



TELARAH

PUBLIC SCHOOL



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School Calendar

11 Feb	Parent Information Sessions Stage 1 3.30-4pm in the Library 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
	Parent Information Sessions - Stage 2 @ 4pm-4.30pm in the Library 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
	Parent Information Sessions - Stage 3 @ 4.40pm-5pm in the Library 4:40 PM - 5:00 PM
	Preschool Information Night @ 6pm in the Preschool 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
12 Feb	Maitland AECG Meeting - MGHS 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
15 Feb	Year 6 Maitland Show All day
18 Feb	Kindergarten Bell Ringing & Parent Morning Tea - in the hall at morning assembly 9:20 AM - 10:00 AM
19 Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival - Maitland Pool - only children that have qualified All day
	ATSI Community Meeting - Telarah Public School in Minimpa room 3:40 PM - 4:15 PM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to the 2019 school year! We have had a wonderful start to Term 1 and are looking forward to working together throughout the year to get the very best outcomes for our students. Please feel welcome to drop in and say hi, volunteer in your children's classrooms or the canteen and let us know if there are other ways you'd like to be involved with our school! Our P&C is also a great way to get to know other parents and keep up to date with what's happening in the school. The P&C meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the staffroom and everyone is welcome.

School upgrades and works

We have been working hard to improve the quality of our school environment and teaching and learning spaces. A number of areas where grass was not sustainable now have synthetic grass. This has created really useable spaces that the children are really enjoying! We have also shade sails for our sandpit areas and all classrooms have new furniture items to support collaborative and flexible teaching and learning. Families are very welcome to come in and see what has been happening!

We have new roofs going onto the Stage 2 building and Office block with work beginning at the start of Week 3, February 11. This should only take a few weeks to complete, weather permitting, and we will look to minimise the disruption as much as possible. We also have planning almost completed for the complete refurbishment of the two student toilet blocks. Thank you to the P&C for their work in being awarded a grant for a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) to go on the concrete playground near the Kinder rooms, the shade will be appreciated! Our Preschool was also successful in being awarded a grant to improve their outdoor play space which will get underway soon and a new shade sail is being installed too.

Aimee Vincent
Principal

ATSI NEWS

Personalised Learning Plan meetings will be held in weeks 4 and 5 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and

families. Please keep checking for notes coming home this week and check your date and time.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Uniform donations

We are always looking for good second hand uniforms to pass on. If you have any to give, please drop them to the office.



NIT BLITZ

Hairstyles for hats, low pony tails, braids and plaits are the easiest way to keep hair tidy and also allow your child to easily wear their hat for playtime.



Breakfast Club

Is up and running from 8.40am every morning. Cereal and toast are available at no cost.



Attendance

It was great to see so many of our students back and ready to learn. We are aiming to have our students coming to school EVERY DAY, ON TIME to maximise learning. The state average attendance is 90 %. That means your child should aim to have less than 4 or 5 days absent per term. That means less than one day absent per fortnight.



QUICKSMART



Welcome Back to School from Quicksmart.

LIBRARY NEWS

All students will have started their library lessons this week and will have received their book club catalogues.

All orders for book club are to be made online via the 'LOOP' payments, which means no money or order forms are able to be collected at school. All information about how to complete this process are available in the catalogue, but if you require help please ask Miss Craig.

All students are able to borrow from the library for either class or home reading. To take books home students must have a library bag – not their school bag. This is to protect the books from accidents that may occur. Primary students will be able to borrow one book for their classroom without a bag, but if they wish to take books home, they too will need a bag.

BOOKCLUB DUE BACK: Friday 15 February

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian



Your child will plant, grow, harvest, prepare, share and eat a huge range of wonderful food this year. To run this program successfully we need parent involvement. This involves working with your child and 5 classmates to create one of the meals. Lots of hands on learning and lots of fun.

Week 2

Thursday 7 February	@ 9.30am	3 /4 K
Friday 8 February	@ 9.30am	4T
Friday 8 February	@ 12.15pm	4/5H

Week 3

Thursday 14 February	@ 9.30am	2 /3 E
Friday 15 February	@ 9.30am	3S
Friday 15 February	@ 12.15pm	5R

P&C News

Welcome to the 2019 school year!

Our first meeting this year is **Tuesday 12 February at 5:30pm** in the staffroom. You need to attend this meeting to become a member (\$2) and nominate for a position and/or vote in our Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 12 March at 5:30pm. At the AGM all positions will be declared vacant and nominations taken.

Please consider coming along – without more members we can't continue to make an important contribution to the school. Bring a friend or come and make new friends - meetings are casual and last about an hour. Our current executive members are coming to end of their terms and we need more people to help to keep building a positive school community.

If you have an issue about our school you would like raised or have feedback or questions about anything to do with the P&C, please email us at telarahpandc@gmail.com or contact Kelly (current P&C President) on 0438 403 341. You can usually find Kelly near O Block in the mornings and afternoons or in the canteen on Fridays as well.

Canteen News

Volunteers are needed for 2019! If you are available to help support this important part of our school, please pop in and let Sabrina (Canteen Manager) know. Even if you can't do a whole day, helping out with morning orders or lunchtime sales is very welcome.

It's a fun, friendly and supportive environment and a great chance to get to know other parents, grandparents, teachers, students and the routines of the school.

Menu

You can find the canteen menu on the SchoolZine app, at the canteen or the front office. The only price change for 2019 is that fruit salad is now \$1.50. All other fruit is still 50c - perfect for students to purchase before school for fruit break or snacks.

Flexischools

Existing Flexischools users - when you log in you will be prompted to change your child's class to their 2019 class. Please let the canteen know if there are any issues with this process - the site and app should prompt you to make the change.

If you haven't yet signed up with Flexischools please give it a go! The app makes it even easier to order lunch for your children without having to line up and find change. It's also great for those Old Mother Hubbard mornings and if you want to be able

to help your children to make healthier or more adventurous choices.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

A promotional poster for Maitland Saints AFC. It features a group of children playing soccer on a grassy field. The text 'Register now!' is prominently displayed in white on a blue background. To the right, the Maitland Saints AFC logo is shown, along with contact information for Chris Challen (0400 212 391) and a junior secretary email. It also mentions the team is open for boys and girls aged 5-17yo and includes an AFL logo with a sign-up link for junior footy.

A poster from the Cancer Council's Healthy Lunch Box initiative. It features the text 'The simplest way' in large blue letters, followed by '... to ensure your child gets the nutrients they need at school'. Below this, it lists five food groups: Wholegrain Breads & Cereals (Bread Sushi), Vegetables and salads (Corn cob), Meat & Alternatives (Baked bean muffin), Dairy (Yoghurt tub), and Fruit (Strawberries). It also states 'Water: Always pack a bottle of water'. An image of a lunch box filled with these items is shown. At the bottom, it provides the website healthylunchbox.com.au for more recipes and examples.