

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 1

Tuesday, 9 October 2012

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	17 October	Kindergarten Orientation Library Sessions
Wednesday-Friday	17-19 October	Yr 5 Broken Bay Camp Yr 6 Sydney Camp
Monday-Wednesday	22-24 October	Yrs 3 & 4 Aussie Bush Camp
Wednesday-Thursday	31 October-1 November	Naidoc/Saltwater excursion
Thursday-Friday	8-9 November	K-2 Billabong Park excursion
Monday-Thursday	12-15 November	Kindergarten Orientation First Classroom Sessions
Monday-Thursday	26-29 November	Kindergarten Orientation Second Classroom Sessions

Principal's Report

I would like to welcome you all back to a very exciting and busy term at Taree West. I hope you all enjoyed the family time with your children over the holiday period. I know many children had the opportunity to spend quality time at home with parents and siblings and to connect with extended family members, including grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins which is wonderful.

It was very unfortunate over the holiday period that the school experienced 4 separate incidents of vandalism resulting in the breaking of 44 windows and doors. I would like to thank our neighbours and community members who contacted the police when they noticed trespassers / vandals in the school grounds as this stopped further damage and theft occurring in the school. If you have any information to assist the police investigation about possible offenders can you please contact Taree Police or the school. Descriptions of the offenders, presented so far are of teenage boys riding small pushbikes and a Caucasian male running through the gully with school equipment and wearing a light blue singlet.

A pushbike has been found under a school building last week – if you have any information in regards to the loss of this bike can you please contact the school.

I welcome the support of the school community in helping to reduce the security incidents in the school. If you notice trespassers or vandals in the school can you please call School Security on 1300 880 021 or Taree Police on 6552 0399.

Mrs D Bensch
Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Alex Hull 1G, Emma Fawcett 1-2S, Rahni Seckold 2-3B, Ethan Hill 2S,
Lachlan Starr 5-6J, Kelly Meredith 5-6J

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Samuel T	Amber S	Indy W
KC	Freya S	Ethan N	Georgia M
KF	Elsa W	Jackson P	Taylah G
KG	Bailey M	Tahnee G	Eve W
KH	Jordan R	Zarlie T	Chelsea M
1/2S	Lydia G	Seth M	Zavier W
1B	Ethan P	Keely S	Arwen E
1C	Frank T	Holli C	Ryan M
1G	Jack S	Tilani B	Brydan S
2H	Lana M	Jimmy M	Natalia R
2S	Sophie H	Jemma H	Samuel G

Staff Attending Stage 2 Camp

The following staff will be attending the Stage 2 camp 22-24 Oct,
Louise Bariball, Simone Davis, Jodie Stone, Chris Morris,
Matthew Royan

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS for SCHOOLS

Twenty-nine students from Years 3 to 6 at Taree West participated in the ICAS Mathematics test. Results indicate that two Taree West students have received a 'Distinction' award.

Congratulations to; Katy McL and Bailee Jo.

Five students received a 'Credit' award. Bailee.Jo, Hailey.Y, Ryan.T, Lyall L & Sophie W.

Well done to all our participants. Taree West students scored above NSW average in several areas:

Year 3; Chance & Data.

Year 4; Measurement, Space & Geometry.

Year 5; Algebra, Patterns, Space & Geometry.

All participating students will receive their certificates at an Assembly in the near future.

Ms K Coen

ICAS Coordinator

K-2 EXCURSION

An excursion has been planned for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 to Billabong Koala and Wildlife Park at Port Macquarie.

This excursion will take place on Thursday 8 November for some classes with the remaining classes attending on Friday 9 November. The cost for this excursion will be approximately \$26 per student. The students will be involved in a tour of the park, a reptile show and the opportunity to cuddle a koala.

A more detailed information/permission note will be sent home next week indicating the day for each class.

BIRIPI MEDICAL HEALTH CHECKS

Any Aboriginal family who have not returned the permission note for their child/children to have the school based Health/Medical/Dental assessment, please return the form to school by Thursday 11 October as the assessments will take place this Friday 12 October. Any parent who requires a new permission note please contact the school.

