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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Motto: "Success through Endeavour"

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Assembly
13	Apr	2018	Last day of Term 1
1	May	2018	First Day of Term 2
4	May	2018	Anzac Day Assembly and SRC Fundraiser

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There have been some enquiries from parents about additional activities at Telopea including musical tuition programs.

Programs like this run in a number of schools, they are an additional fee program with the students hiring an instrument and parents paying for instrument tuition from a qualified teacher of music for that instrument. In the past Telopea has run a guitar tuition and a keyboard tuition program with outside instructors. These programs require a minimum number of students to be viable for the tutors running the program, they were discontinued at Telopea because parents considered them too expensive and therefore we were unable to meet the number of students required.

In 2014 we replaced the external music program with the Garden Program and the Sporting Schools program. These programs are offered on a no charge basis to our students. Of course your child will access music through our creative and performing arts program. However, should parents wish to explore the possibility of reinstating fee based instrument tuition programs at Telopea could you please inform your child's teacher to enable us to determine the demand for programs of this nature and determine the most popular instruments.

Regards,

*Alan McGowen*

Principal

## Harmony Day



Harmony day is held each year on 21 March. It's a day to celebrate cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The message for harmony day is

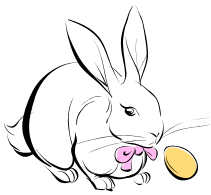
**"EVERYONE BELONGS"**

Teloepa Public School will be acknowledging Harmony Day in various ways on Thursday 29 March.

- Students can dress in something Orange on the day, otherwise school uniform must be worn.
- Class activities.
- SRC will be selling orange Jelly for \$1 at lunchtime.



## Easter Hat Parade & Easter Stall



You are invited to attend this year's Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 29th March, from 10-11am. Please help your child make a hat at home for this event. To coincide with Harmony Day students are encouraged to include a touch of 'Orange' to their hat as well as show their support by wearing orange clothing on the day. The parade will be held under the COLA with a chocolate Easter bunny

awarded to a student in each year for the most extravagant design. There will also be the traditional egg and spoon race as well as Easter jokes and chocolate eggs to give away.

In the week leading to Easter, on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March there will be an opportunity for students to purchase various Easter treats. Items will range in price starting from \$1.00 - \$5.00. Students will be able to purchase items during lunchtime or during their allocated library time. It will be on a first in first served basis with limited stock available. Further information on items that will be available will be for sale on the day will be displayed at morning assemblies.

## 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.

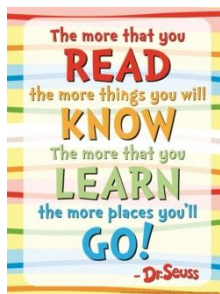
If you are unable to make payments in full, please speak to the Front Office staff to discuss payment plans.

## Selective High School Placement Test

Please be aware those students who are sitting the selective high school test the date is March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 Teloepa 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.

## Early Action for Success



I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my role in the school. My name is Sarah Barratt and I'm the Instructional Leader at Telopea Public School. I am employed as an Assistant Principal and I work two days per week at Telopea Public School on a Monday and a Tuesday. My role is to work directly with teachers to build student and teacher capacity in both literacy and numeracy. I am passionate about seeing every student reach their potential. Please feel free to chat to me at school or email me at [sarah.spicer1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarah.spicer1@det.nsw.edu.au) if you have any questions about EAfS, literacy, numeracy or ways you can support your child at home.

### Kindergarten Parent Information sessions

It has been lovely working with Kindergarten parents as part of our parent information sessions held in the Schools as Community Centre (SACC) the last two Monday mornings. So far we have discussed the transition to school, what learning looks like in the classroom and strategies for assisting students at home in literacy. A number of resources have been provided. If you did not attend the resources have been sent home with your child. Our last session will focus on Numeracy and is next Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March at 9am in the Schools as Community Centre.

If any Year 1 parents would like to attend this session you are more than welcome.

We'd love to see you there!



## 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



The Books In Homes Term 1 orders have arrived. They now need to be sorted, labelled and placed into their bags ready for you to take home over the Easter Holidays. The Books In Homes Book-Giving Assembly will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April. I am yet to be advised about the role model who will be attending at this stage.

## Sporting Schools



As the Sporting Schools basketball sessions come to an end this week I would like to congratulate all the students for their amazing participation and enthusiasm. The coaches have been very pleased with student's outstanding behaviour and participation during the 4 week program. A huge thank you to coaches Daniel and Barfour from Western Sydney Wolves Basketball Association.



## Clean Up Day



Last Thursday students and teachers spent time cleaning up our school as part of the wider initiative, Clean Up Australia Day. It was wonderful to see everybody playing their part in keeping our environment clean!



## 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

Hi Telopea Public School Families,

Tuesday 27th February we welcomed Peter Dawe, Youth Community Greening Officer for Royal Botanic Gardens and Domains Trust (RBG&DT) to our school to support the students learning.

Miss Michie and the 2/3 students were interested in broadening their knowledge of wormfarming so they could care for and take the lead role in the management of the school wormfarms. This recycling program provides a multifaceted benefit to our school by reducing food rubbish and collecting waste products as fertiliser for our garden. I often partner with RBG&DT so was able to secure Peter who I know has a vast knowledge.

I am pleased to say the students welcomed Peter beautifully to our school. I am happy to report Peter was impressed with the students knowledge and willingness to learn more.

Telopea Public School would like to thank Peter for his support.

Pip Martins  
Telopea SaCC Facilitator

## Schools as Community Centres Project Cont..



## Breakfast Club

The Breakfast club offers breakfast for students of Telopea Public School from 8.30am. The program provides not only a healthy breakfast but also a relaxing start to the school day. Breakfast will be offered to students up to **8.50am** so they can eat breakfast without the need to rush making their way to morning assembly at 9am.

## Community Notices

PLAY **SOCCER** AND  
**NETBALL**  
WITH  
**DUNDAS UNITED  
RECREATION CLUB**  
IN 2018  
**CLAIM YOUR \$100  
'ACTIVE KIDS REBATE'**  
**FOR ALL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

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