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School Calendar

16 Feb

Maitland Show Yr 6
All day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal's Report

Welcome to our new and returning families to a busy Term 1. We have had a great start to the year with classes quickly settling into routines and our students demonstrating being Safe, Positive, Learners from day 1, well done! A full staff and class list will be included in the next newsletter.

Parent Information Sessions

We will be holding Information Sessions for each stage in Week 3. A note with dates and times will be sent home next week along with the Term 1 "What's On". This will give you information about specific things happening each week and as much notice as possible about upcoming events such as excursions. Also included will be an information note about Positive Behaviour for Learning; explaining the awards system and behaviour processes. Please look out for these notes next week!

O Block

The refurbishment process of O Block is complete! Families are welcome to have a walk through after pick up time in the afternoons and it will be open during the Parent Information Sessions. Stage 1 and 2 classes are up and running in the innovative learning spaces and furniture to support collaborative learning in each room should be delivered by the end of term. All classes K-6 will have opportunities to use the space and the deck area is open at lunch and recess for all students, with activities to play under the shade.

Planned Maintenance – Roofing, Carpet, Painting

The Preschool, K Block and E Block (the old residence) are having the roofs replaced as part of the Department's planned maintenance package. Carpeting and painting will also occur in designated areas during the year with preschool's carpet already replaced. Disruption while these works are completed will be kept to a minimum and our school will be looking great!

Canteen and P&C Meeting

From Week 3 (the week of February 12), the **Canteen will no longer open on a Tuesday**. This decision was made at the December 2017 P&C Meeting to ensure that the Canteen continues to support itself and provide this important service to the school.

The Canteen Manager is employed by the P&C for 4 days a week. Our Canteen Manager, Elisha, resigned at the end of 2017 for family reasons and so the P&C have engaged Sabrina to work as the Canteen Manager and will advertise the position following the Annual General Meeting in March (Tuesday 13 March). This will also be an opportunity to review the decision to close Tuesdays and, as always, feedback is welcomed and appreciated. The school will have arrangements in place to ensure food is available for students who may require support on a Tuesday.

Volunteers are always valued and much needed to keep the Canteen running smoothly; it's a great way to get involved with the school. No experience is necessary, hours are flexible, and lunch, tea, coffee and great company are included. **The P&Cs first meeting for 2018 is Tuesday 13th February at 5:30pm in the staffroom – everybody is welcome!**

Aimee Vincent
Relieving Principal

ADMINISTRATON NEWS

Fees in Advance is available to all families

So you can start making regular fortnightly payments now to help spread the cost of excursions

This is especially helpful for families with students in Year 5 and 6

Bronwyn Middleton
School Administration Manager

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN AND GARDEN PROGRAM

Term 1	Thursday	Friday
Even Weeks	4T	3/4K
Odd Weeks	3M	4/5M
9.30am	Garden	
10.00am – 11.30am	Kitchen	

We are looking for helpers. Please let Mr D or Mrs Kelly know if you are available.

QUICKSMART NEWS

Welcome back to the 2017/2018 Quicksmart students. Hope you had a great holiday and remembered to do some number fact revision during the break.



This term is the final term of Quicksmart. We look forward to working with students over the next 10 weeks to watch them grow in confidence as they continue to learn and use quick and effective mathematical strategies for addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

Your Quicksmart Tutors.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Book club catalogue will be sent home with students this week. Orders are to be placed via LOOP –details are on the back of catalogue, but if you require any help or further information please don't hesitate to ask.

If you are unable to make payment using this method, please come into the library and we will arrange an alternative method of payment.

All orders will need to be placed by Tuesday 20th February. All orders will come to the school and be distributed to students to take home. If for any reason you do not wish to have orders sent home, please let me know before hand.

Thank you
Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

Positive Parenting

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®

By Professor Matt Sanders

As a parent, you want to do the best for your child, but how do you know what's right? What do you do when your child answers back? Or is being bullied at school? Or starts telling obvious lies?

Over coming weeks in this newsletter I will share some of Triple P's proven tips for the best ways to handle common behavioural and developmental problems in children. From battling disobedience to encouraging homework routines, I'll cover those everyday issues to help you work out some strategies to suit your family.

I'll highlight common "parent traps" and hopefully make the very important job of raising kids as enjoyable and rewarding as possible.

But remember, parenting is sometimes hard work and it may take time to tackle more difficult problems. The good news is that help is always at hand.

Telarah Public School is offering parenting support with Triple P, one of the world's most highly-regarding parenting programs.

Professor Matt Sanders is founder of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®. For more information go to the link below or for information about how to participate in Triple P at Telarah Public School please contact Emma Martyn (School Counsellor) 4932 8477.

<http://www.triplep-parenting.net/>

SCHOOL TRANSPORT SCHEME (SSTS)

This is a reminder regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and students progressing from year 2 to 3 and year 6 to 7.

We have made some improvements to our system which now means that students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to year 3 and year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to the link below.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3rd week of January 2018.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the new school year in 2018. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

Concessions

131 500

<http://www.transportnsw.info/>

<http://www.opal.com.au/>

P&C NEWS

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The first meeting of the Telarah Public School P&C Association for 2018 is on Tuesday 13 February at 5:30pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is welcome to attend – it will be great to see some new faces and catch up with existing members. We will be looking at upcoming events for this year, getting updates from staff about the start to the year and what's happening around the school and discussing issues that are raised. Becoming a financial member at this meeting (membership is \$2) is necessary to nominate for an executive position (President, Vice President/s, Treasurer, Secretary) at the 2018 AGM (Tuesday 13 March).

If you can't make the meeting but there is a topic you would like discussed, please contact us on telarahpandc@gmail.com, on 0438 403 341. Please also get in touch if you have any questions or want to provide some feedback.

Kelly (President)

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen menu is always available on the Schoolzine app under 'Forms & Documents' or pick up a hard copy at the Canteen. *The Canteen will no longer open on Tuesdays from week three*.

The Canteen really needs more volunteers from our school community. It is an easy way to get to know the staff, students and other parents and grandparents. Even if you only have a short time to help with morning orders or with lunchtime

counter sales, any assistance is much appreciated - please drop in and see Sabrina or leave your details with the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to pack a lunch box is here!

The task of packing a healthy school lunch is now easier with the launch of our exciting new Healthy Lunch Box website healthylunchbox.com.au

The new website shows how easy it can be to pack a healthy lunch box that your kids will love.



It features an interactive lunch box builder that enables you to plan your kids' lunches on your phone, desktop or tablet - it's quick, easy and the kids will love helping too!

Healthy recipes and tips on adding more fruit and veg to lunch boxes will help set your child on a path of lifelong healthy eating to reduce their cancer risk.

Visit healthylunchbox.com.au for recipes & information you can trust.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



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