

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 19th February

Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 1st March

Assembly 2:30pm - K/1 Item

Wednesday 13th March

Junior Soccer Gala Day

Friday 15th March

Senior Soccer Gala Day

Friday 29th March

Bubbles and Squirt Water Safety – K-2

Friday 5th April

Cross Country

Tuesday 9th April

PBL Rewards Day

Friday 12th April

Easter Hat Parade

Last day of Term 1

Monday 18th February 2019

Term 1 Week 4

WHATS HAPPENING

Writing this newsletter I can hardly believe how fast the term is flying already. Staff have been very busy and students continue to work hard and already have shown amazing progress.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHARTER

At the end of 2018, the NSW Department of Education released a document called “The School Community Charter”. This Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW Public Schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive. What does the Charter mean for Teralba students, parents and staff? The charter clearly outlines what all people should expect when it comes to communication with each other in the school setting. The underlying theme of the charter is “Collaborative, Respectful Communication”. As a school community if we aim to always display collaborative and respectful communication then ultimately the educational experience for our children will be a positive one. I will publish the Charter in the newsletter as well as on the school webpage.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2019

As I sat and watched all of the older students at the swimming carnival I couldn't help but reflect how many amazing Teralba Public School is and how inclusive we are as a school. All students who attended were able to participate in a variety of races and looking at the results there was a variety of winners and place getters. A huge thanks goes out to all of the parents who came along and supported their children, as well as the other children at the school. This year was definitely the most successful swimming carnival we have had. Good luck to all our swimmers at tomorrow's Zone carnival as well.

OUR SWIMMING CHAMPIONS FOR 2019 ARE:

Junior Boy - Baylee Brown

Junior Girl - Lola Charles

11yr Boy - Peter Tighe

11yr Girls - Tayla McDonald

Senior Boy - Rocco Goodbun

Winning House - Shortland

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In 2019 the Department of Education have released an updated Special Religious Education Policy. To ensure that we are following the guidelines of this policy correctly we will be sending home a note this week asking parents to nominate if they wish their children to attend a weekly religion lesson, or if they would prefer that their child does not attend religion lessons. During the allocated time those students not attending Special Religious Education will be fully supervised and engaged in meaningful activities. We would greatly appreciate if you could return the note by Friday 22nd February so that we can start making appropriate arrangements for providing Special Religious Education according to the needs of the school community.

Kind Regards,

Melanie White

Learning and Support Teacher – Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

PARENT - TEACHER MEETINGS

Please remember that teaching and classroom support staff are NOT available to talk to parents between 8:55am and 3:05pm unless a prior appointment has been made. Staff are extremely busy preparing lessons or teaching your children. We understand that on the rare occasion this cannot be avoided but it is important to be mindful of the education of all children.

KEEP INFORMED ON FACEBOOK

Please make sure you like us on Facebook to keep updated with latest news and events happening at our wonderful school. We love showing how fantastic our school is to our local and extended community, so when you read a post you like don't forget to share it. Social media is such a crucial link to spreading the work about our wonderful students and the fantastic things they are doing!

SCHOOL HOURS FOR STUDENTS

Just a reminder that teacher supervision begins at 8.40am and students should not be at school until this time as there is no supervision. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

PERMISSION NOTES AND MONEY

Excursions, performances, extracurricular activities and representing Teralba Public School are considered important parts to a child's education, learning and development. When your children are involved in an activity, they will receive a note when payment is required for that particular school activity. The permission note and money should be enclosed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class, the amount of money and the activity that they are involved in. These can be dropped in directly to the office in the morning or throughout the day. **Please do not use plastic bags.** Alternately, online payments can be made through our website POP system and receipt number written on the note then submitted to the office. Please include your child's name as a reference.

SCHOOL FEES – PAYMENT ONLINE

A great way to pay your fees is to go online. You can access this via the school website front page, choose the "Make a Payment" icon. If you have any questions please call the office.

****Please note:** there is a designated cut off point for payments of all monies and collection of permission notes. This cut off point allows for sufficient time for the planning of staff, confirmation of bookings and receipting of money. If you have any concerns with payment, please come and speak to the Principal, or office staff. We may be able to provide some financial assistance – all applications are confidential.

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ABSENCES

If your child has to be absent from school, it is important that you inform the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. You can advise the school of their absence by phoning the school, email, or coming into the school. If your child has to see a doctor because they are unwell, please provide a medical certificate to the school. All absences need to be explained to the school. If you do not advise the school of their absence before 9.30am you will receive an SMS requesting a reason. You can reply to the SMS in the usual manner.

INSECT REPELLENT

During the summer months there are often mosquitoes in the playground. You are welcome to provide insect repellent for your child, however, one of our staff members has a **severe** allergy to Aerogard and we ask that you **DO NOT** use Aerogard on your children please.

