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Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 2 - Week 3

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

We wish all Year 3 and Year 5 all the best in their NAPLAN tests this week. Listed below are some strategies that might help you prepare your child for these tests.

- Focus on doing their best & trying hard:** Choose your words carefully when you speak with your children. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. **The only pressure on kids should be to try hard, rather than to do well.**
- Take your cues from your child:** If your child doesn't worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn't exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.
- Give them some relaxation ideas:** Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, **changing their thinking** and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

Being a positive and caring parent is the best approach when your child is apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it's going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.

It's also worth remembering that many children don't stress over these tests.

NEW BELL TIMES

We are trialling a minor change to our bell times. Lunch break has now been extended to allow children a longer play period allowing students to utilise the gully area more effectively (11.25am – 12.25pm). The afternoon break has been reduced to 15 minutes (1.55pm – 2.10pm).

WHAT'S ON?

Tuesday	10 May	NAPLAN TESTING YEAR 3 & 5
Wednesday	11 May	NAPLAN TESTING YEAR 3 & 5
Thursday	12 May	NAPLAN TESTING YEAR 3 & 5
Friday	13 May	P&C Raffles Taree West Bowling Club

Monday	16 May	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Vision & Hearing Test Consent forms to be returned
Monday	16 May	Intensive Swimming commences Selected students only
Tuesday	17 May	P&C Meeting 2.00pm Staffroom
Wednesday	18 May	Last Day Stewart House donation
Friday	3 June	Pie Orders & Money due to canteen
Friday	3 June	Aussie Bush Camp Year 3 & 4 to be fully paid
Tuesday	7 June	In school Performance More information later
Friday	17 June	Pie pick up 10am-11am School Hall
Friday	17 June	Canberra Year 6 – to be fully paid
Friday	24 June	Broken Bay Year 5 – to be fully paid

AWARD WINNERS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Maths Awards
K/1J	Samira M	Samuel F	Sofia M
KB	Annie C	Makaylah N	Zavier W
KC	Keely S	Charlie-Rose K	Kurt W
KF	JT D	Seth A	Jesse L
KG	Baden F	Lindsay S	Ethan P
1-2C	Rohan W	Connor E	Griffin C
1D	Samual G	Kaziah B	Jasmine J
1K	Darbee M	Liam E	Tyler O
2B	Cooper W	Nicholas A	Makyah C
2M	Joshuah W	Tea S	Kiaya R
2S	Emily R	Glen C	Callum S

EXCURSIONS

Please note that camps/excursions for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 are now full.

There are still some seats available for the Year 5 excursion to Broken Bay. If you wish for your Year 5 student to attend, a deposit will need to be paid by this Friday 13 May.

Year 3 & 4 – Aussie Bush Camp – needs to be fully paid by Friday 3 June 2011

Year 6 – Canberra – needs to be fully paid by Friday 17 June 2011

Year 5 – Broken Bay – needs to be fully paid by Friday 24 June 2011

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Year 6 students will be going on a Canberra Excursion in week 1 of term 3. The Australian Government subsidises Canberra excursions through the PACER program. This subsidy has led to reduced excursion costs for our students. Whilst in Canberra students will be visiting national landmarks such as Old and New Parliament House, The National Museum of Australia, Telstra Tower, Government House, The Australian War Memorial, Electoral Education Centre, Questacon and the Canberra Embassy Tour. We thank the PACER program for the financial support.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

If you have a child in Year 4 who is not a competent swimmer and would like them to participate in the Intensive Swimming Program, please see Mrs Muller by Friday 13 May.

The Annual Taree West School Cross Country

The rescheduled School Cross Country was held in less than ideal conditions for the older students. Understandably, some students didn't participate. Those that undertook the challenge enjoyed the muddy experience and came out smiling from the gloomy conditions. The local gully resembled a battle field with students taking on the mud-field.

