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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

25	June	2019	Musica Viva in Schools Performance
28	June	2019	School Volunteer Garden Day – See details under SaCC
5	July	2019	SRC Fundraiser – Crazy Hat/Hair Day
5	July	2019	Last Day of Term 2
23	July	2019	First Day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the term comes close to the end let us reflect on what has been a busy and productive term in and out of the classroom. Students have been busy participating in various learning experiences; they attended a free recycling workshop presented by SUEZ, we ran a successful Mother Day Stall, students in Yr 3 and 5 sat for the first NAPLAN Online, we recognised students who walked safely to school, Yr 5 and 6 continued their creative writing experiences with a workshop at the Story Factory headquarters in Parramatta, Yrs 3-6 competed in the school Cross Country, Uncle Lex visited and shared valuable experiences about Aboriginal people, and finally the anticipated school garden day and SRC crazy hat/hair day fundraiser. One last surprise which I have been lucky enough to organise for students is a Musica Viva in Schools performance with B'tutta on Tuesday 25th June. This will be a free of charge interactive live music performance held in the hall for students.

At Telopea PS we have hard working and dedicated teachers who strive to motivate and engage all their students in learning. They do this by providing learning opportunities and experiences that have each student working on tasks that engage and challenge them to achieve their personal best. Thank you for all your efforts and are looking forward to what you have in stall for us in the second half of the year.

The staff have been busily assessing and writing your child's report. The school reports will be distributed on Wednesday 3rd July. School reports are a great tool to help you understand how your child is going at school. It is a great indicator of academic areas your child is excelling at and where they can improve as well as the amount of effort they put in. It can also be used to start a conversation with your child about their learning.

I would like to also thank everyone for their patience and cooperation during the resurfacing of the concrete path near the office block as well as the asphalt in front of the Kindergarten classroom and the boys' toilets. The school continues to upgrade and maintain the school grounds and facilities making it a safe learning environment for us all.

As this will be the final newsletter for the term, I would like to wish our students and their families a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Remember school returns for all students on Tuesday 23rd July.

Regards,

Jenny Vasilareas

Relieving Principal

Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

If you are happy with the educational services Telopea Public School provides to your children please feel free to inform prospective parents about the quality education provided by the staff at Telopea and the extensive programs we offer.

We have commenced taking enrolments for 2020, so if you have a child or know of anyone starting school next year who wishes to attend Telopea Public School please contact staff in the school office on 9638 1296.

Compulsary School Attendance

The Department of Education have recently introduced new attendance marks which applies to the recording of absences from school. It is a compulsory requirement for all school age students to attend school. As a result any absences from school will require a form to be completed and returned to the school at your earliest convenience. If no explanation is received it will result in an unexplained absence on your child's record. You may also receive reminder letters to explain these absences.

On a separate note, if your child is sick for more than 3+ consecutive days you will be required to attach a medical certificate to the absence form.

The blank absence forms will be available from the front office foyer or from your class teacher.

For more information see the Department of Education's website; www.dec.nsw.gov.au and visit the Policy library, Student Attendance.

<i>When you child misses just...</i>	<i>that equals...</i>	<i>which is...</i>	<i>and therefore from Kindy-Year 12, that is...</i>
10 mins a day	50 mins of learning each week	nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year of school
20 mins a day	1 hour and 40 mins each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	1/2 week of learning	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Library News

Library lessons for all classes will continue to be held each Thursday by Ms Lum. Please remember to return your library book in a library bag each week. Thank you to the families who have placed orders for Issue # 4. These orders have now been placed. It is anticipated that all books should arrive before the school holidays.

SRC Fundraiser – Crazy Hat/Hair Day



On Friday 5th July Telopea Public School's SRC will be holding a 'Crazy Hat or Hair' fundraising day. The cost will be \$1.00 per student and all money collected will go towards building our sporting equipment resources.



You can wear or make a funny looking hat or even spray your hair with lots of colours or tie it up in different styles.

Students will be allowed to wear mufti clothing on this day to coincide with the crazy hat and hair fundraiser.

Book Covering – Parent Helpers



Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to cover our new school readers. What an amazing effort and contribution! By covering our books it helps in keeping our books in good condition so many of our students and future students can enjoy.

There are still a number of home readers that need to be covered as well library books. If you are available and would like to come along, we will be holding another session on **Monday 24 June at 9am**. Please sign in at the office.

Aboriginal Culture Incursion

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land I work on, the Darug Peoples, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present.

On Wednesday June 19th, Discover Parramatta presented an informative presentation on Aboriginal Culture. Students enjoyed hearing traditional stories, learned how food was hunted, held artefacts and more by Uncle Lex Darug Elder.



Cross Country

After a delayed start to our Cross Country on Wednesday we were off and running! Years 3-6 competed in an endurance run with a course set around the school grounds. A great effort by all! Congratulations to all our students who received an award and who ran their best race!



