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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 4th February

Swimming Carnival Years 2-6

Coughlans Swim Centre

Friday 7th February

Assembly K-2 at 2.30pm

Monday 10th February

Debating day – Debating team only

Friday 14th February

Assembly 3-6 at 2.30pm

Tuesday 18th February

Zone Swimming- Qualifying students only

Friday 28th February

Whole school assembly at 2.15pm

Friday 13th March

Assembly K-2 at 2.30pm

Friday 20th March

Anti Bullying Day

Assembly 3-6 at 2.30pm

Friday 3rd April

Whole school assembly at 2.15pm

Thursday 9th April

Easter hat Parade 11am

Last day of term

Monday 3rd February 2020 Term 1 Week 2

WELCOME BACK

Can you believe that we are back at school already? Wow those holidays flew by. I hope that everybody had a safe and enjoyable holiday. I know these holidays were dominated by the vast devastation around the country with all the bushfires. Our hearts go out to all the people and communities that have been affected by the fires. We hope that each person within our community was able to stay safe throughout the summer.

It has been great to see all the students after the break. It's incredible how much they grow in 6 weeks. I look forward to seeing further growth this year. We also welcome the many new families to our beautiful school. Whether you are a new Kindergarten parent or have moved your child from another school we welcome you to the best school in all of Lake Macquarie.

2020 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

As I announced on Wednesday, I made the decision to open a 5th class for 2020. It is very exciting for the staff and for the students to see the growth of this great school. So all community members are aware, the decision to open a 5th class was a school decision to improve the educational opportunities for all students. The Department of Education will fund the 5th class once we reach 105 students, at the moment we have 96 students. That means that this extra class is 'school funded' in 2020. The decision was made because of the large number of students in K to 2 and offering a more personalised learning experience. If you wish to discuss this further please contact the office.

NEW STAFF CLASS ORGANISATION

With the opening of the new class and Mrs Perrett and Mrs White moving schools last year, we needed to welcome new staff to Teralba PS.

Class Organisation:

Kindergarten	Mrs Amy Maytom
Year 1/2	Miss Lauren Barnett (M-Th) Mrs Rita Brazer (Friday)
Year 2	Miss Emily Gibbs
Year 3/4	Mr Jack Toole
Year 5/6	Mrs Lauren Dubos
Learning and Support	Mrs Olivia Pohl (M, Tu)
Student Wellbeing	Mrs Meleaha Kinnavong (Tu, W Th)
Library	Mrs Rita Brazer (W Th)
Office	Ms Robyn Green & Mrs Lisa Barton (M, F)
School Counsellor	Ms Miriam Prendeville (Mon – Odd weeks)
School Learning and Support	Karen Lewis, Lisa Barton, Ange Noon, Kim Woolley, Madelyn Thompson

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2020



Jasmine Tupper



Sharlee Gilbert

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2020



Jonathon Ryan



Tayla Murray-McDonald

SPORTS HOUSES

Teralba has two sports houses, Shortland (red) and Hunter (blue). Each child has been allocated a house and will be reminded before swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. Only students 8 years old (2020) and older participate in the swimming carnival while the whole school participates in both the cross country and athletics carnival.

NEW STAFF

Miss Lauren Barnett - 1/2B



Hello parents, caregivers and community of Teralba Public School! This year I have the privilege of teaching the year 1/2 class (Monday - Thursday), alongside Rita Brazer (teacher, Fridays) and Karen Lewis (SLSO). I am an experienced teacher, both as a classroom teacher at Argenton Public School and as a relief teacher at various others - including Teralba in 2019. My passion in education is centred around creating a positive, productive learning environment based on the individual needs and interests of the students in it. I'm so excited to be part of the team at TPS again this year, and looking forward to some amazing learning in 1/2B.

Miss Emily Gibbs - 2G



Hi everyone! My name is Miss Gibbs and I am very excited to be teaching the Year 2 class at Teralba. I have had a wonderful time getting to know the students over the last few days and am very excited to establish strong relationships and a classroom full of positivity here at TPS. I completed my Bachelor of Education at the University of Newcastle and have been teaching in the Maitland area for the last four years. I have a particular interest in teaching literacy and am passionate about creating extra-curricular opportunities for students. I look forward to meeting the families of Teralba – please feel free to come and say hi!

