**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

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**WHAT'S ON?**

To assist parents, caregivers and community members to keep up with the activities here at school, we are producing a one page document called What's On each week when there is not a newsletter. Permission notes will also be posted on the school website for your convenience.

**Week 1 Calendar**

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**ANZAC Day**

We will commemorate ANZAC Day with all students and staff on the 2nd May at 10am 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 Miss Russell**

During the holiday period Miss Russell was successful in gaining permanent teaching position with the DEC at Narooma. Miss Russell was in a temporary position at our school, job sharing with Miss Jackson. We wish Miss Russell all the best with what we are certain will be a very successful career.

Her position at Telarah Public School will be filled by Mrs Kircher as she comes back from maternity leave. Mrs Kircher is a permanent teacher at our school and will be working with Miss Jackson for the remainder of 2014.

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**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.

**P&C News:**

The P&C is holding a **Mother's Day Raffle** which is valued between $250 and $300.00. Tickets are 50cents each and will be available for students to purchase outside the Canteen as from today. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 9 May 2014.

Students may purchase gifts from the **Mother's Day stall** which will be held on Wednesday, 7 May 2014. Gifts will range between $5.00 & $8.00.

**Therapy Dogs**

This term we are going to start introducing a therapy dog into the school. Initially this will take some time and be a very slow and gradual process as we familiarise the dog with the school environment and teach the dog (and people) the specific behaviours that are required for this initiative to work. The dog's name is Chilli and she is a Tamruke Australian Labradoodle. She belongs to Mr Gadd who is training her and will be the dog’s primary handler. This is a program that is very new to schools in NSW but has proven to be very successful for a variety of purposes around the world. Labradoodles are hypo-allergenic and should not cause an allergic reaction. If you have any questions or would like to talk to Mr Gadd about this initiative please call 49328477.

If successful, there is scope for this program to grow. It is absolutely imperative that community members do not bring any other dogs onto the school grounds unless that dog is an assistance or therapy animal itself. Please call Mr Gadd for prior permission in all circumstances.

For some examples of how this program can benefit the students and further information on Tamruke Australian Labradoodles please visit the links below.


Tony Gadd
Principal