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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Motto: "Success through Endeavour"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28	Feb	2018	School Photos
1	Mar	2018	Clean Up Day
15	Mar	2018	Selective High School Placement Test
29	Mar	2018	Harmony Day and Easter Hat Parade
30	Mar	2018	Good Friday
02	Apr	2018	Easter Monday
11	April	2018	Red Cross "Good Food" Sessions
12	Apr	2018	Books In Homes
13	Apr	2018	Anzac Day Assembly and SRC Fundraiser
13	Apr	2018	Last day of Term 1
1	May	2018	First Day of Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I have spoken with the students about road safety recently, but I'm still getting reports from community members that unsafe crossing procedures are still being used by students both on their way home and on their way to school.

Could I ask parents to remind their children to always cross at marked crossings if possible when travelling to and from school. Before crossing at a marked crossing children should stop, look to the right, look to the left and then look to the left again. If the road is clear of traffic they should then walk straight across the road maintaining a straight line. Here at Telopea we are always concerned for student safety and unsafe road crossing procedures will place your child at risk.

Regards,

Alan McGowen

Principal

School Photos

This year's School Photos will take place on **Wednesday 28th February**. A letter and envelope to place your orders have recently been sent home.

A reminder that payments for the photos are to be made by no later than Monday 26th February. A box for payments is located at the Front Office. If you require a new order form, please see the Front Office.

Please ensure your child/children are wearing their full summer School Uniform on the day.

A reminder that the Uniform Shop will be closed on this day Wednesday 28th February so if you require any uniform items, please purchase these prior to School Photo Day.

If it is cool weather, please bring along your school jumper or maroon track pants to wear after the photos are taken.

Black enclosed shoes with white socks should be worn.

No long sleeve tops should be worn under the summer uniform on this day whilst photos are taken.

School Fees

Please be aware that School fees have been invoiced and issued. We would appreciate all payments be made by the end of Term 1.

We can now accept payments via EFTPOS on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8.45-11.30am ONLY. Payments made via cash can be made on any day, the correct monies would be much appreciated as change is limited.

If you are unable to make payments in full, please speak to the Front Office staff to discuss payment plans.

Selective High School Placement Test

Please be aware those students who are sitting the selective high school test the date is March 15th. It is up to families seeking selective school placement to ensure that children sitting the test are present at the exam centre at the required time. All selective school applications are managed by the parent and Telopea Public School cannot vary the arrangements made by the selective schools unit.

We wish those students undertaking the test all the best in their endeavours.

Library News



A friendly reminder to all students who still might have outstanding books from 2017. Please remember to return them as soon as possible so that you can begin borrowing during library lessons. Books must be returned each week in order for your child to re borrow as well as having a library bag.

Book In Homes



All students have now placed their Books In Homes book order for Term 1. The Books In Homes Book-Giving Assembly will be held on Thursday 12th April. I am yet to be advised about the role model who will be attending at this stage. Students in 2/3 and 4/5/6 have been busy working on their answers for the Role – Model Competition. All entries need to be completed by week 5.

Clean Up Day



The students first formal Buddy encounter will be on **Thursday 1 March 2018** when classes will come together to participate in our school "Clean Up" efforts. If you do not wish for your child to participate you need to write a letter to your classroom teacher indicating that you do not want your child to participate. We ask that your child brings rubber gloves so that they can be involved. The Clean

Up Australia Worldwide event will occur the weekend of Sunday 4 March 2018.

Donations

Thank you to all families who have donated tissues, soap and wipes to the School. As cooler weather approaches these essentials are greatly appreciated. Donations of these items can be made at any time during the year. Thank you once again!

Uniform Shop

Uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop every Wednesday between 8.45-10.30am. We are pleased to advise we now have the option of Eftpos for purchases between 8.45-11.00am only. Alternatively cash is still accepted, the correct change is much appreciated. A current price list is available from the front Office.



School Hours

Please note that School commences at **9.00am**. It has been reported that some students have been arriving early. There is no supervision for students until 8.45am.

On another note, School finishes at **3.00pm**. Please ensure you arrive promptly to pick up your child from school.

School Counsellor



Welcome to our new School Counsellor Ms Sharon Taylor who will be available on Thursdays each fortnight.

Parents who wish for their child to be seen by the school counsellor are asked to contact their child's class teacher in the first instance. Children may then be referred to our school's learning support team.

School Attendance

Regular School attendance is a legal requirement for all children. Please ensure that your child/ren are at School by 8.55am, ready for morning assembly by 9.00am.

School times are as follows;

9.00am	School commences
11.00-11.30am	Recess
1.15-2.00pm	Lunch
3.00pm	School finishes

All attendance is now recorded electronically, this includes late, early and sick bay departures. Please be patient with staff whilst we record and process these recorded slips.

Mobile Phones



If you require your child to carry a mobile phone, a note stating so must be handed in to the Front Office and registered. Students are to turn all mobile phones off during School hours and these are handed to the Front Office during assembly and returned to students at the end of each day.

If you need to contact your child, please call the School directly so we can organise for you to speak to your child.

Notes Sent Home

Ensure you don't miss out on important notes. Remember to check your child's School bag each day as most notes are sent home via students.

Schools as Community Centres Project

It was lovely seeing so many of our Telopea Public School families at the 'Cinema Under the Stars' event last Friday evening. Thank you all for your positive feedback.

The next community event will be the very popular 'Telopea Community Fair'. This event is held in our school grounds and some of the attractions include the Scout climbing wall, face painting, Kindifarm, mosaic making, sport demonstrations and lots more. A date is yet to be set however, we are planning for this event to be held on a Saturday early in September.

Sarah Barratt (Instructional Leader) and I look forward to welcoming our kindergarten parents to the SaCC rooms next Monday the 26th February at 9.00 am for the first of the three planned information sessions.

Pip Martins
Local Facilitator
Telopea SaCC