VISION FOR SCHOOL

As a school we maintain the vision of offering world class education within a loving, caring and supportive environment. At the end of last year it was confirmed that our school was achieving exceptional results with the release of the newspaper article in December, stating that we were the 3rd highest performing school in the Hunter. This achievement is not possible without the experience and expertise of the staff and the wonderful support from the community. In 2020, Teralba Public School will maintain that focus on excellence through great professional development, strong partnerships and high expectations. We aim to guide, inspire and challenge our students to become creative, resilient and resourceful, succeeding today and being prepared for tomorrow.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Communication between staff and parents is vital in creating a successful school. With the increased demands on staff time and the increase of social and mobile media, I have outlined to staff expectations for communication.

- Newsletters are the major form of school communication. Please ALWAYS refer back to the newsletter to find answers to questions about things happening at school. Teralba Staff will endeavour to publish all information necessary in the newsletter. The newsletter is always published on the school web page if you misplace it. Our newsletter is published on Mondays every even week. (Week 2, 4, 6 etc) If you would prefer to have your newsletter emailed, please fill out the attached form and return it to the office.
- Permission notes. If students do not return notes they might MISS OUT! There are too many students at the school to be chasing notes. Please make a conscious effort to return notes ASAP. If parents need financial assistance please contact the office ASAP.
- Staff will use the app Seesaw, letters, emails and phone calls as well as interviews to communicate with parents. Staff will not private message, phone or email parents outside of normal business hours. (8:00am-5:00pm) Please do not contact staff with the expectations that they will respond outside those times. Where possible staff will get back to you within 1 working day.
- Facebook and Social Media. Teralba staff use Facebook to 'show off' our school and sometimes deliver important messages. Permission notes to publish children on Facebook are with this newsletter. Please 'like' the TPS Facebook page. We will also send out SMS messages for reminders when needed.
- Please remember to always be respectful of the school and staff when using social media. If you feel you need to voice your thoughts on the school it would be expected that you communicate directly with us rather than on social media.



ASSEMBLIES

This year we are trailing something a little bit different in regards to assemblies. Due to the increase in school numbers we are not able to hold as many assemblies in the library. We will be having a Junior Assembly (K-2), a Senior Assembly (3-6) and Whole School Assembly. The Junior and Senior Assembly will be 30 minutes while the whole school assembly will be 45 minutes. The format is being finalised at the moment.

The dates will be:

- Week 2 - 7th February Junior (K-2)
- Week 3 - 14th February Senior (3-6)
- Week 5 - 28th February Whole School
- Week 7 - 13th March Junior (K-2)
- Week 8 - 20th March Senior (3-6)
- Week 10 - 3rd April Whole School

EDUCATION/LEARNING FEE

So that staff can purchase necessary workbooks, teaching resources and online subscriptions for your child, a fee has been established to cover costs. Students in Years 1 to 6 are to pay \$50 and Kindergarten students are to pay \$25. This fee is due by week 5, February 28th. Please note, this is NOT a 'Voluntary Contribution' fee that some schools ask for. We will NOT be asking for the voluntary contribution. If families need financial assistance please speak to Robyn.

ALLERGIES

Parents are being reminded that there are a number of students and staff with severe allergies. These allergies include chemical allergy and nut allergies. To prevent a serious medical episode, children are NOT to bring 'Aeroguard' to school rather find an alternate product ie RID, Bushmans, OFF etc. Also a student at school has been diagnosed with a nut allergy please be mindful of the foods that you pack and that students are reminded not to share food. If bringing any food to share (ie birthday cakes) please discuss with your class teacher first.

CAR PARK

With the increase in student numbers the demands on the car park have increased. All parents are encouraged to show patience and safety at pick up time. If there are no car spaces please do not double park or 'find a space'. DO NOT park in the disability car park without the correct permits. Please note that the disability car park was installed for student use. Particularly in wet weather it is important not to park illegally. Teralba PS offer a simple 'drop and go zone' at the bottom of the garden. Please be respectful of that when doing the drop offs and pick up. If there are no car parks available you will need to park on the street. Parents who consistently do the wrong thing may be asked to park on the street permanently. Please note, Council Rangers have told us that they will be patrolling school zones to ensure that cars are not parked illegally. This includes 'No Stopping', Crossing Zones, Bus Zones and across driveways.



Safety around schools

Road rules in school zones

Pedestrian crossings

You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Minimum penalty: \$439 and two demerit points

Double parking

You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points

Parking on a verge

You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb).

Minimum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points

Slow down

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.

