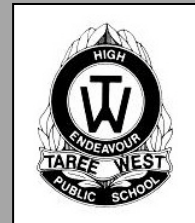


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Term 2 - Week 6

Wednesday, 1 June 2011

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Student Safety

Over the past weeks numerous parents have expressed concerns about the safety of our students on the way to and from school. By far the greatest risk has come from parents parking illegally around the school. The peak period of concern is in the afternoons when the vast majority of students exit the school grounds within 10 minutes of the final bell.

Eight years ago a school committee identified safety issues as a part of the "Safer Routes to School" program. It is interesting to note that the two danger areas identified were the crossing in front of the school and the back exit on Bayview Crescent. Nothing has changed. Listed below are the 10 recommendations made by the committee which are still relevant today. I ask all parents to read these carefully and support the school in providing a safer environment for our children.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS

SCHOOL 40KM/H ZONE

- To assist in the safety of all road users please restrict your speed during the designated times.
- "DON'T BE NAUGHTY, STICK TO 40"

BUS ZONE

- Please keep the bus zone free from vehicles during designated times.

CHILDREN TRAVELLING BY CAR

- Make sure your child's seatbelt is buckled up **before you start the car**, even when driving at low speeds or when travelling short distances.

The new national child restraint laws state:

- Children younger than six months must be secured in a rearward facing restraint.
- Children aged six months to under four years must be secured in either a rear or forward facing restraint.
- Children aged four years to under seven years must be secured in forward facing child restraint or booster seat.
- Children younger than four years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows.
- Children aged four years to under seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child restraint or booster seat.

WHEN THE RED CHILDREN'S CROSSING FLAGS ARE DISPLAYED:

- Drivers **must stop** at the white line to allow people to cross
- Vehicles must **remain stationary** until the crossing is clear of all pedestrians.

PARENT PARKING in WINGHAM ROAD and BAYVIEW CRESCENT

- Please obey all parking rules when picking up or setting down children.
- Meet children on the school side of the road.

USE OF SAFETY DOOR

- Children should always get in and out of the car using the rear footpath side door.

PARENT SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

- It is recommended that children **under the age of 10 years** be accompanied by an adult when crossing the road.
- Children **under 8 years** should have their hands held.
- It is important for parents to demonstrate safe crossing skills as a **role model** for their child.

CHILDREN CROSSING THE ROAD

- Teach your children to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK every time they cross the road.

BIKE SAFETY

- **Children under 10** should not ride on the road because they do not have the skills to ride safely in traffic.
- Every child must wear a **correctly fitted helmet**, firmly fastened.

FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY ALWAYS USE THE SUPERVISED CHILDREN'S CROSSING ON WINGHAM ROAD

PaCE

Jay Davis has done the design for the mural and will bring it to the PaCE meeting next Thursday (2nd June). Looking forward to seeing all of our PaCE parents/carers.

WHAT'S ON?

Tuesday	31 May	Senior Choir Eisteddfod
Thursday	2 June	Science & Engineering Challenge
Friday	3 June	Pie Orders & Money due to canteen
Friday	3 June	Aussie Bush Camp Year 3 & 4 to be fully paid

Monday	6 June	Netball v Pacific Palms
Tuesday	7 June	In school Performance More information later
Friday	10 June	Regional Cross Country Walka Water Works Maitland
Thursday	16 June	Sports Carnival
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	Alexander H	Bailey T	Navren W
KB	Lillianah W	Bella W	Jake H
KC	Cory W	Lydia G	Keoni F
KF			
KG	Joshua G	Kyana B	Sierra G
1-2C			
1D	Jessica F	Bryan K	Daniel H
1K	Isabella T	Lily A	Kaydance W
2B	Lillian G	Charlotte M	Amy T
2M			
2S	Imogen N	Lara T	Jai B
3/4B	Courtney A	Beau K	
3B	Ashleigh P	Brendan W	Nathan E
3M			
4/5/6F	Bailee J	Samuel H	John B
4/5S	Josie E	Tyrell M	Tammie S
4M	Crystal J	Mitchell F	Kaya C
5C			
5E	Lachlan W	Emmie P	Lilli-Maree S
6C			
6J	Portia R	Rachel F	Shania C

DEBATING

The members of Taree West PS Debating team participated in their first debate against Laurieton PS. It was very exciting and was met with much trepidation by all concerned. Indeed there was a lot of debating going on in the back seat of my car as we travelled north to face our opponents. When we arrived, we were met at the gate by the affirmative team who were very smartly attired in their school blazers. The topic "T.V. is better than books" was fiercely debated by both sides with rebuttals flying back and forth! Much praise and guidance was given by the adjudicator to both teams who waited anxiously for his decision. It was very close; and it was with stoic dispositions that we congratulated Laurieton on their victory. However we learnt a lot and are now looking forward to the next debate.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Friday the 20th May fifteen students travelled to the Rec Grounds to represent the school at the Manning P.S.S.A. Touch Football Trials. All the girls played very well in their five games, displaying great sportsmanship and a never give up attitude. Amber W, Tahni W and Taylah C were considered for the Possibles versus Probables match whilst Bree P was noted as a player of the future. The boys also played to the best of their ability and were praised by spectators for the sportsman-like manner in which they conducted themselves. Congratulations to Tahj W and Callum W for their selection in the Manning Squad to play in Newcastle this Friday.

