scratched a student as they were leaving the grounds. Please ensure that you are very careful. We all know the benefit of having pets but need to keep vigilant to ensure everyone is safe.

Crossing Supervisors – Please note that the afternoon crossings are now being attended until the new time of 3.30pm and not 3.45pm.

CLASS NEWS:

KB has been taking a keen interest observing the weather to record on our daily weather chart. We may have some future Weather Reporters!

KC over the last couple of weeks, have been reading and doing activities on the Fairy tale, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Last week we planted some bean seeds to grow beanstalks, we are watching and waiting.....

KF This week KF have loved Dominique Banister working with them for her year 10 work experience. We look forward to seeing her again in Week 7.

K-IN has a fabulous, new reading corner. It is so comfortable and we can't stop reading our books in there. Everyone is welcome to have a look!



IJ are thoroughly diving into their learning this term with a focus on Wet and Dry Environments; exploring a range of environments such as deserts, rainforests, rivers and how these make our country the beautiful location it is. We have been working hard in Accelerated Literacy creating our very own similes surrounding the text Night Noises by Mem Fox.

I-2K have been learning to tell the time. We can read the time on an analogue clock and a digital clock. We are getting very clever at reading the time on the hour and half past the hour. Running out of time - time to go!

Mrs Ison

2C There's a sea in our classroom! We have been busy doing our speed reads, maths mental and mad minute every day. We love creating interesting sentences in Accelerated Literacy and 'sentence a day'. We even made our own treasure map and played 'Battleship' in maths. Ms Crawford tried to sink our sword, treasure chest, ship, cannon, cannon balls & jolly roger. We are great at reading coordinates!

Back to Basics Cooking - We have started our new group in week 2. Seven keen 'apprentice chefs' made corn fritters & fresh tomato salsa. We learnt about safety and hygiene in the kitchen as well as cooking terms & skills. This week we are making dips & dunkers - delicious & healthy snacks for lunchboxes, after school & parties. Thanks to Rutherford

Woolworths for their continued support & donation of groceries for this program.

2-3L The term has started great for 2/3L and we are already busy with our new Accelerated Literacy book, 'There's a sea in my bedroom'. We have enjoyed recounting our trips to the ocean and all the fun things we can do there!

3-4D has been having fun with symmetry and tessellating shapes during Maths. We have also begun our new AL text 'The Bugalugs Bum Thief' written by Tim Winton. It is a fun book that everyone is enjoying.

4T have begun the Premier's Sporting Challenge with a busy week of physical activities. The children have played tennis, basketball and other ball skills games to register at least a Silver Medal on their record cards.

4-5K Term 3 is a very busy term for 4/5K; we are studying the writing techniques of Roald Dahl and his book Matilda. In science we are examining the life cycle of plants and how they grow. We are looking forward to our Sydney Excursion in a few weeks which is linked to our learning about British colonization of Australia. This is a fantastic opportunity for students. Deposits need to be paid before this Friday to ensure that students have a seat on the bus. We are looking forward to the musical this term.

5M This fortnight 5M dove head first into their Antarctica unit by exploring the text 'Ice, Wind, Rock' by Peter Gouldthorpe. 5M had a closer look at symmetry, rotational symmetry and studied the parts of a circle.

5-6P has been extremely busy working on the background information for our new AL text Ice, Wind, Rock by Peter Gouldthorpe. We have also been doing lots of work on Antarctica and have started our new unit on The Make It Real Game.

6W have been working on the unit Antarctica. They have also been completing background information on the picture book Ice, Wind, Rock which is about explorer Douglas Mawson. Also the students have begun to complete work on Quarantine and have been discussing the reasons why it is important to stop diseases and pests from getting into Australia.