Kiss and ride

Some schools have 'kiss and ride' or 'drop-off and pick-up zones' for children in 'No Parking' zones. If your school has a program in place, remember to always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures. You can stop in a kiss and ride area for two minutes only to pick up passengers and you must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

If your school does not have a 'kiss and ride' program in place please use the 'No Parking' zone to drop off and pick up passengers.

PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS



You cannot stop here

A driver must not stop in a no stopping zone.

Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You can stop here for two minutes only

You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

Minimum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed.

Minimum penalty: \$561 and one demerit point

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office hours are 8.15am – 3.15pm

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.

BELL TIMES

9:00 – 11:15 Morning Sessions

11:15 – 12:00 Lunch

12:00-1:45 Middle session

1:45-2:10 Recess

2:10-3:00 Afternoon Session

3:00 Dismissal under COLA (weather permitting)

STUDENT BELONGINGS

Just a reminder to **PLEASE LABEL ALL STUDENT BELONGINGS, ESPECIALLY LUNCH BOXES, DRINK BOTTLES AND HATS.** This will make it easier for us to return it to your child.

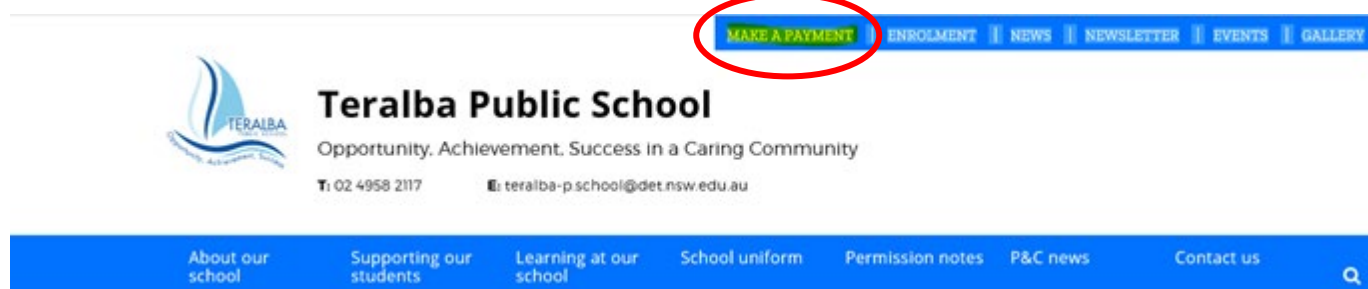
PERMISSION NOTES AND MONEY

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.



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.

As 2019 attendance data was reviewed over the break, I noted some alarming trends in some students' attendance data. These included frequent late arrival or early pick up, several days away without any notification and siblings having days away together. Every school day counts and is vital in helping students reach their full potential. You will be contacted via text each day your child is away. Staff will contact you if your child has been away unexplained for more than 2 consecutive days. Any child that is away for more than 4 days without an appropriate reason will be referred to the Learning and Wellbeing team. This could result in a referral to the Home School Liaison Officers or the NSW Department of Education Child Wellbeing Unit.

TERM 1 SPORT

Term 1 sport will be soccer. We are awaiting confirmation on the starting date. As we have received sufficient funding from Sporting Schools there is no cost to parents.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Brazer will be teaching all classes Library this year. Students can return books on any school day to the grey box in the office foyer or to the return boxes in their classrooms.

Library bags are highly appreciated in order to keep those books on loan clean and safe from damage. Students in Years 3 - 6 are permitted 3 books on loan at one time, although, must keep one of these at school for use during Literacy lessons. Students in Years K - 2 are permitted 2 books on loan at one time and can take both books home.

Library days are as follows:

- KM - Wednesday,
- 1/2B - Thursday
- 2G - Thursday
- 3/4T - Wednesday
- 5/6D – Wednesday

2020 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

18th February – Zone Swimming (qualifying students only) approx. \$8

TBA - School Cross Country - No cost

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Term 2

6th May - School athletics carnival - \$10 approx.

7th May - School photos - varying package prices from approx. \$25

19th May – Civic Theatre Excursion Years K-2 approx. \$25

TBA - A Matter of Seconds water safety program - No cost

10th June – Civic Theatre Excursion Years 3-6 approx. \$25

Term 3

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

Canberra excursion, Years 5 & 6, approx. \$380 each

Morisset camp, 2 days, 1 night to be confirmed (years 3 & 4) - approx. \$180 each

Whole School Swimming lessons – TBA

4th December – Students on track Supercars excursion Years 3-6 approx. \$10 each

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

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Special Religious Education (SRE or commonly known as Scripture) is offered to all Teralba students who wish to participate, as per The Education Act of 1990 which states 'in every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion'. SRE lessons at Teralba P.S are **non-denominational** and delivered by a Department of Education approved provider: the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle.

