

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the weather begins to warm up it is pleasing to see most of our students wearing hats. It is important to apply sunscreen prior to coming to school and ensure your child has water to stay hydrated. We are in the process of organising our Presentation Day and will provide more details in the next newsletter.

## WHAT'S ON

Thursday	10 November	Rewards Day
Tuesday	15 November	Infants Concert
Tuesday	22 November	Primary Concert
Tuesday	29 November	Taree High School Parent Information Session 5.30-6.30pm
Thursday	1 December	Chatham High School Parent Information Session 6-7 pm
Monday	5 December	Chatham High Orientation Day
Wednesday	7 December	Taree High School Orientation Day
Thursday	8 December	Presentation Day
Friday	9 December	Carols by Glowstix
Thursday	15 December	Year 6 Farewell

## DOGS

Dogs are not to enter onto school grounds unless previous arrangements have been made. Some students are fearful of dogs and they pose an occupational health and safety risk for our school community. If parents are walking students either to or from school with a dog please drop off or collect students from the gate.

## ANTI-BULLYING

This Thursday 10 November the Youth Liaison Officer from Taree Police Station will be giving a talk about Bullying to Stage 2 and 3 students. Parents are cordially invited to attend. This will take place in the school hall at 2.30.

## ANTI BULLYING POLICY

TWPS are currently developing our Anti-Bullying plan. Students will take part in a Social Skills program involving a series of lessons which will be implemented in the classroom. Bullying is not a one off incident. It is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful. Bullying of any form can have long term effects on all those involved including the person who is doing the bullying. TWPS strives to maintain a positive climate of respectful relationships where bullying is less likely to occur. If a student feels he/she is being bullied there are a number of strategies currently in place, these are:

- Classroom teacher should be the first person the student talks to
- 'Sort and Talk' designed to talk through playground issues
- School counsellor
- Playground Support

## CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K-1J	Taya H	Taylah M	Bailey T
KB	Jake H	Bella W	Harry N
KC	Jessica T	Faraz T	Kate F
KF	Emily N	Zoe M	Heath R
KG	Jasiah C	Taneha C	Sierra G
1-2C	Sarah P	Jimmy M	Jamaica K
1D	Jasmine J	Lauren W	Kaytlin L
1K	Jasmine R	Natalia R	Liam E
2B	Jazmin C	Allana T	Lillian G
2M	Alanna E	Amber S	
2S	Maddison J	Jaryd M	Cooper W
3/4B			
3B			
3M			
4-5-6F			
4/5S			
4M			
5C			
5E			
6C			
6J			

### VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

Volunteers and visitors who are working on the Taree West PS site are required to complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration at the beginning of each year. Forms can be completed at the office. Proof of identity is also required.

Persons who have not completed the declaration will be denied access to the site. This is a Department of Education and Communities requirement across all NSW schools.

Volunteers and visitors to the school must sign in through the office and obtain a volunteer or visitor pass. Persons on site without passes will be referred back to the office. Passes should be returned to the office when volunteers or visitors sign out.

I understand that this is an inconvenient process but it is a Departmental requirement that assists us in ensuring the safety of our students at school.

Thanks for your understanding.

### CONCERT

Our in-school rehearsal was very promising on Monday.

Congratulations to Year 2 who really showed great skill and silence in getting on and off the stage, not to mention their very catchy performance. Green notes are due in on Wednesday and remember unless there is a very important reason, students should not miss this opportunity to perform.

### YEAR 7 2012 CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Chatham High School's Orientation Day for Students going into Year 7 2012 will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. It is the responsibility of parents to organise their own child's transport to and from the High School. A parent Information Session will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 6.00 to 7.00 pm.

### YEAR 7 2012 TAREE HIGH SCHOOL

Taree High School's Orientation Day for Students going into Year 7 2012 will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. It is the responsibility of parents to organise their own child's transport to and from the High School.

### PSSA NATIONAL TOUCH FOOTBALL

Taree West Public School would like to congratulate Callum Wesley on his recent role in the NSW State Team playing at the PSSA National Touch Football Tournament played in Coffs Harbour. Callum was an integral part of the State Team that finished the competition equal second (1st QLD and equal 2nd NT). His State Coach commented last week that Callum was one of three Hunter Representatives in the team and all three were easily the best contributors for NSW. Well done Callum. Callum was asked to submit a round down of his experience and it is as follows:

At the end of October I travelled to Coffs Harbour to play for NSW in the National PSSA Touch Football Championships.

