

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 6

Tuesday, 28 February 2012

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	29 February	Parent Teacher Information night 5.30-6.30pm
Tuesday	13 March	P & C Meeting
Tuesday	20 March	School Photos
Tuesday	22 May	ICAS Computer Skills
Wednesday	6 June	ICAS Science Test
Tuesday	19 June	ICAS Spelling Test
Tuesday	31 July	ICAS English Test
Tuesday	14 August	ICAS Maths Test
Every Monday		School Banking

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Virtual Excursion

On the 8 March Year 5/6C and 5/6T will take part in a Virtual Excursion through our Video Conference facility to the Sydney Opera House covering the HSIE topics of Australia: You're Standing in it, Places: Then, Now and Tomorrow and Being Australian. Virtual Excursions open up our world and allow us to explore so many environments and access people who are experts in their fields such as scientists and authors. These excursions are usually highly engaging and work to complement our class teaching and learning programs. I am sure many other classes, this year, will also be involved in virtual excursions possibly to places like Alaska, The Great Barrier Reef and even NASA.

Supervision Before School

It has come to my notice that a number of students are at school as early as 7:45 am with many arriving at around 8:00am. The school does not provide student supervision until 8:40am which is ½ hour before the commencement of the school day. Please do not send your children to school before 8:40am as this is a significant safety concern

especially around crossing roads, stranger danger and student accidents.

Supervision After School

A teacher will be on duty until 3:30pm at the front and back gate of the school of an afternoon commencing next week. Any student who has not been picked up at the conclusion of this duty will be directed back into the school and parents will be contacted.

School Security – Malicious Damage to the School

There have been a number of incidents in the school, occurring outside of school hours and over the weekends, over the past few weeks causing significant loss and damage to school property. Several bins have been set on fire and damaged, gardens have been destroyed, buildings have been graffitied, a speaker system for a hearing impaired student has been stolen (\$2 500) and the administration building has been broken into with windows smashed and walls damaged. We need your help, when you notice skateboarders or other trespassers in the school grounds, outside of school hours, can you please report all concerns to our school security unit, 24 hrs a day, on 1300 880 021. The school is inclosed land therefore anyone inside the school grounds without the authority of the principal is considered to be trespassing.

Graffiti in the School

There are a number of areas in the school which have been graffitied including the girls and boys toilets. Ted Bickford, the Graffiti Buster from Great Lakes Council is going to remove all Graffiti from the school, at no cost, over the next couple of weeks. We are very appreciative of his time and commitment to making our school a pleasant and graffiti free environment. Sadly some of the graffiti, especially in the toilet areas, appears to have been done by some of our current and ex-students. Any student, in the future, found to be responsible for damaging any school property will be required to clean and repair any damage caused to the school, under the supervision of their parents.

Donna Bensch

K-3 PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM SURVEYS

PSP Surveys will go home to all K-3 parents this Friday afternoon. It is essential that surveys are returned to enable our school to have an opportunity to secure PSP funds. Inclusion on the program would enable our school to continue many of our successful programs once our National Partnership funds end.

All surveys will need to be returned by next Friday. All families who return a survey will receive a Freddo Frog for each child enrolled at our school. The family will also receive an entry into the draw for the Ipod Nano.

During survey week (week 7) our QuickSmart SLSO's will be stationed in the hall from 8.30-11.25am and from 2.10-3.30pm daily to assist parents to complete surveys and to act as returning officers. Surveys can also be sent back to school with students.

Parents can be assured that confidentiality will be maintained. The tear off section on the back of the envelope will be removed before the surveys are sent away. The tear off section will then be placed into a box which will constitute the family entry into the Ipod Nano draw. The draw will take place on a Monday assembly.

Thank you in advance to all K-3 families for completing the survey. We also wish all K-3 families good luck in the Ipod draw.

Matthew Royan

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION NIGHT

The Parent Teacher Information night will take place on Wednesday 29 February from 5.30 – 6.30pm. A sausage sizzle will take place from 6.00pm with sausage sandwiches and bottled water available for purchase at a cost of \$1.00 each.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) – YEARS 3-6

The School will once again be participating in these competitions. Notes were sent home to students in Years 3-6 on Monday. Entries for all competitions will close on Friday 30 March 2012.

STUDENT DETAIL UPDATE FORMS

Student detail update forms will be sent home shortly. Please make any relevant changes and return the form to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Our school will be participating in Clean Up Schools Day on Friday, 2nd March, 2012. Clean Up Schools Day is part of the national Clean Up Australia Day Campaign. It would be desirable if your child could bring to school a pair of gloves suitable for picking up rubbish and a plastic shopping bag. Let's help Keep Australia Beautiful.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday 21 students from Taree West Public School travelled to Wingham to compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival. All students were very competitive in their events and represented their school with pride. Ten students swam better times at this carnival than they had at our school carnival. One student, Hannah Hartup, has qualified for the Regional Swimming Carnival in four events. She will compete in Maitland on the 8th March and we wish her well. Congratulations to all of our school representatives for their fantastic efforts on the day. Many thanks also to the parents who transported and supported the students throughout the day.