Depending on availability, SRE teachers are subject to change; however, Mrs Catherine Beeton and Mrs Hendricks will be returning to Teralba again this year. They will begin teaching mid-Term 1 on Tuesday afternoons.

Families and Carers of students new to Teralba will be sent home a note where they can choose whether their child participates in SRE or in other meaningful activities (PBL focus lessons) instead. Mrs Rita Brazer is the school coordinator for Special Religious Education and can be contacted for further information through the school office and school email.

Further information on this policy can be found by searching for 'religion' through the Department of Education's website <http://www.education.nsw.edu.au> or by following this

link <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics/about-religion-and-ethics>

SCHOOL 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.

MOBILE PHONES

All children who bring a mobile phone to school must hand it into the office each morning. Also children with watches that have mobile phone capacity are not to use them at school. Parents are asked to turn off mobile phone capabilities (school mode) on all watches during school hours. If there is an emergency or children need to contact parents then it will be done through the office.

DOGS ON GROUNDS

Parents are asked NOT to bring dogs on school grounds unless prior permission has been obtained from the Principal.

CANTEEN

Canteen will commence this week 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. The canteen menu is attached for your information.


We are always looking for **volunteers** to help. Please see Robyn in the office or Karen in the canteen if you can help.

PARENT – TEACHER MEETING

Parents are invited to meet with your class teachers on Monday 10th February at 3:05pm. Teachers will introduce themselves, discuss class routines and expectations as well as answer any questions parents may have. If you have children in multiple classes please contact teachers for alternate arrangements.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

We have a limited amount of Student Assistance Scheme funds to assist low income families with the cost of uniforms, excursions, sport and other school costs. If you would like to apply for assistance please request an application from the office. It is a very simple form to complete and all details are confidential. The applications will be assessed and you will be advised as soon as possible of the amount we are able to help you with.

Teralba Public School Canteen Menu				No credit given - please don't ask	
LUNCH				SNACKS	
See our black boards for weekly meal deals and specials of the day				*limit- 1 ice block per child, during lunch and recess breaks	
Salad sandwich/wrap/tub	\$4.00	Beef lasagna	\$3.50	Seasonal fruit	Seasonal Price
Add egg	\$1.00	Nachos	\$3.50	Slinky apples	Seasonal Price
Add Chicken/ham	\$1.00	Flame grilled chicken burger	\$3.50	Pikelets	\$0.10
Cheese sandwich	\$2.00	with lettuce & mayo		Popcorn (canteen prepared)	\$0.50
Ham/chicken sandwich	\$3.00	Mac & Cheese	\$3.50	Red Rock Deli Chips	\$1.20
Egg & lettuce sandwich/wrap	\$3.00	Garlic bread (max 4 slices)	\$0.20 ea	Raisin bread	\$0.30 slice
*sandwiches can be toasted - specify when ordering		Medium pie (low fat)	\$2.00	Cheese on toast	\$0.30 slice
* All sandwiches wraps are on wholemeal bread		Sausage roll (low fat)	\$2.00	Muffin chocolate (summer)	\$1.80
Toasted sandwich		Chicken nuggets (max 10)	\$0.50 ea	Cheese and bacon roll	\$1.80
Cheese (light)	\$2.00	Pizza - cheese & bacon or	\$2.50	Frozen orange segments	\$0.20
Baked beans/spaghetti	\$2.50	ham & pineapple		Quelch fruit juice ice blocks*	\$0.60
Ham/cheese/tomato	\$3.50	Sauce tomato or BBQ	\$0.30	Juicies*	\$1.30
DRINKS				lemonade/orange/tropical/wildberry	
Plain light milk poppers	\$1.20			Chocolate tub	\$0.50
Flavoured milk (light) choc/banana/strawberry	\$2.00			Twister Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00
Orchy juice apple, apple/blackcurrant or orange	\$2.00			Lemonade Juice	\$1.00
Warm milo	\$1.20			Bulla Light Ice Cream Cup	\$2.00

* Indicates items that follow the healthy kids food guide for green choice - these items are good choices for everyday

* Indicates items that are amber choices under the healthy kids food guide - these items contain moderate levels of saturated fats and/or added sugar and/or salt and should not be chosen everyday

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