

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 8

Wednesday, 28 November 2012

WHAT'S ON

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| Monday-Thursday | 26-29 November | Kindergarten Orientation Second Classroom Sessions |
| Friday | 30 November | Power of One Mentoring Program End of Year family lunch |
| Tuesday | 4 December | Disco - Crazy Hair K-2 - 5:30-6:30pm 3-6 – 6:30-8:00pm Real Conciliation Aboriginal Women's Camp - Saltwater |
| Wednesday | 5 December | Yr 7 2013 Student Orientation Day Chatham High School |
| Friday | 9 December | P & C Raffles – Taree West Bowling Club |
| Tuesday | 11 December | Combined Scripture Services Volunteers morning tea Yr 7 2013 Parent/Carer Information Evening – Taree High School - 5:30-6:30pm |
| Wednesday | 12 December | Yr 7 2013 Student Orientation Day Taree High School |
| Thursday | 13 December | Presentation Assembly |
| Friday | 14 December | Glowstick Family Fun Night |
| Monday | 17 December | Year 6 Farewell |
| Tuesday | 18 December | K-6 Movie/Picnic day- end of year excursion P & C Meeting 6pm |
| Wednesday | 30 January 2013 | Year 1 – 6 students return to school |
| Thursday | 31 January 2013 | New students and Kindergarten start |

Apology

Due to power outages yesterday, the production of our newsletter was delayed until today.

Principal's Report

The school evaluation process for 2012 has now been completed. I would like to thank the parents, students and staff who completed the surveys, assisted in analysing data and participated in the focus groups. This process has allowed us to set targets and plan for 2013. The school priorities for 2013 are Literacy, Numeracy and Aboriginal Education. Our school has also chosen to support a whole school commitment to Positive Behaviour for Learning which we will continue to implement in 2013. A copy of the school plan will be uploaded on to the school website at the beginning of the year.

End of year procedures and student behaviour

With the end of year almost on our doorstep we have a number of activities, functions and events coming up very quickly. This time of year can present as a little challenging to some of our students as a few of our routines will change and our Year 6 children become a little anxious about leaving primary school. This sometimes results in silly behaviour. As I would like to make sure that all of our children will be able to participate in the end of year fun activities and events I would like to ask you, as parents, to speak to your children to remind them of school and family expectations of their appropriate behaviour.

Taree Local AECG Meeting – Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

Our school was privileged recently to host the local Taree AECG meeting. The meeting was attended by the North Coast Regional Director, Mr Mark Youngblutt and the School Education Director, Mr John Harwin which clearly demonstrated their commitment to ensuring quality educational outcomes for all Aboriginal Students. The meeting was also attended by several principals, Aboriginal Education employees and community members.

Mr Youngblutt and Mr Harwin praised the exemplary behaviour of our students and appreciated the warm welcome and directions they received from our student leaders on their arrival.

Taree West Aboriginal Education Committee

I would like to thank Ms Redman for the work that she has done and continues to do as the school leader and coordinator of Aboriginal Programs. It is wonderful to see that our school has established an Aboriginal Education Committee which meets regularly throughout the year. This committee has Aboriginal parent and community representation who work in partnership with staff to meet the needs of our Aboriginal Students. I really appreciate the input of our families and community members in our school plans. If you would like to join this committee please see Ms Redman.

Mrs D Bensch**Principal****PRINCIPALS AWARDS**

Angel Hanlon K/1C, Benjamin Wright KG, Ruby Tait KH, Jordan Roebuck KH, Xavier Willis x 3 1/2S,
Liam Erickson 1/2S, Lana McKellar 2H, Makyah Cusbert 2/3B,
Jade Stewart 4U, Ethan Erickson 4/5/6C, Abby Evans 5/6L

CLASS AWARDS

| Class | Class Award | Class Award | Class Award |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| K-1C | Angel H | Jayden B | Keea A |
| KC | Connor H | Tiah H | Georgia M |
| KF | Breanna C | Olivia H | Jordyn M |
| KG | Deegan A | Jasinta B | Hannah D |
| KH | Jonmia R | Ruby T | Ebonie L |
| 1-2S | Jay J | Jesse J | Megan H |
| 1B | Jack S | Kurt W | Keely S |
| 1C | Taylah M | Ryan M | Tom M |
| 1G | Samira M | Nathan P | Taneha C |
| 2H | Laurah P | Emily M | Ashleigh J |
| 2S | Bailey C | Sophie H | Ethan H |
| 3J | Clay T | Hunter S | Allana T Letesha M |
| 3M | Caleb S | Amy T | Alanna E Lauren C |
| 4/5/6C | Ethan E Aleah C | Katy M | Ayeiesha G |
| 4O | Lyall L Ashleigh P | Oshen S | Brayden M |
| 4U | Ben M | Samuel B | Jade S Renae W |
| 5/6J | Phoebe P | Griffin M | Alesha L |
| 5/6M | Brindley T | Jye F Beau H | Ryan P |
| 5/6X | Jack S Ethan G | Lukis B | Trae G |

K-2 Assembly

Please be advised there is no K-2 Assembly this week.

K-2 School Hat Award

K-2 classes are encouraging all students to wear their School Hat to school. We have a trophy which is awarded each Friday to the class that has the greatest percentage of students wearing their School Hat during the week.

Last week's winning class was KF. Congratulations to the students of KF for their great effort.

Toilet Tactics

This program is aimed at raising awareness of healthy bladder and bowel habits. TWPS supports families to deal with these issues.

What can I do if my child has a bladder or bowel issue at school?

