



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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2017 Calendar

TERM 1	WEEK 4	Activity/Event
Monday	13 Feb	
Tuesday	14 Feb	
Wednesday	15 Feb	
Thursday	16 Feb	Kitchen & Garden Program 3 / 4R
Friday	17 Feb	Kitchen & Garden Program 4 K Year 6 attending Maitland Show

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

New Start

Students and their Teachers have transitioned into the new setup very smoothly. I am very appreciative to the Parents who have made contact to discuss their child's placement. It was also fantastic to see many parents attend the information sessions yesterday. Please remember that if you have any questions or would like time with your child's teacher all you have to do is make a call to 49328477 to make an appointment.

P and C Meeting

Tonight is our first meeting of the P and C for 2017. The March meeting will be the AGM. If you would like to be involved and are interested in holding a position you need to attend tonight to become a financial member. The cost is \$2. The meeting will be in the Staffroom starting at 7pm.

Special Religious Education (Scripture)

I will be sending a note home via Skoolbag this afternoon regarding SRE. If you do not want your child to participate and you have not previously indicated this on their enrolment form you need to respond to the note. If we do not receive written notification from you your child will be attending SRE each Tuesday morning.

Media and Website Participation

As you are aware we have an active Facebook Page and work closely with the Maitland Mercury to promote

and celebrate the great things our students and staff do. We need your permission to publish your child's image online, in newspapers etc. In the last few years it has become a part of the enrolment process but unfortunately many families have skipped that response in the fine print. I will be sending a note home via Skoolbag that you will be able to respond to. It will include the same responses that are on the enrolment form and will allow us to update your child's details.

Skoolbag

I have mentioned the Skoolbag App twice in this newsletter. It is an efficient method to push notifications to your mobile devices. You are able to download the free app from the Google Play store or from the Apple APP store. Once in either store simply search for Telarah Public School and download the app. If you do not have the app please let the office staff know and they will ensure that notes and information is sent home with your children.

Tony Gadd
Principal

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS: KINDERGARTEN

What a great success the "Kinder Bell Ringing" was on Monday morning. All Kindergarten students rang the school bell to signify beginning their education at Telarah Public School and will ring the bell again at the end of Year 6 to signify the end of their education at Telarah Public School.

Thank you to all the parents who came to see their Kinder children ring the bell.

STAGE 3 NEWS:

Year 5 and 6 students and their parents have a special information session on Wednesday 22nd Feb from 9:10am in the hall. We welcome all parents to come along to the session and hear about Rutherford Technology High School and ask any questions you may have. (High school enrolment forms for current Year 6 students will be coming out soon.) Please note, this is an additional information session just for Telarah students and families. The RTHS Open Evening is still on the 28th Feb from 5:30-6:30pm.

Below is a comprehensive list of teachers and support staff for Telarah Public School in 2017.

Principal	Tony Gadd
Instructional Leader	Michelle Crowfoot
Interventionists	Rebecca Twining
AP Support	Chris O'Neill
Support Class Staff	Jeanette Gaylard Jacquie Smith
EIU	Debbie Pankhurst (Mon & Tues) Haillie Giles (Wed, Thurs & Fri)
Learning and Support Team	Aimee Vincent (Team Leader) Sally Carratt Leanne Taylor Krista Flannery Luke Woods
Teacher Librarian	Amanda Craig
AP and Supervisor Early Stage 1	Anne Kelly Cathy Banister (Relieving)
Preschool	Beth Cameron Andrea Lundy Michelle Woods
Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten	Melody Henry Raelene Barnes Rachael West
AP Stage 1	Aimee Vincent
Stage 1	Josh Cornick Amy Kinsley Genevieve Payne Chloe Richardson Megan Collyer Danielle Emerton (across stages 1 and 2),
AP Stage 2	Philip Debenham
Stage 2	Phil Tilden Ashley Rees Gail Kriel Hannah Niemi
AP Stage 3	Paul Gaden
Stage 3	Brad Willcocks Samantha Gardiner Sally Harvey Alex Stewart
AP Learning and Support (District)	Amanda Nowland
AP Hearing (Itinerant)	Shane Bull
Itinerant Support Teacher Hearing	Michael Clarkson
School Administration Manager	Bronwyn Middleton
School Administration Support Staff	Karen Leonard Diana Kennedy (Tues & Wed) Danielle Hardy Natalie Carpenter (Preschool on Tues)
General Assistant	Ricky Potts
School Learning Support Officers	Mainstream – Tanika Idstein Melissa Buckley Robyn Akhurst Lyndall Cook Schontel Clay Renae Blacklock Kerry Hryckiewicz 3-6 Literacy & Numeracy Support – Rebecca Cook Mel Borrow Hollie Humbles Lara Dixon Quicksmart – Liza Kelly Preschool – Julie Greedy Natalie O'Donnell Support Class - Mary Juratowitch Alison Williams EIU – Helen Farley
ATSI Education	Mel Haley (Co-ordinator) Lisa McLennan
School Counsellor	Emma Martyn

Good for Kids good for life

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Joining in team sports is a great way to increase your child's physical activity. Other benefits include:

- Teaching teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Gaining confidence through interaction with other children
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly, having fun!



