Telarah Public School
Fortnightly Newsletter
Term 1       Week 11

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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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TERM 2:
MONDAY 28TH APRIL – PUPIL FREE DAY
TUESDAY 29TH APRIL – STUDENTS COMMENCE
Friday  2 May  School ANZAC Commemoration

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Family Occupation and Education Index (FOIE)
With recent changes to the way NSW Department of Education and Communities Schools are funded it is important that we have up to date information to inform the Family Occupation and Education Index or FOIE. The FOIE information is gathered from information entered on enrolment forms and entered into a database managed by the DEC. Essentially the amount of money we get under the resource allocation model is directly affected by the overall FOIE of the school.

We have recently run a couple of reports that indicate where some of this information may be incomplete or not up to date and our administration staff are working through this with families to resolve any issues that have been discovered. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but as you can understand this information is important. It would be appreciated if any requests for information were met by Thursday.

ANZAC Day
Our school captains will be representing us at the Maitland ANZAC Commemoration on the 25th April at Maitland Park. We will commemorate ANZAC Day with all students and staff on the 2nd May at school. We have invited representatives of the Australian Defence Force to join us from the Singleton Army Base and will be commemorating the Lone Pine that is growing in our playground.

Congratulations
Last Friday we had a number of students representing Maitland Zone in the Winter Sport Trials. Jannali Hunter was successful in gaining selection into the Regional Girls Football side and will contest the NSW PSSA State Carnival next term.

End of Term
This Friday is the end of Term 1 and it has absolutely flown. I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter and hope you all have a safe and restful break. Our Staff Development Day on the 28th April will be spent working on the Australian Curriculum, reviewing the current implementation of the English Curriculum and planning how we will implement the new Mathematics Curriculum.

Please be aware that I will be on leave this Friday. Mr Debenham will be relieving. Should you have any questions or issues you need support with, Mr D will be happy to assist.

CLASS NEWS:
Preschool News:
It’s been a busy end of term at our preschool. The Assessment and Ratings inspection was early last week and some other exciting things have been happening.

Mr Steven Campbell has given us two weeks of his time painting a stunning Aboriginal mural in the preschool foyer. It tells about our preschool,
our Murrin and Becan playrooms and some of the other features in the grounds. We are very grateful for the time he has spent on this beautiful project for us.

Our mud kitchen was built over a weekend by the staff and their families and is producing delicious mud pies and other enticing food most days.

The children just love this new activity centre. Many thanks to our dedicated staff and their families for this wonderful new feature.

Preschool will take part in our Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday and it will be closed for a cleaning day on Friday, April 11th. Preschool reopens on Tuesday, April 29th. Have a lovely Easter break.

On Wednesday 2nd April, Stage 1 students participated in an activity morning to celebrate the work they have been doing in Accelerated Literacy this term. Year 1 have been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and Year 2 have studied Brown Bread and Honey by Pamela Allen. All students enjoyed engaging in activities from the book as well as tasting some of the types of food mentioned in the stories.

Some of the student’s comments are below:

“We had a try of brown bread and I would have it all day because I loved it” …….. Judd

“I loved the brown bread and honey so much I went back for more” …….. Katie

“I tried brown bread and honey. It was yummy because I liked the bread and honey” …….. Chelsea-Lee

2C - We have had a very busy first term. Ms Crawford would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of our parents and carers for coming up for PLP meetings and parent teacher interviews. She was very proud to share our great progress in learning with our parents and carers. Everyone in 2C has made great gains in their reading, writing and maths skills this term! Well done 2C! Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and come back refreshed for a short but busy term 2.

1K - Last week the children in 1K enjoyed celebrating The Very Hungry Caterpillar Day. We have been learning about caterpillars and butterflies in Accelerated Literacy.

To celebrate the end of our Accelerated Literacy cycle, we celebrated by making and constructing paper caterpillars, macaroni necklaces, life cycles and playing games based on the book by Eric Carle.

We have also been learning about healthy eating in Science with Mrs Cantwell. The students were able to try some of the food that the caterpillar ate in the story and enjoyed eating Swiss cheese, salami and pickles! They were very brave to try new foods and had a fun morning in our classroom.

This week we will be learning about Easter. We will be busy making our Easter hats for the parade on Wednesday and learning about the symbols and traditions of Easter. Hope the Easter Bunny finds you all and a very Happy Easter everyone!!!
5A students’ highlights of this busy Term 1 have been:

- Introduction to Exposition (Argument Writing)
- Discovery of Art for Kids on ‘You Tube’ (thanks Mrs Taylor)
- Great day at launch of ‘Fundamental Skills’ and ‘Harmony Day’

5/6P has been busy finishing off this terms unit of work in HSIE and Science. We have enjoyed learning about the discovery of Gold in Australia in the 1800's as well as the Weather which included the Water Cycle and Clouds. Have a great holiday everyone.

LIBRARY NEWS

There will be no borrowing this week as it is the last week of term.
Could you please make sure your child returns all library books to the Library this week.
The winners of the Easter drawing and poetry competitions will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday.

