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

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Class Restructure
Today our new class K/1K has had its first day together with Mrs Flannery. We have made contact with all affected families and were very appreciative of the manner in which these conversations with families occurred. People asked lots of good questions and gave us the best possible chance to communicate what we were doing in an open and transparent way. Our children’s journey through school is going to be successful when there is a genuine partnership between home and school. Thank you!

All other changes that we have discussed with families will occur throughout this week. We have planned them to ensure that students have adequate transition time and are able to continue their learning. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

2016 Year 6-7 High School Enrolments
Please return completed Expression of Interest Forms to the school office by this Friday, 18 March in order that we can forward information on to the relevant High Schools. If you need any additional support completing the form or have any questions please give us a call or make an appointment so we can sit down with you to discuss.

Mrs Sherlock will once again provide transition support between our school and Rutherford Technology High School (RTHS). This partnership is one we are very proud of as it provides outstanding support to our students to start high school.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Isaac Coyle and Tama Isaac who will both represent the Hunter Region Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) at NSW PSSA Championships later this year.

Isaac will be swimming in the 50m backstroke, an outstanding achievement; setting a new zone record at the Maitland Zone Trials.

Tama, who is in Year 4, will be playing in the boys’ basketball championships. His selection is a great achievement for a student his age.

Tony Gadd
Principal
This week’s Quicksmart mathematicians are Phillip Trelfall 5G & Sarah Maslen 5G both have been doing awesome work, practicing at home and making great progress.

Congratulations!

Earth Hour is this weekend
Turn the Power off for an hour. School will be turning power off for an hour on Friday, 18th March

Diversity is our Strength

This year we are looking at the diversity of our school community. We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 21st of March with a morning assembly and the Harmony Taste Festival. Children will be able to try different foods from a diverse range of countries for a 50 cent coin donation. The money raised will be donated to World Vision.

This Friday school leaders will be visiting classes to find out where students come from. This week, talk to your child about your families origins and we will collate these and display them on the world map.

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS:
Preschool News:
Easter Hat Parade - White Group’s parade will be held on Wednesday, 23 March at 2.30pm at the Preschool
Green Group will join the primary school parade on Thursday, 24 March at 10.30am.

STAGE 1 NEWS:
Stage 1 Geography: People and Places

This term students are exploring places within Australia and Australia’s place in the world. Stage 1 students explored our local area and made observations of buildings, roads and vegetation.

STAGE 2 NEWS:
Port Stephens Dolphin Cruise Excursion
Wednesday, 30 March
Cost $30.00 – Note and payment due by Thursday, 24 March.

STAGE 3 NEWS:
Canberra Excursion - A deposit of $100.00 is required to be paid by Friday, 8 April. The medical forms are to be completed and returned to class teacher.

SPORT NEWS:
Congratulations to the boys’ cricket team who defeated Ashtonfield in the first round of the State Knockout Competition. The boys bowled Ashtonfield out for 51 with Izaac Coyle and Tama Isaac each collecting 4 wickets. Nick Huntington also took a spectacular catch. The boys then reached the target of 52 in only 12 overs. Phillip Threlfall scored 11 and Nic Olive ended up with 15 not out. The boys now play Kurri in the next round of the competition.
**Easter Hat Parade**

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, March 24th at 10.30 am. Children in all classes will be invited to hop down the catwalk to show off their creations. Our monster Easter Raffle will be drawn at the end of the parade.

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

Thank you to the local Slow Food convivium who donated $350 to support this Program. Slow Food supports local, clean and seasonal food and works to support farmers in the Hunter.

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**Bottle Cap Collection**

We are still collecting all types of plastic bottle caps for a special project starting soon. Bring them to school and put them in the designated playground bins, give them to the class teacher or leave at the school office. Thank you for your help.

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**No Lights No Lycra**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF NIGHT**

**TUESDAY nights** from 7.30 to 8.30pm. Doors open 10 minutes before and close 15 minutes after. Anyone can come. Gold coin donation only!
Here at Telarah Public School we value the many helpers who work both in and out of the classroom. This year we are excited to be a part of the Early Action For Success program – *PaTCH*.

The *Parents as Teachers/Community Helpers (PaTCH)* course is a training program to accredit volunteers supporting children learning to read, write and use counting in the early years of schooling.

Volunteers who have successfully completed *PaTCH* training have undertaken a 10 week course involving:

- Participation in 5 training sessions totaling 10 hours of tuition.
- A minimum of 15 hours practicum in an early years classroom completing set between session tasks.

Participants are required to:

- Collect work samples through a learning journal. The collection includes samples of resources, photographs or recordings of activities, short summaries of activities and reflections of practice.
- Be observed and supported by the classroom teacher and the school's instructional leader during the practicum experience.
- Engage in regular interviews related to session content with the school's instructional leader.

**The objectives of the course are for participants to:**

- Develop their understanding of how children learn.
- Consider how children learn to talk, read and write.
- Explore the importance of speaking and listening to literacy and numeracy development.
- Gain skill in assisting children by listening to children and talking with them about books being read and stories being written.
- Understand the need for children to be able to link quantify with words and numerical symbols.

Training for the program will commence in Term 2. If you would like to be a part of this innovative and exciting program you can see me personally or contact me via the school office or email at michelle.crowfoot@det.nsw.edu.au

Kind Regards  
Michelle Crowfoot – Instructional Leader
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Go4Fun helps build self-esteem and confidence in an encouraging and supportive environment.
Go4Fun runs after school during the school term for 10 weeks.

WHAT HAPPENS AT GO4FUN?

1. **Parents & Kids Together: Nutrition & Mind Theory Session**
   - Duration: 1 hour
   - Locations: Taree, Forster, Port Macquarie
   - Focus: Understanding food, developing healthy eating habits and their impact on mental health.

2. **Kids Do Fun Exercise & Games Sessions**
   - Duration: 2 hours
   - Locations: Taree, Forster, Port Macquarie
   - Focus: Fun, physical activities to improve fitness, balance, coordination and social skills.

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN?

- Increased confidence
- Improved eating habits
- Improved physical fitness
- Increased knowledge about healthy eating and physical activity
- Increased social skills

WHAT IS ABOVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT?

Approximately 30% of children in NSW are overweight or obese. This can lead to a healthy weight, including:

- Increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes
- Increased risk of developing heart disease
- Increased risk of developing other chronic diseases
- Increased risk of developing mental health problems

WHERE?

Go4Fun is available across all regions in NSW, as well as the Northern Territory.

WHEN?

Go4Fun runs after school during the school term for 10 weeks.

COST?

The cost of Go4Fun is $25 per child per term, which includes all activities and materials.

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