The results of the TWPS Annual Cross Country are as follows:

Boys 8/9	Girls 8/9	Boys 11yr	Girls 11yr
1. Harry W	Bree P	Tahj W	Portia R
2. Luke B	Jada H	Chance A	Brianna B
3. Lyall L	Hana M	Logan W	Taylah C
4. Drew P	Renae W	Connor W	Elleyana M

Boys 10	Girls 10	Boys 12/13	Girls 12/13
1. Trai B	Abby L	Callum W	Tayler K
2. Mitchell F	Maddison S	Jaeme C	Tia B
3. Kaleb B	Gabby M	Matthew M	Ashlee C
4. Ethan E	Kaya C	Ashley K	Amber W

The above mentioned students also gained selection into the Zone Cross-Country at the Wingham Sporting Complex. Thank you to the parents who braved the conditions and undertook vigorous soaking pre-wash on Friday night instead of watching the Royal Wedding. The younger students will have their opportunity to run their cross-country in the near future. Stay tuned.

Taree West PS results at Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the the following students for gaining selection into the Manning Zone Cross-Country Team by placing in the top six of their race.

Girls

Bree P – 1st 8/9yrs 2km, Portia R – 11yrs 3km

Boys

Harry W – 8/9yrs 2km, Callum W – 12yrs 3km

Thanks to all the parents who were able to support our runners on the day.

PSSA League Knockout: Taree West PS v Tuncurry PS

Taree West travelled to Tuncurry yesterday to play the local school in the Primary School Sports Associations League Knockout. It was the first time in many years that Taree West has fielded a team and the team 'looked the goods' in the new school jerseys. The team played extremely well with excellent teamwork and minimal ball handling errors. The final score was 42 to nil. Congratulations to the team for a wonderful effort. We now have to play the talented Old Bar PS in the near future, but we may have favouritism after yesterday's effort.

Thank you to all the support from the many roles parents are happy to assist with when we play. The team is:

Logan W, Cooper M, Ashley K, Callum W, Tahj W, Lachlan W, Connor S, Griffin M, Bailey T, Tyrell M, Tyler B, Lachlan P, Michael N, Lachlan B, Jaeme C and Lukis B.

Vision & Hearing Service – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children

The Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind children will be conducting a vision and hearing check for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in week 5 this term (exact day is still to be confirmed). There will be no cost involved with this service.

If you wish for your child to have these checks done, please return the completed consent form that was sent home last week to Ms Black by Monday 16 May.

MCCAIN SCHOOL VEGGIE PATCH PROGRAM

Taree West primary school has registered for the McCain School Veggie Patches program, and is urging local community, businesses and families to show their support by collecting barcodes.

Every barcode from McCain frozen vegetable or McCain Purely Potato packs purchased will provide points that Taree West can redeem for gardening tools, seeds and equipment such as wheelbarrows, water tanks and compost bins for the proposed school veggie patch.

This is a great opportunity for Taree West students to be involved in an educational program that aims to teach children about the benefits of healthy eating in a fun, outdoor environment.

To show your support and earn points for your primary school, simply collect barcodes from any pack of McCain frozen vegetables or McCain Purely Potato and drop then into school to Mrs Jobson.

To find out more about School Veggie Patches, please visit the website mccainveggiepatches.com

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

If you wish to make a donation to this wonderful charity, just follow the steps below.

Step 1: Fill in the envelope with your name, address, telephone number and school.

Step 2: Insert a donation of at least \$2.00 into the envelope and seal it up.

Step 3: Return the envelope to the school office by Wednesday 18 May 2011.

For further information go to www.stewarthouse.org.au or contact Stewart House on (02) 9938 3021.

P&C NEWS

Taree West Public School P&C will be running the Friday night raffles at Taree West Bowling Club on Friday 13 May 2011. If you are able to help please be at the club by 5.30pm. The raffles run from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Bring the kids along for a wonderful evening of entertainment.

P&C Meeting

Just a reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 May at 2.00pm in the Meeting Room.

P&C Pie Drive

We are once again holding a Pie Drive as a fundraiser. The pies are 'The Famous Timbertown Pie'.

If you require more order forms please go to the canteen.

All order forms and money are to be returned to the canteen by Friday 3 June 2011. Pick up day will be Friday 17 June from the school hall between 10.00am and 11.00am. Please note that all pies will be frozen, so they will need to be picked up promptly.