TERM 3 MEDALLIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received the Medallion for their Year at last term's Medallion Assembly: Lillian McLeay (Kindergarten), Cassandra Douglas (Year One), Taneasha Dumas (Year Two), Callum Sawicki (Year Three), Brayden Maddalena (Year Four), Jack Scott (Year Five) and Ezabell Kong (Year Six).
Thank you to Mrs Therese Chapman who presented the awards which are sponsored by Amalgamated Pest Control.

Community Notices***Teddy Bears' Picnic***

A picnic to be had with a free sausage sizzle, party food, drinks, games to play and a very special visitor.

20th October, 2012 at 11.00am

Anglican Church Rectory

Victoria St, Taree

All Teddy Bears welcome and bring a picnic blanket with you.



STAFF AND CLASS NEWS

Name: Sandy Osborne

My job at the school is: Year 4 Classroom Teacher

My favourite holiday destination: At the moment it's China, because that's where our son is living and studying for the year. I'm going trekking in Nepal next year so I'm pretty excited about that!

My favourite food: Anything I don't have to cook! I especially love oysters, prawns, yummy salads and chocolate.

What are your hobbies?

I like reading, doing puzzles and shopping! I love spending weekends with my husband, family and friends, going for long walks on the beach, riding my bike or motorbike and kayaking on our beautiful waterways.

Number of years teaching: I've been teaching for 30 years.

Number of schools taught in: I've taught in many schools in Sydney and Taree. My first permanent position was at a school in Sydney where I had 11 different nationalities in my class! I moved from Wingham Brush this year where I had taught for 19 years.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public School?

Taree West feels a bit like home for me. I'm like a boomerang - I keep coming back! I went to primary school here, I taught here before I was married and I taught here when my son was little, before I went to Wingham Brush. I'm back again! I'm enjoying getting to know everyone.

INTRODUCING CLASS 40



Name of class: 40

Classroom Teacher: Mrs Osborne

Number of students: 27

Some interesting things we plan to do this year in class. Go to the 'Aussie Bush Camp' and make Chinese paper lanterns.

lanterns.

Our favourite classroom activities are: Reading, writing, times tables challenges, sport, art and singing with the piano

What we are doing in class now: We're writing a story about what we'll be doing in twenty years time and we're learning about key words and summarising in reading. We're doing problem solving in maths, painting Picasso's 'Weeping Woman' and making pots and key rings for the fete.

What are the best things about being at Taree West Public School?

"Learning and having fun." **Ashleigh Pope**

"Doing fun maths". **Cody Ruming**

"Spending time with our friends and teachers". **Chloe Swannack**

"Getting a good education and playing with friends" **Emily Brown.**

"Rock and Water is great". **James Dumas, Jaxon Cook, Zaide Payton and Brendan Wheeler.**

"Having a great space to play in the gully". **Bailey Jenkins.**



STAFF AND CLASS NEWS

Name: Amber Field

My job at the school is: Classroom Teacher currently teaching Kindergarten

My favourite food: Thai Beef Salad

My favourite holiday destination: My favourite holiday was the ten weeks I spent camping my way through Africa from Uganda to Cape Town.

What are your hobbies? I love renovating and spending time doing up our current home. I also love spending family time with my partner and two children, Harrison 2 and Lucy 1.

Number of years teaching: Just going into my 8th year in teaching.

Number of schools taught in: 6 schools. In my first two years of teaching I taught in a variety of different schools as a casual teacher. Since 2008 I have been employed as a temporary classroom teacher and this term I start my position as a permanent member of the teaching staff at Taree West Public School.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public school? I enjoy my time working at Taree West as I have a great set of colleagues who are dedicated, hardworking and supportive. I enjoy seeing the children as they progress in their learning and the opportunity I have had getting to know the many Taree West families.

INTRODUCING CLASS KF



Name of class: KF

Classroom Teacher: Miss Field

Number of students: 19

Some interesting things we plan to do this year in class: We are looking forward to our up and coming excursion

to the Billabong Wildlife Park and for the Music Count Us In event as we have been doing a lot of singing practice.

Our favourite classroom activities are: Computers, fruit break (making fruit kebabs), reading groups with Kylie, gym and playing the jelly bean game.

