

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 3

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to thank all students, staff and parents for your patience and understanding as we formed our classes for this year. We have been able to form 21 classes which are outlined below. Over the last week we have welcomed 88 new Kinder students and have had another 61 student movements in Years 1 – 6 with students either enrolling or leaving the school. This significant number of students moving in and out of the school impacts on our ability to form classes as we need to comply with Department of Education guidelines in recommended student numbers for each year level.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<b>K-1C</b>	Mr Cook
<b>KB</b>	Miss Bennett
<b>KC</b>	Mrs Cheney
<b>KG</b>	Mrs Griffith
<b>KH</b>	Mrs Humphries
<b>1-2B</b>	Mrs Bird
<b>1B</b>	Mrs Beer
<b>1C</b>	Mrs Cameron
<b>1S</b>	Miss Stechiwskyj
<b>2-3B</b>	Mrs Barriball
<b>2H</b>	Mrs Hickson
<b>2S</b>	Mrs Smith
<b>3C</b>	Mrs Cross
<b>3M</b>	Mr Morris
<b>4-5-6F</b>	Miss Field
<b>4O</b>	Mrs Osborne
<b>4U</b>	Mr Umland
<b>5-6C</b>	Mrs Cockburn
<b>5-6J</b>	Mrs Jensen
<b>5-6M</b>	Mrs Muller
<b>5-6T</b>	Mrs Jobson
<b>RFF</b>	Mr McMahon
	Mr Evans
<b>STLA</b>	Mrs Cooen
<b>Focus on Reading</b>	Mrs Stone
	Mrs Frost
<b>Reading Recovery</b>	Mr Eke
	Miss Black

## SCHOOL LEADERS

I had the pleasure of meeting with our student leaders last week. Our school captains and vice captains, Tahni Walters, Chance Anderson, Alesha Lannoy and Rory Mitchell are a vital part of our school leadership team as they are the student voice. The students will work closely with the school SRC and will meet with me once a fortnight to discuss student issues and suggestions for school improvements.

Donna Bensch

## WHAT'S ON

Monday	13 February	School Swimming Carnival – Wingham
Tuesday	21 February	P & C AGM 6 pm
Wednesday	22 February	Zone Swimming Carnival – Wingham
Wednesday	29 February	"Meet the Teacher" Evening

## PERMISSION NOTES

"Authority to Publish" and "Walking" notes have been issued to all students today. It is important that these notes be returned as soon as possible to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you.

## SWIMMING COMPETENCY TEST

Thank you to all the parents of students who participated in the Swimming Competency Test last week. This year the test was carried out with over 200 students 3-6. Participation in the Swimming Test allows teachers to provide swimming opportunities for students specific to their ability. Another test will be conducted for students who missed out on Monday 20th February. Once again thank you for your co-operation in making this possible.

## GUITAR GROUP NEWS

Our guitar group will be commencing next week. Mr Jacob Cook will be running the guitar group and providing explicit lessons to the students. Mr Cook comes to us with the experience of running guitar programs in other primary schools and as a professional musician and private tutor.

Interested students will need their own guitars to participate in the lessons. We have a couple of spare guitars if students would like to attend a lesson to gauge whether or not they are interested in joining the group and purchasing their own guitar.

We have arranged a discounted guitar pack for students of our school with our local music store Bass n Blues Music, Taree. The students just need to collect a voucher from Mr Cook to redeem the discounted package.

Lessons will take place during the students' lunch times which will ensure the students do not miss any valuable class time. The students will be grouped according to abilities/experience and also according to their class/year groups. Participation in the guitar group will be of no cost to the students and interested students will need to sign up with Mr Cook who will be collecting names from the students' classes on Wednesday morning or in his classroom at lunch time on Wednesday and Thursday. The students will be informed when their weekly lesson will take place at the end of this week.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

Last Friday afternoon the school elected Captains for the four School Houses. For new parents to our school, the Houses names are Lawson (Red), Patterson (Green), Gordon (Yellow) and Kendall (Blue). Congratulations to the following students for their selection. The captains are:

	Senior Captains		Vice Captains		Junior Captains (Year 4)	
Lawson	Lachlan Ward	Emmie Paine	Connor Wiles	Gabby Miller	Bree Pensini	Drew Pensini
Patterson	Griffin McDean	Khiaecia Martin	Mitchell Goode	Harlie Docherty	Sam Brisby	Aleah Clark
Gordon	Connor Swannack	Taylor Starr	Sarah Hammond	Ryan Thompson	Emily Brown	Max Harrison
Kendall	Cooper Murray	Sophie Watson	Trae Gersbach	Abby Evans	Harry Wesley	Renae Wesley

After the elections, the Houses rallied outside the senior rooms and had a 'chant off' to display house pride.

