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

Education Week

Thank you to everyone who attended both our NAIDOC activities on Tuesday and our Education Week Assembly and open morning on Friday. It was great to see so many parents come and spend time with us to celebrate the fantastic things the children do at our school. We presented nearly 50 PBL Badges on Friday and 34 special Education Week Awards as well as a number of Gold Awards and 2 Telarah Awards. Remember that students who were at Zone Athletics on Friday will have their badges presented to them tomorrow afternoon, parents are welcome to come along and pin the badges on their children.

On Wednesday last week we also had a number of staff and students represent us at the Rutherford Learning Community Education Week Reception held at Rutherford Technology High School. During the reception our Stage 3 Choral Group performed The Last ANZAC led capably as always by Mrs Carratt. We had a number of members of our school community acknowledged with awards. I would like to congratulate them again and thank them for their support of our school and community.

Staffing

As stated in our previous newsletter Mrs Payne has left our school. I have appointed Mrs Sarah Winning to take Mrs Payne’s role as the teacher for 5/6P. Mrs Winning is currently at Muswellbrook South Public School and will hopefully take up the class at the beginning of Week 6, 18th August 2014. In the meantime we have been very fortunate to have Mrs Megan Collyer available to fill the gap. Mrs Collyer is doing a great job supporting 5/6P to be the best they can be.

Rutherford Learning Community Award Winners from Telarah Public School

Mrs Kristin Ison: Dedication and commitment to supporting all students at Telarah Public School to achieve their potential. Mrs Ison is an extremely supportive and calming presence within the school.

Wayne Drayton: Outstanding contribution as General Assistant to ensuring Telarah Public School looks great and everyone has a fantastic and welcoming environment to work in.

Kylie Huntington: Persistent leadership in the role of President of the Telarah Public School Parents and Citizens Association.

Leiya Heffernan: A mature role model for all students who displays resilience, commitment and maturity in her role as a leader at Telarah Public School.

Jessica Cook: Outstanding application and effort in all areas of her education. A great performer in Quicksmart Numeracy.

ED Support Class Staff: Committed and resilient approach to establishing an excellent classroom structure and environment to support some of the Maitland areas most vulnerable students.

Congratulations to all!!

Media Coverage

We have had some great media coverage over the last couple of days on the ABC Television channels 1, 2 and 3 as well as 1233 ABC Radio. If you have missed any of the stories I have posted links to digital copies on the school Facebook page. Thanks for all the positive comments, it is great have our school promoted so positively.
Rutherford Learning Community Talent Development Program

Last Thursday saw the commencement of an exciting initiative within the Rutherford Community of Schools with talented students from Rutherford Technology High School, its partner primary schools and a ring in, (welcome Morpeth PS) coming to Max McMahon Oval to participate in a skill development session supported by the National Rugby League Development Team.

The aim of this Program is to use the skills we have within our schools to support students to have a clear path to continue to build on their passions from the early years through high school. Today saw our primary aged participants being coached by the high school students with the support of qualified and experienced coaches from within our combined teaching staff. The high school student coaches are being supported by the Program to complete a coaching qualification and our students are the recipients of some excellent coaching along the way.

Our plan is to expand this initiative within our vibrant learning community to a range of sports and cultural pursuits. We'll keep you posted.

Tony Gadd
Principal

Last week Ms. Gillett kindly donated some more rhubarb crowns and the gardeners sowed carrots and spring onions. Work on the kitchen continues with benches being installed by Wayne and equipment being collected.

Rubbish Rampage

We are looking carefully at the way we sort and dispose of rubbish at Telarah P.S. Very soon we will be using a big recycle skip and all children and staff will need to sort rubbish for proper disposal. We will also be composting organic waste and making our own high quality soil. Children from each class will be appointed as Environment Officers this week to help with this important initiative.

We are playing our part in looking after our school environment and being responsible for the waste we make. You can help by reducing the amount of packaging that comes to school in lunch boxes each day by using reusable container and packing less packaged food. Every little bit helps!

Kindergarten Speak Off

A number of Kindergarten students will give their speeches to the Kindergarten classes on Wednesday morning in the hall. The best speakers will then compete in the District Public Speaking Competition at Singleton Heights on Wednesday, August 13th.

