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

**2015 Calendar**

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Early Action for Success**

This Thursday and Friday our Instructional Leader, Michelle Crowfoot and I will be heading to Sydney to attend the EAFS 2015 New Schools Forum. We are looking forward to the opportunity to learn more about this great initiative that we believe will have great benefit for our students. As usual Mr Debenham will be in charge whilst I’m away.

**Tell Them From Me Survey**

Over the next few weeks students from years 4, 5 and 6 will be involved in completing the Tell Them From Me Survey; the note was attached to the previous newsletter. The survey is a great opportunity for students to provide our school with feedback about what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the survey to help improve how they do things at school. Parents and students are able to opt out of participating in the survey if they choose as it is entirely voluntary. The survey takes about 30 minutes and is completed online in class time.

Tony Gadd
Principal

**Bring your Bike BBQ and Workshop**

The whole school is invited to the “Bring your Bike BBQ” which will be held this **Wednesday, 11 March** from 4.30pm until 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to bring in your bike and stay to enjoy a sausage sizzle. Neighbourhood Watch will be attending to engrave the bikes. Parents need to supply their driver’s licence number and State issued in for the engraving. A Medibank or Centrelink number can be also be used. This will help Police recover any stolen property if necessary. Please return note to Mrs Taylor if you are attending to assist with catering. Thank you.

**Inter School Sport Days**

Senior & junior netballers have been enjoying learning the rules of netball and have managed to score quite a few goals. All the sports the students are participating in are providing great learning opportunities for our students. They have also been great representatives for Telarah Public School.

**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.

**KC** has had a wonderful time settling into kindergarten, learning the class and school routines and making lots of new friends. Last Friday we had a great time at the Tennis Day, where we rotated around activities that helped with ball and tennis skills and we each received a tennis racquet. It was a great morning and thank you to the parents that also came along to watch their children.

**2C** have been busy working hard each day. In maths we are learning how to add numbers quickly by jumping or splitting the numbers. In literacy we are practising how to read our speed reads so we sound like we are talking and how to write interesting sentences. Ms Crawford is very proud of how we always try our best, have a go and are good friends to each other.
Kindergarten Tennis Morning:

A big thank you to Mrs Taylor who organised our fabulous tennis morning on Friday.

The tennis racquets were given out and the shirts are yet to come. We were unable to log on the Hot Shots website so we will work on that too. Thanks to all the parents who came and supported us. It was especially pleasing to see that nearly every kinder student was wearing a broad brimmed or bucket school hat. Well done!

Fundamental Movement Skills:
All classes are having three sessions a week, learning and practising fundamental movement skills. All students need to have safe, appropriate footwear and hats for these outside sessions. The lessons teach the basic skills required in all sports such as balance, striking, running etc. Classes from Y1 to Y6 are also having a sport session once a week.

Assembly Behaviour
At each whole school assembly there will be a ‘Mystery Teacher’ who will be looking out for students who are displaying excellent assembly manners. They will then be choosing a class to receive 10 minutes of extra play and 2 students who will receive an ice-block.

Week 6 winners were:
The class who received 10 minutes of extra play - KB, KN and KC
The 2 students who received an ice-block - N Palu and N Foster
Well done!

Nude Food Week:

Week 9, starting on Monday March 23, is going to be our first Nude Food Week. The Live Life Well @ School and Sport committee are supporting this initiative to decrease the amount of packaged food that the students are eating at lunchtime. This is in line with our commitment to the Healthy Kids Program. The class with the greatest percentage of children with a “wrapless” lunch for the week will receive a reward.

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. This program will be at Telarah Public School this Thursday 12th March.

Skoolbag App
To help us communicate more effectively with our parent/carer community, we have established a Telarah Public School Skoolbag App. You will be able to view all forms of communication as they occur. This App can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store by searching for our school name.
Sensory Movie Day - Reading Cinema Maitland
"Penguins of Madagascar"
11am Sunday 15th March 2015
Tickets $8 each
Children 2 years and under are free
Companion I.D. card is accepted
For families with special needs,
Children are free to move, no seating allocation.
Lighting on Dim, Sound Lowered.
Tickets available to purchase on the day
Siblings and extended family welcome
any questions contact: Chanelle at
sensory.maitland@hotmail.com

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to come and Try Guides! At your local Girl Guide unit
For girls aged 6-17 years - Leadership opportunities for women 18 years and over
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges,
cooking, camping and community events
For information on the location and available meetings -
Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au or visit
our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides
HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW
Do you remember the school centenary in 1990? If you missed it, then make sure that you get to be part of the 125 years celebrations.

Three days of celebrations, back in 1990, marked 100 years of education at Telarah Public School. The Maitland Mercury reported: 'that hundreds of former students were expected to make a nostalgic visit to the school and to participate in official ceremonies and reunions'.

The three days of celebrations included:

- **The centennial fete on Thursday, 11th October 1990**
- **An official ceremony at school on Friday, 12th October 1990**
- **A family picnic day in the school grounds and then the Centennial Cabaret at Telarah Bowling Club on Saturday, 13th October 1990**

The Maitland Mercury also reported that a Centenary Book was being published. The report in the Mercury said ‘the Centenary Committee publicity officer, Mrs Gwyn Cooke said she had been working on a book about the history of the school for the past five years.’ Mrs Cooke also said that her father, husband and her children had all attended Telarah Public School. A book did indeed get published and it can be borrowed from the school library by students and members of the community. An ‘update’ is planned for this year’s 125th anniversary.

The official ceremony, on Friday 12th October 1990, was held at school and the official guests included:

- Principal                          Mr John Golledge
- Mayor                              Mr Peter Blackmore
- Member for Hunter                  Mr Eric Fitzgibbon, MHR
- Member for Maitland                Mr Alan Walsh, MLA
- Education Director                 Mr John McMahon
- Former Principal                   Mr Ian Wilson
- P&C President                      Mrs Christine Price
- School Captains                    Angela Farley and Daniel Quinn

Following the official assembly there was a dedication of the school’s Time Capsule. It contained items from all of the students. The plaque still identifies where the time capsule was buried 25 years ago.

The school plans to ‘add’ to the time capsule this year...It will be something to look forward to seeing in 2040!

The school’s Principal in 1990 was Mr John Golledge. He concluded his centenary report by saying: 'On behalf of all the staff, those present and past, I can say with some degree of confidence that we are proud to have been part of this first 100 years. We have been pleased to have been able to serve you and to contribute in some small way to the growth of this community. The achievements of the past are still reflected today and we know, and we believe, that the next 100 years will be applauded as gracefully as the last 100 years.'

Mr Golledge’s words are just as important and relevant today as they were in 1990. Telarah Public School is still a vital part of the local community and it still works every day to serve the girls and boys who attend the school. The students, parents and staff of the school hope that everyone in the local community will take an active interest in the 125 year celebrations as they unfold during 2015.