## Swimming Carnival Permission and event nominations

The deadline for permission notes and event nominations for this carnival is fast approaching. Please return these to your classroom teacher or Mr Umland ASAP.

Due to the skill required at this event, many children turning 8 this year are unable to swim the distance or have the stroke skill. If there are any children that are able to swim the distance and/or are in swim squads, please speak to Mr Umland asap to place your child in the

carnival. It is a wonderful experience and the school welcomes your child to experience it as long as it is a safe environment for them to be in. Just a reminder that every 8 year old race, apart from the age-grouped 50m freestyle, is conducted as a "Junior" event against the 9 and 10 year olds.

## NRL Sydney Roosters Visit

Taree West PS students from Year 3 to 6 will be having a special visit from some NRL Sydney Roosters players this Wednesday as part of their "One Community" Program. The players will talk about the importance of harmony and accepting others.

## Nestle Junior Triathalon

The Trial Bay Triathalon is holding their annual Junior Triathalon on Saturday 18th Feb. Each race has age appropriate courses (e.g. wading in shallow water for swim legs). We have had children participate in this event in the past and they have really enjoyed it. Please refer to the following website for more details and entry forms. [www.coastline.com.au](http://www.coastline.com.au)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Manning Valley Physical Culture

Classes commence 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
Contact Nola on 0419237715 or Robyn on 65513255

### TAREE RSL RED ROVERS 2012 SEASON

Rego days are as follows:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February U13's-U16's
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February U6's-U12's

For information contact

**Melissa Gahan Secretary – 0400348594**

**Email: [tareerslredrovers@bigpond.com](mailto:tareerslredrovers@bigpond.com)**

## Club Taree Wildcats Soccer Club – Registration days

Saturday 4th February – 10am to 2pm

Tuesday 7th February – 4pm to 6pm

Thursday 9th February – 4pm to 6pm

Saturday 11th February – 10am to 2pm

Tuesday 14th February – 4pm to 6pm

Thursday 16th February – 4pm to 6pm

At Omaru Park, Muldoon Street Taree

**FEES:** 5yrs to 7yrs - \$70

8yrs to 11yrs - \$90

12yrs to 18yrs - \$110

Families with 2 or more players receive a discount.

**All new players are required to supply proof of age.**

All u/6 & u/7 players will receive a pair of shinpads and ball (may not be available at registrations).

Any enquires to Michael Wallace on 0410442538.

## Catholic Parishes of Taree & Wingham Sacraments of Initiation 2012

Information Sessions will be held:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012

For more information telephone:

Taree Catholic Parish Office 6552 1084

## DANCE LESSONS

Maree Ruprecht-Cooper, Principal of Dynamic Dance Studio (est.1992) is taking enrolments for 2012.

Classes are held at:

- Coopernook Anglican Church Hall on Monday afternoons
- Cundletown Uniting Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons
- Lansdowne Hall on Friday afternoons

Maree will teach your children dancing and gymnastics for fun and fitness rather than the stress of exam and eisteddfods. There are no unrealistic fees involved, just one weekly fee and the children are getting fit without even knowing it.

For further enquires please contact Maree on 65538439 or 041 2060071.

## Happy Rompers Day Care Centre

15 Rosebank Avenue Taree

Phone: 65527000

Open Mon-Fri 7.30am - 6.30pm

52 weeks a year

All meals and nappies supplied

## PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

### Andrea Rowsell Academy of Dance...

is a well respected dance school in the area currently in its 9th year of operation. New enrolments are now being accepted for girls and boys who have an interest to learn to dance. Classes on offer for 2012 are:

**Preschool** classes specifically designed for 3-4 year olds introducing them to movement and music.

**R.A.D Classical Ballet** from Kindergarten to Advanced levels offers poise, expression and discipline.

**Jazz/Funk** for all ages wanting to keep fit and have fun.

**Contemporary** for those wishing to explore a freer style.

**L.G.T.D.A Tap** from beginners to Advanced levels.

There is a class to suit everybody regardless of ability or their reason to dance. Contact Andrea for assistance in selecting the best class option for your child.

**Phone: 6553 3122**



## Taree- Great Lakes Physical Culture Club

Hey Girls, do you want a fun after school activity that will improve your fitness and help you make new friends?

Ask mum if you can come to 2 FREE Physie classes.

Tell Mum Physie is very reasonably priced and she can have 2 FREE classes too!

Classes in Gloucester, Taree, Stroud and Forster/Tuncurry

To find out more Call Lyn on 6558 1576 or 0428 210800.

Check out our website at [www.tglphysie.co.cc](http://www.tglphysie.co.cc)