Cross Country Cont.

The House Captains collaborated to write a recount of the events of the day.

"On Wednesday 12th June, Telopea Public School participated in the Cross Country. To start off the event the Senior boys ran 3000 metres! The following race was the Senior girls who also ran 3000 metres. After that we had a cheer competition for house points. We then continued on with the races. The Junior boys were next who ran 2000 metres. After that race it was the Junior girls turn to run and they also ran 2000 metres. The carnival concluded with the presentation of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners receiving their ribbons. A great fun time was had by everybody!"

Birthday Celebrations



Here at TPS we enjoy celebrating student's birthdays. You are most welcome to bring in something to celebrate but we ask that small bite size cupcakes or sweets are brought in to school as this makes it easier for the students to eat. A large cake makes it difficult to distribute to their classmates.

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.

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 All,

A reminder that on Friday June 28th we will be holding a School Garden Day, we are encouraging all parents who would like to volunteer to come along and work in our garden. We will be providing a hot dog lunch for all parents/carers who volunteer their time to help our garden look great again!

It's also a fantastic opportunity to show your school community spirit!

If you are available to attend please register your name on the registration list pinned to the board in the breezeway.

Pip
Telopea 'Schools as Community Centres' Project
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Come and join us for the ...

Term 2 School Garden Day

To help in the

'Edible Garden and Orchard'



You are invited to join your child's garden class along with their teacher and Seed Harvest Spoon.

Friday 28th June.

During the day we will be asking for help to:

- Weed
- Prune foliage
- Rake and tidy the pathways
- Many more and varied jobs...

As a thank you we will be providing all students and parent helpers with a hot dog lunch.

The timetable for the day will be as follows:

10:00-12:00 **SaCC Preschool Playgroup** parents, carers and children

10:00-11:00 **Kindergarten** class and parents/carers

11:00-11:30 School recess

Students will have their usual recess break.

Parents/carers can either continue in the garden or break with the students.

11:30-12:30 **1/2** Class and parents/carers.

12:30-1:15 **3/4** Class and parents/carers.

1:15-2:00 Hot dog lunch for parent/carer helpers and all students.

Provide your child with additional lunch items and drink as usual.

2:00-3:00 **5/6** Class, parents/carers.

To ensure adequate resources are provided and sufficient food is ordered please

add your name to the Garden Day Helpers list in the breezeway.

Alternatively contact **Pip:**

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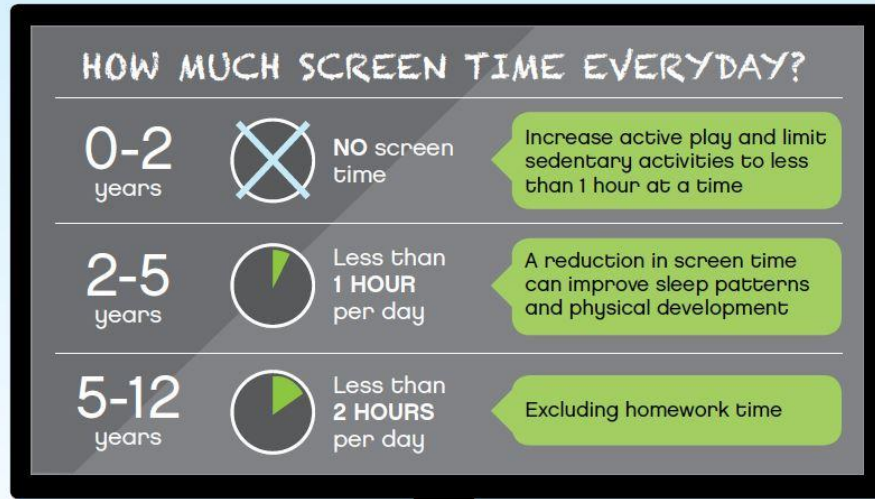
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THANK YOU IN ADVANCE 🙏

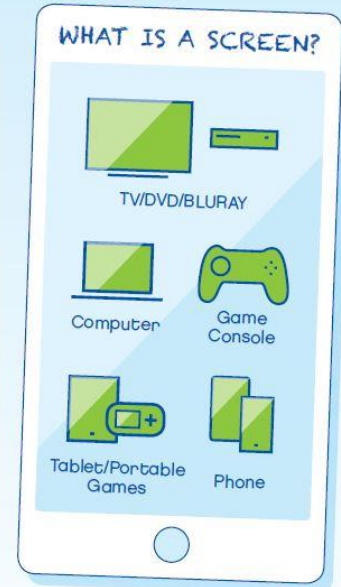
Did you know?

TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great for learning, recreation and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to find a balance between inactive time and active play.



** Based on Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines 2014



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