

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 9

Tuesday, 4 December 2012

WHAT'S ON

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	7 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 K-2 – 9:45 – 11:00am 3-6 – 11:40 – 1:00pm
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

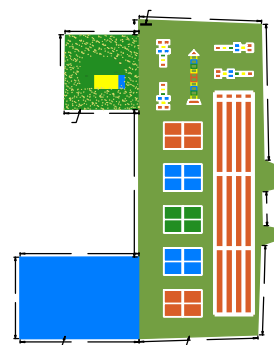
Principal's Report

Update – School Wireless Network

Regional IT personnel have spent today in our school configuring our recently purchased and installed wireless network. This will now allow greater flexibility for technology access to support student learning across all areas of our school for all staff and students. Our aim over the next couple of years, through the school budget and fundraising, is to purchase a minimum of 5 laptops per classroom.

Major upgrade to the K- 2 playground area

Major works to the K-2 playground area has commenced and will be finalised for the beginning of the 2013 school year. The school received a NSW government grant which has funded some of the project with the remaining funds generously provided by the school P&C. The P & C are coordinating the supply and installation of the extension to the K-2 Cola and seating. This will allow adequate seating and shade for all students in our K-2 area. The concrete area will also be upgraded with tiger turf which will allow students further use of this playground space. This will include a running track, hopscotch games, letter and number ladders, handball courts and an outdoor chess board. A plan for this area is included below.



End of year procedures and student behaviour

I would like to thank parents for speaking to their children about what is the expected behaviour at school over the last few weeks of this term – we have already noticed an improvement in their behaviour! If you could continue to have these conversations reminding them of school and family expectations of their appropriate behaviour it will be appreciated. We would like to continue working together to ensure that all of our children will be able to participate in the end of year fun activities and events.

Mrs D Bensch

Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Lillian McLeay KG, Chelsea Munro KH, Timothy Bischofberger 1B,
Kurt Walters 1B, Tom Meredith 1C, Nathan Pike 1G,
Callum Sawicki 2/3B, Ashleigh Pope 4O

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K-1C	Nathan P	Lillianah W	Chayse S
KC	Alex M	Tiah H	Lachlan H
KF	Jordyn L	Harrison W	Nithara W
KG	Eve W	Hunter M	Ben W
KH	Chelsea M	Bailey D	Emily P
1-2S	Lydia G	Lindsay S	Blake R
1B	Ebony B	Baden F	Timothy B
1C	Hamish C	Ashley B	Holli C
1G	Hudson S	Emma D	Mitchel C
2H	Madison M	Tyler O	Aston N
2S	Liam K	Madelieine P	Nicholas R

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.

Swimming Scheme

The Intensive Swimming program for 2012 had to be postponed due to a clash in dates and staff availability. The program will operate twice next year to ensure that no students are disadvantaged.

End of year celebrations

Our end of year celebrations are happening on
Tuesday 18 December.

K-2 will visit the cinema to see **'Hotel Transylvania'**

followed by a picnic lunch back at school.

3-4 will visit the cinema to see **'Rise of the Guardians'** followed by a picnic lunch back at school.

All the above students will depart the school at 9:30am and return at approximately 12 noon.

5-6 will visit the cinema in Tuncurry to see **'Wreck it Ralph'** followed by a picnic lunch in the park at Tuncurry. They will depart from school at 9:30am and return at approximately 3:00pm.



Permission notes will be sent home tomorrow

Return of Representative Sport Uniforms

If any family has any TWPS Sport Representative Uniforms (shirts or socks) hiding in their house, then it is possible to return them without issue, drama or karma directly to Mr Uwland. All our Rep sport uniforms are classified as boomerangs and need to be returned now!

