It gives me great pleasure to start the Newsletter with some fantastic news. Taylor, Ben and Jude all recently tried out for the Zone Rugby League team and all three boys were selected. It is always a great feeling to know that you can represent the school, but to take that representation to the next level shows some great talent. Good luck at the Regional trials later next month.

Today is my last day of this term as I start my long service leave tomorrow (Tuesday). Mrs Perrett will be the relieving Principal whilst I am away and is very excited about the many prospects that lie ahead.

Mr Troy Pond will be teaching Mrs Perrett’s class while she is filling in. Enjoy the rest of the term, I will spare a thought for you all as my family and I embark on a trip to the USA.

Last week both Mrs Pohl and Mrs Maytom started their formal L3 training. L3 is an intensive Literacy program that has seen results here at Teralba increase beyond belief. This training will take place 3 times a term and will mean that both teachers will be out of the school on those days. As a whole school we have planned as best we can to minimise disruptions to those classes and maintain a steady routine.

Richard Metcalf
Principal
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
This Friday, years 3 to 6 will be doing their part for the environment, cleaning up the school and some of the local area.

All students are required to bring in gloves and if possible a labelled bucket so that they are protected in the clean-up. Students will be cleaning up in the middle session so as not to disturb the all-important morning block.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016
Upon reviewing upcoming events and the costs involved for all families we have decided to start sending home notes now. Please look at upcoming events and budget for the future. Please note if you need any financial assistance it is available. Ask Robyn for an application form.

Term 1
Easter raffle

Combined Schools ANZAC service (years 3-6) $5 per student

Poppies & Barbed Wire exhibition (years K-6) - $6 due by 7th April

Term 2
School Athletics Carnival - $8 per student (3rd May)

School Photos - from approx. $20 (5th May)

In term 4, years 5-6 are invited to attend the 3 day Canberra excursion. The estimated cost is $325 per student and is payable in instalments if you wish. An expression of Interest will go home later this week and a non-refundable deposit of $40 will be required by the end of term.

Also in term 4, years 3-4 are invited to attend the overnight excursion to Morisset Outdoor Education experience and the estimated cost is $160. An expression of interest will go home later this week and a non-refundable deposit of $20 will be required by the end of term.

Please send payments in envelopes, clearly labelled with student’s names, class and purpose, not plastic bags.
Congratulations Jay Bell on being February’s Kiwani Kid. Jay is always considerate of other students and goes out of his way to help whenever he can.

**YR 1/2 - SCIENCE**
As part of our science unit this term we have been designing bird houses to encourage more birds into our playground. We will be making our bird houses from recyclable materials this Wednesday, 3rd March from 2.15 - 3.00pm and would like to invite any parents/grandparents/carers who are available to join us to help make our bird houses. Also, donations of wire and/or string to hang our bird houses are needed and much appreciated.

**TENNIS**
Every Thursday, throughout the year all students will receive free tennis coaching with Geoff Booth. Geoff is a tennis coach with Kids Tennis Foundation. The Foundation runs the tennis program at no cost to selected schools and it is designed to raise self-confidence and self-esteem through tennis and at the same time teach basic tennis skills.
HEADLICE
It has been brought to my attention that some students have been infected with Head lice or Nit. Below is an exert from the DOE Website

The facts
Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.
- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice
As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.
- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

What you can expect from your school
- Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice.
- Observing students scratching their heads is not a reliable or efficient means of assessing head lice prevalence in the school.
- Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff.