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- 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 10	Activity/Event
Monday	16 September	B2b to Woolies 1.15–3pm
Tuesday	17 September	Musical 7pm B2b Cooking 3.15–4.45pm
Wednesday	18 September	Musical Matinee 10 am
Thursday	19 September	Musical 7pm
Friday	20 September	LAST DAY OF TERM
TERM 4	Week 1	
Tuesday	8 October	FIRST DAY OF TERM

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

NAPLAN 2013

On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA will seek to minimise the delay."

NAPLAN Results

Whilst the reports that get sent home to families are not available yet we have been granted access to the online records that enable us to analyse student data. One of the key measures that we look at is student growth in between year 3 and year 5. This year in reading, numeracy, spelling, grammar and punctuation overall student growth is above the state average. An outstanding achievement; the students and their teachers have done very well.

School Musical

The entire school community has been working very hard in preparation for Tribe to Techno, the 2013 School Musical. Very big special thank you must go to Mrs Sally Carratt for her leadership of this activity. The musical involves all students and staff members and is a truly inclusive school activity. I hope you all enjoy the show.

CLASS NEWS:

KF, KC, KB and KN had an excellent day at Hunter Valley Gardens! We saw a pink chicken, Humpty Dumpty and his friends and toured around to see all the beautiful flowers.

K/IN

As well as doing some fabulous work in class, K/IN have been on two excursions in one week. Kindergarten travelled to the Hunter Valley Gardens and the Year 1 students trekked down to Telarah lagoon to look at the natural and built environments in their area.

The Kinder students put on a wonderful play called Goldilocks and the Three Bears. What wonderful actors and performers! We will be using all those fabulous performing skills in our item at the school musical this week!

4T are completing their Science study of plants by investigating fruit and seeds. Literacy lessons will focus on completing Matilda and quality writing activities. The Matilda Musical item with 4/5K has been lots of fun and thank you to Robyn Akhurst and Mrs Keith for their help.

4-5K has been enthusiastically working on and practicing our musical song. We are very excited about performing this year. We are almost finished our novel Matilda. Permission notes went home Friday to allow students to watch the movie. Please return these before Wednesday. We are learning how to add and subtract decimals this week in maths. There is no homework this week. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

5M have been working towards completing their Accelerated Literacy picture book "Ice, Wind, Rock" by Peter Gouldthorpe. It has been amazing to see their progress in both their understanding of the text and their overall success with spelling and other literacy focuses.

5-6P

How exciting...Performance Week! 5/6P, together with 5M, has been extremely busy over the last two weeks preparing our musical item so we can entertain all of our parents and guests. 5/6P has continued to read and learn from our book "Ice, Wind, Rock: Douglas Mawson in the Antarctic".

Stage 1 Students enjoyed their walking excursion to Telarah Lagoon on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th September. Students were excited to explore the wet and dry environment and see the vast variety of wildlife. All students

demonstrated their best behaviour and should be commended on their participation throughout the day.



SPORTING NEWS:

Girls Rugby League Team 'League Legends Day'

The success of the Girls sporting teams continued on Wednesday 21st August, when Telarah Public School's Girls Rugby League Team travelled to Sydney to contest the 'League Legends Day'. The girls played extremely well in their three games but unfortunately missed a spot in the final. A highlight for the day was meeting 'League Legend' Mario Fenech and the newly appointed NRL CEO David Smith. Congratulations girls on getting this far in such a tough competition. A big thankyou to all the parents who transported students to Sydney on the day and who helped with getting the team prepared for their matches.



Photo Caption: The Girls Rugby League Team with NRL CEO David Smith.

Girls' PSSA Football Knockout

Last Friday our girls' football side played against Guyra Central School in the final round of the NSW PSSA Girls Football Knockout. The girls went down valiantly 1-0 to a very strong Guyra side. The girls played well and were a real credit to their families and school. We are all very proud of them, their efforts and achievements at making the final 16 sides in NSW in 2013.

Many thanks to the extensive support crew of families and friends that travelled with the girls and to Mr Willcocks for his ongoing support and leadership of sport at Telarah School.

Year 5 Transition Gala Day

On Monday, 9th September, Year 5 students from Telarah Public School travelled to Maitland Park Sporting Fields to take part in a 'Getting to know you - Transition Gala Day' with other students from Branxton, Greta, Rutherford and Gillieston Public Schools. The day involved students being put into teams with students from these schools and taking part in three sports including Touch Football, Netball and T-Ball. Rutherford Technology High School students from Year 7 and Year 12 ran the day's activities. Our students were absolutely fantastic and a credit to our school. All students thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

Gardening Club will be held in school time this week and will resume next term. I am looking for parents who might be interested in helping with the garden, maybe in planning, maintaining or advising. If you are interested please contact Mrs Kelly.



4T are exploring the garden as part of their current science unit.

Slow Food Hunter Valley

Many thanks from Telarah School to Slow Food Hunter Valley for their kind donation of \$500.00. It will be used to plant an Asian herb garden, to expand our garden beds and plant some citrus trees.

Back to Basics Cooking

finished for the term today with students visiting Woolworths at Rutherford on Monday afternoon. Many thanks to Ms Crawford, who was head chef for the course both this term and last term. We will look at running the classes again next year.



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.

Active after School Sport

Don't miss out on a popular FREE activity here at school! Active after School Sport continues for 7 more weeks in Term 4. This is a totally free activity and includes afternoon tea. Activities begin at 3.15pm and end at 4.15pm. Tuesdays will be Basketball for Years 1, 2 and 3. This begins in week 3 of Term 4. Thursdays will be AFL for Years 3-6. AFL begins as soon as we are back in week 1 of Term 4. Notes have been offered to interested students. Parents may also get After School Sport notes from the office. Numbers are limited to 20 students per sport. Students will receive a confirmation letter if successful.

Newcastle University Occupational Therapy Students

Students had their last session in our Kindergarten rooms yesterday. Both staff and children really enjoyed the four sessions. Thanks to the University for this opportunity.



Hunter Valley Gardens Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten had a wonderful time at the Hunter Valley Gardens last Wednesday. The children were all excellent and the gardens were just beautiful. Thanks to all the parents who accompanied us.



TICKETS FOR SCHOOL MUSICAL "TRIBE TO TECHNO"

Tickets are still available for our School Musical. Every child from Kindergarten through to Year 6 will be performing.

Cost: \$6 per seat

Performances: Tuesday 17.9.13 7pm Evening
Wednesday 18.9.13 10am Matinee
Thursday 19.9.13 7pm Evening

Years 1 to 6 children perform in every performance.

KB and KC will perform on Tuesday and Wednesday.

KF and K/IN will perform on Wednesday and Thursday.

Change of Details - Parents and Carers, please advise the school office of any changes to phone numbers, addresses or emergency contact details so that our records can be updated.

School Swimming Scheme

The NSW DEC School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over ten days, with each daily lesson being 45 minutes in length. Years 2, 3 & 4 who are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in the deep are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. Notes have been sent home. Numbers are limited so if you are interested in your child participating, please complete and sign this consent form and return it to the school office with payment by Friday 20th September.

Relationships Australia

Relationships Australia has an 8 week Confidence and Self-esteem Building Program available for children aged 8-12 years old. This group will assist children in getting to know themselves better, understand their unique qualities, deal with conflict situations and talk about feelings and also practise social skills in a safe and supportive environment. The Program will be held on Wednesdays (16th October - 4th December) from 4-6pm at Woodberry Primary School. Please phone: 4940 1500 or email: hunterrep@ransw.org.au to book.

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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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