2014 Calendar

WEEK 10

Monday 8 Dec  Year 6 Hunter Surf Life Saving at Nobby’s Beach
Tuesday 9 Dec  Kinder Graduation 10am Preschool White Group party
Wednesday 10 Dec  Presentation Day
Thursday 11 Dec  Kindergarten to Movies and Maitland Park Preschool Green Group party
Friday 12 Dec  PBL Badge Presentation Carols by Twilight P&C Raffle drawn

WEEK 11

Monday 15 Dec  Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 16 Dec  Christmas Concert
Wednesday 17 Dec  END OF TERM

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Presentation Day TOMORROW
Our school Presentation Day will be held tomorrow, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10th at 10am in the school hall. Captains and Vice Captains will also 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.

Parents of students receiving awards have already been notified by letter posted to individual homes. 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.

We are acutely aware that not all children will be receiving awards and this may cause some angst and disappointment. We have many wonderful students at our school and aim to take opportunities daily to acknowledge this through our PBL Badge and Telarah Award Programs. If your child is disappointed tomorrow, please reflect with them on their successes and encourage them to be happy for those who were fortunate to be acknowledged. It is by no means a personal reflection on your child or the successful year they have had.

PBL Badges
Our final PBL Badge Presentation Assembly will be held this FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th. Stage 3 has kindly allowed us to steal their Friday assembly time for this purpose.

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STUDENTS 28TH JANUARY 2015

Tony Gadd, Principal

Kindergarten Goes to the Movies - Thursday DON’T FORGET: Kindergarten excursion to the movies this Thursday, December 11th. Students will go on to Maitland Park for lunch and a play on the equipment. The Year 1 students in Mrs. Banister’s class are also welcome to come. Please get those notes and money in.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
Monday, 15 December 2014 – $25.00 and permission note to be returned to teacher by tomorrow.

CAROLS BY TWILIGHT
Friday, 12 December 5:30-7pm Telarah School grounds Christmas Carols, Sausage Sizzle, visit from Santa and raffle
will be drawn. Please return raffle books and money to school office as soon as possible.

Best Start Interviews for 2015 Kindergarten
Letters will be sent home shortly to advise parents of next year’s kindergarten students, of the date and time of their Best Start interview. Please contact the office if the interview time is not suitable for you. Thanks to all parents who supported our Orientation Program last month. Please ensure that all paperwork is completed so that enrolment can be finalised.

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.

Thank you Telarah Public School Community
At the end of the year I will be finishing my teaching career and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Telarah School community for making it so memorable. A lot has changed since my first 5th class at Gardeners Rd Public School near Mascot in 1974. When I resigned to do further study I moved to the Hunter Valley and began casual work at Telarah in 1984. My connection with this school goes back a long way. I have worked with a range of dedicated staff in that time and have taught many children, some of whom I have watched grow up and return to the preschool with their own children. The preschool family is very special. We get to see all the family- mums and dads, brothers and sisters, grandparents and relatives and friends. I have hoped that we have made you feel welcome. The preschool environment has changed a lot over the years and we have had to learn a lot with that change. The preschool staff have been great people to work with. Mrs O’Donnell has brought so many fresh ideas to improve our outside learning environment and has encouraged and supported us to think creatively about what is best practice for learning. Mrs West, as she leaves to start her own family, has been such an example of patient and respectful relationships with children and has always been prepared to go that extra mile. And Mrs Greedy! What can I say about Mrs Greedy after working closely with her all these years - probably that I must have been the luckiest preschool teacher to have such a loyal, kind and enthusiastic colleague? Mrs Greedy has always been such a support for improving learning outcomes, looking at things from a different perspective, comforting sad children and families as well as all the things she has done to support music in the primary school. And sometimes, just sometimes she can be silly. I could not have worked as well without her. Thank you Julie.

Our preschool is part of a wider school and that has had so many advantages for our children. Our executive team lead by our Principal, Mr Gadd has bigger responsibilities than probably most people would get to see and yet they remain calm, centred and child focused. They are a great team and Telarah is fortunate in having them as the school leaders. Mr Gadd has worked hard to make the preschool an important part of the whole school. Mrs Kelly our preschool supervisor has been a champion for extending children’s learning and encouraging people to think responsibly. The dedication of all the staff to providing a quality learning environment is fabulous. Telarah is lucky to have such caring, diverse members of staff. And finally the whole reason for my career - the children and their families. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives for a quarter of a century. The Telarah community is very caring and you see it in the big things like concerts and in special events. You also see it when times are tough and families gather to support each other. I am privileged to have been a part of all that. My family has grown up with my Telarah family and as I sit at the place where my youngest child was married yesterday I am aware that my life will now take me in a new direction and I’m looking forward to that. It has been a real pleasure to be involved with such a fine group of people at Telarah for so long. Thank you. I have learnt a lot at Telarah Public School.

Lesley Williams