Term 3

School banking with The Mutual is every Thursday. As always passbooks should be placed in the secure School Banking box located at the school office.

You can open your child’s account online by visiting www.themutual.com.au/tps

For more information on the Bank@school program please contact The Mutual on 1300 688 825
PRESCHOOL 2015 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND KINDERGARTEN 2015 ENROLMENTS

We are still 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.

BOOK WEEK – August 16th – 22nd
Please see attached Information sheet for full details of our Book Week celebrations.

STUDENT PERMISSION FORMS 2014
An enduring permission note went home a few weeks ago but there has been a slow response in returning the completed form. These permission notes will be kept on file all year. Parents will be informed of any activities or walking excursions planned throughout the year and your consent can be revoked at any time. Please sign the attached permission form and return to school as soon as possible.

Stage 1 Home Reading Achievements:
Congratulations to:
Jack Randall 100 Nights of Reading
Ryan Finn 125 Nights of Reading
Cain White 150 Nights of Reading

NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE

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BOOK WEEK (AUGUST 16-22)

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Celebrating its 69th birthday, the Book Week slogan for this year Connect to Reading sees reading as a way we connect to the world with books and technology.

Book Fair
Monday of week 6 - classes come to the Library to look at the books for sale and write their wish lists.
Tuesday to Thursday - Books will be on sale in the Library (8am to 3.30pm)
Cash is preferred, however eftpos facilities will be available. Our school will benefit from sales with new resources for the Library.

Poster Competition
This will be for all primary students. They are to design a poster for Connect to Reading. The poster might contain an inspirational quote about reading. A search on Google images "reading quotes" or "quotes about books" will give you lots of ideas to design your poster. A3 or A4 size paper is preferable. Paper is available in the Library. There will be a book prize for each winner in grades 3-6. Entries close Monday of week 6.

Colouring Competition
This will be for all children P to 2. There will be a book prize for each winner in grades P to 2. Entries close Monday of week 6.

Read With Me
This will be held in classrooms from 10.15 to 10.30 on Wednesday (just before parade).
Children are encouraged to bring in their favourite book to read.

Parade
On Wednesday, 20th August there will be a Book Week Parade. Students are asked to come dressed as a person or book character who has inspired or motivated them to connect with reading.
The child with the most authentic costume from each grade P to 2 will be given a book prize.
After the parade we will announce the winners of the colouring and poster competitions and present prizes.
Parents and caregivers are then invited to stay and have lunch with their children. Canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle. The cost is $2.50 and Canteen would appreciate it if you could pre-order by Tuesday 19th August, however sausages can also be purchased on the day.

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We look forward to you joining us in our Book Week celebrations.
Carol Bateup & Libby Cantwell

Safe - Positive - Learners
August 4, 2014
STUDENT PERMISSION FORM 2014

Student’s Name: _______________________________ Class: __________________

Parent/Carer’s Name (Please print) ____________________________________________

Parents / caregivers are asked to complete this form and return it to their child’s classroom
teacher. These permission notes will be kept on file and remain valid for all of this year. In
general, you will be informed of any walking excursions that are planned. Should you wish to
revoke your permission in the future, you are asked to write a letter to your child’s teacher.

WALKING EXCURSION
I give permission for my child to participate in local excursions within walking distance of the
school.
I understand the Principal will have approved the activity before it takes place.

Parent/Carer’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: ____________ 2014

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES
I give permission for my child to participate in research activities approved by the Principal. I
understand that this may include filling out surveys or classroom observation by university
researchers. I also understand that I will be informed of research activities as they apply to my
child and I can contact the school at any time to remove this consent for my child.

Parent/Carer’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: ____________ 2014

PUBLICATION OF CHILD’S PHOTOGRAPH OR WORK
I give permission for my child’s photograph and/or work to be displayed/published in the
school or in media (television, radio or newspaper) publications showing school activities.
This may include the printing of names under photographs.
I approve of the use of such material to promote the school.

Parent/Carer’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: ____________ 2014

Student’s Signature: _______________________________ Date: ____________ 2014

PUBLICATION OF CHILD’S PHOTOGRAPH OR WORK ON THE SCHOOL OR
DEC WEB SITE
I give permission for my child’s photograph and/or work to be displayed on the school or
DEC website. Children’s names will not be included with photograph.
Parent/Carer’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: ____________ 2014