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## Upcoming Events

### TERM 4

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Teralba Carols night  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Whole school singing at Toronto Community Carols. **Meet at 6pm**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas lunch  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Choir singing at Edgeworth shopping centre **CANCELLED**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Reports go home  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 6 farewell  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Presentation Day at Club Macquarie 10am  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day Term 4 for students  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Staff Development Days

### LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS



Thank you for encouraging your child to borrow books from our great Library collection. Borrowing for the year has now ended and all library books need to be returned ASAP please. They can be returned any day and there are boxes in both the office and classrooms for students to place them in.

### SCHOOL SECURITY

If you see trespassers in the school out of school hours we would appreciate a call to school security.

**PH: 1300 880 021 24 HOURS**

## Term 4 Week 9 5th December 2017



# Invitation

## Presentation Day 2017

at

Club Macquarie, Lake Road Argenton

on

Thursday 14th December 2017 at 10am

followed by

Class performances

Parents, Carers, Family and Friends

all welcome



### COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANKING

Please remember to send in your child's banking every Friday. The more deposits that are made the more Dollarmite tokens they earn for fun rewards. Every deposit raises funds towards our school.



### CAROLS BY THE LAKE

Yesterday all students received an invitation to sing in the whole school choir at "Carols by the Lake" on Friday night. Please return your acceptance **ASAP**.



### END OF YEAR

Wow, preparing this newsletter and realising this is the last newsletter for 2017 I wonder where the year has gone. It has been another fantastic year at Teralba Public School, another extremely busy yet very rewarding year. Upon reflection I turn my mind to the wonderful achievements we have accomplished this year. We have had great success in writing; this was shown by our above state average growth data in all standardised tests. Whole school mathematics growth has become evident with the introduction of Building Numeracy Literacy (BNL). The development of the new 3 year plan has been an exciting achievement. This process has allowed for staff to reflect on past practices and set future directions, whilst working with the school community.

Other achievements also include Winner of the Lake Macquarie City Council Environment Awards, the establishment of the Green Team, success in zone debating and the success in small school soccer.

As you can see, although our school is small our kids have fantastic opportunities with even better results.

On behalf of the staff, our families and myself I wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas and an even better New Year. I look forward to seeing everybody in the New Year.

### 2018

In planning for 2018, I am pleased to announce that all staff will be the same as they are this year. The classes will be;

K-1 Mrs Perrett

1-2-3 Mrs Maytom

4-5-6 Mr Toole

We will still run 4 literacy/numeracy groups each day, focussed on student strengths and areas for growth. Mrs White, Mrs Baker, Mrs Brazer and Mr Metcalf will continue in their various roles as support, EAfS and RFF teachers.

### CHOIR

Yesterday the Choir headed to the two local nursing homes to sing to the residents. The experience was exceptional with all students singing well and interacting with the residents in a very positive manner. Great job. The Choir's next performance is Wednesday at Teralba PS Community Carols.

### PRESENTATION DAY

To be held at Club Macquarie Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The presentation service will begin at 10am sharp. We anticipate that it will take about an hour and a half. This will be followed by a brief concert. All members of our community are invited. Please be seated by 9:50am

### PBL REWARDS

During PBL this year students have worked very hard to improve their learning, the playground and classroom by setting goals and following the expectations set. I am so proud of all the students and am so pleased to see the PBL rewards day this Thursday at Charlestown Pool. PBL rewards day is a celebration of great achievement. I wish to thank the P&C for their donation to make this day a success.

Have a wonderful break and festive season!

Richard Metcalf

Principal

## Good for Kids good for life

### LIMITING SCREEN TIME

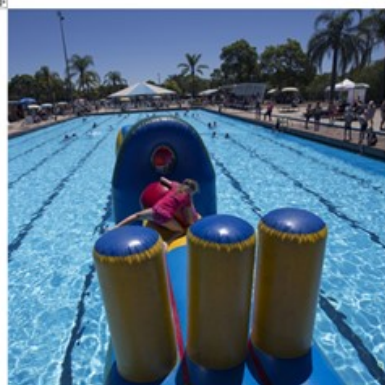
Do you need some ideas for distracting your child from 'technology' or watching television?

Try some of these ideas:

- Go screen free on weekdays (except for educational purposes)
- Tech free Saturdays
- Simple restrictions on when your child has access, such as 'no screen time before dinner or bed'
- Try 'Imagination Wednesdays' where you and your child do things together that don't involve a screen
- Provide seven 30 minutes vouchers on a Friday afternoon to last for the following week. When your child watches the TV or plays on the computer they hand the vouchers back for every 30 minutes they're looking at a small screen. This limits your child to 3.5 hours of screen time over a week.



