

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 3

Tuesday, 23 October 2012

## WHAT'S ON

Monday-Wednesday	22-24 October	Yrs 3 & 4 Aussie Bush Camp
Friday	26 October	Jump Rope for Heart Yr 3-6 Raffles – Taree West Bowling Club 6.45pm
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

I have heard wonderful reports from the Year 5 and 6 camps held last week and the Year 3 and 4 camp this week. Despite the turn in the weather current reports from the staff, at the Aussie Bush Camp, are very positive. Congratulations to the students who behaved so well and fully participated in the scheduled activities at Broken Bay and in Sydney. These students were excellent ambassadors of Taree West Public School and of Public Education.

I would like to thank the parents and community members who participated in the focus groups and / or who completed the online school evaluation surveys. Your opinions do matter and we really appreciate your time and commitment to the school.

**Mrs D Bensch**  
Principal

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Sophie Walker 1/2S, Seth Allen K/1C

## CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Arianna K	Emily N	Layla B
KC	Jasmin H	Alex M	Dillon J
KF	Max P	Jordyn M	Jackson P
KG	Bailey M	Jayden R	Cameron L
KH	Jonmia R	Ruby T	Jaxson D
1/2S	Tre S	Emma F	Angel M
1B	Timothy B	Chyna J	Jessica O
1C	Jake A	Taya H	Phoebe B
1G	Taneha C	Harry N	Jessie M
2H	Aston N	Makaela S	Lana M
2S	Shimekha D	Nicholas R	Keira K

## Clothing Pool

The second hand clothing pool will be open on Friday Mornings 8:40am – 10.00am (located in the AP/Counsellor office area)

## Jump-Rope for Heart

This Friday 26th October students in Years 3-6 will be participating in a Jump-Rope for Heart Skipping Challenge. Students are asked to bring in \$2.00 for the activity which will be donated straight to the Heart Foundation. Our aim is to raise \$500 for the charity. Primary classes have been practising their skills leading up to this event. All participants are encouraged to wear their sport uniform on the day.

## Library News

A big congratulations to the winners of the raffle at the Book Fair last term on the School Fete day. The winners were Tom Meredith 1C, Cory Doherty 2S and Holly Mackay, 3M. These lucky students were able to choose some wonderful goodies from the Book Fair to take home. Well done!

## Volunteers Needed in the Library

During the last term, the library has been blessed with a couple of wonderful volunteer helpers, but we need more as the work in a library is extremely labour intensive and time consuming. We would love your assistance, even if only for a few hours a week. If you feel that this is something that you would like to do, could you please contact Ms Ali Lee, the teacher librarian, either on the school's phone number or just come into the library and see me either before or after school. Many thanks, Ali Lee.

### State Athletics

Taree West PS had two representatives at the State PSSA Athletics Carnival last week. Both girls and their families went to Homebush Athletics Stadium (the practise/warm-up venue for the Olympic Games) to run in sprint races. Chloe Neal (Yr 3) qualified for the state 100m in the 8 year olds and Bree Pensini qualified for both the 100m in the 10year olds and 200m as a junior (8, 9 & 10 year old). Both girls ran to the best of their ability and ran very quick times only to just miss out on making the semi-finals in each race. Congratulations to both girls on their awesome efforts.

### K-2 Excursion

Please remember to return the permission note and money for the excursion to Billabong Koala and Wildlife Park at Port Macquarie by Friday 2 November. This excursion will take place on Thursday 8 November for classes KG, 1C, 1/2S, 2H, 2S and 2B with the remaining classes KC, KF, KH, K/1C, 1B and 1G attending on Friday 9 November. The students will be involved in a tour of the park, a reptile show and the opportunity to cuddle a koala.

### Donation of Fruit – Thank you

TWPS would like to extend a thank you to Many Rivers Diabetes Prevention Project and Lynette Syron for their kind donation of fruit to support our Crunch & Sip fruit and water break each day. The staff and students really appreciate your support.

### Aboriginal Education Team Meeting

The next meeting of the TWPS Aboriginal Education Team will take place on Tuesday 30 November at 12:00pm in the school's Meeting Room. All parents of Aboriginal students at TWPS are welcome to attend.

### Monster Meat Tray Raffles

Buy \$5 of tickets and get another \$5 of tickets for free.

Buy \$10 of tickets and get another \$10 of tickets for free.

All welcome to come and have a fun family night out and win a tray or two. Why not stay and enjoy a meal at the bistro.

The Party Professionals will be there on the night to keep all the kids entertained with a Jumping Castle, and various activities while mum & dad can relax.

