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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Motto: "Success through Endeavour"

Be Safe

Be a Learner

Be Responsible

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6	May	2019	SUEZ Workshop - Rubbish Today, Resource Tomorrow
8	May	2019	Mother's Day Stall
14-17	May	2019	NAPLAN – Students in Years 3 & 5
17	May	2019	Walk to School Safely Day
22	May	2019	Story Factory Workshop Excursion for Years 5/6
5	June	2019	Cross Country Yrs 3-6
5	July	2019	SRC Fundraiser – Crazy Hat/Hair Day
5	July	2019	Last Day of Term 2

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our new families at students who have commenced at Telopea Public School this term, a particular welcome goes to Fritz in Mrs Moutzouris and Mrs White's class who started this week.

From the 14 May, students in year 3 and year 5 will be undertaking the NAPLAN test. This year Telopea Public School is transitioning to the online test. All students will complete online tests for all areas apart from the writing test in year 3 which will still be delivered by a paper test. During this week normal reading groups and library access will be restricted during the testing phase. We all wish our students well in this assessment process.

I would like to thank our families for supporting the no hat no play rule that we enforce during term 1 and term 4, the majority of our students always had a hat to ensure sun protection. As we move to the cooler months we do not as strictly enforce this proactive rule and wearing a hat in the playground becomes optional due to the reduced risk from UV.

Finally thank you for the patience everyone has exhibited in relation to the new playground equipment all relevant safety checks have been completed, the foundations are fully cured and the soft fall will be delivered next week. I am sure all students from K-2 cannot wait to access this new resource.

Regards,

*Alan McGowen*

Principal



## School Fees

Thank you to all who have made payment. Payments can still be made for any outstanding accounts.

We can now accept payments via EFTPOS on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8.45-11.00am 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.

## Kindergarten Parents Information Sessions

Thank you to all parents who have confirmed their attendance to the parent information sessions which are being held to assist parents with skills to support students at home.

These sessions will be on:

1. 9am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May
2. 9am Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

The sessions will be held in the SaCC rooms promptly at 9am.

## SUEZ Workshop



On **Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>** all students will attend a workshop 'Rubbish Today, Resource Tomorrow' presented by SUEZ. The students will learn about recycling, landfill, the operation of recycling and how energy is recovered from landfills. The students will participate in hands on games and activities.

## Mother's Day Stall

On **Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding a mother's day stall. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a small token gift. Classes will take turns throughout the day to purchase any items. Items will range from \$5-\$20ea.



## Walk to School Safely Day



Telopea Public School will be participating in Walk to School Safely Day on **Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>**. SRC Representatives will be standing at the pedestrian accessible gates of the school handing stickers to students who have walked safely to school. The day is a great way of learning the health benefits of walking, to teach children about road safety and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.

## Library News

Library lessons for all classes will continue to be held on Thursdays. Please remember to return your library book in a library bag each week. Thank you to the families who have purchased from Book Club. Issue #3 will be distributed during library lessons this week. All orders and money will need to be returned by 24<sup>th</sup> May.

During the month of May all students are encouraged to participate in the Scholastic Read More In May Challenge to promote National Family Reading Month. Students will all be given a Reading Log to complete and hand in at the end of the month. To enter the challenge you simply need to read for at least 10 minutes every day in May, and colour in the pages on the Reading Log to show your progress. Please see the advertisement for further information and details.

## 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.

## Uniform Shop

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



**Handy Hint:** Ensure that you label all items of clothing (including hats) for your child/ren, this makes it easier to return any lost items.

## Schools as a Community Centre

Hi to all parents and students for the start of Term 2.

I trust you enjoyed the holiday period and are refreshed and ready for another action packed term.

A quick reminder:

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** This operates every Monday and Thursday in the SaCC rooms 8:30am to 9:00am.

To ensure the children head off to morning lines and class on time last breakfast is served at 8:50am.

If you are a family with children under five years of age you will notice the SaCC Program List attached to this newsletter. If you would like to attend any of the SaCC initiatives with your prior to school aged child please call, email to come and see me so we can make arrangements.

