

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 2 - Week 7

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

It was great to see so many preschoolers with their mums in tow, attend our first playgroup session today. Approximately 10 children arrived ready to join in the numerous activities that were planned for the day. A big thank you to Rebecca Wheeler, Majida Mitchell and Leanne Ferris who put in an enormous amount of time and effort to make this project work. This is a great community resource which can only assist our children when they transition. All interested parents with preschool age children are invited to join this group by contacting Rebecca Wheeler on Phone: 0419 247 709.

WHAT'S ON?

Wednesday	8 June	ICAS Science Test Selected students
Friday	10 June	Regional Cross Country Broadmeadow Racecourse
Thursday	16 June	Sports Carnival
Friday	17 June	Pie pick up 10am-11am
Friday	17 June	Canberra Year 6 – to be fully paid
Tuesday	21 June	ICAS Spelling Test Selected students P&C Hot Dog Day
Friday	24 June	Broken Bay Year 5 – to be fully paid

IMPETIGO (School Sores)

We have had a number of Impetigo outbreaks reported to the office. Please find following some information on this condition.

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.

TAREE EISTEDDFOD

Last Tuesday the Senior Choir attended the Taree and District Eisteddfod. The group of 40 students sang a traditional American folk song called Stand By the Shore and Slice of Heaven. The group performed very well and presented in a confident manner. Whilst they were not awarded a prize, they can be very proud of their efforts and score of 83 points. The group were fine representatives of Taree West while appreciating the items of other schools. Thank you to Mrs Bird and to Mrs Cockburn for her support.

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.

Year 3 and Year 4 camps were to be fully paid by Friday 3 June.

Year 6 excursion to Canberra to be fully paid by Friday 17 June.

Year 5 excursion to Broken Bay to be fully paid by Friday 24 June.

MID COAST SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On Thursday the 2nd of June 2011 students from 4/5/6F, 6C and 6J attended the Mid-Coast Science and Engineering Challenge Day which was held at the Taree/Wingham Racecourse.

The Challenge is a set of fun and competitive activities involving principles of science, engineering and technology. Our students were encouraged to explore scientific principles for themselves.

The day was organised by The University of Newcastle in cooperation with Midcoast Water, The Rotary Clubs of Zone 4 and Taree /Wingham Race Club. Students from Chatham High ran each activity and were great role models for our students. Our students are to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour on the day. There were also other students from local primary schools present. As a result of Taree West and Taree P.S.'s problem solving and teamwork skills we were awarded first place for the day and received a beautiful trophy. We are looking forward to next year's Challenge to defend our title.

CANTEEN NEWS

There will be no Pizza's or Lasagnes available for purchase at the canteen until further notice.

A Hot Dog and Moozie day will be held on Tuesday 21 June. An order form was sent home today.

Hunter Touch Football Trials

Last Friday, Callum W and Tahj W travelled down to Nelsons Bay to try-out for the Hunter Regional Touch Football Team. Both Callum and Tahj are outstanding players and sportsmen and are shining lights in the local talent-pool. Callum was successful in gaining selection into the Hunter Touch Football Team whilst Tahj played well but just missed out on his bid.

Sport Knockout Postponements

The local schools are experiencing a bad run with postponements of Primary School Sports Association State Knockout competitions. The school has had several postponements with league and soccer for both boys and girls. Other sports have been held up too.

Firstly, an apology for these disruptions and inconveniences, but we have to abide by local council rulings on usage. As this goes to print, the girls soccer team are scheduled to play Old Bar on Wednesday (with Mr Umland), the boys and girls basketball team are playing Old Bar at Saxby's Stadium on Thursday morning (with Mrs Muller) and the boys league team are meeting Old Bar on Thursday afternoon (with Mr Evans). The chance of playing Old Bar in all these games at the one time is very unusual.

The girls' hockey team are scheduled to play up to two round matches on Friday 17th. As yet, there is no date set for the boys' soccer game.

ATTENTION PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Help us get started to build Taree West's Veggie Patch, simply collect barcodes from your McCain frozen vegetable packs or McCain Purely Potato packs and either place them in the collection box at the front office or send them to the school with your child / children.

Every barcode earns McCain Veggie Patch points for Taree West public school which can then be redeemed for gardening tools and seeds.

To find out more about McCain School Veggie Patches please visit: www.mccainveggiepatches.com

For further information on Taree West's involvement in the McCain School Veggie Patches program, please contact Teena Jobson.



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.