

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 - Week 8

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PRINCIPALS REPORT WELL DONE

Congratulations and thank you to all students for the fantastic playground behaviour that is being displayed. All students should be very proud of themselves.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos took place today. Thank you to parents/carers for ensuring that students looked their best and were in full school uniform.

WHAT'S ON?

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| Wednesday | 16 March | Ride2School Day |
| Monday | 21 March | P&C Meeting 2.00pm Staffroom |
| Tuesday | 22 March | Hot Dog & Moosie Day |
| Saturday | 26 March | Election Day Cake Stall |
| Thursday | 31 March | Entries Close for International Comps Year 3 to Year 6 only |
| Friday | 8 April | Anzac Service - School |
| Friday | 8 April | 2 nd Payment due for Camps |
| Friday | 8 April | Last Day Term 1 |

AWARD WINNERS

| Class | Class Award | Class Award | Maths Awards |
|-------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| K/1J | Sofia M | Saska C | Neevah H |
| KB | Hudson S | Arwen E | Clare W |
| KC | Kate F | Jack S | Timothy B |
| KF | Emily N | Jesse L | Damian B |
| KG | Hamish C | Phoebe B | Ryan M |
| 1-2C | Hunter S | Colin R | Ethan H |
| 1D | Sophie H | Nicholas R | Jessica F |
| 1K | Emily M | Isabella T | Mitchell S |
| 2B | | | |
| 2M | Sophie M | Lauren C | Emily H |
| 2S | Jesse W | Letesha M | Charlie D |

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| 3/4B | Aleah C | Tanisha B | Hayden H |
| 3B | Leah G | Bailey B | Christopher J |
| 3M | | | |
| 4/5/6F | Galen W | John B | Hailey Y |
| 4/5S | Kaine D | Izaak L | Kimberley N |
| 4M | Abby B | Patrick M | Britney H |
| 5C | Kirsti H | Khiaecia M | Jessica A |
| 5E | Chance A | Brianna B | Harlie D |
| 6C | | | |
| 6J | Kai W | Samuel F | Kylie A |

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

There are still a large number of students lacking the equipment needed for everyday classroom activities. Please ensure your child has the following equipment each day.

Year 1 & Year 2

1 glue stick, 1 set coloured pencils, paint shirt (an old T-shirt would be suitable), library bag, 1 box of tissues, 1 display folder (A4), 1 whiteboard marker (non permanent).

Year 3 & Year 4

HB Lead Pencils, 1 set coloured pencils, eraser, red pen, black/blue pen, 30cm ruler (not metal or floppy), glue stick, scissors, 1 display folder (A4), 1 box of tissues, 1 whiteboard marker (non permanent).

Year 5 & Year 6

HB Lead Pencils, 1 set coloured pencils, eraser, red pen, black/blue pen, 30 cm ruler (not metal or floppy), glue stick, scissors, 1 display folder (A4), 1 box of tissues, 1 whiteboard marker (non permanent). Please do not send students to school with excessive equipment as things can be misplaced.

HEAD LICE

Following an outbreak of head lice in the area, the school is recommending that each child be thoroughly examined and treated at home if necessary.

A small flyer has been sent home today on this topic.

IMPETIGO (School Sores)

There have been a few cases of Impetigo reported to the school. Below is an outline of treatment.

Time from exposure to illness: 1 to 3 days.

Symptoms: Small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes, until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with a watertight dressing.

How can I help prevent spread? Careful hand washing.

PACE PROGRAM

Our school has been selected to participate in the Parent and Community Engagement Program. The program focuses on helping Aboriginal parents help their kids. Aboriginal families meet at the school on a regular basis to have a yarn about issues they may be concerned about. Rosina Smith, our local PACE co-ordinator runs the program and it comes highly recommended from both Manning Gardens and Taree Public School.

Our PACE program launch will occur this Thursday 17 March in the form of a BBQ lunch at 12.00pm in the area adjacent to our meeting room.

Transport to and from our school is available by calling Rosina on 65513233.

CERTIFICATE 1 IN ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES

We would like to bring to the attention of Aboriginal parents that an Aboriginal Language course is currently taking place at Taree Tafe. Contact 65685695 for further information.

