

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 2

Tuesday, 16 October 2012

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday	16 October	P & C Meeting 6pm
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
Tuesday	20 November	P & C Meeting 6pm
Monday-Thursday	26-29 November	Kindergarten Orientation Second Classroom Sessions
Thursday	13 December	Presentation Assembly
Monday	17 December	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday	18 December	P & C Meeting 6pm

Principal's Report

During the next 2 weeks our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will be attending their major excursions for the year. Year 5 and 6 will both be setting off, for a 3 day adventure, very early on Wednesday morning for Broken Bay (Year 5) and Sydney (Year 6). Year 3 and 4 will depart next Monday for 3 fun filled days at The Aussie Bush Camp. I would like to thank the administrative and executive staff for the coordination and organisation of these excursions. I would also like to thank the teaching and support staff who have volunteered their own personal time to attend the camps providing such wonderful opportunities for our students.

Bree Pensini and Chloe Neal will be representing our school this week at the State Athletics Carnival. Good luck girls, we wish you well!

School Evaluations – Your opinion matters!

It is that time of year again when we seek your opinions on how well we are going as a school and what we can do to improve our practice.

I request your support in completing 2 school surveys. Please see the 2 links below. You will need to copy each one separately into your web browser for a direct link to each survey. The surveys will close on Monday 22 October and have been restricted to 1 response per household computer.

1. School Culture

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7T28T3H>

2. Community Engagement

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BJV5K2P>

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mrs D Bensch
Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Logan Yates 3J x 4, Deegan Allen KG, Jasmine Hill KC,
Freya Smith KC, Natalia Richardson 2H, Erica Colvin 4O,
Lachlan Clement 4O, Zaide Payton 4O, Lilly Barrett KC,
Ryan Martin 1C, Bailey Deas KH, Crystal Jenkins KG

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Brock T	Samuel T	Indy W
KC	Dillon J	Courtney G	Riley B
KF	Tora B	Breanna C	Madison L
KG	Jessie H	Joshua C	Sethe B
KH	Mathew B	Alyssa F	Emily P
1/2S	Liam E	Taneasha D	
1B	Ethan P	Jake H	Arwen E
1C	Navren W	Sofia M	Dominic W
1G	Rylei M	Bailey T	Alex H
2H	Samuel F	Ashleigh J	Caleb W
2S	Isabella T	Jasmine R	Jason Y

CLASS AWARDS

2/3B	Griffin C Lilly M	Jayah P	Jade E
3J	Logan Y Shai Y	Jasmine C Jaryd M	
3M	Jesse W	Kiaya R	Brooke D Charlie D
4/5/6C	Tammie S Ayeiesha G	Ethan E	Indianah R
4O	James D Jaxon C	Leon M	Harry W
4U	Oliver O Max H	Braydon S	Izak M
5/6J	Hayley H	Hayden H	Tyler D Crystal J
5/6L	Hailey Y	Blake B	Abby E Chad W
5/6M	Josh B	Griffin H	Tahlia M Riley C
5/6X	Shyanne P	Lachlan S	Kaya C Jasmine G

Stage 2 Camp

Stage 2 staff and students held a camp meeting yesterday. Students were issued with the camp program and a reminder sheet as to what to bring to camp. All staff have been briefed on all aspects of the camp, hence any stage 2 team member should be able to address any concerns that parents/caregivers may have.

Students not attending camp need to attend school as usual.

Mr Simon Uwland and Mrs Sandy Osborne will be remaining at school to teach students not attending camp.

Departure time for camp will be 9.30am on Monday the 22nd of October. We expect to return to school at 2.00pm on Wednesday the 24th of October. If our return time changes markedly due to unforeseen circumstances a notice will be posted outside the administration office.

I'd like to remind parents that any medication students require needs to be provided to teachers in a snap lock bag on the day of excursion.

This includes all medication inclusive of panadol. The only medication that students should hold on their person is asthma medication.

I would also like to remind parents and students that mobile phones and electronic games are not required on excursion, the risk of theft is too great and the items are not needed. Camp is an extremely busy and exciting time for students and is an opportunity to develop independence. In the event of an *emergency*, students can be contacted by calling our accommodation, Aussie Bush Camp on (02) 4997 3044 or alternatively teaching staff can be contacted on the school mobile number 0429 995 362.

I anticipate a safe and enjoyable camp for all involved.

Thank you for your support.

Matthew Royan

Deputy Principal

Guitar Group News

Guitar group will be cancelled on Wednesday and Thursday of this week as Mr Cook will be attending the Year 5 camp. Lessons will commence again next week.

STAFF AND CLASS PROFILE



Name: Glenda Cross.

My job at the school: Year One classroom teacher.

My favourite books are: 'The God of Small Things (Arundhati Roy) and Poisonwood Bible,

My hobbies are: I like bush walking, beach walking and would love more time to

read and travel throughout Australia.

Number of years teaching: 25 plus years.

Number of schools taught in: I have taught in 8 different schools.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public School? I love working with so many friendly, polite children and great staff members.

INTRODUCING CLASS 1G



Name of class: 1G

Classroom Teacher: Mrs Cross

Number of students: 21

Some interesting things we plan to do this Term in class: Design and make some interesting toys or games.