What we are doing in class now: Information reports, learning numbers to 30 and beyond and learning all about healthy choices.

What are the best things about being at Taree West Public School?

Josh said: I like coming to school because I learn to read.

Breanna said: I like going on the play gym.

Jackson P said: I like playing with my friends.

Elsa said: I like learning how to write new things.

Taree West P & C Meeting Minutes for 18/9/12**Stove for the canteen and lunch menus**

The cost of the stove and the OHS requirements were considered.

P & C members have voted to hold off on getting a stove at the moment.

A possible expression of interest could go out to parents to see if they would be interested in helping in the canteen with cooking freshly made items for the menu.

New volunteers are needed in helping at the canteen.

Also, looking at creating a new roster for each term to suit new volunteers for the canteen.

The new lunch menu is going well although some of the foods that are only available on certain days of the week

(for example pies) are still being ordered on the days that they are not available. The new menu needs to be sent out to the parents again noting that certain items are only available on certain days. Maybe this could be added to the newsletter the first week on every month.

The "special of the week" staff lunch menu has been going very well. A big thank you to the cooks.

Second hand clothing pool

The P & C are looking at making the clothing pool available to parents one day a week 8.30am to 10am.

An ongoing notice will be added in the newsletter each week about the schools clothing pool. Enquiries can be made via the school canteen.

Update Re: Pedestrian crossing at back gate

A request was made to GTCC to look into having a marked pedestrian crossing installed on Maiden Avenue, Taree at the intersection of Bayview Crescent up from the back gate of the school. They found that the installation of a marked pedestrian crossing on Maiden Avenue at the intersection of Bayview Crescent for the Taree West Public School could not be justified.

School Fete**SEPTEMBER FEST AT TAREE WEST**

The school fete was held on Sunday 16th Sept 2012 (10am to 3pm.)

The huge THANK YOU to all those who helped prepare on Saturday and who showed up early on Sunday to set up and stayed late on Sunday to pack up, clean up, tidy up and put away.

A great big thank you to all the volunteers and staff on the day who helped run the stalls or sell the tickets or sold the food or supervised the kids having fun on the jumping castles again THANK YOU ALL!!!! It was a huge effort on everyone's behalf and it showed by the amount of people who came to the school for the fete.

The money raised at the Fete was \$25,000

The money raised from the fete will partly be used to complete the concreting in the K2 area. More seating and a new COLA placed over this area.

Father's Day Fundraiser

Father's day stalls raised approx \$500.

**Principal:**

NAPLAN Results – available and sent home to parents

Possibility of upgrade to K-2 playground area – Sports Grant – Current investigation of Tiger Turf.

All school camps will be going ahead this year. Discussion was held to explore the viability of yearly camps and the possibility of biannual camps with consideration of the significant cost to families.

Kindergarten Orientation for the parents/carers was held in the library on 13th Sept 2012. Majida spoke on behalf of the P & C committee.

Vanessa also spoke on behalf of a new kindergarten kids mum. The library was full and lots of useful information was given to the new parents. We hope to have some new P & C members next year.

Majida and Leanne Ferris displayed the school uniform which looked great.

General Business

Before and after School Care

OOSH have sent a contract to Donna and this will be seen by a legal team. Still in progress.

Leaflets were handed out at the orientation and explained that if all well they will start in the New Year.

School hockey team

Monies were paid to the families to assist with the cost of accommodation. We would like to congratulate the girl's hockey team who represented TWPS at the State Carnival at Lithgow. Unfortunately the girls lost both games however we would like to praise all the students who displayed exceptional sportsmanship.

Kindergarten orientation class room sessions start in Term 4

The new kindergarten kids will be receiving a school hat and library bag with their school information pack.

Taree West Bowling Club Raffles

The next raffle night at Taree West Bowling Club is Friday 26th October 2012. –The Party Professionals have been booked to entertain the kids, should be a great night, hope to see you there!

Next P & C meeting is Tuesday 16h October 2012, 6pm in the school Library.

All are most welcome.

If you cannot attend and you have an issue you would like to be raised, please put your concerns in writing addressed to: Majida Mitchell, President TWPS P&C