SCHOOL MURAL/PLP's FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

Jay Davis our local ACLO rep. visited our school recently. Jay has significant expertise in completing murals and we would like to investigate whether Aboriginal parents would be interested in completing a mural with us in conjunction with our PLPs due to be completed in term 2 and the PACE program. Please come along to a PACE program meeting to express your interest. Mrs Redman will be sending out PLP meeting invites in term 2.

Hannah is Off to State Swimming

Congratulations to Hannah H of Year 4 for an outstanding achievement at the Regional Swimming Carnival held in Maitland last Tuesday. She swam in two events, 10 year old 50 metres Freestyle and the Junior (8, 9 10 year old) 50 metres Butterfly. She successfully gained selection in the Regional team by coming second in both races with qualifying times. Taree West PS has not had a swimming representative at a State Carnival for many years. Sensational effort Hannah. On behalf of Taree West, I'd like to extend our best wishes in your preparation and for your up-coming competition. Let's hope you swim to the best of your ability!

PSSA Winter Trials

Over the past week, there have been opportunities for Taree West students to gain selection into Manning Representative sporting teams through the Primary School Sporting Association (PSSA) running selection days. Sports have included League, Soccer, Hockey and Netball. We have a number of students who have gained selection into these teams and will now travel to the Newcastle Region with their fellow team members from various Manning Schools. Their aim is to gain selection into the Hunter Regional Team that will in future play off at a State Carnival. The following students have gained selection:

Hockey: Amber W, Kirby B, Brodie W, Portia R, Chloe N, Thomas N, Eamon S and Nicole B (shadow member)

Soccer: Joshua D

League: Callum W and Tahj W

Congratulations to these girls and boys.

Summary of Sporting Calendar

During each year, many representative sporting opportunities exist for students at Taree West. Typically, many of these opportunities are for teams in more popular sports such as Touch Football, Netball, Basketball, Soccer, League, etc. Most of these teams are filled by Year 5 and 6 students, but occasionally Year 4 students with extremely good skills may squeeze in. Other sporting representative opportunities include swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals that can go all the way to state competition. These carnivals are for children turning 8 or older in each year.

If there are any questions or queries, please see me. Mr Umland.

Ride2School Day Wednesday 16th March

National Ride2School Day is to be held next week. Thanks to kind donations from local businesses we will offer students fresh fruit upon their arrival at school, there will be lucky bike/scooter passport draws and a bike track at lunch time.

Children are encouraged to participate in safe, active travel to school and part way is OK. Please ensure your child wears a helmet that is adjusted properly, that their bike has pumped up tyres and the seat height is correct.

Please accompany your child if they are not a frequent rider who knows the safest route. Any child below year three should be accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Why is regular attendance important?

Parents/Carers have the legal responsibility of ensuring that their children attend school.

Parents/Carers **MUST** provide the school with an explanation for each absence. This can be in the form of a written note, a phone call to the school, or a personal visit to the school.

Children who are continually late to school miss important instruction.

PRIMARY CAMPS

Stage 2 – Year 3 & Year 4 – DEPOSIT DUE

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.

There are 11 seats available on the Year 3 Camp and 11 seats available on the Year 4 Camp.

Year 5 – DEPOSIT DUE by Friday 25 March

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.

There are 21 seats still available.

Year 6 – DEPOSIT DUE by Friday 25 March

Year 6 students will be given the opportunity to attend a 4 day Canberra Excursion from 19-22 July. The total cost will be \$345.00.

There are 14 seats still available.

STUDENT DETAILS

A printout was sent home with your child's details on it. If there are any changes to address, phone numbers etc could you please make the appropriate changes and return as soon as possible so we can update our system.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS – Closing 31 March

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.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 21 March at 2.00pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Taree City netball club was wondering if you could put in your announcements that we require more players if anyone is interested please call 0438525479.
Thanks for your assistance.

Mrs Berry will be teaching piano at Taree West after school on Wednesdays.
Beginner students and exam students are taught.
Contact Elizabeth Berry on 6554 1711 or 0414 461 708