Registrations for winter team sports open in the first weeks of Term 1 so why not inquire today about what team sports are available in your community?



PHONE 4924 6499

OPAL CARDS

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open Via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- Applying for a School Opal Card or Travel pass for the first time,
- Enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- Requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- Started Year 3 in 2017
- Change address, or
- Changes school

If you don't have access to a computer, you can get a form from the school office.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program

Classes attending this week are as follows:

3 / 4R Thursday 16th February 2017

4K Friday 17th February 2017

All parents welcome starting at 9.30am till 11.30am. Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to Dakota Bromfield and Maddison Gould who arranged to have our playground sandpit 'topped up'. The girls came up with the idea themselves, called Parkers Landscape Supplies for a quote, convinced Mr Gadd to pay for it, and arranged for today's delivery. Well done and thank you to these two young leaders!



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6's-17's

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IMPORTANT ADMIN NEWS for 2017

POP – Parenting Online Payment system

A new finance system is being implemented this year which will make a change to online payments.

Online payments can only be made via the School website www.telarah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au select the "Make a Payment" tab and fill out relevant fields – BPay is no longer available.

More information on the new 'POP' system is available from the Office.

Canberra Payments

The \$100 deposit that is due by April can be paid now by instalments to help with spreading the cost.

Payments can be made weekly/fortnightly/monthly via our "POP" system explained above or by cash/Eftpos at the school.

Parent/Carer Volunteers Clearance Volunteers for Excursions/Reading Programs/Kitchen/Sport/Canteen etc.

The Department of Education's Working with Children Check Policy requires all volunteers to be cleared prior to their engagement at the school.

If you already have a WWC number then you will need to produce this prior to volunteering. If you have previously provided the school with a WWC number that will remain current until the expiration date.

If you do not have a WWC number then you will need to complete paperwork 'Appendix 5' at the front office and provide 100 points of identification. This only remains current for that year, so if you filled out this paperwork last year then you will need to do so again this year.

If you think that you may wish to volunteer at some stage through the year then we advise to complete the relevant paperwork now to save you time later. Follow this link to apply www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au

Bronwyn Middleton
School Administration Manager

Please see Letter Telarah Public School received from Transport for NSW



January 2017

Dear Principal,

As you may be aware, parents and guardians who live far from school or public transport can apply for the School Drive Subsidy. This new scheme has replaced the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy.

We have produced resources to assist parents and guardians to apply for the School Drive Subsidy and help staff answer any questions they may be asked by parents and guardians.

Enclosed are copies of:

- School Drive Subsidy quick guide – some tips on where to find more information and how school staff can help parents and guardians to apply.
- School Drive Subsidy brochure – provides an introduction to the School Drive Subsidy and explains the assistance available for parents and guardians who live a long way from public transport or school.
- School Drive Subsidy poster – for display at your school to highlight the program and generate awareness among parents and guardians.

Applications for the School Drive Subsidy are now open at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive.

If you or the parents and guardians have any questions, please email us at schooldrive@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your continued support in sharing this information.
Sincerely,

The Concessions team
Transport for NSW

Transport for NSW
16-18 Wentworth Street, Parramatta NSW 2150 | Locked Bag 5085, Parramatta NSW 2124
W transport.nsw.gov.au | ABN 18 604 239 602

Beauty & The Beast Movie Night for Ethan Fenn
23rd March 2017 at 6.30pm Raffles and Lucky door prizes starting at 6pm with Movie to follow promptly at 6.30pm.

Tickets are:

\$25.00 each adults


\$15.00 each Children (15yrs & under)

Please call Amanda on 0412 606 002


No Lights No Lycra

Begins again Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 7 pm in the Telarah School Hall. For just a gold coin, you can come and dance in the dark for an hour to some of the best hit music from all decades and genres. Disco, dub step and more! Bring a water bottle and wear cool clothes! It's time to do something just for you! 'Love songs and strong songs' theme this week!





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Fun, Local, Accessible, Family Friendly, Friendships

**Join Maitland Hockey's
'COME AND TRY' DAYS**
Suits Boys & Girls 4 to 12 years of age
When: Wednesday, 8th & 15th March
Length: 2 Weeks of activities
Time: 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Where: Maitland Hockey Field, Maitland Park
Elgin Street, Maitland

Cost: No Cost for the sessions. But participants can purchase a stick package for \$30. [stick, ball, shinpads&mouthguard] If you wish to join please email Ros: ros_u@me.com by 28/2/17.

Play Hockey this Winter
Competitions for

Juniors (U6 & U9 from Wed. 29/3/17 to 28/6/17; 5pm to 6pm;
U13 from Wed. 29/3/17; 6pm;
U18 from Tues. 28/3/17; 6pm)



Women's – Saturdays from Noon.

Men's – Intercity Comp. Sundays [Maitland Rams]

Training starts Thursday, 2/3/17 at 5pm for U13s & 18s

FUN, SAFE, ONE PLACE, ONE TIME

LOOK out for registration on our website: www.maitlandhockey.org.au
Or
Like us on Facebook: Maitland Hockey Association

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