COMBINED BAND

Several students from years 4, 5 and 6 have attended the first round of rehearsals at Taree High School for the Combined Schools Band Project. The vocalists and instrumentalists impressed Mrs Ralston with their eager approach. The students returned from the rehearsals beaming and keen to attend again. We wish them the best for their ongoing success. Thank you to the parents for providing transport for this excellent learning opportunity.

P & C COMMITTEE

The P & C AGM and General Meeting was held on Tuesday 21st February 2012. The AGM was held to elect new committee members. The committee members for 2012 are:

President: Majida Mitchell

Vice President: Leanne Ferris, Brett Eggleston

Secretary: Amanda Birchall

Treasurer: Kristy Lee Barrett

On behalf of the 2012 P & C committee members I would like to thank Rebecca Wheeler for all the time and effort she has given in the role of President of the P & C over the last few years. I know there were times where the committee was very light on and Rebecca has put a

lot of time into ensuring P&C fundraising and projects were continued. Thank you also needs to go to Brett Eggleston (Vice President), Le-Anne Cook (Treasurer), Amanda Birchall (Secretary) and all their helpers who provided reliable support over the last few years. Thank you to all parents and community members who helped and supported the P&C over the last 12 months, we hope to see you all back again this year, ready to make a difference and be a part of Taree West Public School's future.

A Fundraising Committee was also formed and the Coordinator's are Talya Sedlen and Julie Tilson.

They will be responsible for coordinating fundraising for the year, and they will need lots of support and help with various activities so please if you can spare a little time, we would appreciate it more hands make light work

Next P & C Meeting is set down for Tuesday 13th March 2012. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is back!

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5.00 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.

- If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.
- If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school.

MONDAY is School Banking Day at Taree West. Students should bring in their banking, remembering to fill in their deposit slips.

This year we will have set days on which children can redeem their rewards and those will be published in advance in the Newsletter. All you have to do is pick your reward (take note of date availability), return your tokens and voucher in your School Banking. Please allow 1 – 2 weeks for delivery.

This week all Kindergarten children will receive an Information Pack and any students in Year 1 to Year 6 who wish to start banking can obtain Information Packs from the Canteen.

All parents please note that as at 22 February 2012 this account has a great interest rate:

Standard rate – 0.01% and Bonus rate – 4.75% additional if you bank at least once a month with no withdrawals.

Banking will commence again on Monday 5th March with date for 1st redemption day to be published shortly.

Thank you for supporting the school in this rewarding program for young children. If you are able to volunteer a couple of hours of a Monday morning to help with the banking, please contact Ashley Hinton at the Canteen.

The Commonwealth Bank Taree will be holding a School Banking Account opening day on Friday 9th March from 9.30am to 5pm.

The benefit is that students will receive account number, deposit book/wallet and Platy money box on the day so they can start banking the following week.

The School Banking Specialist Theresa Ryan will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. On the day other Specialists will be available to help with any other banking enquiries you may have.

Thank you for supporting the school banking program in your school. Please contact me if you wish to discuss anything.

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K-1C	Damian B	Brock T	Connor F
KB	Dylan M	Katie T	Joshua H
KC	Amelie M	Annika S	Cooper H
KG	Mackenzie G	Izaak M	Erin T
KH	Rory M	Huntah L	Lily-Rose P
1-2B	Jodie M	Taneasha D	Blake R
1B	Arwen E	Charlie-Rose K	Jake H
1C	JT D	Matilda M	Taya H
1S	Samira M	Neevah H	Taneha C
2-3B	Max C		
2-3B	Zac T	Cooper W	Imogen N
2H	Jimmy M	Tyler O	Talarah R
2S	Sophie W	Madeline P	Bailey C
3C	Isaac W	Kalani S	Tea S
3M	Emily H	Lauren C	Brooke D
4-5-6F	Aleah C	Tahlea E	Eric H
4O	Jaxon C	Conor S	Zaide P
4U	Ryan D	Deaken W	Kasey P
5-6C	Georgia T	Mitchell B	Elleyana M
5-6J	Kelly M	Jessica A	Hayley H
5-6M	Chloe B	Jacob H	Jane D
5-6T	Khloe C	Ashlee K	Hannah M

LIBRARY BAGS

Library Bags are available for purchase at the School Office for \$10.00 each.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wauchope Lasiandra Festival's Country Fair
Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 March 2012

Taree City Netball Club

Taree & District Netball Competition starts 24 March 2012

Register at Taree Netball Courts, Bligh Street Chatham

Wednesday 29 February 3.30-5pm

Saturday 3 March 12-2pm

For more information Ph 65539605 0427832401

Email: tareecitynetballclub@hotmail.com

SAXBY STADIUM BASKETBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the twelve children so far who have enjoyed the fun and success of playing in the Saxby stadium primary age basketball competition held on Saturday mornings. The most recent and welcomed inclusions to the squad, Emmie P, Nick C, Dylan M and Kiana D have enabled the Taree West based group to nominate two teams into this competition. They join Rory M, Ryan T, Sarah H, Lachlan W, Trae and Jesse G, Hannah M and our guest player Logan W.

A further two enthusiastic participants are required for the optimum number of players for each team. For more information contact Mr Healy or Mr Thompson on 6551 7456.

PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Manning Valley Physical Culture
Dance classes for children from 3 years to ladies of all ages.
Contact Nola on 0419237715 or 6551 2831 or Robyn on

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

