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 2 WEEK 4 Activity/Event

Tuesday 20 May
Knights Knockout
Triple P Meeting
Band & Music Lessons
B2b Cooking Club

Wednesday 21 May
National Simultaneous Storytelling @ 11am
GRIP Leadership Conference
Choir Performance @ St. Peters

Thursday 22 May
Beach Excursion
Stage 3 Social Skills

Friday 23 May
Walk Safely to School Day

NAPLAN
Last week our Year 3 and 5 students handled the NAPLAN program with ease. They were all very cooperative and settled which has hopefully allowed them to do their best on the day. Results should come back to school toward the end of Term 3, we will let parents know when they arrive and send them home.

Additional Programs
In a discussion with some staff and parents last week we reflected on how many different programs and opportunities we are offering our students at the moment and the way in which our community is embracing them. Currently we have Active After School Communities, Choir, Band, Back to Basics Cooking Classes, PSSA Sport, Knights Knockout Rugby League, Quicksmart Numeracy, Reading Recovery and a Positive Parenting Program all in addition to our core activities of teaching and learning. (I may have missed one or two!) These activities don’t happen without a committed group of people to run them and students who are willing to have a go at new things. In the near future our Stage 3 students will begin their High School Gifted and Talented Students Program and we will be sending some teachers to be trained in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Our intention is to provide our community with the best possible service we can and I think we are well on the way. The official launch of our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program will take place on the 12th June. We hope many of you are able to come and join our celebration of this great Program.

Parking
This issue has been mentioned in the newsletter a number of times this year. Please be mindful of where and how you park around the school keeping in mind that student safety is the most important issue at play. Please respect the signs and park in a safe way at all times around the school.

Reforms to P&C Federation - The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Tony Gadd
Principal
Class News:

Preschool
Preschool have completed their family interviews. The interviews allowed Educators and families share information about the children at Preschool and to talk about common goals. Thank you to our families for your time. Please see us if you couldn’t attend on the days and would like an interview time.

We are looking forward to our Community walk next week. This week we will be walking around our school boundary to see where the Preschool fits in the whole school grounds. Please return your permission notes as soon as possible.

With the beautiful weather and low sun factor we have been extending our outside experiences. Painting has been popular as well as construction. Jordan made a great house for dinosaurs. We have also enjoyed eating our lunch outside.

Kindergarten

Last Friday, Kindergarten had a maths day where the children rotated to each class in the middle session. They had lessons and activities on ‘volume and capacity’, ‘mass’ and ‘area’. The children had great fun with the hands-on activities and learnt lots of things about these concepts.

K/1C is looking forward to our beach excursion this week on Thursday.

2C - We have had another busy week. We have been studying our new AL text, ‘My Dearest Dinosaur’. Dinosaurs are everywhere in our room! Tanika taught us how to draw a T-Rex. We continue to do our Speed Reads, Mad Minutes and Maths Mentals every day. We are working on these more independently each week. On Friday we joined lots of other schools around the world for Jamie Oliver’s Cooking Revolution Day. We grated and sliced our way to make a rainbow salad wrap. Everyone tried one and generally they earned a ’2 thumbs up’ from everyone.

4T and 3/4K are currently studying The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. The children will be building a car in class as part of our Science Unit ‘Forces’. We have also completed our Elephants to decorate the hall. Library is now on Mondays for both classes.

Stage 3 has been dividing into boys and girls groups for sport and PD this term. They are enjoying tennis with Hot Shots!

KN, KB and K/1C’s Beach Excursion is on Thursday. Any parents who wish to accompany us will need to fill in some paperwork which is available from the class teachers and buy their own train ticket which is $7.00 for the return fare. They need to buy their own ice block too!

Back to Basics Cooking Club is on this week, Tuesday May 20th. Thanks again to Woolworths at Rutherford who have sponsored this great program again.

Stephanie Alexander’s Kitchen Garden Program
The application has been submitted. If we are successful we will hold an information session inviting anyone who is interested in helping to get this fabulous Program working at school. We will keep you posted. If you have any questions please see Mr Gadd or Mrs Kelly. It is very exciting to see our raised vegie gardens converted to water efficient wicking gardens over the weekend. We can’t wait to get them planted up again ready for the Program.
Have you made a plan for Walk Safely to School Day? We hope that many of you will accompany your children with a healthy walk to school on that day or park a little further away and walk the remaining distance. Perhaps you can talk with your neighbours and walk as a group. Let’s make it a great day.

**Crunch and Sip**
Telarah School belongs to the **Crunch and Sip Program** - our Fruit Break. Please remember that all classes make time for every student to have a fruit and water break during the morning session. All children need to come to school with some fruit in their bags.
We want to Live Life Well at Telarah School.

**Food Revolution Day**
Ms Crawford and 2C participated in the Food Revolution day at school on Friday. The children made delicious Rainbow Wraps under the direction of Ms Crawford and Jamie Oliver. The wraps were filled with freshly grated vegies and Fetta cheese. They were really yummy. Good job 2C.

**Kindergarten Maths Day**
All students in Kindergarten enjoyed a range of measuring experiences on Friday. They completed activities about measuring area, mass and capacity and volume. Some wonderful talking and learning went on in all those rooms.

**Quicksmart** is back in Term 2 and we have been working hard. Mathematician of the week is Lachlan Brazier photographed with his friend Hayden Coyle and tutor Lisa.
Top scorers of the week are Charleigh Oliver and Jye Sales pictured with tutor Mandy.

We are continuing to increase our number knowledge, speed skills and playing a variety of numeracy games.

School Choir
Our school choir will be performing at the Children’s Music Festival on **Wednesday 21st May 2014** at St Peter’s Anglican Church, East Maitland. Students need to be there at 5pm for a combined choir rehearsal. The concert will start at 6:30pm and conclude at 7:30pm. It is a good idea for students to bring a bottle of water.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed 25 and 50 nights of home reading:

**25 Nights of Home Reading**
Stella Drew
Nicole Balkham
Shanae Neesom
Paige Grieve
Nicole Balkham
Shanae Neesom
Paige Grieve
Indyana Ryan

**50 Nights of Home Reading**
Mikayla Coburn
Nicholas Innes

A great effort! Happy Reading

**PRESCHOOL 2015 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND KINDERGARTEN 2015 ENROLMENTS**
We are now accepting Expressions of Interest for the Preschool 2015 and also taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. All forms are available from the school office which are to be completed and returned together with child’s birth certificate and immunisation record so as we can sight and copy for our files. If anyone is aware of families in the area that may have children eligible for enrolment in either the preschool or kindergarten, please pass on this information.

**Thankyou:** An appreciative thank you to the Athletes Foot for $150 donation from the Back to School Kick Back Program.
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