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Term 1 Week 5
26th Feb  2015

Dates to Remember

4th March    - School Photos
9th March    - Playgroup
10th March   - Book Club orders due
11th March   - Eat It To Beat It parent info Session
13th March   - School Cross Country
              3-6 Walking to oval to start at 9.30am
              K-2 at school after lunch
18th March   - P & C Meeting
25th March   - P & C Annual General Meeting

The next issue of BOOK CLUB ORDERS Are due back at school By Tuesday 10th March

ASSEMBLIES TERM 1 - 2015
@ 2.10pm in the School Hall

10th Mar    - Year 2 Item (This Assembly will start @ 2.00PM as Swimming Awards will be presented)
24th Mar    - Year 5 Item

CLASS AWARDS

KP
Elizabeth P
Dejha S
Jarell K
Jazmin T

1
Chy-Anne D
Jasmine C
Hayden W
Jack D

1/2
Joshua J
Kadilee F
Kayleb K
Coby S
Natalie L

2
Maddie R
Joseph I
Ben H
Ryah H
Kaysha T

3
Caleb S
Naomi E
Jordan B
Riley C
William V

4
Lewis J
Brandi T
Tyler M
Bonnie C

5
Maddy I
Ben R
Cain I
Sumara H

6
Jesse M
Dakota M
Byron P
Imogen C
Ben M

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

K     Millos W
      1      Billy M
      2      Emily M
      5      Brooke F

1/2   Laika F
      4      Katie-Rose H

DOJO AWARDS

K     Felicity D
      1      Rebecca M
      2      Larah C
      3      Jack P

1/2   Sarah P
      4      Tyler M
      5      Tanesha S
      6      Aleasha M
P & C News

IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEW AGM DATE !!!!

The P&C AGM will now be held on Wed 25th March 2015 and all positions will be opened for nominations. The positions needing to be filled are:-

PRESIDENT, VICE - PRESIDENT X 2, SECRETARY, TREASURER

IF THE ABOVE POSITIONS ARE NOT FILLED, UNFORTUNATELY THE P&C WILL HAVE TO FOLD AND THIS WILL RESULT IN NO CANTEEN AND NO UNIFORM SHOP. IN ADDITION TO THAT ALL MONEY PREVIOUSLY RAISED AND IN THE BANK ACCOUNT CAN BE GIVEN TO OTHER SCHOOLS FOR THEIR P&C.

We also require volunteers for the Canteen and Uniform Shop :-

CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR, UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR

AS ABOVE, IF THESE TWO POSITIONS ARE NOT FILLED THEN WE WILL BE WITHOUT A CANTEEN AND UNIFORMS WILL HAVE TO BE SOURCED ELSEWHERE.

To be able to be nominated for any of the above positions you need to be a paid member of the P&C which costs $1.00 (membership forms are available from the office). This money will need to be paid prior to the AGM at our next P&C meeting being held Wednesday 18th March @1.30pm in the School Library. If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to hold one of the above positions please see the ladies in the office or canteen for a nomination form.

The P&C Canteen raise substantial amounts of money that goes towards the betterment of our childrens’ education. This can be a great opportunity to socialise and have an input into your child’s education. So please consider being a member and/or holding a position for the benefit of our children.

REMINDERS:-

Cookie Dough was due today 26th Feb but the P&C will accept late orders until tomorrow Friday 27th.

Regards
Jackie Lowe
P&C Treasurer

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Expressions of Interest
Norah Norra Tutor—Telarah Public School

Telarah Public School is seeking an unqualified tutor to support targeted Aboriginal Students within the school with Literacy and Numeracy development. The successful applicant will need the skills and ability to guide selected Aboriginal Students in their studies and develop strong working relationships with the staff and parents at Telarah Public School.

Candidates should submit a TWO PAGE expression of interest highlighting their skills, experience and suitability for the position. The first page should include the applicants contact information, education and employment history and the phone numbers of two suitable referees who may be contacted. The second page should address their skills, suitability for the position and why they believe they can have an impact working with students at Telarah Public School.

All candidates must be prepared to submit to an employment screening check and need to have a Working with Children Check Clearance Number as part of their Expressions of Interest. Contact the school if you have any questions about this.

The role will be a newly established temporary part-time position working as part of the schools Aboriginal Education Team. It will be for two days a week for the remainder of the 2015 school year.