I played the positions of wing and link. The team had two big wins on the first day beating Tasmania 23-0 and South Australia 18-1. On the Tuesday we played ACT and beat them 8-1. Then we came up against a strong Queensland team which they took out 8-1.

Wednesday was excursion day where all the States and Territories get together to have a fun day. We went to the Pet Porpoise Pool and the Big Banana, which was heaps of fun.

On the Thursday morning we lost to Northern Territory 6-4 and in the afternoon we played Queensland again where I played in my favourite position of link and lost 5-3. Although we lost this match we played the best touch footy so far of the tournament.

This meant on the final day of competition we had to beat Northern Territory to take out joint silver medal. This was the most exciting match of the tournament, matching try for try in the first half. Eventually we got our revenge taking out the match 13-10 in a highly entertaining game. I also played link in this game.

I ended up scoring 5 tries in the tournament and really enjoyed the week in Coffs Harbour making heaps of new friends.

### COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

TWPS would like to thank our greater school community in assisting us in the Coles: Sports for Schools Promotion. We were able to amass a grand total of 133,876 points. The following table accounts for each class' total and average per student population (rounded off to the nearest whole number).

Class	Total	Students in class	Average/ student
KB	5504	19	289
KC	4879	21	232
KF	6824	21	324
KG	4594	18	255
K-1J	5062	21	241
1D	5312	23	230
1K	6850	23	297
1-2C	7759	24	323
2B	6861	23	298
2M	7302	23	317
2S	6927	24	288
3B	3997	30	133
3M	5309	30	176
3-4B	6363	29	219

4-5-6F	9425	30	314
4-5S	6578	28	234
4M	6615	29	228
5C	7116	29	245
5E	6535	29	225
6C	3891	29	134
6J	6355	29	219
BOX	3318		
<b>Subtotal = 133,376</b>		532	250
<b>School Grand Total =</b>		<b>133,876</b> with early bonus 500	

4/5/6F acquired the most with 9,425 points with 1/2C (7,759), 2M (7,302) and 5C (7,116) following closely behind. When averaging each class with their population, KF collected 324 points per student. Only one point per student separated 1st and 2nd. 1/2C (323), 2M (317) and 4/5/6F (314) were very close behind.

The vouchers/point coupons have now been sent off. Our school has ordered over 140 items (some multi-item kits) from a sporting catalogue. Items include cricket gear, indoor shot puts, footballs, stopwatches, indoor footballs, buckets of various balls, indoor soccer balls, crawling tunnels, balance boards, foam beams, an electric air compressor, juggling sticks, jumping sacks, an electric starting pistol with a wireless amplifier, stethoscopes, bell balls, vortex howlers, UHF communication radios, tennis racquet kits, etc. We are expecting delivery in the early 2012.

Again, thank you to everyone who assisted in making a massive contribution to our school's sporting needs.

**Taree RSL Red Rovers**  
**Pre Season Rego/Xmas Fun Day**  
 Sunday 4 December  
 11am to 3 pm  
 Taree Rec Ground  
 Further information call  
 Chris & Sharon Murphy 65567313  
 Phill DeStefano 04122026045  
 Or Wayne & Melissa Gahan 65578375

### KIDS FISHING WORKSHOP

Forster Tuncurry

Saturday 17 December 2011

10.00-2.00

The day involves fishing techniques, bag/size limits and ethical fishing practices.

Designed for kids aged 8-14.

\$40 per child. Numbers are limited.

For bookings contact: Jamie Burns

Fisheries Education Officer 02 49809204

or 0408 609 332

jamie.burns@industry.nsw.gov.au

### Making Time for Mum

– it takes a community  
 (Free community event)

A Postnatal Depression Awareness

Week initiative

November 17 10am-2pm

Community of Christ Hall

92 High Street Taree

### VEGEMITE SURFGROMS....

an exciting new program for 5-12 year olds that builds confidence in kids through experiencing the freedom of surfing.

Register at [www.surfgroms.com](http://www.surfgroms.com)