The cost is free

**Where:** Taree West Bowling Club, 116 Edinburgh Dr, Taree

**When:** Fri 26th October 2012

**Time:** Tickets on sale from 5.30pm - 1st ticket called at 6.45pm

Hope to see you there

\*\*\* Remember money raised from the raffles comes back to Taree West Public School \*\*\*

TWPS P & C Committee

### Administration Staff Profiles



**Name:** Amanda (Mandy) Small

**My job at the school is:**  
Administrative Manager.

**My favourite food is:** Baked Leg of Lamb with homemade mint sauce – YUMMMMM.

**My favourite colour is:** Red

**My favourite Books are:** anything by James Patterson or Val McDermid

**My favourite Holiday destinations are:** Patong Beach / Uluru.

**What are your hobbies?** Horse riding/Showing, beaching with my family and friends, gardening.

**Number of years working in schools:** I have worked in various primary schools since 2004. I have been employed at Taree West Public since 2006.

**Number of schools worked in:** I have worked in 5 primary schools throughout the area.

**What do you like most about working at Taree West Public school?** The support and friendship offered by all members of staff. Our office is a wonderful place to come to work each day. My fellow office workers make my job much easier. Many a laugh is shared during the day.

**Name:** Mrs Sharon Smith.

**My job at the school is:** School Administrative Officer.

**My favourite food is:** Seafood

**My favourite holiday destination:** I would love to go anywhere for a relaxing holiday.

**What are your hobbies?** Spending time with my family and friends.

**Number of years working in schools:** I have been working in school administration for approx. 12 years.

**Number of years working at Taree West Public School?** I have worked at TWPS for 8 years

**What do you like most about working at Taree West Public school?** I love the way that all staff work together as a team, are always supportive and friendly.

**Name:** Marilyn (Mel) Turner

**My job at the school is:** School Administrative Officer

**My favourite colour:** Green

**My favourite holiday destination:** Hawaii

**What are your hobbies?** Reading and camping with my family

**Number of years working in schools?** I have been working in schools for 5 years.

**Number of schools that I have worked in:** I have worked in 4 schools, 2 in Sydney and 2 in the Manning.

**What do you like most about working at Taree West Public school?** Although I have only been at the school for a short time I already feel a part of the TWPS 'family'. I look forward to coming to work each day and think the staff and students are great.

**Community Notices****The Australian Air League**

The Australian Air League NSW Boys Group is accepting new squadron members.

If you are interested in becoming part of an interesting boys youth group specialising in aviation then look no further.

Some activities include camps, modelling, drills, sport even joy flights - and lots more.

The organisation caters for boys from 8 years upwards, who wish to be trained as air cadets.

Where :- Taree Aero Club, Taree Airport

When :- Saturdays, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Contact :- Carole on 6556 7775 or 0416 476 975

Come along and give it a try.

**Manning Support Services Inc.**

Are you Living with a Teenager?

Need to reclaim your Sanity?

Come along to this helpful program that may change the way you view your teenager and learn strategies

to be able to live to tell the tale!

A dynamic and interactive

program for the Parents of the Taree area

The program will be presented at:

Manning Support Service Inc.

78 Wynter St, Taree

Tuesday 13th and 20th of November 2012

Time: 9.30am-11.30am

Please contact Natasha at

Manning Support Services on

02 6551 1800 for reservations or email

[natasha@mssinc.org.au](mailto:natasha@mssinc.org.au)

**Taree's Oldest Lending Library**

Est. 1864

Taree Literary Institute

No membership Fees

129 Victoria St, Taree – Ph: 6552 4361

(Upstairs – above the Spectacle Makers)

Open Mon – Fri 9.30am to 4.00pm

Sat – 9.00am to 11.00am

**Get in2 Milo Cup Cricket**

There's no better way to spend a day than with new friends learning how to play cricket! With the MILO in2CRICKET program, both girls and boys not only get to learn awesome skills for an awesome game, they also get to have some awesome fun. And mum and dad will be pleased to know that you can do all this fun stuff at the cricket club, school or community centre closest to you. So what are you waiting for?

Sign up today at [www.in2CRICKET.com.au](http://www.in2CRICKET.com.au)

**Rainforest Creatures**

Experience Taronga Zoo's stunning Wild Asia rainforest trail guided by volunteer researcher Heidi Greentree. Rainforest Heroes is a new, free iPad app that lets students capture their discoveries, on location at the zoo or from home, and then make a field report.

Find out more about the app:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/taronga-zoo-rainforest-heroes/id558373157?ls=1&mt=8>

**Fitter, healthier, happier**

Go4Fun is a free lifestyle program being run across NSW towns. For 7-13 year-old children who are above a healthy weight, activities aim for a long-lasting and healthy approach to living and are suitable for both kids and their families.

To make an enquiry:

<http://healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/go4fun%C2%AE-program.aspx>