

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 5

Tuesday, 6 November 2012

## WHAT'S ON

Thursday	8 November	Yr 3-6 Assembly 2:10pm
Thursday-Friday	8-9 November	K-2 Billabong Park excursion
Monday-Thursday	12-15 November	Kindergarten Orientation First Classroom Sessions
Friday	16 November	K-2 Assembly 2:10pm
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

### Music Count Us In

It was an amazing experience last Thursday to be a part of the Music Count Us In Event. The Taree Combined Schools Band and Choir performed several vocal and instrumental pieces to a very appreciative school community audience. Goosebumps were felt across the whole audience as all students joined in song to perform alongside school students from across Australia who all sang the same song at the same time which we were able to join in with through a live video stream of the event in Canberra on our big screen. Special thanks to Mrs Amber Field and the Music teachers from Taree High School for their coordination and organisation of this event.

### Read to Remember

This Friday students will participate in the Read to Remember program with their classroom teachers to acknowledge and commemorate Remembrance Day with a special focus this year on the 70th Anniversary of Kokoda.

## Parent, Community and School Partnerships

This year has seen the development of very successful partnerships between parents, community members and the school in the ongoing education of our children. The success of many school programs is only possible when we work together as a community. Taree West Public School Staff are very appreciative of the relationships that currently exist with parents/carers and the wider community.

## School Uniform

It is wonderful to see that approximately 98% of our students are in full school uniform every day. If students are not able to wear their uniform a note from home to the class teacher will be appreciated. All students representing our school at any event must be in full school uniform to enable their participation. The Student Representative Council are currently looking into the purchase of School Blazers which will be loaned to students representing the school on formal occasions.

## Mrs D Bensch Principal

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Breanna Colvin KB, Riley Brown x 2 KC, Erin Tilson KG, Matthew Bergan KH, Jaxson Dunn KH, Jake Attard 1C, Griffin Coleman 2/3B, Matilda Munro 1C, Logan Bridge 3M, Tea Sedler 3J, Kalani Simms 3J  
Joshua Hopkins KF

## CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Damian B	Chayse S	Seth A
KC	Annika S	Freya S	Cooper H
KF	Kaitlyn B	Dylan M	Benjalli S
KG	Tahnee G	Alexander H	Jessie H
KH	Riley R	Maddison O	Destiny P
1/2S	Cory W	Tyson W	Taneasha D
1B	Sierra G	Makenzie F	Charlie-Rose K
1C	Sofia M	Navren W	Zack H
1G	Clare W	Bailey T	Tatum M
2H	Bowen C	Laurah P	Talarah R
2S	Jemma H	Ethan H	Jason Y

## Clothing Pool

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

## Selective High School 2014

If any year 5 parents are interested in information for Selective High School in 2014 could they please contact Mrs Xerri by Friday 9 November.

## STAFF AND CLASS NEWS



**Name:** Narelle Smith

**My job at the school is:** Classroom Teacher year 2

**My favourite colour is:** Green.

**What are your hobbies?** I enjoy my garden and would like to spend more time working on paper collage pictures and appliqué work

**Number of years teaching:** I have been teaching for over 30 years.

**Number of schools taught:** I have taught in many but mainly: Ardlethan Central School, Brisbania Public, Wingham Public and Tinonee Public.

**What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public school?** The children. Those that I have taught have been caring and willing to learn.

**Name:** Gai Hickson

**My job at the school is:** Classroom teacher, Quick Smart Organiser.

**My favourite holiday destination:** I have no favourite holiday destination as I am still discovering all those wonderful hidden spots that have significant cultural heritage.....but I like it to be in the sun and near water.

**What are your hobbies?** Reading is my number one, you can do it anywhere. I then spend a lot of time supporting fishing competitions, car rallies and following the car races.

**Number of years teaching:** More than thirty but less than forty.

**Number of schools taught in:** I have worked in and with the children and staff of 51 schools, but most of these were as my time as a Literacy Facilitator.

**What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public school?** There is nothing more humbling than to sit and hear a child read or see them complete a number problem, then hear them say "I did it", with a massive smile on their face. The reward of sitting with young adults at the Year Six Farewell and recognising how far they have come on their educational and social journey can be mind blowing. At Taree West this has been all the more personal as it is where I started my educational journey

## INTRODUCING CLASS 2S



**Name of class:** 2S

**Classroom Teacher:** Narelle Smith

**Number of students:** 25

**Some interesting things we plan to do this term in class:** Art and craft work.

Please note: All students have permission to have their photo's published.

## INTRODUCING CLASS 2H



**Name of class:** 2H

**Classroom Teacher:** Mrs Gai Hickson.

**Number of students:** Currently 24.

**Some interesting things we plan to do this term in class:** We are going to go on an excursion to the Billabong Zoo. This week we are singing a song with the high school. It is called Different People.

**Our favourite classroom activities are:**

**Oscar said:** I like doing Maths and Fast Maths.

**Natalia said:** It is fun to read and learn new things from the books.

**Lana said:** I like doing the spelling tests.

**Jimmy said:** Spelling games are fun.

**What we are doing in class now:** We have been busy planning our assembly item. Mrs Hickson is getting us to do lots of assessments. We are learning about what it was like in the olden days. Our class have been bringing in some olden day toys to look at but we cannot play with them.

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

**Laurah said:** Having fun when we're learning

**Ty said:** Learning lots of new things.

**Jamaica said:** Once a year we have an excursion to somewhere special.

**Tyler said:** There are our friends, we have lots of jobs and our family comes to the school too.

**Holiday planning**

Holiday camps are a great way for kids—7-12 years or 13 and over—to have an adventure and make new friends in a supervised environment. Packages include accommodation, activities and meals. Bookings are now open at camps across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

**Changing schools**

Research shows that when parents take the time to get children ready for a change of school they settle in quickly. Find out what to do if you're planning to make the move, whether across town or interstate.

Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/something-the-way-when-your-child-changes-schools>

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