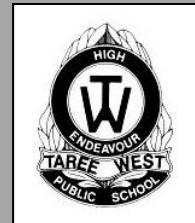


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Term 1 – Week 2

Tuesday, 31 January 2012

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am very pleased to join the Taree West School Community as Principal and welcome the opportunity of leading our school community in quality education for all students in partnership with parents.

On behalf of our school community I would like to welcome back our Year 1 – 6 students and families and offer a very warm welcome to our new students and our Kindergarten students and their families into our community. Today is a very significant milestone in our Kindergarten student's lives, and that of their families, being the first day of 'big school' and the commencement of their formal education.

It has been just over 20 years since I walked my eldest child to school for her first day at 'big school' which she approached very excitedly and confidently, and now tells me that she could not understand why other children and mums were crying – she never looked back and thoroughly enjoyed her time at school as she developed the foundations for her future. Time has definitely gone by so fast and as a parent I have noticed that as you reach one milestone with your children another one is on the horizon. A mother's tears still tend to flow which is very normal, as many Kindergarten parents found today as they left their children, in our care, on their first day at school.

I am looking forward to meeting you in the near future and working in partnership with you in the education of your children.

Donna Bensch

WELCOME

Welcome back to all staff, students, parents and volunteers. It is great to see so many happy, smiling faces returning to school for another year of learning. A special welcome to our new Principal Mrs Donna Bensch and our two new staff members, Mrs Sandy Osborne and Mr Jacob Cook.

2012 CLASS FORMATIONS

It is anticipated that 2012 classes will be formed at the latest by the start of week 4. Classes cannot be formed at this point as we are still receiving enrolments. If classes were to be formed at this point it would be likely that they would have to be reformed in another week or so. To avoid this scenario students are currently in temporary classes until official classes can be formed. It has been explained to students

that the teacher or students that they are currently working with may not be their teacher or classmate for the year.

Whilst we understand that the process is frustrating we thank parents and students for their understanding.

P&C

All parents and citizens are encouraged to become a member of our P&C. The first meeting for 2012 will take place on the 21st of February at 6pm in the staffroom. We look forward to working with our community in a collaborative manner. This will also be a great opportunity for parents to meet and chat with our new Principal.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our Taree West PS school uniform can be purchased from Lowes in the Manning Mall or Deas in Pulteney Arcade. Limited stock inclusive of hats and shirts can also be purchased from the school canteen from 8.30am-12pm daily.

READING IS RAD

We hope all the students who participated in this program over the holidays enjoyed their packs and read lots of books. To receive their certificate students must return their completed RAD reader diary to Ms Redman by Friday 10 February. Nothing else needs to be returned to school.

WHAT'S ON

Monday	13 February	School Swimming Carnival – Wingham Pool
Tuesday	21 February	P & C AGM 6 pm

SCHOOL SPORT CARNIVALS AND SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATION

During the year TWPS will hold three sport carnivals. Swimming is held in early February, the cross country carnival late Term 1 (earlier this year) and the Athletics Carnival in early May. Last year unfortunately our athletics carnival was cancelled after three nominated dates. Any student who turns 8 years or older is eligible to participate in these carnivals. The child's age group is defined by the age they turn this year. Our carnivals tend to be fun days with children endeavouring their best. Successful students then have the opportunity to participate in Manning Zone Carnivals, then possibly Hunter Regional and State, depending on qualification requirements. Throughout the year there are opportunities of representing the school in other sports. Our school regularly participates in local gala days and NSW State Knockout Competitions. These teams tend to be filled with Year 5 and 6 students, but younger and capable students have been included in the past. Sports included this year are soccer (boys and girls), netball (g), touch football (b&g), hockey (g), league (b), basketball (b&g) and cricket (b). Only children who display a trustworthy and rule-abiding nature will be involved in representing our school in sport.

THE ANNUAL TWPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival will be held on Monday 13th February at the Wingham Swimming Complex. Nominations for events will be required by the end of the week. Permission notes will be handed out to those wishing to attend. Due to organisational and safety issues, only nominated swimmers will attend the carnival. All other children will attend school.

The events are: 100m open freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly and the open medley. Children race in the age group they turn this year (eg. Bill will turn 8 in December 2012 so he is an 8 year old). To complicate matters, the 8, 9 and 10 year olds compete as Juniors in the backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and individual medley. This is the requirement from NSW Primary School Sports Association (PSSA).

More information will be on the Swimming Permission Note for those wishing to attend.

CANTEEN NEWS – TERM 1 SPECIAL

The P & C and Canteen will be holding a hot dog and popper day on 7th March. Notes will go home closer to the date.

TUESDAY PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will recommence on Tuesday 7th February at 9.15-11.15am. Cost is \$2.50 per family. Please bring along a small plate of nibbles for morning tea. Everyone is welcome.

CAROLS BY GLOWSTIX

Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the night. It turned out to be a wonderful evening and we look forward to this year's event.

COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS

Catholic Parishes of Taree & Wingham Sacraments of Initiation 2012

Information Sessions will be held:

Sunday 5th February 2012 and

Sunday 12th February 2012

For more information telephone:

Taree Catholic Parish Office 6552 1084

TAREE RSL RED ROVERS 2012 SEASON

Rego days are as follows:

- Tuesday 7th February U13's-U16's
- Thursday 9th February U6's-U12's

For information contact

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Email: tareerslredrovers@bigpond.com

PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Taree-Great Lakes Physical Culture Club

Hey Girls, do you want a fun after school activity that will improve your fitness and help you make new friends?

Ask mum if you can come to 2 FREE Physie classes.

Tell Mum Physie is very reasonably priced and she can have 2 FREE classes too!

Classes in Gloucester, Taree, Stroud and Forster/Tuncurry

To find out more Call Lyn on 6558 1576 or 0428 210800.

Check out our website at www.tglphysie.co.cc

Happy Rompers Day Care Centre

15 Rosebank Avenue Taree

Phone: 65527000

Open Mon-Fri 7.30am - 6.30pm