

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 - Week 5

Tuesday, 22 February 2011

PRINCIPALS REPORT

As I visit the classrooms I continued to be impressed by the excellent work students are producing. Of particular note have been my visits to the kinder rooms where the youngest of our students are showing enthusiasm and are fitting into school life so well. The school has been fortunate in receiving a Premier's Sporting Grant. This will allow us to revamp the cricket nets, construct a Volleyball court and install a rebound wall for students to play handball against. The school is also investigating the provision of shade covers over the infants' play area.

WHAT'S ON?

Thursday	24 February	Parent/Teacher BBQ 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday To Friday	2 March to 11 March	Life Education Van
Monday To Friday	7 March To 18 March	Swim School
Tuesday	15 March	School Photos
Tuesday	22 March	Hot Dog & Moosie Day
Thursday	31 March	Entries Close for International Comps Year 3 to Year 6 only
Friday	8 April	Anzac Service - School
Friday	8 April	Last Day Term 1

AWARD WINNERS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Maths Awards
K/1J	Ashley B	Murphie C	Samira M
KB	Harry N	Sienna T	Annie C
KC	Jessica O	Shanika G	Kurt W
KF	Matilda M	Logan H	Jessie M
KG	Lincoln P	Ethan P	Emma D
1D	Lauren W	Bryan K	Jasmine W
1K	Darbee M	Breenna H	Makayah
1/2C	Courtney B	Jimmy M	Keira K
2B	Charlotte M	Zac T	Allana T
2M	Zachary W	Rachellie T	Drew P
2S	Callum S	Antonio S	Jessica W
3/4B	Leon T	Laura B	Leon M
3B	Abbey W	Nathan E	Cody B
3M	Lachlan R	Amelia M	Conor S

4/5/6F	Harold L	Brandon W	Mitchell W
4/5S	Caelum M	Tyrell M	Madeline B
4M	Patrick M	Indeah F	Galen W
5C	Michael N		Abby E
5E	Samuel C	Joshua C Lachlan P	
6C	Mitchell W	Ashlee C	Matthew S
6J	Sarah C	Olivia M	Kylie A

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2011 the Voluntary Contribution will remain at only \$20.00 per child in Years 1 to Year 6. The school relies heavily on these contributions which equates to less than 10c per day. Monday collected is used in a variety of ways purchasing much needed learning materials.

YEAR 1 DICTIONARIES

Year 1 children are asked to please purchase a dictionary from the school.

PRIMARY CAMPS

Stage 2 – Year 3 & Year 4

Stage 2 students will be given the opportunity to attend a 3 day Aussie Bush Camp this year in the week starting 27 June and ending 1 July. The total cost will be \$235.00. Traditionally stage 2 students went on camp to Tiona but we have been unable to continue this camp due to Occupational Health and Safety reasons. Numbers will be limited to 54 per grade for transport cost reasons and places will be filled on a first in, first served basis. If your child plans to attend please get deposits in promptly. Further information will go out this week.

Year 5

Year 5 students will be given the opportunity to attend a camp to Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre this year from the 27-29 July. The total cost will be \$260.00. Places will be limited to 54 due to transport cost reasons and will be filled on a first in, first served basis. If your child plans to attend please get deposits in promptly. Further information will go out this week.

Year 6

Year 6 students will be given the opportunity to attend a 4day Canberra Excursion from 19-22 July. The total cost will be \$345.00. If your child plans to attend please get deposits in promptly to enable us to give our numbers to the travel company. Further information will go out this week.

BUS PASSES

If your child has previously held a bus pass and have now gone into Year 3, they will need to reapply for a pass. Please note that you must reside outside a certain radius to be eligible for free bus travel.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is active at this school and the School Banking Specialist for the Commonwealth Bank, Theresa will be here on Thursday 10 March at 9.15am at the School Canteen. She will be able to assist in opening new accounts. Every new account that is opened can earn the school \$5.00 as well as commission based on the deposits.

Theresa will answer any questions you may have. Application forms will be available if your child has not brought one home.

PARENT TEACHER BBQ

Our K-6 Parent Teacher BBQ will take place this Thursday 24 February from 5.30-6.30. Teachers will be available to talk with you in the vicinity of their rooms. Prior to or on the night teachers will provide parents with a classroom information sheet which outlines class routines, equipment required and other matters relevant to the class. RFF teachers, our Community Liaison Officer and Assistant Principals will be manning a free BBQ under the middle cola. Water will also be able to be purchased at a nominal cost.

The purpose of the night is to enable parents and teachers to get to know each other in an informal atmosphere. Obviously, in depth interviews will not be able to be conducted at this time as teachers will need to speak to all parents present however it is fine to make an appointment for a later date.

We hope to see you on Thursday. TWPS Teachers.

PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents are advised for safety reasons that onsite parking is only for school staff.

AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH NOTES

All students were given an Authority to Publish Note last week. If your child has not returned this note could they do so as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo envelopes were sent home yesterday. If you would like a family photograph, please call to the front office and pick up an envelope. Please do not send money or envelopes in until the day of the photos, Tuesday 15 March.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school from Wednesday 2 March to Friday 11 March 2011. Cost to visit the van will be \$7.00 per child. Please return the permission note and payment to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

"Harold" merchandise will be available for purchase on the day.

Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class.

Items for purchase are:

Tattoo – 50c, Harold Key Ring - \$2.00, Stationery Set - \$3.00, Harold Hand Ball - \$3.00, Harold Soft Toy - \$8.00, Large Harold Soft Toy - \$20.00.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The school will once again be participating in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools for Science, English, Spelling, Computing Skills and Mathematics.

These competitions are open to all students in Year 3 to Year 6. If you would like your child to participate in one or all of the competitions please fill out the entry form and return with payment by Thursday 31 March 2011. Please note that no late entries will be accepted.

TAREE WEST HOCKEY CLUB

Want to have fun, meet new friends? Then consider playing Hockey. Our club is looking for players to play in our Under 7 mixed, Under 9 mixed, Under 12 mixed, Under 14 mixed teams.

If you already play then bring a friend and introduce them to hockey. Or if you haven't played then come and join our family friendly club.

Junior Registration Days

Tuesday 22nd Feb – 4pm to 5pm

Tuesday 1st March – 4pm to 5pm

At the Taree Recreation Ground Hockey Fields

For enquiries contact

Rod Collier – 6553 1287 or Lyn Hinton – 6552 038

TAREE CITY NETBALL

Taree City Netball are holding the following registration days

Tuesday 22/2/11 3pm-5pm at Taree West Public School

Wednesday 23/2/11 3.30pm-5pm at the netball courts

Wednesday 2/3/11 3.30pm-5pm at the netball courts

Saturday 5/3/11 12pm-2pm at the netball courts.

Orders will be taken on these days for uniforms. We also invite any interested coaches or umpires to attend these days.

CUNDLETOWN HOCKEY CLUB

Wanted: Junior players to join our friendly, family orientated club.

Registrations forms can be obtained from Club Taree or for more information regarding our sign up fun day please phone:

Katrina Green (Secretary) 6552 1540 or mobile 0438 521 548

THE SMITH FAMILY Saver Plus Program

Do you have a child at school or are you studying and would \$500 help cover your education expenses?

The Smith Family is running a Taree savings program that can help you save for your own or your child's education.

Saver Plus is looking for new participants to join before 31 March 2011.

To be eligible you must:

- Be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself.
- Have a current health care card or pension card, and
- Have some income from work.

For more information please phone:

Mark Norris – 6557 8284 or 0429 820 9744 or

Email Mark.norris@thesmithfamily.com.au

