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

2014 Calendar

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Classes for 2015
We have begun planning for 2015 and as you are aware this an involved process and requires all of our information about students to be up to date. If your circumstances are changing and you are moving out of the area or to a different school in 2015 please let us know.

If you have particular requests or concerns relating to your child’s class placement for 2015 please submit these to Mrs Ros Gissane in our administration office clearly in writing. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this with me please call the school to make an appointment.

5A
I have made the decision to maintain Mrs Sally Harvey as the class teacher for 5A for the remainder of the school year. The class has been very settled with Mrs Harvey and are performing well. Mrs Allen has returned to work full time and will be working across the school supporting literacy programs.

Tony Gadd
Principal

Telarah Public School Preschool

Now Taking Applications for 2015

Applications for a place in our Preschool are now being taken. If you have any questions regarding our programs please take the time and call the school to make an appointment to chat to one of our experienced educators or the Principal. Phone number is 49328477.

Our Preschool is open between 9am and 3pm. Children attend 5 days each fortnight, 2 days one week and 3 the next.

Fees are simply $15 per day for non-concession card holders and $7 per day for concession card holders and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children. The school has the capacity to provide fee relief if families are having difficulties meeting the costs of attending Preschool.

Please call in at the office to pick up a form or visit the link below to download a PDF version.


Applications are open to all families in the Maitland Area, we will support you and your child to transition to the local school of your choice for Kindergarten 2016.

All applications need to be dropped in to the school or emailed to the school at the address below.

telarah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Tony Gadd
Principal
DEC SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME
Years 2, 3 & 4 students are participating in the “Learn to Swim” Program which runs daily for 2 weeks from 13 October to 24 October 2014.

INTERRELATE – “MOVING INTO THE TEEN YEARS” PROGRAM
This course is being offered to Year 6 students to prepare them for High School. It is a comprehensive education program covering a range of adolescent issues designed specifically for this important time in life. It is being held at Telarah Public School on 15th & 22nd October and 5th & 11th November. The cost is $32.00 per student. Information notes have previously been sent home with students. If you wish your child to attend, please complete permission note and return to school office together with payment.

CHOIR & BAND EXCURSION
Choir and band members are being offered first option of attending a matinee performance of The Wizard of Oz at the Hunter Theatre in Broadmeadow on Tuesday, 21 October. If your child wishes to attend, please return permission note together with payment of $22.00 to Mrs Carratt by this Thursday, 16 October. Any tickets not sold after this date will be offered to other TPS students.

LIBRARY
This term KB and KN’s library day has changed to Monday.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM (SAKGF)
Our SAKGF Program has started again and has been moved to an earlier timeslot. Gardening class will be at 9.15 with cooking class starting at 10.00. This allows gardening to be done in the cool of the morning and the cooking session to be completed by lunchtime (11.30).
We are always looking for volunteers for this Program. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Work is about to start on our kitchen and dining room space and Mr Debenham and Mrs Kelly will complete their training on Thursday.

Riverlights Festival: The lanterns made in all the kinder rooms, with lots of help from ¾K and 4T, were launched on Saturday night at the beautiful Riverlights Festival in Maitland. We sent around 45 lanterns from Telarah PS. Well done all lantern makers.

Environment Team Award Assembly: All members of our Environment Team (Environmental Warriors and Gardeners) will be awarded their badges on Wednesday. Our Environment team is doing a wonderful job of seriously improving our practice with rubbish at school and improving our physical environment. Our first batch of high quality compost made from fruit scraps is almost ready for the gardens. The “Tidiest Classroom Award” will be awarded weekly to the best classroom as judged by our cleaners. We hope to see many proud parents at assembly on Wednesday. (Students at swimming school will receive their badges at our next whole school assembly). Special thanks to senior students Jack, Kyle and Zac who are looking after a number of rooms as well as their own.
Kinder and Preschool Orientation BBQ:
Our Welcome to Telarah School Barbeque will be held on Wednesday, October 29th at 5.00pm. There will be a free BBQ, a walk around the school and some information for new students and their families due to start at Preschool or Kindergarten in 2015. We look forward to meeting you at this friendly and informal evening.

STAGE ONE REPTILE PARK EXCURSION
Last Wednesday the Stage One students travelled to the Australian Reptile Park. We all had a very exciting day and participated in a ‘hands on’ show called Feathers, Fur and Scales. At this show, we were able to see some animals and reptiles up very close and even touch them. There were some very brave students amongst us that volunteered to hold and pet some of the reptiles including snakes, pythons and lizards. Mr Debenham was very brave and held an enormous python around his neck!
We were able to walk around and see lots of native Australian animals and some reptiles including Elvis the Crocodile and Hugo the Galapagos Turtle.
Despite the wet weather everyone enjoyed themselves and was delighted to see the snakes, spiders and reptiles. The behaviour of the students was outstanding and everyone had a lovely day.

STAGE 1 HOME READING ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to:
Ryan Finn 1R – 200 Nights
Jemma Randall 1/2J – 125 Nights

Our THANKS to Highway Ford for their donation of $100.00 and also for their continued support of Telarah Public School.

Chisholm Family Day Care currently has vacancies on Thursdays and Fridays. Contact Alison for further information.

From the 31st October – 1st November 2014 Rosary Park Catholic School will host their ‘10-Year Anniversary’ Branxton Community Art Show. All local students and both Professional and Non-Professional artists are encouraged to participate, bringing the community together and showcasing their artistic talents.

Further information and entry forms are available from Ms Ison at Telarah Public School.
## NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE

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**DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?**

Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity.

Irlen Syndrome can cause dyslexia and difficulties with:
- Reading
- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension
- Concentration
- Ball Sports
- Fatigue
- Eye Strain
- Headaches

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- Coffs Harbour: 0437698559
- Singleton: 4956604
- Suite 3/136 Nelson Street, Wallsend 2287

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