EOI’s are to be sent:
• via e-mail marked Attention: Tony Gadd, Principal to telarah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
• via post to Telarah Public School, Raymond Terrace, Telarah NSW 2320 or
• delivered to the Administration Office at Telarah Public School.

Closing date for EOI’s is 27th February, 2015.

Enquiries are welcome, please call the school on 49328477 and ask to speak to Tony.

Unqualified Tutors - Definition: Unqualified individuals identified by the school through the merit selection (EOI) process as being suitable to work as a tutor with Aboriginal Students.
Principal’s News

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”
John Dewey

Our school continues to be a busy place where **learning takes centre-stage**. Over the past fortnight I have enjoyed welcoming many ‘visitors’ to my office who are just bursting with excitement as they share their learning with me. I have looked at beautiful handwriting, listened to interesting stories about ‘golden staircases’ and ‘creaky old cupboards’, learnt about how heavy objects can be and at what temperature chocolate melts! On Tuesday our delightful Kindergarten children taught me how to count to 10 and then tried to trick me by putting the numbers out of order. At our recent assembly we saw the latest Oscar winning blockbuster – Videography created by the talented Year 6 – it was great to see our senior students working together on this very entertaining project. Thank you everyone, students and teachers, for sharing and I am looking forward to seeing, hearing and being part of even more learning experiences throughout the term.

The **Parents’ and Citizens’ (P&C) Association** represents families from the whole school and all parents, family and community members are welcome to attend these meetings. This association provides an opportunity for parents to hear about school events and happenings, discuss school issues and assist in fund-raising activities and social events. Please consider attending and being part of the P&C – ‘many hands make light work’. The next general meeting is: Wed 18th of March at 1.30pm with the AGM on the Wed 25th March.

This term we have implemented a new **DEC Enrolment and Attendance Policy**. Parents are reminded about the importance of children attending school each day. **Did you know if students miss as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they have missed a year of education!** We have very clear guidelines around what is considered acceptable reasons for being absent from school such as illness or attending medical appointments that cannot be made before or after school. Haircuts and birthdays are not acceptable reasons for being away from school. Family holidays during school terms are no longer exempt and absences will be recorded as days away. If your child is away please contact the school as soon as possible either by phone, school app or in writing to explain the absence. For ongoing illness a medical certificate maybe required. Each term the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) visits our school and monitors student attendance. If you have concerns about your child’s attendance or experiencing difficulties in getting your child to school please contact me so we can work together to ensure your child enjoys a successful year at school.

**Working together with families, staff and community to ensure all our children are happy and safe at school and achieving their best at all times.**

Mrs Jayne Schmarr
Principal

**School Uniform**

This week I have noticed a number of children wearing jewellery and costume accessories at school. Our school uniform policy states the following: Jewellery, other than watches, signet rings, sleeper earrings or studs, are not to be worn to school. Students are reminded to keep their jewellery (bracelets, bangles, necklaces etc) at home.

**Lost Property**

There are lots and lots! We have lunch boxes, drink bottles and lots and lots of jumpers and jackets. Someone must own them. Sadly many of items don’t have names on them – always write your child’s name on their personal items this makes it easier to get them back. Please come on in and check the lost property box located in the office.

**Fruit and Veggie Break**

All children are encouraged to bring a fruit or vegetable snack and a bottle of water for our Crunch ‘n’ Sip program. Crunch ‘n’ Sip snacks include fresh fruit or vegetables cut into snack size portions. Please refer to the Healthy Kids Association website: https://healthy-kids.com.au/category/8/crunch-sip for more ideas and information.

**Swimming Carnival**

Thank you to Mr Quinn and Ms Ferguson for organising the 2015 GPS Swimming Carnival and thank you to the families who encouraged their children to participate or who came along and supported our students on the day. **Congratulations** to all students who competed and demonstrated good sportsmanship at the carnival. Thank you also to our House Captains who went along and led their House Team. We had six students qualify and they represented us at the Zone Carnival Tuesday at Maitland Pool and did us proud with their effort and sportsmanship.
Eat It To Beat It!
To support our Crunch N Sip and Healthy Kids Programs, we have arranged the Eat It to Beat It program to visit our school on Wednesday 11th of March from 1.30 to 3.00pm. Parents, family and community members are invited to come along to this workshop and find out how you can save time and money making healthy meals the whole family will enjoy, and discover clever ways to entice fussy eaters.