Preschool News

Preschool is excited by the developments in their outdoor learning space. Our wonderful water feature is nearly completed and we have received lots of favourable comments from our families as well as donations of plants and rocks. Thanks Mrs Greedy, Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Chapman for your vision and your hard physical work. Special thanks too to Mr O'Donnell for your invaluable assistance. This follows on from earlier work that the staff at Masters completed at the preschool which really enhanced the safety of our outside area. Our children have been able to construct creatively in our new area.

A reminder that we will be connecting with our wider

community with our preschool excursions on Tuesday 20/8 and Thursday 22/8. Notes will go out this week.

LIBRARY NEWS:

The Ned Show

All children from Preschool to Year 6 enjoyed the free NED show last Wednesday. Clyde delivered a very important message throughout the show:

**Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best**

There are still plenty of yoyos available for purchase at the school library.

Book Week and Book Fair

This will be in week 6.

The book fair will be held in the Library from Tuesday to Thursday.

The Book Week Parade will be on Wednesday, 21st August for P to 2 children. Primary children can dress up if they like. A detailed note will be sent out soon.

Gardening Club is on Wednesday this week from 3.15 until 4.15 as I no longer have a meeting commitment. Mrs Kelly.

NAIDOC Celebration: We had a fabulous day on our NAIDOC celebration day. Thank you to all parents who joined us for parts of the day. Thanks to Woolworths Rutherford for their support with breakfast and all the fruit they left for us to eat during the day. We raised an amazing \$975.00 for the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation.



Kindergarten 2014 - We are now taking enrolments for our Kindergarten classes for next year. Please talk to friends and neighbours who will have a child starting in Kinder at Telarah next year. Please contact the front office with details. Our Welcome to School evening will be on Wednesday 30th October.

Kindergarten goes the Hunter Valley Gardens Kindergarten classes will be visiting the Gardens on Wednesday in the second last week of term. The cost will be around \$20. Notes will go out in Week 5.

SCHOOL MUSICAL:

Our School Musical this year is going to be very exciting! It is about "Music through the Ages"... and every child at our school, from Kindergarten through to Year 6 will be performing.

Performances will be in the School Hall in the last week of this term:

7pm Tuesday 17th September

10am Wednesday 18th September

7pm Thursday 19th September

Tickets will go on sale later in the term.

Mrs Carratt

Choir Teacher

SPORTING NEWS:

Last week Telarah Public School was fortunate enough to send 36 students along to the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival at Woodberry Oval. Every child tried their very best and made Telarah extremely proud. An honourable mention goes to Helina Bishop and Gemma Turner-Turnbull who both made it to Regionals.

Speech Therapy in School

Every Tuesday we have Leah Taylor 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 Leah on 1300 657 220 or email leah@getaheadspeechtherapy.com.au

Change of Details - Parents and Carers, please advise the school office of any changes to contact phone numbers, addresses or emergency contact details that may have occurred over the holidays, so that our records can be updated in order to contact you if necessary.

Kurri Kurri Public School is looking for stall holders for their fete on 19th October. Stalls are \$25 each for 3m x 3m. No food please. Please contact Lisa on 0400 620 467 or us via our facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/KKPSPC?fref=ts> Ride arm bands will be \$25 presale or \$30 on the day - please purchase at Kurri Kurri Public School during 9am - 3pm.



ARE YOU A BAND, SOLOIST OR OTHER MUSIC ACT WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD?

Mount Kanwarly School will be holding a Muso's
Fest on

Saturday 31 August 2013!

INTERESTED? HOW DO I ENTER?

- You must be 18 or under to enter
- Submit your online audition by email to:
mtkanwary-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or send
CD to
- 753 Hinton Road Osterley by Friday 16th
August (it can be your own work or a cover of
someone else)
- 6 finalists will be chosen to perform live on 31
August 2013 between 6-9pm at Mount
Kanwarly School's Annual Fundraiser being
held on the school grounds. You will be
notified by Monday 19th August if you are
successful as a finalist.
- Prize money for the winning act is \$750 (all
other finalists will receive \$50)

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Juliet on 0434 648215.



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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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