

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 11

Tuesday, 18 December 2012

## WHAT'S ON

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
Thursday	14 February 2013	Swimming Carnival
Thursday	7 March 2013	School Photos

## Principal's Report

I would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you all a very happy, relaxing and safe holiday with your family. I have enjoyed my first year as principal of this truly remarkable school and am very proud to be the leader of such a wonderful school community. I am so proud of our achievements and welcome and appreciate your involvement in school events and activities.

Last Tuesday we held a Thank you Morning Tea for all of our school volunteers – It was great to see a significant number of grandparents, parents, carers and community members as volunteers in our classrooms, library, canteen, playgroup and the P&C. These partnerships that have been formed with families and the wider community allow our students to progress in all areas of learning.

In 2013, Literacy will remain one of our main academic priority areas and I seek your support through an invitation to be a part of our school reading program as literacy is the key skill to all other areas of the curriculum. Significant improvements are achieved if children can read and are read to every day – we therefore need your help so please speak to grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, neighbours, mums and dads to give us 1hr a week or more as a school reading volunteer.

## Presentation day

Our end of year formal Presentation Assembly took place last Thursday 13 December. This assembly provided an opportunity to publicly recognise and acknowledge the achievements of our students including the guitar group and our school Glee club. Congratulations to all of our award recipients.

The names of all student award recipients are included in the newsletter.

## 2013 School Captains and student Leadership Team

The following students have been elected to the school student leadership team for 2013. I would like to congratulate each one of these students and I look forward to working with them in 2013.

<b>Captains</b>	Hunter Willett	Mitchell Ferraro-Worth
<b>Vice Captains</b>	Janaya Mitchell	Mitchell Brown
<b>Prefects</b>	Laura Brisby, Jady Edwards-Hastings, Hannah Hartup, Thomas Neal, Taheed Kemp, Izaak Lavandero	

## Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 Farewell will take place tonight, Monday 17 December in the school hall commencing at 6:00pm.

## Student Reports

Student reports were sent home with your child last Friday so could you please check bags for the report, if you haven't received it as yet.

## Enrichment Class

We have the opportunity again in 2013 to be able to offer Year 5 and 6 students placement in an enrichment class. Student selection has been made through the analysis of social and academic school and class based assessments, including student attitude and application towards learning. Mrs Sue Wiseman will be the Enrichment class teacher for 2013. Mrs Wiseman is joining us from Gosford Public School where she has worked for several years as the Opportunity Class teacher.

### Staffing changes

I would like to congratulate Mr Morris and Mrs Smith who will both be celebrating their retirement at the end of this week and I would like to publicly recognise their outstanding contribution to Public Education. Mr Morris is commencing his retirement with 12 months Long Service Leave so we may still see him around at school.

Ms Stechiwskyj and Ms Beer will be leaving us as they have both obtained positions in other schools – with Ms S travelling all the way to Broken Hill. Ms Ali Lee has completed her temporary appointment as relieving Teacher/ Librarian. Ms Shelly Brown has also completed her time with us as a SLSO. I would like to sincerely thank these staff members for their wonderful work and contribution to the education of our students.

In 2013, Mr David Kingsland, from Nabiack PS, will be joining us as the Assistant Principal of our Stage 2 group and Mrs Sue Wiseman, from Gosford PS, will be taking our Enrichment Class.

### School Finishing and Recommencement in 2013

School will conclude for the Summer holidays for all students at 3:10pm this Wednesday 19 December 2012.

### School will recommence in 2013 as follows:

Wednesday 30 January – All students in Years 1 – 6

Thursday 31 January – Kinder students and all other new students

### Glowstick Family Fun night

Thank you to Julie Tilson and Vanessa Bergan and their band of helpers who organised such a wonderful and enjoyable Glowstick Night. Parent and Community comments received on the night indicated that it was the best by far. Well done once again P & C Fete fund raising committee.

### School Security

Over the holiday period could I please seek your support in reporting any trespassers or school security breaches to Taree Police on 6552 0399 or to the School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021.

**Mrs D Bensch**

**Principal**

### PRINCIPALS AWARDS

### Go4Fun

The Go4Fun program is a free healthy living program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier.

They are currently taking enrolments at the Mayo Hospital, Taree for a 10 week (20 sessions) program in February.

Freecall 1800 780 900 or register online at [www.mendcentral.org](http://www.mendcentral.org)

Children and their families become fitter, healthier and happier as they have fun, meet new friends and learn new skills.

### Community Advertisements



#### Stroud School Lego building competitions

**Where:** top gate of Stroud Public School

**When:** Sunday 17 February 2013

**Time:** 10am – 2.30pm

**Cost:** \$3 per adult, \$2 per child or \$10 per family

#### Join the Summer Reading Club @ your Library

Young people 5 – 16 years are once again invited to join the Summer Reading Club at their local library.

For more information about the Summer Reading Club

Contact - Debbie Horgan at Taree Library on 6592 5298 or email

[debbie.horgan@gtcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:debbie.horgan@gtcc.nsw.gov.au)

### Paid Advertisements

#### *Personalised BPA free Stainless Steel drink bottles*

Have your child's first name or full name engraved in time for Christmas.

**Small bottles** = 400ml – available in pink, red(candy), blue, black

**Large bottles** = 750ml – available in pink, purple, blue, green

#### Prices

**Small** – One name \$12 - Two names \$16

**Large** – One name \$15 - Two names \$19

Contact Warren or Cathie on 65510096 or 0439470681