Our teams were:

Boys team: Tahj W, Callum W, Tyler B, Tyrell M, Ashley K, Matthew S, Joshua D, Jaemee C and Kai W.

Girls team: Taylah C, Amber W, Bree P, Jaala S, Abby B, Portia R, Tahni W and Jannahli B.

NETBALL NEWS

On Wednesday 18th May our newly formed Netball Team played the first round of the PSSA Netball Competition. Our first game was against Chatham PS which we won 15-4. Victorious, we went on to challenge Old Bar later that day. Once again we won the game with a score of 10-3.

Our next game (Round 3) is to be played against Pacific Palms. We have heard they will be tough competition! The game is scheduled for Monday 6th June at 12.30pm in Forster.

TERMLY REWARD DAYS

Over the past semester staff have been looking at possible ways of rewarding students who consistently display our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Care. After significant discussion staff have decided to reward students on a termly basis for doing the right thing by implementing reward days.

The table below sets out what will happen across the year. The reward day will take place on Friday, week 8 each term unless there is a date clash. Students will be invited to attend by personal invitation from their teacher. If students have received two detentions or a suspension in a term they will be ineligible to attend.

Our goal is to see 100% of students attending our reward days by term 4.

Keep trying hard boys and girls.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Lunch in Gully + Play (Mid Session)	Lunch in Gully + Tube + Play (Mid Session)	Lunch in Gully + Pizza + Play (Mid Session)	Lunch at Riverfront with Parent Invite. (Mid Session on)

RED FOR RED DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser for the Red Shield Appeal. A total of \$380.00 was raised.

TAREE EISTEDDFOD

We wish the Stage 3 choir the best of luck at the Taree Eisteddfod today.

BUDERUS 7's Rugby League

On Thursday 19th May three rugby league teams competed in the Buderus 7's Rugby League Tournament at the Taree Rec Grounds. All three teams competed to the best of their ability and enjoyed the day immensely. The A Team of Tahj W, Tyler B, Jaemee C, Ashley K, Connor S, Tyrell M, Lachlan P, Bailey T, Callum W and Lachlan W played extremely well, only being beaten once all day in the final, going down to St Josephs 3-1.

The B team of Lukis B, Cooper M, Michael N, Griffin M, Logan W, Rory M, Harry W, Luke B and Clayton S won 3, lost 1.

The C team of Dane W, Khai G, Sam B, Jye F, Oliver O, Kaleb B, Wayne M, Arlen C, Rachel N and Janaya M played well all day and gave their opposition a good game.

A big THANKYOU to Mr Burnes, Mr Murray and Mr Gahan for coaching the boys and girls and to all the parents for their support.

SPORT CARNIVAL

Our annual Sport Carnival will be held on Thursday 16th June at the Taree Recreational Grounds. This will be a whole school activity. As in previous years all children 8 years and over will leave the school at 9.15am with the day concluding by 2.45pm.

All students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 (7 year olds) will participate in a modified Athletics Carnival. These students will leave school at 10.00am and return at 1.30pm.

A note will be sent home next week.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property crates are overflowing. If your child has lost an item of clothing etc please check the crates as they will be emptied at the end of the term.

A large number of clothing items do not have names on them. Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly labelled so we can return it.

EXCURSIONS

Medical notes were handed out last week for children attending the upcoming camps. If you have not returned the note please do so as soon as possible.

MID COAST SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Students from 4/5/6F, 6C and 6J will take part in the Mid Coast Science and Engineering Challenge to be held at Taree Racecourse on Thursday 2 June. The challenge day is a set of fun and competitive activities involving principles of science, engineering and technology. If you have not returned your permission note please do so as soon as possible.

“YOU CAN DO IT” Whole School Performance

A school performance titled 'You Can Do It' will be held at the school on Tuesday 7 June. This show is presented by Llynda Nairn a World Class Juggler. This positive program supports the areas of drama, motor skills and self confidence.

Permission notes and money need to be returned to the class teacher by Friday 3 June.

P&C Pie Drive

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.

P&C RAFFLES

Come along to the next raffles on 15th July 2011.

GUITAR LESSONS – Expression of Interest

If you are interested in your child participating in Guitar Lessons at the school, please notify the front office. Lessons will run for 7 weeks in Term 3 at a cost of \$56.00 for the term.