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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Motto: "Success through Endeavour"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21	June	2018	Books In Homes Assembly
27	June	2018	'The Big Dig' The Rocks Excursion
28	June	2018	Cross Country
6	July	2018	Last day of Term 2
17	Aug	2018	Healthy Harold Life Education Incursion

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The school renovations are almost complete with the final stages of painting taking place in the next couple of weeks. I am sure you will all agree that the school is looking fabulous. Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for their support and patience throughout this time.

This week all students have received a note regarding the excursion to 'The Big Dig' Archaeology Education Centre. The excursion has been organised to coincide with the History component of learning. It is important that money and note is returned by the 11 June as there are limited spaces available. It should be a fantastic day and a great learning experience for all students.

Students in 4/5/6 and 2/3 are familiarising themselves with our new wireless network in their classrooms, as we expand the school this facility will be extended to all classrooms. This is part of our continued commitment to provide a state of the art learning environment to our students.

Again thankyou to everyone for supporting your local community school.

Regards,

Jenny Vasilareas

Relieving Principal

School Fees

A reminder that School fees are now due, please note that student Textbooks and included materials are distributed once payment has been made. Thank you for all who have paid.

Due to copyright we are not able to photocopy the textbooks, all students must work on their own original. Therefore, we ask that so as to not delay the distribution of students textbooks that if you have not yet made payment, please do so at your earliest convenience.

We can now accept payments via EFTPOS on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8.30-11.30am ONLY. Payments made via cash can be made on any day.

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

Books In Homes



Students have now all made their book selections from the catalogue and final touches are been added to the Role model competition for Years 2-6. The entry forms will be posted on Friday.

I received a phone call from a Books In Homes representative this week to notify me of some exciting news. We have **5** winners from the Term 1 competition. I am looking forward to receiving their prizes in the mail soon and can't wait to award the recipients at the next Book-Giving Assembly on June 21.

We also have a confirmed Role Model for the assembly. His name is Ned Narouz. Ned is the Founder & CEO of the Rap 4 Change Program. Rap 4 Change is an early intervention hip-hop school educational program. He has a DJ, beats person and three artists that consists of one male, one female and a kangaroo mascot who rap live. Rap 4 Change goes into all the schools and helps educate kids in the importance of education and reading and writing, peer pressure, bullying, racism and drugs and alcohol. Check out his website for more details. www.rap4change.org.au

Library



May is Scholastic National Family reading Month and every year Scholastic holds an exciting reading challenge as part of the celebration. Research shows that family reading time is one of the BEST ways to grow a child's interest in the wonderful world of books. Kids who read, succeed!

During library lessons students will all receive an entry form to enter the challenge. They are encouraged to read for at least 10 minutes every day in May and colour in a book for each day. Once that has been done simply enter online before 10 June 2018 to go in the draw to win great prizes.

'The Big Dig' The Rocks Excursion



The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre

Part of Sydney Harbour YHA

Telopea Public School have organised an excursion to 'The Big Dig' site at The Rocks on Wednesday 27th June.

Notes have now been sent home with all the details of the day. Please be reminded that there are limited places, spots will fill fast so be sure to hand in your payment and permission notes as soon as possible. Final payments are due by Monday June 11th.

Sporting Schools



Friday 25th May will be our first of four sessions with Athletics Australia. Community Athletics Coach, Ross Keegan will be running the program which will focus on the development of running, jumping and throwing skills through fun and engaging games. There will be no cost involved for students as the school has successfully applied for a sporting grant which covers the entire cost of the sporting sessions.

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



The 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.

Safety

A reminder to all students and parents that entry to the School is via the Third Gate (on Chestnut Avenue near the Kindy classroom). This is for everyone's safety.

We have had a number of students entering via the first and second gates. These gates are not supervised by staff and often there are cars entering and exiting which may pose a risk to unsupervised students.

Schools as a Community Centre

*Thank
You*

I would like to thank one of our playgroup mothers, who kindly donated her time to hem our new Breakfast Club tablecloths. We appreciate her generosity and kind gesture. Thank you.

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Health and Wellbeing

As Winter approaches we would like to take the opportunity to remind you that if your child is unwell and presents with any of the conditions below, please notify the office on 02 9638 1296 immediately.

From time to time your child may get sick and display any number of symptoms that mean it's best to keep your child away from school and see your doctor.

Some of these symptoms include:

- a fever of 38°C or above
- vomiting or diarrhoea
- severe cold or flu symptoms
- rashes of an unknown origin

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Under the Public Health Act and Department of School Education regulations, some common infectious diseases require you to keep your child away from school to prevent the spread of infection, examples may be;

Chicken Pox	For five (5) days after the first spots appear.
German Measles	Until fully recovered and for at least seven (7) days after the rash appears.
Hepatitis	Until a medical certificate confirms recovery or when symptoms are no longer obvious – usually seven (7) days after the first signs of jaundice.
Measles	For five (5) days from the appearance of the rash.
Mumps	Until fully recovered and at least nine (9) days after the appearance of swelling.
Whooping Cough	For three (3) weeks from the onset of the whoop and then until fully recovered as advised by a medical certificate.
Scabies	Until appropriate treatment has commenced. A medical certificate may be requested.
Impetigo	Until all sores have healed. If exposed surfaces are being medically treated and are properly covered with dressings, the child may attend school.
Head lice (Pediculosis)	Until effective treatment has been undertaken.

A reminder that if your child is away from School for more than 3 consecutive days, a medical certificate is required.