Soccer: 5-a-side

TWPS had 42 Year 3 & 4 students represent the school in a 5-a-side soccer gala day at the Taree Representative Soccer Field two weeks ago. Our school fielded 6 teams and they played Chatham PS and Wingham PS. The players were:

Chloe N, Maddeline C, Amy T, Kiaya R, Charlie D, Caleb S, Jesse W, Braydon S, Jake F, Kainen W, Izak M, Emily M, Kasey P, Trinity W, Kyesha W, Jessica W, Letesha M, Brianna W, Khan S, Jaryd M, Cooper W, Callum S, Lilly Mc, Jade E, Cooper W, Ellie Mc, Imogen N, Jada H, Oshen S, Chloe S, Courtney M, Ashliegh P, Bailey J, Cody R, Zaide P, Shane M, Cody B, Kaylah T, Colin R-W, Ayeiesha G, Tamika B.

Four Year 6 students were asked to assist on the day with refereeing and group management. Thanks to Connor W, Taylah C, Tarni W and Jacob H-W for their wonderful support on the day.

Thank you to all the parents for their support of the event too, especially those parents that assisted with the injured young student from Wingham PS.

Congratulations

While most of us relaxed in air conditioned comfort on the weekend, Jack Scott was out on the green playing in the Taree Junior Open Golf Tournament. Jack won the net part of the competition, congratulations Jack.

K-2 School Hat Award

Class KH won the trophy for having the most students wearing their School Hat last week. Several classes only had one student without a hat each day so were very close to winning the award.

Congratulations to KH and well done to all the students who are wearing their School Hat with pride.

K-2 End of Year Excursion

All K-2 students will tomorrow receive a permission note for the end of year excursion to the movies. All K-2 parents are invited to attend school after the students return from the movies to have a picnic lunch followed by games with their child.

Toilet Tactics Tips and Information

For young children think - Toilet TIMING not Toilet TRAINING

Create good routines around toilet timing. Have set times when the child must go to the toilet. Examples include:

- When they get up in the morning
- Before leaving the house at any time of the day
- Before bed (as part of the bedtime routine)
- Any time they may not be able to access a toilet for an hour or more
- Before going into any water (bath, swimming pool, etc)
- Before getting into the car
- Before eating i.e. toilet, wash hands, eat

(these tips are very useful for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders)

Guitar Group News

Our school guitar group have been working hard this term on a song to perform at the presentation day assembly. The guitar group will be performing at our presentation day assembly on Thursday next week (Wk 10). The students will need to have their guitars at school all week as we will be rehearsing throughout the week in preparation for the performance next Thursday. We have had a fantastic year this year in guitar group with over 40 students participating in the program. We have also obtained 10 new guitars which are on loan from the Mid North Coast Conservatorium of Music. This has enabled some of the guitar students to take these guitars home with them to practice things which they have learnt in their lessons. The students who have been participating in guitar this year will have first preference for next year's program and we are now taking names of students in Years 1-6 who are interested in participating in the program next year. Please see Mr Cook if you would like to put your name down for next year's group. I am looking forward to further developing our students skills in guitar next year.

Mr Cook

School Concert Band News

As our school year draws to a close one thing is certain. Taree West now has a school band. We have students receiving expert direction and tuition on instruments including drums/percussion, saxophone, euphonium, trombone, flute, clarinet and trumpet from our band master Mr Roger Griffiths. It has been amazing to witness the improvements the students have made on their chosen instruments and we are looking forward to a very exciting year in 2013 which will see our school concert band performing at school assemblies, community events and in our first eisteddfod. We would like to establish a parent committee in 2013 to support the ongoing coordination of the band program, this will include fundraising and decision making in relation to the future directions for this group. Interested parents are invited to speak to Mr Cook. If your child is interested in joining the school concert band in 2013 we will be accepting students from Years 3-6. Interested students need to collect an expression of interest form from Mr Cook or Miss Littlewood.

Taree West Public School**Monster Meat Tray Raffles**

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

When: Fri 7th December 2012

Time: tickets on sale from 5.30pm

1st ticket called at 6.45pm

*** Remember money raised from the raffles

comes back to Taree West Public School ***

Last raffles for 2012 and TWPS P & C Committee would like to

Thank you for your support and to wish all our TWPS families a Merry

Christmas and Happy and safe New Year.

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.

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.

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