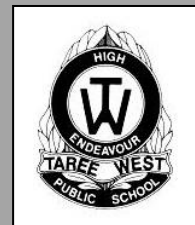


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Term 1 – Week 4

Tuesday, 14 February 2012

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	15 February	Gym commences for Classes 2H, 2S & Yr 2 2-3B
Friday	17 February	Life Education Van Visits commence \$5.00 to be paid by 15 February
Monday	20 February	Swimming Competency Back up day
Tuesday	21 February	P & C AGM 6 pm
Wednesday	22 February	Zone Swimming Carnival – Wingham
Wednesday	29 February	"Meet the Teacher" Evening
Tuesday	20 March	School Photos

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Peter Haigh, the North Coast Regional Director, and Mr John Harwin, the Manning Camden Haven (A) School Education Director spent 2 hours visiting the staff and students of Taree West Public School last Wednesday. Mr Haigh was impressed with the behaviour and manners displayed by our students as he walked through the playground meeting and greeting both staff and students. He also took the opportunity for a quick photo with our school captains and vice captains.



I would like to congratulate all of the students who took part in the competitors swimming carnival yesterday. I have heard a rumour that at least two previously held records were smashed yesterday. I am sure Mr Umland will fill us in shortly. It was a wonderful day and thankfully the weather was kind allowing the carnival to proceed without incident (or thunderstorm). I would also like to thank the teachers who spent so much time in the preparation and running of this wonderful event for your children.

PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAMS SURVEY 2012

The Priority Schools Program offers schools an opportunity once every four years to participate in a survey of their school community which is used to determine a school's eligibility for substantial funding in the following 4 year period. The survey is designed to establish the socio economic status of local communities. Schools with low socio economic status, as deemed by this survey, are eligible for additional funding over a 4 year period to support specifically designed programs in literacy and numeracy within the school.

A survey envelope will be issued to every family with a student in Kindergarten, Year 1, 2 and 3 in the week beginning 5 March 2012. It is of the utmost importance that every survey is returned to school in the sealed envelope provided, by Friday 9 March 2012 otherwise our school survey data will be considered invalid and our school will automatically be excluded from the process.

Students will receive a small reward when they return a survey to school and will also receive a free ticket into a raffle draw for an Ipod Nano. Staff will be available at the hall every morning and afternoon, between 5th March and 9th March, to assist and guide parents as needed. All surveys are sent in their sealed envelopes to the scanning company responsible for the collation and analysis of the survey data across the State.

I would like to thank you in advance of your support of our school through your participation in this survey.

Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 Playground Area

Our K – 2 playground area is quite small and becomes very congested and at times unsafe, especially of a morning with many parents and toddlers sharing the space with their school age children and older siblings. Supervision, management and organisation of almost 300 young children can become very problematic with large groups of

additional children and adults in the direct vicinity as it blocks our line of sight for student supervision and makes communication and movement to classes at bell time very difficult. We understand that many parents want to bring their children into school and to also meet up with other parents therefore I would like to ask you to please consider the difficult job our teachers are doing and when in the playground of a morning please sit or stand closer to the library at the coloured seating area.

Donna Bensch

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION NIGHT

The Parent Teacher Information night will be held on Wednesday 29th February from 5.30-6.30pm. A note will be issued regarding this shortly.

2012 TWPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday approximately 90 students attended the school swimming carnival at the Wingham Swimming Pool. It was a wonderful day with many children swimming to the best of their ability and earning points for their house.

A full list of results was posted in the school hall and outside Mrs Muller's room today.

Hannah Hartup had a wonderful day by breaking two TWPS records. She eclipsed a record (35.34 sec) set by a current TWPS parent held since 1984 in the 11 year old girls 50m freestyle. The new record is now 34.30 sec. The second record was smashed. The 11 year girls butterfly held since 1994 (44.17 sec) is now 42.49 sec. Congratulations to Hannah for a wonderful carnival.

Individual Age Champions and Champion House were calculated last night and the trophies are being engraved. These announcements and trophy presentation will be held in the next few days. This information will be in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children in their endeavours and assisting with the running of the carnival. It would not be successful without your support.

It is a shame that more children didn't attend the carnival. I would like to encourage more children to the event next year. It is a great day and a pleasure to organise when our students represent our school impressively, year after year.

Mr Umland

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.



Saver Plus Program



\$500 to help pay for Education

Do you have a child at school or are you studying and would \$500 help cover your education expenses?

The Smith Family is running a Taree savings program that can help you save for your own or your children's education.

Saver Plus rewards your saving efforts by matching every dollar you save with another dollar from ANZ, up to \$500.

It also offers 4 FREE Financial Workshops.

Many Taree families are already taking advantage of the Saver Plus program and are saving for their educational expenses.

To be eligible you must:

- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself
- have a current health care card or pension card, and
- have some income from work. (even a few hrs will count)

Saver Plus is giving families a brighter future by providing an incentive to save for education.

For more information contact Mark Norris, Saver Plus Coordinator on 65578284 or 0429 820 9744 or email mark.norris@thesmithfamily.com.au

PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

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

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

Manning Valley Physical Culture

Dance classes for children from 3 years to ladies of all ages.

Classes commence 13th February 2012

Contact Nola on 0419237715 or 6551 2831 or Robyn on 65513255

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