TERM 1 SPORT

Term 1 sport commenced last week. The sport is athletics. As we have received sufficient funding from Sporting Schools there is no cost to parents.



2019 PAYMENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Listed below are some of the activities for the year which will require payment to help you budget. If you wish to pay a bulk amount, eg \$100 it can be allocated to your child's account for use as the activities occur, or you can make payment by the due date or at any other time.

Term 1

5th April - School Cross Country - No cost

6th May - Zone Cross Country (qualifying students only) approx. \$7-8

Term 2

8th May - School athletics carnival - \$10 approx.

9th May - School photos - varying package prices from approx. \$25

24th June - A Matter of Seconds water safety program - No cost

26th June – Civic Theatre Excursion Years 3-6 approx. \$25

TBA – Life Education - \$10

Term 3

27th August – Civic Theatre Excursion Year K-2 Approx. \$25

August - Junior Netball Gala Day, unknown cost, approx. \$2 each

August - Senior Netball Gala Day, unknown cost, approx. \$2 each

TBA – Musica Viva - \$10 approx. each

Term 4

Bathurst excursion, Years 5 & 6, approx. \$370 each

Morisset camp, 2 days, 1 night to be confirmed (years 3 & 4) - approx. \$170 each

****Please note that these costs are approximate and subject to change****



STUDENT BANKING

Student banking is every Friday. Deposit books can be left in the box at the office **before school**. Thanks to Quida Lockwood for coming in every week to process banking.

CANTEEN

Canteen has commenced and will operate on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. Lunch orders are available and are to be ordered by 9am. Students can purchase items at recess, please also try to have correct money or small notes to make it easier for our canteen volunteers.

Volunteers needed:

To keep Canteen open for our students 3 days a week we urgently require volunteers. Please see Robyn in the office or Karen in the canteen if you can help.



2019 WORK BOOKS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

In 2019 all staff will be using a variety of resources to assist in teaching your children. For years 1-6 this includes Handwriting workbooks, "Sound Waves" work book and online subscription, and other online resources. The total cost for these teaching resources and subscriptions is **\$50 per student**.

Please note **Kindergarten** will not be using the handwriting text or the online "Sound Waves" subscription. Their teaching resource cost is **\$20 per student**.

Please pay these amounts by **Friday 22nd March**. As always, if you require assistance or an extension of time please contact the office.

Good for Kids good for life

CRUNCH&SIP®

Crunch&Sip® is a set time during class time for primary school students to 'refuel' on vegetables, salad or fruit, and 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. Many students are not eating enough vegetables and fruit or keeping sufficiently hydrated.

What to pack for **Crunch&Sip®**
It's simple!
Crunch&Sip means vegetables, fruit and water only.



www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunchsip.aspx



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Last year was the first year that Teralba Public School joined over 300 schools across the region in the Children's University program, which operates out of The University of Newcastle. Both Lola and Evelyn were involved and thoroughly enjoyed the program, *which is open to all students who love to learn.*

The concept of Children's University (CU) is to recognise and acknowledge children that find *new* areas of learning through discovering educational experiences in their local areas. Children work towards gaining hours of learning for different levels of awards. Children can move through many levels of certificates in any one year. Awards range from 30 – 1000 hours.

All learning experiences that are out of classroom hours (before school, during lunch, after school and during the school holidays) can be recorded in their CU passport. Running club, the Green Team, Knitting Club, Starstruck and Library Lunchtimes are some examples of what our school offers so far this year. Any one activity is capped at 10 hours to encourage trying *new* educational experiences. Activities can occur at home, i.e cooking, music classes, art classes, sporting activities and may include Learning Destination activities listed on the Children's University (CU) web page, e.g. Newcastle Museum, Maitland Art Gallery, Oakvale Farm.

Last year we had a lot of interest from Kindergarten students; however, the program had a minimum age limit of 7 years. We are excited to announce that the CU team has considered our feedback and now offer the program to those in Kindergarten as well!

Mrs Brazer will be presenting information and answering any questions about this wonderful program at our Week 5 assembly (Friday 1st March, 2:30pm in the school library)



We are in the initial stages of setting up a Makerspace in our school Library and would love some donations of the following items from our families:

- Blue tack,
- Sticky Tape,
- Bubble wrap,
- Buttons,
- Stain remover containers (e.g Napisan),
- Baby formula tins,

Makerspaces promote learning through play, exploration and participation. These spaces facilitate informal learning opportunities where connections between home, school and community are enabled and encouraged and develop a culture of creating, as opposed to consuming.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Brazer

We encourage you to participate.