Adapted from: Murrumbidgee Local Health District



## TERM 4 PBL REWARDS DAY

**Thursday 7/12/17**

Charlestown Swimming Pool  
The Aquatic Challenger



**PBL - REWARDING  
EVERY STUDENT**

**VIP (no red cards):  
Unlimited  
swimming &  
Aquatic Challenger**

**Gold (1+ red card):  
Restricted  
Swimming &  
Aquatic Challenger**



**BRING YOUR TOWEL,  
SWIMMERS, DRY  
CLOTHES AND A BAG  
FOR YOUR WET  
CLOTHES**

### TERALBA ARCADE

Our Junior and Senior extension groups have been busily working away on their Term 4 project, creating an arcade completely out of cardboard and miscellaneous household items. This project was inspired by the YouTube sensation 'Caine's Arcade', a short film about a 9 year old boy who made a gaming arcade out of cardboard at his father's work. The students would love to give prizes out to their peers on December 13<sup>th</sup> when we hold our own 'Teralba Arcade'. If you have any small toys you would be able to donate please drop them to the office.

### PBL REWARDS DAY

Our PBL Rewards Day to Charlestown Pool is on . Students should come to school dressed in their uniform, bringing their swimmers, towels, sunscreen and a plastic bag for wet clothes. All students will be adequately supervised at the pool, with varying coloured wristbands and additional supervision for beginning and non-swimmers. We would like to thank all students for exhibiting our PBL expectations of being Safe, Outstanding Achievers who show Respect throughout the year, and to our wonderful P&C for supporting us in funding this, and other Rewards Days in 2017.

### COLOUR RUN

The 2017 Colour Run was loads of fun with students, staff and even some parents getting very messy on the day. Thank you to all who sent in their \$2 entry fee to participate in the colour run. After purchasing the colour run powders we raised a total of \$67.80 to go directly to Stewart House. Although not all students brought in their \$2 entry fee, everyone was allowed to participate in the fun. It is still not too late to donate – any late entry fees are still welcome and would be greatly appreciated. A HUGE thanks goes to our local Fire Brigade for bringing the fire engine to the school and soaking our children - there was such an overwhelming community spirit on the oval that is unique to our local Teralba community.



## PBL News

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

*Our school PBL expectations encourage all students to*

**SOAR**

**Upcoming PBL Focus & Expectations**

**Week 9: Focus—Safety in the toilet block**

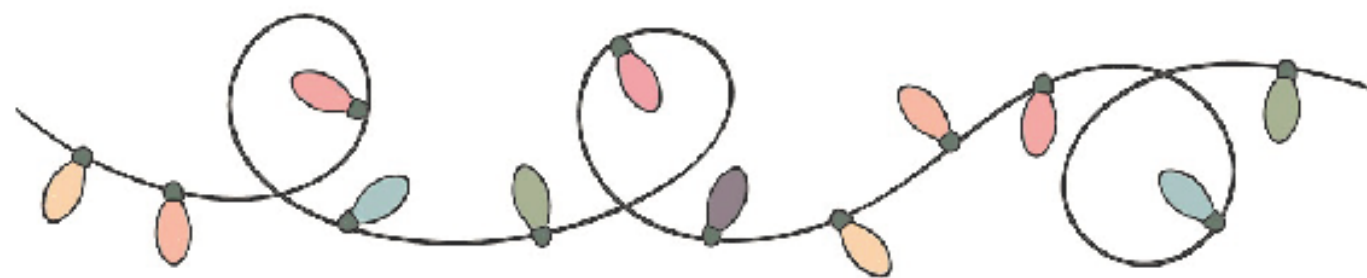
**Expectations:** Walk, walk, walk  
Wait your turn  
Hands & feet to self

**Week 10: Focus—Respect in Assembly**

**Expectations:** Listen carefully  
Use manners  
Follow instructions







# Teralba Community Carols

  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

FROM 5:30PM

➡➡➡ Hosted by Teralba Public School ➡➡➡

BBQ • HOT & COLD DRINKS • CAKE STALL  
FACE PAINTING • GLOW STICKS FOR SALE

Bring a picnic rug and insect repellent



# Teralba Public School

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Merry  
Christmas

<b>BULK billed</b> <b>EYE</b> examinations	<b>health fund</b> <b>DIRECT</b> <b>BILLING</b> <small>FIND US ON</small> facebook
<u>Speers Point</u> 1/177 Main Rd p 4958 7892	<u>Singleton</u> 1/65 John St p 6571 5600
<b>aie</b> optical Eyecare & Eyewear	



Christmas Markets  
3pm to 9.30pm  
Thursday 7th, 14th,  
21st & 28th Dec



Carols by the Lake  
6pm to 9.30pm  
Friday 8th December

**DO YOU LIVE IN THE  
LOCAL AREA?**  
(Teralba to Wangi)

**December 7th to 29th**  
Toronto Foreshore  
& The Boulevarde

Festive Music  
& Performances  
6pm to 9.30pm  
Friday 15th, 22nd &  
29th December

Decorate your house for  
the festive season  
Competition

fabulous light displays  
For info 1300 488356



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