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OPPORTUNITY
ACHIEVEMENT
SUCCESS IN A CARING COMMUNITY

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From the Principal's Desk – Term 3 Week 1 17th July 2012

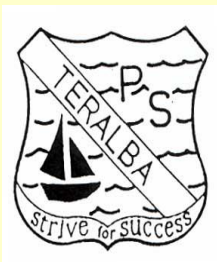
Upcoming Events

Thursday 19th July - School Athletics Carnival
Friday 20th July - 5/6 to NAIDOC at LMHS
Thursday 26th July - 1/2/3/4C excursion to Newcastle Art Gallery
Friday 27th July - Mini Olympics at school
Monday 30th July – Friday 3rd August - Education Week
Friday 3rd August - Paul Harragon Cup
Monday 20th – Friday 24th August - Children's Book Week and Book Fair (in library)
Monday 20th August - JD Magic Show
Wednesday 22nd August - Book Week Parade
Thursday 23rd August - Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Mission Statement

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To provide a caring educational environment where children, staff and community work together to strive for excellence and equality



Welcome Back to Term 3. We already have planned a very busy term, with lots of fun days planned and exciting events for all. Some things that are planned include the Athletics Carnival, The Small Schools Athletics Carnival, Education Week, Book Week, JD Magic show, public speaking, whole school excursion, mini-Olympics Day, just to name a few.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

During the holidays I was privileged to join in the NAIDOC celebrations both here in Newcastle and in Sydney. Teralba Public School has a rich Aboriginal history, as well as a strong Aboriginal culture now. NAIDOC gives us the opportunity to celebrate this wonderful and vibrant culture. In 2012 the theme for NAIDOC is *"Spirit of Tent Embassy: 40 years on". They dared to challenge - this year's theme celebrates the champions who lived to renew the spirit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the establishment of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in 1972. 40 years ago, the embassy became a powerful symbol of unity. Its founders instilled pride, advanced equality and educated the country on the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*

Our Year 5/6 class will be celebrating NAIDOC at Lake Macquarie High School this Friday whilst the remainder of the school will be attending a bush tucker excursion to Yamuloong later in the term.

Athletics Carnival

The postponed athletics carnival will be held this Thursday. Permission notes and money returned last term will apply with all the same details on the new date. The canteen will operate, similar to the plan for last term. If you would like to pre-order please send in order to canteen tomorrow if possible.

If the weather is doubtful we will send out an SMS message by 8.15 advising if the carnival will go ahead.

School Security

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Please phone

1300 880 021

to report anyone on
school grounds after
hours.

Student Banking
Every Tuesday

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS (AAS)

Active After School will begin next week on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The weather will start warming up soon, so it will be a great opportunity for your child to learn new skills. This term we are doing 'Ultimate Frisbee' on Monday and 'Gymnastics' on Tuesday. Don't forget AAS will provide afternoon tea for each child attending. Signed permission notes must be returned before your child can participate.

ATTENDANCE

Whilst reviewing the attendance data for semester 1, I came across some disturbing results. Please remember that school attendance is **compulsory**. If your child is sick, by all means keep them home but bring in a note to explain your absences. Keeping your child home because it is their birthday, there is an excursion on, a new movie is being released or you want them to go shopping is an unacceptable excuse. The Home School Liaison Officer could contact you and ask for you to explain. If your child is going to be absent for more than 2 days please contact the school immediately so that we can note that on our records.

It is also important to get your child to school on time as this can disrupt your child, their peers and staff. It can be disruptive and often students miss the first few instructions for the day.

School attendance and classroom results go hand in hand, when attendance is affected, then results follow after.

MINI OLYMPICS

To celebrate the 2012 London Olympic Games, Teralba Public School will be holding a mini Olympics. This will be next Friday (27th July). Students will be allocated a country and are to dress in the same colours as that country's flag. We will be holding a torch relay, opening ceremony, having tabloid games, medal ceremonies and a closing ceremony. This gives parents a great chance to join in the celebrations too with the closing ceremony and medal ceremonies being held at 2:30pm. Come and enjoy the fun that the teachers have planned.

STAFF NEWS

This term we welcome Mr. Bevan into K-1. He is an intern teacher from the University of Newcastle and will be with us for 10 weeks. We wish him the best of luck whilst at TPS.



MERIT AWARD WINNERS

The following students received merit awards at the final assembly last term, 29th June.

Ebony	Samantha
Jonas	Ben
Lacey	Emma
Noah	

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

AJ	Holly
Oscar	

OVERDUE EXCURSION INSTALMENTS

Instalments were due to be paid on the last day of term 2. If you are behind in your payments please pay this week or contact Robyn to make arrangements for the payment.

Canberra excursion - \$60 instalment due

Morisset excursion - \$20 instalment

Please note that this is the amount due. You may pay more or in full if you prefer.

Please send your payment in to school in a clearly marked envelope. Alternatively, you can make a direct deposit to the school bank account.

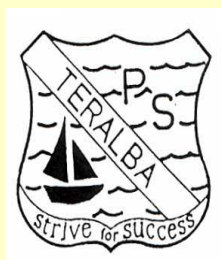
PAYMENT OF SCHOOL COSTS

To assist with payment of school costs, if you would like to make a direct deposit to the school's account the details are as follows:

BSB 032-001

Account No 15-2985 **Account name** Teralba Public School

Please ensure your child's name is included in the reference section so that we can match the payment to the student. You can pay for excursions, text books, school fees etc in this manner.



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program concludes on the 12th of August 2012. Please continue to collect your stickers and return them to school. Thanks everyone who has been supporting our school. Whilst we are not participating in the Coles Sport for Schools program we are happy to pass your coupons on to other schools on your behalf.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2012



Please help support the NSW Police Legacy by sponsoring Constable Watkins, who is competing in this year's City2Surf.

**** NSW Police Legacy assists the family members of the fallen; both financially and emotionally in their time of need.**

Most of you will remember my brother, Mr Chris Watkins, from when he volunteered at our school to help teach physical education in my classroom. Mr Watkins left the teaching profession to follow his dream of becoming a Police Officer. I am so proud of him as earlier this year, he graduated from the Police College and became part of the blue army as Constable Watkins.

If you have some spare change, please sponsor my brother and help support this great cause!!

Thank you,

Mrs Chelsea Perrett

