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

TERM 4 WEEK 8 Activity/Event

Monday 24 Nov
Tuesday 25 Nov Stage 2 Museum Excursion
Wednesday 26 Nov School Assembly
Thursday 27 Nov Backyard League Development
Friday 28 Nov

Monday 1 Dec Stage 1 Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 10 Dec Presentation Day
Monday 15 Dec Year 6 Farewell

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – 17 DECEMBER 2014

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

School Planning 2015 to 2018

We are currently in the process of reviewing our plan for the next three year cycle. To support this, I am looking for some parents and caregivers who would be interested in participating in some focussed discussions over the next couple of weeks about the programs we will be running. As a result of our school joining the Early Action for Success Strategy, our plans in Literacy and Numeracy will largely be directed by this. In other curriculum areas our practice and planning is guided by plans to successfully implement the Australian Curriculum and new NSW Board of Studies Syllabus documents.

I am interested specifically in parent feedback about Positive Behaviour for Learning, the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation Program, sport, creative and practical arts, the physical school environment and home to school partnerships. I am also interested in any other ideas or feedback you may have.

Historically when we have sent surveys home the response has not been as high as we would hope so this time I will go with whatever individual families who would like to have some input can manage. I know you’re all busy and appreciate any time you can offer. Some of the options at our disposal are group discussions, telephone interviews, individual meetings and a paper survey that I can either email directly to you or send home with one of your children. If you would rather chat to another member of staff I am happy to set that up and promise that I will not be offended.

To get involved all you need to do is call the school on 49328477 and ask to speak to me. If I am not available please leave your name and the best number to contact you on.

PBL Badges

We are very excited to be presenting a large number of PBL badges to students tomorrow at our whole school assembly. We will keep providing opportunities to our students to earn their badge for 2015 right up until the end of week 10. Our final badge presentation assembly will be held on Friday December 13th. Stage 3 have kindly allowed us to steal their Friday assembly time for this purpose.

Presentation Day

Our school presentation day will be held on Wednesday December 10th at 10am. This year, parents of students receiving awards will be notified by letter posted to individual homes. Teachers are finalising their award recipients this week so letters should arrive next week. If parents of children do not live together, it would be greatly appreciated if the parent who receives the letter makes contact with the other parent to inform them of the wonderful news. If this is a problem please give me a call.

Tony Gadd, Principal
Stage 1
Stage 1 will hold an assembly on Monday, 1 December at 2.30pm in the school hall. 1K will be performing a class item and silver awards will be presented. Parents and Carers are invited to attend.

School Invoices
It would be appreciated if all school invoices could be paid as soon as possible so that the end of year financials can be completed.

Library
This week will be the last week of borrowing for the year.
Could you please search at home and return any library books to the Library as soon as possible? We need all books back in the Library for a final stocktake.
I have a number of books that have been culled from our Library for sale for 10 cents each. If your child has any spare change they may be able to pick up a bargain.

Book Club
The final issue for the year has been given out to children.
All orders need to be in by Thursday, 27th November.

Thank you
Mrs Bateup

Samaritan’s Giving Tree
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Samarian’s Giving Tree. There is still plenty of room under our Christmas tree in the staff room. Only 3 weeks left so let’s continue with the Telarah generosity.

School Leader Elections
Our school leader elections, which were held recently, were extremely close with nominees of a very high standard. Captains and Vice Captains will be announced on Presentation Day. Non-elected leaders will form a Shadow Ministry with their Badge presentation being held early in Term 1 of 2015.

Active After-School Sport
This will be the LAST week for Active After-School sport for both Hockey and Cheerleading.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
4T will be gardening and cooking this Friday and parent helpers are very welcome.

P&C Christmas Raffle
Thanks to everyone who have sold and returned raffle tickets. Books can still be obtained at the office if you would like some more. The raffle will be drawn at the Carols by Candlelight on 12 December 2014.

NRL Backyard Development Day
Representatives from the Country Rugby League will again be teaching our students ball skills on Thursday.
## NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE

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<td><strong>Swimming Carnival – 5th Dec</strong></td>
<td>Years 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</td>
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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:

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