Our favourite classroom activities are: Lego, pattern blocks, weaving, threading and puzzles.

What we are doing in class now: We are learning about the olden days and what stories our grandparents can share with us.

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

Samira said: I like doing maths.

Brydan said: I like running with Bailey.

Tilani said: I like to play with my friends on the grass area.

Mitchell said: I like going to the computer room.

Please note: All children have permission to have their photo published.

STAFF AND CLASS PROFILE



Name: Janet Griffith

My job at the school is: Kindergarten Classroom Teacher

My favourite food: Indian food. I also like eating delicious fruit and vegetables.

Favourite colour: Crimson (hot pink).

Favourite holiday destination: Australia. Australians are lucky to live in such a

wonderful place. I have been fortunate enough to travel (mostly camping) with my husband and three sons around Australia visiting many of our famous landmarks and hidden treasures.

What are your hobbies? Spending time with my husband and our sons. I also enjoy the great outdoors and spending time with family on our old boat on Wallis Lake.

Number of years teaching: 30 years at the end of this term.

Number of schools taught in: 11 schools in the Manning Great Lakes area.

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

I have been a part of the Taree West team for many years now. Many special professional and family memories have been created during my time at Taree West. I am fortunate to have such wonderful students, staff and families to work with each year. I love coming to work each day and seeing the children develop as learners and individuals. It is also rewarding to catch up with students in the community and later in their lives.

INTRODUCING CLASS KG



Name of class: KG

Classroom Teacher: Mrs Griffith

Number of students: 19 at the moment.

Interesting events for KG: We enjoyed going to gym. Our class

were winners of the SustainEd banner and we helped the SRC plant trees on National Tree Planting Day. We have enjoyed watching our pet silkworms grow and change. KG are looking forward to going on their big bus trip to Billabong Wildlife Park.

Our favourite classroom activities are: Going for a run after Crunch&Sip, going to the computer lab, attending gym and using the interactive white board to learn about our sounds and numbers.

What we are doing in class now: Learning about numbers and writing interesting sentences. We are going to learn about dinosaurs and how we can stay safe and healthy.

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

Sethe said: "Playing with my friends and eating."

Erin said: "Using the computers."

Bailey said: "Playing on the play gym."

Evie said: "I like everything at school."

Community Notices

Milo In2Cricket

Introductory cricket skills program for 5 to 8 year olds.

Johnny Martin Oval, Taree

Friday 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Cost- \$60 includes 10 week program and giveaway bag.

For Further details please contact Paul Cox on

65592963 or ptcox@telstra.com

Port Macquarie Triathlon Club

Is proud to once again be organising the

Camden Haven Triathlon Festival on the 24th/25th of November 2012

LUSC Junior races on Saturday from 1pm

Biathlon(wade/run) for 5 to 10ys olds- \$10

Triathlon (swim/bike/run) for 11 to 15yr olds -\$15

Race show bags to the first 100 junior entries received

Seniors/teams race on Sunday the 25th

Great event for your first Triathlon- you will love it !

Entry forms available at www.portmactriclub.com.au

Or contact Jo.Pilgrim on 0417222418

Manning & Great Lakes Early Intervention

OPEN DAY!!

Do you have a child with a disability, development delay or chronic medical condition?

Come and meet other parents, grandparents and carers with whom you have something in common?

When: Friday 19th October, 2012
9.30-11.30am

Where: Taree Oval, Playground
(opposite Early Intervention, Florence St)

THE OLD BAR IDOL



Once again, the Old Bar Idol singing competition at Club Old Bar will commence with a Preliminary Heat November 4th 2012. This is a very successful competition and is an exciting event in the Manning Valley with the Grand Final Sunday Nov 11th.

This year we have divided the Competition into four Divisions:-

Tiny Tot	3 - 5 yrs	First Prize	\$100
Junior	6 - 12 yrs	First Prize	\$150
Teen	13 - 19 yrs	First Prize	\$250
Duo / Trio / Adult Solo	Any age /combination	First prize	\$250

In addition a \$500 cash prize will be awarded to the contestant who tops the voting as determined by the audience. The winner can win up to \$600 PLUS!!!

Please find enclosed Registration Forms for this year's competition. We encourage you to hand out or forward on the enclosed registration forms to anybody you consider would be keen to have a go, sing and be merry !

With your help we are hoping the event will once again be a great success. The Manning, Great Lakes and Port Macquarie has much talent. If you think you know someone who has the talent or the eagerness, please contact them now!

ENTRIES SHOULD BE IN BY THURSDAY 26TH OCT. 2012

Kind regards
Richard Crook & Di Farrar
Organisers

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Swimming for survival

Help keep your child safe this summer at Swim and Survive programs for all levels. The programs – taught by experienced, AUSTSWIM-qualified instructors – run November to February throughout NSW.

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/>

Starting Kindy

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013? Show them this video which explains what happens during a typical day.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

Moving into high school

Starting high school means a new location, new friends and teachers, and new routines. In this video teachers talk about how you can help to make your child's move into high school less daunting.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>