You should discuss your child's condition with your child's teacher and/or school principal so your child is well supported at school. If your child has a bladder or bowel issue at school it is important to see a health professional and have a health care plan developed if necessary.

For more information on Toilet Tactics, health care plans and bladder and bowel health, go to www.continence.org.au or phone the National Continence Helpline on 1800 33 00 66.

There are a range of free brochures available to download and/or order that can assist you in talking to your child about this important health topic. The National Continence Helpline is a free confidential service that operates Monday–Friday, 8am–8pm AEST and is staffed by experienced continence advisors.

How to sit on the toilet correctly

- Elbows or hands on knees
- Straight back
- Lean forward (bend from the hips)
- Feet well supported
- Some children benefit from using a footstool
- Don't rush



Clothing Pool

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

Year 7 Taree High School 2013

A Parent/Carer Information Evening will be held at Taree High School on Tuesday 11th December from 5.30pm – 6.30pm in their school hall. A whole day Student Orientation Day will take place on Wednesday 12th December. Students are required to make their own way to and from the High School on this day.

Library News

Last week, Week 7, was the last week for students to borrow for 2012 as I am doing a stock take in the final few weeks of term. Could you please make sure that your child/children return all library books by the end of this week, Week 8, so we can prepare for the stock take. If you cannot locate library books at home, or they are damaged, please either ring me on the school's number, 6552 1910, or come into the library and see me before or after school.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter,

Ali Lee (Casual Teacher Librarian)

2012 GLOWSTICK FAMILY FUN NIGHT

At Taree West Public School

WHEN: Friday 14th December 2012

TIME: 5.30PM – 9PM

WHERE: GRASSED AREA BESIDE CANTEEN

SPONSORED BY T.W.P.S. P & C COMMITTEE

We would like to invite all our school children, families and staff of TWPS to the end of year Glowstick family fun night.

* All our current TWPS students only, will be given one free meal of a sausage sandwich and drink on the night *

There will be plenty of fun to be had including live entertainment, jumping castles, face painting and much more!! (nil cost to families)

Food and drink will also be available for purchase at a small cost.

Bring some pocket money for Glow Sticks, Showbags and games to play.

Have a go at the guessing competitions.

Sausage Sizzle to start at 5:30pm

Come and join us for this end of year fun filled family night.

The T.W.P.S P & C Committee would like to

Thank you

For all your support throughout the year.

Staff Profiles



Name: David Evans.

My job at the school: RFF teacher K-6.

My favourite food: Chicken schnitzel and salad.

My favourite holiday destination: Somewhere I haven't been before be it at home or aboard.

My favourite books are: The Thorn Birds, The General's Daughter and The Book Thief.

What are your hobbies? My hobbies are mountain biking and reading.

Number of years teaching: I lost count years ago.

Number of schools taught in: Westlawn (North Grafton), Toukley, Budgewoi, Northlakes and Taree West.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public school? I have always enjoyed being around young people and sharing in their growth and development academically and socially. A colleague, who retired a number of years ago, when asked what had been the highlight of his career, responded.... the children. That has been the highlight of my career. I also enjoy working with the staff at Taree West who are friendly, dedicated and professional.



Name: Simone Davis.

My job at the school is: Classroom Teacher on 3J

My favourite foods are: Strawberries and Mangoes.

My favourite colours are: Green and Purple.

My favourite Movie: Too many to pick from, however if I would pick one out of my most watched it would have to be

the Notebook.

What are your hobbies? I'm a bit of a car enthusiast, I absolutely love Hot Rods.

Number of years teaching: This is my first year of full time teaching.

Number of schools taught in: I have taught at Forster Public School, Tuncurry Public School and Hallidays Point Public School as a temporary teacher and also casually.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public school? Teaching at Taree West Public School this year has given me a great opportunity to build and extend on my skills as a starting teacher. I have enjoyed the opportunity I have had on 3J this year and the way the staff have made me feel welcome as part of their team. I live for each moment in a day especially the ones when I see the light globes shine brightly during teaching and learning time.

Community Advertisements**Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister!**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator, Dianne Axam on: 0429 406 126 for more information.

Saltwater Freshwater Festival 2013

The Saltwater Freshwater Festival is a celebration of Aboriginal culture on the Mid North Coast. Our region, where the saltwater and freshwater meet, is rich in Aboriginal music, art, dance and food, all of which will be on offer in Taree on Australia Day.

For more information on the 2013 Festival and our latest program announcements, please visit: www.saltwaterfreshwaterfestival.com.au

TAREE AND DISTRICT PRESCHOOL

Taking Enrolments for 2013 NOW

Community Based – Non-Profit Organisation

Dedicated, Engaged & Qualified Staff

Early Childhood Education - Ages 2 Yrs to School Age Large Outdoor

Learning Environment

HOURS 8.00am – 4.00pm

Visitors Welcome - 6552 1906

Kids Fishing Workshop

Give your child the opportunity to learn to fish during the school holidays. The day involves fishing techniques such as knots and rigging as well as casting and lots more. The workshop is designed for

kids aged 8-14 years

\$40 per child

Fee includes rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle kit and show bag for the kids to take home

Bookings/Enquiries – Sue 6591 6300

We Are Now, We Are The Future

National Year of Reading Anthology

Book launch

Friday 7 December 4:00 – 4:40pm

Taree Library

Info/RSVP : 6592 5290 by Tues 4 December

Paid Advertisements*Fish at Work*

- Mobile Car Detailing
- Pressure Cleaning
- Lawn Mowing
- Gardening
- Hedging
- House Cleaning
- Home Handyman

James Fischer – 0434 575 639

Tammy Fischer – 0420 543 176