Telarah Public School
Fortnightly Newsletter
Term 1       Week 6

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 6 Calendar

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| Friday | 6 March | Kinder Hot Shots Tennis Skills  
| | | Yrs 3-6 Inter School Sports Day |

Skoolbag App
Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/carers to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “Telarah Public School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store and install the free App to your mobile device. You will be able to view the newsletter and any notes sent home, advise absences, change of details and any other information that may be required from time to time.

Attendance
It is halfway through Term 1 and we have some exciting information that needs to be celebrated. As of today, 44% of our students have recorded 100% attendance and a further 36% have attended between 85% and 99% of the time. In total that means, 80% of our students have been at school for 85% of the time or more. While we are excited about these figures, there is room for improvement. Throughout 2015 we will be working on a range of initiatives to increase these percentages even more. If you need any support to get your children to school please give us a call.

Kindergarten Tennis Morning – Friday, March 6:
All kinder classes will have a tennis skills session from 9.30am until 10.15am this Friday, March 6. During this time the classes will practise some simple tennis skills with the assistance of our school leaders.

All parents are invited to participate in this fun session as well and we will also be asking parents to log on to the Hot Shots website during that morning. Each family that logs on will earn our school $5 toward the purchase of sports equipment. Our Hot Shots mini racquets have arrived and our t-shirts should arrive this week.

This year, in order for students in Years 1 to 6 to get a free t-shirt, it is necessary to return the Hot Shots note sent home previously, complete with size and colour required. For each child that completes this note, the school earns $2.00 towards sports equipment. Further notes are available from the school office if required.

Bring your Bike BBQ and Workshop
The whole school is invited to the “Bring your Bike BBQ” which will be held on Wednesday, 11 March from 4.30pm until 6.30pm. This will be held straight after the After School cycling sport. Scott will stay on, with some helpers and do checks of students’ bikes. Everyone is welcome to bring in your bike and stay to enjoy a sausage sizzle. In order to help us with catering and bike checks, could you please return attached note to Mrs Taylor.

Healthy Lifestyle
The NRL in conjunction with the CRL presented the students at Telarah with a healthy lifestyle talk on Wednesday 25th February. We were lucky enough to have some up and coming junior players attend the assembly and keep us entertained. Thanks to Luke Lawrence from the CRL Development Squad, Tuiala Togiatas (Tui) who plays in the NSW Cup (Reserve Grade), Faitotoa Faitotoa (Toa) and Whitiora Davis (Fitty) who play in the 20s Holden Cup Squad.
Stage 2 Tomaree Excursion
Years 3 & 4 are going on an excursion to Tomaree National Park on Tuesday, 17 March 2015. The cost is $25.00 and notes have been sent home. Please return completed permission note together with money to school office by Friday, 13 March 2015.

Living Safely with Dogs Program
The Responsible Pet Ownership Program educates children from ages 4 – 12 on living safely with dogs and responsible pet ownership.
The Living Safely with Dogs Program delivers over 2000 visits to more than 65,000 children each year. The Pet Educators bring their Suitability Tested Dog to their visit and demonstrate how to safely meet and greet a real dog. Each child is then given the opportunity to meet and greet the dog. For many children, this can be their first interaction with a dog and provides a positive and educational experience for each child.

The interactive program focuses on teaching students:
• when dogs should be left alone
• things we should not do to dogs
• how can you tell if a dog is happy, scared or angry
• a safe way to approach and greet a dog
• what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.

This program will be at Telarah Public School on Thursday 12th March.
Kinder : 12.25 – 1.05
Year 1 : 1.10 – 1.50
Year 2 : 2.30 – 3.10

Regards
Carol Bateup (Teacher/Librarian)

REMINDER
Great Aussie Bush Camp - $100.00 deposit due by 30 March – can be paid in instalments.

Canberra Excursion - $100 deposit due by 2 April 2015 – can be paid in instalments.
Bring your Bike BBQ and Workshop.

The whole school is invited to the “Bring your Bike BBQ”. We want to make sure that our students are riding on safe bikes. If you think that your bike might need a check-up, you are welcome to come and join us.

Everyone from Telarah Public School is welcome to bring in a bike for a ‘Bike Check’ and stay to enjoy a sausage sizzle.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, 11th March from 4.30pm until 6.30pm.

**WHO:** Anyone can come. After cycling for sport, Scott Steward will stay on, with some teachers and parent helpers. Children must have an adult with them.

**WHAT:** You can bring your bike to have it checked. We want you to be safe. Stay for a free sausage sizzle while you wait.

**WHERE:** Near the canteen area and North Shade. Come in through the top gate near the Admin Building or the George St. gate. Other gates may be locked.

- **THIS IS NOT A TIME FOR CYCLING AROUND INSIDE THE SCHOOL.**
- **THERE MAY BE MANY PEOPLE AND CHILDREN AROUND.**
- **PLEASE WALK YOUR BIKE IN and OUT.**

Please complete the form below so that we have an idea of how many people might come for the ‘Bike Check’ and Sausage sizzle!

We would also be happy for any more helpers with mechanical knowledge to help check the bikes. Please contact Mrs Taylor if you would like to help. Please remove the slip below and return it to the administration office at school.

We look forward to seeing you,

Mrs Taylor, Mrs Kelly, Mr Debenham

We will be attending the Bike Check Workshop and Sausage Sizzle on Wednesday 11th March.

Family Names: __________________________________________________________

We will have ___________ people.

We will bring ____________ bikes.

Please complete the section below if you can help with the Bike Check

Name: _________________________

Contact Phone Number: _________________________

Signed: ____________________________    Date: ___________________