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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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

PBL Launch
We took delivery of our PBL badges yesterday and they look fantastic. I have had the opportunity to visit a number of classrooms to show the students, they were excited to see them and most were very confident of their ability to earn one before the end of the year. Our PBL Launch will be held on the 12th June 2014, we are planning to have a special assembly where we present the first of these awards to students who are consistently demonstrating that they are working hard at being Safe, Positive, Learners. Parents will be invited.

Many students have earned their 30 stickers in their classrooms and are at the point where teachers will be sending PBL contracts home for parents to reflect on with their children and send back to teachers to continue the process. Next week I will send home a copy of the process students’ work through to earn a PBL badge. It is an award I hope all our students aspire to.

Athletics Carnival
The athletics carnival is planned for Thursday 5th June. At this stage it will be touch and go whether or not it will be held due to the amount of rain that we have had over the weekend. We will hopefully be able to let families know what is happening tomorrow afternoon.

Tony Gadd
Principal
CLASS NEWS:
Pre-School:
The White group at preschool enjoyed our walk around the community on Wednesday. We had walked around our school boundary the week before to see where the Preschool fitted within the school grounds. Now we had the opportunity to see where the school fitted within the Telarah community. Later in the year we will travel on a bus to see that Telarah is part of a wider community. On Wednesday we walked around the school outside boundary to IGA where we bought items for Morning Tea. Our letters to home were posted in the letterbox in Brooke St before we visited the Fire Station. At the Fire Station John, Nick and John spoke about fire safety. Thanks to all the families who came with us to assist with supervision. We really value your support. Thanks also to Telarah Fire Station. Our Green group will visit the Fire Station this Friday. We will still go if it is wet but we won’t walk to the shops. Please ensure your children are in waterproof clothes if it is wet.

This term K/1C has been doing ‘sprint running’ for fundamental skills (PE). Three times a week we have been learning different skills for running including galloping, side stepping, jogging, butt kicks (the children’s favourite) and lunging (not Mrs Banister’s favourite). The children have had a great time developing and using these skills through playing games and activities.

5A have been working extremely hard on the Science Challenge; designing and making boats and kites. There has been a variety of creations and we look forward to seeing them float and fly. We have also been busy learning about China and the different languages and cultures in China. The students have been amazed at the difference in education systems between Australia and China. Don’t forget that speeches are still under way with students needing to be prepared to talk about the topics listed in week 5&6.

STARSTRUCK
Practice is well underway with our students preparing for our performance coming up. We only have six more practices at school and two in Newcastle before the big event. Our students have seen and tried on their costumes. Parents please remember to pay your child’s $50 which is due now, as this allows them to keep their costume and receive their Starstruck shirt.

Tickets are available to purchase for the performances online at Newcastle Entertainment Centre. Friday’s matinee performance has plenty of seats available. Any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Cherie Allen and Robyn Akhurst

Members of the Choir are going to see a matinee performance of Rutherford Technology High School’s production of the Musical "Bye Bye Birdie" on Tuesday, 17th June. Students will receive a permission note at Choir this week. Cost is $2 per ticket and $3 bus fare so total is $5 per student. We are only taking one bus so the first 55 choir members to return their notes and money will be able to go. Please return notes and money to Mrs Carratt. Thank you for your support of the Choir.

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.

Quicksmart Open Morning – Wednesday, 4 June in Quicksmart room; 9:15-10.30am.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation – Mr Debenham and Mrs Kelly really enjoyed the training last week at Mayfield East. This is truly an exciting program which we aim to begin early next term. This week staff will be hearing about the program and there will be an
information session for all interested community members before the end of this term. There are many ways to be involved in the program: helping with the cooking or the gardening; helping with the children; or helping with other jobs such as garden maintenance or kitchen organisation which do not involve working with the students. We look forward to sharing this program with our students and community.

We are planning on converting the classrooms in ‘N’ block into a kitchen and band room to use them as a Special Programs room to help facilitate the Program.

School Garden
Many thanks to Belinda Bowtell who is donating some horse manure for the gardens and who has helped us to find a source of lucerne hay which will be used to get our ‘no dig gardens’ set up over the next few weeks.

6W and Chilli made great use of the fantastic weather we were enjoying last week and went out for a run. We are all enjoying the big smiles on the kids’ faces as they interact with Chilli. She appears to be having a very positive impact.

Soccer and Netball - Our Girls Teams are at it again! After a very successful 2013 where our girls’ sporting sides were recognised as the Maitland Mercury Junior Sports Team of the year, they have had an extremely enjoyable start to 2014.

The netball team played in a gala day against a number of local schools and performed very well. Mrs Taylor was very impressed with the sides as many of them were beginners but they had picked up the rules very well and showed their dedication by attending training each day. The girls lost to Ashtonfield Public School and won against Woodberry Public School.

Our Girls Football (Soccer) sides played a gala day against Ashtonfield, Tenambit and Woodberry Public Schools. This was the first three rounds of the PSSA Knockout with the girls winning all their games. The girls are now into the fourth round of the knockout. Miss Romer was very impressed with their sportsmanship and behaviour.

Great effort girls! Thanks to Mrs Taylor and Miss Romer for giving up their lunchtimes to train the sides and to parents for providing the transport and sideline support as always.

Boys Rugby League Classic Shield State Knockout - Our Boys League side was victorious against Thornton Public School in the PSSA Knockout winning 24-6 after the scores were locked at 6-6 at half time. Mr Taylor was very impressed with the boys’ commitment, behaviour and ability to play as a team.

Hot off the presses, in a terrific local derby yesterday, Rutherford was victorious 12-8 and we wish them all the best for the rest of the competition. Well done boys and thanks to parents for transporting the boys and providing support. Our boys are fortunate to have a very experienced and highly credentialed coach in Mr Taylor. He was very impressed with the boys and thoroughly enjoys working with them.
U'10s Rugby League
Well done to the U/10s Rugby League side that played at the Knights Knockout last Thursday. The boys had a great day and made it to the quarter finals by securing 3 great wins. Thanks to all the parental support on the day.
Mr Rees

Band Lessons:
Some band members enjoying practice sessions.
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