Newcastle Writers Festival

Madisyn, Samara and Rohan attended the Talented Writers workshop on Thursday at Newcastle Library. They had a great time getting ideas about how to work on their writing. Thanks to Samara’s mum who transported the children to and from Newcastle.

A report from the students is below:

Newcastle Writing Workshop

On Thursday 3rd April, Samara, Rohan and Madisyn went to the Newcastle Writing Workshop at the Newcastle Regional Library. Samara’s mother kindly drove us to the workshop.

When we got there we had to write a short story about beards and what we can use them for.

Then we had a choice of four photographs to write a story about. The choices were a tornado on a beach, a monster on a cliff, a shovel in a small hole and a sinkhole in the city.

After writing a story inspired by the pictures we started to learn how to develop characters. Instead of writing about the character themselves/itself we wrote about the contents of their bag which showed a lot about the characters personality.

We thought it was very inspiring to listen to other students’ stories and comments. Some of the other students’ stories were so realistic, if you use your imagination it was like you could almost see the story.

By Madisyn Grigull, Samara Harrison and Rohan Baker-Wade.

Quicksmart News:

Top Scorer of the week: Kaj Taylor - 55 flashcards in 1 minute.
Mathematician of the week: Sarah - flashcards in 1 minute went from 21 to 37 correct.
Some other great scores include:
Brydie Treharne went from 17-33 flashcards correct in a minute.
Seb Sanderson went from 20-37 flashcards correct in a minute.
Sam Tuckwell - 49 flashcards on division and multiplication 4
Kaia Isaac - 42 flashcards on division and multiplication 3

We have had such a great term increasing our speed and skills and we look forward to a bigger, better and quicker Term 2.

The Quicksmart Team

Next term in The Kingdom on Mondays and Thursdays we will be doing SCRAPBOOKING (decorating photos on a page). If students would like to come and do some scrapbooking, they will need to bring in a few photos to start (1-5 photos).

25 nights of Home Reading

Congratulations to the following Stage 1 students who have completed 25 nights of home reading:

- Cain White
- Ryan Finn
- Samara Lee Anderson Boyd
- Molly Olive
- Deagen Hampton-Jackson
- Taryn Stewart
- Lachlan Hubbard
• Riley Andrews
• Mackenzie Trehair
• Dakoda Fitzgerald
• Kayla Harrison
• Chloe Melnes
• Holly Baker-Wade
• Lucas Ting
• Jemma Randall
• Indyana Ryan
• Rylan Staples
• Nicholas Innes

50 nights of Home Reading
• Dakoda Fitzgerald

A great effort! Happy Reading!

School Cross Country
On Tuesday, 25th March the School Cross Country was held in gloomy conditions in the school grounds. After lots of blood, sweat and tears, a team of 30 endurance runners were chosen to represent the school at Zone.

Zone Cross Country
On Thursday, 3rd April the Maitland Zone Primary Schools Cross Country was held at Tocal with 30 enthusiastic runners eager to represent Telarah Public School.

Congratulations to all the runners who participated in the event. It was wonderful to see all students having fun, displaying lovely manners and trying their best in very hot and tricky conditions.

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped transport the competitors to and from Tocal on the day. Without you, events like these are not possible.

This event will be held at Broadmeadow Racecourse on Friday 9th May. We wish these students all the best at the next level of competition.

Great Aussie Bush Camp
The camp is being held from Tuesday, 24th June to Friday, 27th June 2014. The cost of the camp is $310.00 and full payment is due by 13th June 2014. Payments can be made by instalments at the school office.

Easter Hat Parade - Wednesday, 9 April 2014
Parents are invited to come and read a story with their child in the classroom at 10am as part of the ‘Read with Me’ activity.
At 10:30am students will participate in the Easter Hat Parade which will take place in the hall.
The Easter raffle will be drawn after the Parade.

Hi from the YMCA at St Pauls Rutherford.
It’s quickly approaching the end of term with holidays starting. Need care for your children or are they looking for something to do during the holidays. We have some great excursions which include going to the Museum in Sydney to see the Dinosaur Exhibition, we are going to Treetop Adventure – which is like an outdoor recreation centre. Then the second week we are going on an excursion and doing barefoot bowls and also going to the movies. When we are not out and about on an excursion we are having theme days at the centre. The theme days include bringing bikes and having a Bike & Wheels day, having a Magic Tricks day, having Treasure Hunt day and on the pupil free day, having an Art Frenzy day.
We have plenty of spots available so come in to the Centre and collect a form to fill in or download a form from www.oshc.ymca.org.au or call 0408587421 for more information.
Thank you Libby, Carol and Rebecca.
“Increase your child’s communication skills, self-confidence and creative talents.”

(Improvisation, Movement, Scriptwork and Productions.)

Drama Classes:
Maitland Polish Hall
(Established for 23 years in Maitland)

Primary: 7 – 11 years
Youth: 12 – 16 years

Also: Studios across the Newcastle region:
Enrolments now being taken for 2014
(CLASSES CONDUCTED IN THE HUNTER FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.)

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