Safety Around School
This week the Ranger visited our school and monitored our drop off and pick up zone. We ask for full cooperation from parents who drive their children to and/or from school. Please comply with all parking regulations and the 40kph zone around schools.

As we reach the half way point of the Term 1 now would be a good time to have a chat with your child about staying safe on our busy streets. Some reminders would be:
Look both ways before crossing the street.
Walk quickly across the street but do not run.
Do not run along the footpath and be aware of car driveways.
Take special care when getting on and off the bus.
Do not step out from behind parked cars or buses.
Encourage your child to come straight home after school and not to visit friends without permission, or go anywhere with strangers.
Also, please be mindful or our neighbours whilst parking in the vicinity of our school.

Approaching Students
I am very pleased to read we have a strong and supportive ‘Dignity and Respect Charter’ and throughout this term I will be featuring parts of it in our fortnightly newsletters.

“Our school is committed to a workplace that provides dignity and respect to children, teachers, parents and community members. Dignity and respect requires acceptable behavior from everyone in our school.”

Parents and caregivers are reminded that if there is a problem with any child in our school they should approach a teacher or come to the office to report the problem. It is our duty of care to ensure all our children feel safe and secure at school. Parents and caregivers are not to approach or reprimand any child personally at school.

Riding a bicycle: The Department of Education & Training and NSW Roads & Traffic Authority recommend that children under 10 years of age DO NOT ride bicycles to and from school unless accompanied by an adult. Children under 12 years and older riders who are accompanying and supervising them may ride bikes on the footpath unless there are signs that specifically prohibit cycling. Riders must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians.

Since July 1 1991, cyclists of all ages have been required by law to wear a helmet. By law, all riders and passengers must wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063) approved helmet. Helmets need to be securely fitted and fastened on the rider’s head. Advice on how to correctly fit a helmet can be found in the RTA publication Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels.

Pets at School
Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are not allowed in school grounds, whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled. If you see someone with their dog on the grounds could you remind them of this rule, which has been made to ensure the safety of your child. The exceptions are assistance dogs that are specifically trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired or where Principal’s permission has been granted as part of a class program. Council rangers may be called if a dog is seen on the school grounds.

Please note: If your child is planning to bring a pet to school for class news please see their class teacher to organise a suitable day and time and so that permission maybe sought.

Working With Children Check
Parent Helpers and volunteers who help in the classrooms or around our school are required to complete a ‘Working With Children Check (WWCC) – Declaration for Volunteers & Contractors’ and a 100 point Proof of Identity Check. Both these forms are now available from the office.

Gymnastics - Term 2
Our Gymnastics Program will commence Week 1 on Thursday 23rd April for the whole 10 weeks of term. We have been really impressed with the progress the students have made by participating in this program and hope that the children will continue to enjoy the program and the challenges it presents to them. A permission note will come home next week allowing you time to work this cost into your budget. We ask that payment is made by the end of term.

School Photos
Just a friendly reminder that our school photos are next Wednesday the 4th March. Please send your child in school uniform with their envelope (money enclosed) on the day of the photos. Children need to bring their envelope even if they are not purchasing photos.
NRL VISIT

The Newcastle Knights represented the NRL in a visit to our school on Monday. They delivered an informative presentation on the importance of sport, exercise, nutrition and striving hard to achieve your goals to our students.

Josh and Will struck the perfect pose with the visiting Knights.

ZONE SWIMMING STARS

Congratulations to all our Zone Swimming Representatives. You should be proud of your effort and the way you represented your school. To each and everyone of you WELL DONE.

OUTSTANDING EFFORT !!!!!!

Mrs Schmarr is always delighted to see the children and their beautiful work. Keep up the great work !!!!!
TRIPLE P SELECT PROGRAM

Triple P Parenting Seminars

Week 1  Tuesday, 10th March 2015
Week 2  Tuesday, 17th March 2015

The two seminars will cover the following topics:
- The Power of Positive Parenting
- Raising Confident, Competent Children &
- Raising Resilient Children

Time: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm
at
Samaritans Neighbourhood Centre
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

THERE WILL BE NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE.

To book a place or for more information please phone
CESSNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
on
4990 4507

Seminars are presented by accredited Triple P practitioners
Financial assistance for this service is provided by Community Services, Department of Family and
Community Services NSW

CONTACT - CHERYL GILROY
(GRETA)
0447 261 861
OPEN MON - FRI
6.30AM - 6PM

SOME HELPFUL WEBSITES
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