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<b>MONDAY</b>	<p><b>Foodbank 'School Breakfast 4 Health' Breakfast Club</b> 8:30am to 9:00am Teloepa SaCC Rooms. A healthy breakfast is provided free for Teloepa Public School students in a friendly, inclusive environment.</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<p><b>Sing Rhyme and Story Time</b> 10:00am to 10:30am Teloepa Public School, SaCC Rooms A weekly Early Literacy Program for parents/carers and children birth to 5 years. This program was developed and is facilitated by the Teloepa SaCC Facilitator. The session will support parents to assist with their children's literacy development. The program was awarded Honoured Nominee in 2011 Kookaburra Awards.</p> <p><b>Early Years Garden Club</b> 10:30am to 12:00noon Teloepa Public School Edible Garden &amp; Orchard. Seed Harvest Spoon early childhood environmental garden program for parents and children up to five years. <b>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</b></p> <p><b>Meet and Greet</b> 1:00pm to 2:30pm Teloepa SaCC Rooms Information session for parents with baby birth to 12 weeks. Facilitated by Community Health</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<p><b>Preschool Playgroup</b> 10:00am to 12:00noon Teloepa SaCC Rooms <b>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</b> Organised indoor and outdoor activities, story time, music and dancing for families with children eighteen months to 5 years. A friendly, inclusive and supportive playgroup where adult involvement is encouraged and supported.</p> <p><b>Circle of Security</b> 12:45pm-2:30pm Teloepa SaCC Rooms <b>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</b> A seven week parent program facilitated by Parramatta Mission. Support your child's ability to manage their emotions, enhance the development of your child's self-esteem, and better understand your child's emotional world by learning to read their emotional needs. Full attendance is encouraged. <b>Free</b> child care available for participants. Afternoon tea provided.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<p><b>Foodbank 'School Breakfast 4 Health' Breakfast Club</b> 8:30am to 9:00am Teloepa SaCC Rooms.</p> <p><b>Jiggle'n'Jam Music Program.</b> Teloepa SaCC Rooms Structured music classes for families with children birth to 3 years. Facilitated by 'Music In A Box' Music School in Teloepa SaCC Rooms. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved to support their children. <b>3x half hour baby classes (birth to 12mths@9:15am and 12mths to 18mths@10:00am)</b></p> <p><b>2x Toddler Music Classes 10:45am and 11:15am (18mths to 3years)</b> <b>TERM REGISTRATION is ESSENTIAL for the toddler classes.</b></p> <p><b>Baby Playgroup</b> 10:00 to 12:00noon Teloepa SaCC Rooms Social gathering for families with children birth to 18 months in safe, air conditioned environment with toys. Enjoy spending time with friends after the music class.</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<p><b>Preschool Playgroup</b> 10:00 to 12:00 Teloepa SaCC Rooms <b>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</b></p>

### Teloepa 'Schools as Community Centres' Project (SaCC)

Based in the grounds of Teloepa Public School. Chestnut Ave., Teloepa N.S.W. 2117

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## Term 1 Wrap Up

The conclusion of Term 1 saw the students participating in various fun and educational activities. Below are some photos from these events.

Minibeast Excursion – A visit to Lake Parramatta to explore the natural habitat and the insects that are local to the reserve.



PETS Talk – An educational talk on the safety of interacting with domestic animals.





Easter Hat Parade – Our annual Easter hat parade.







## WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 17 May 2019!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)





Every year during National Family Reading Month, 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!

Have fun reading together and good luck in our prize draw!

**\$10,000 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON!**

#### TEACHERS:

1. Get your students Reading More in May! Photocopy and distribute this Reading Log to your students (see right).

You could WIN \$100 in Scholastic Rewards!



#### FAMILIES:

Read every day in May and go into the draw to WIN 1 of 50 \$100 book vouchers!

2. Read for at least 10 minutes every day in May, and colour in the pages on the Reading Log to show your progress.
3. Sign up at [scholastic.com.au/nfrm](http://scholastic.com.au/nfrm) to enter you and your teacher into the draw. Entries close 7 June 2019.
4. Keep this Reading Log in a handy place as proof of participation in case you are drawn as a winner!

For terms and conditions visit:  
[scholastic.com.au/nfrm](http://scholastic.com.au/nfrm)

## READING LOG

# JOIN OUR READ MORE IN MAY CHALLENGE!



Sign up now at:  
[scholastic.com.au/nfrm](http://scholastic.com.au/nfrm)  
to go in the draw to WIN great prizes for you and your teacher!  
Competition closes 7 June 2019.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Keep this as proof of your participation in case you are drawn as a winner