

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 7

Tuesday, 6 March 2012

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday	13 March	P & C Meeting
Tuesday	20 March	School Photos
Tuesday	27 March	Hot Dog & Popper Day
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

PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAMS SURVEY 2012

Thank you so much to all of the families who have returned their surveys so promptly. We have had almost half of the surveys returned to date which is a great start.

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.

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

Back gate closed at 3:30pm each day

A teacher will be on duty until 3:30pm at the front and back gate of the school. The back gate will be closed by staff at 3:30pm. Students who have not been collected by this time will be taken to the teachers on bus duty and parents will be contacted.

Road Safety

To support student safety parents are requested to ensure that they do not park or stop to pick up their children in the No Stopping or Bus Zones at the front of the school. Can you also please ensure that when dropping your children off to school that they only get out of your car on the kerb side (left) side of the vehicle so that they are not stepping out into the path of traffic.

Head Lice

Headlice are a very common occurrence in every school, in fact on any day in every classroom in Australia, up to 5 students will have headlice. Therefore to prevent their transference between students parents are reminded to check their children's hair regularly.

Donna Bensch

YEAR 6-7 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS

Year 6-7 Expression of Interest forms were sent home to parents on Monday. It is vital that all students return their forms to the front office by Friday 16 March to enable applications for enrolment to be processed. It is essential that students are allocated to a high school (government or non-government) in this process to ensure that a high school position is available for them.

2012 SRC REPRESENTATIVES

2012 SRC representatives are as follows:

1-2B	Jodie Meredith	Liam Erickson
2-3B	Imogen Nelson	Drew Passfield
2H	Lana Mc Kellar	Jimmy Michaelides
2S	Murphie Coneybeare	Ethan Hill
3C	Lillian Griffin	Jaryd Mitchell
3M	Emily Heath	Lachlan Coiner
4-5-6F	Taya Nelson	Beau Kircher
4O	Tamika Birchall	Lachlan Richardson
4U	Jacinta Williams	Jake Ferris
5-6C	Sarah Hammond	Mitchell Brown
5-6J	Laura Brisby	Mitcell Ferraro-Worth
5-6M	Jadyn Edwards-Hastings	Trai Bernasconi
5-6T	Gabrielle Miller	Trae Gersbach

These students will receive their badges at the Week 7 Assembly.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Taree West Public School will be celebrating National Ride2School day on Friday 23 March, along with thousands of other schools around the country. We encourage students and their families from Years 3-6 to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school. As in past years, students under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Start planning the safest route to school and check bikes, tyres, seats and helmets are safe and properly adjusted.

Here are some tips from the Department website:

http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/road/travel/active/ride_to_school.htm

Who is responsible for the students riding a bicycle to school?

Parents and carers are responsible for how their child travels to and from school. Under duty of care, schools are responsible for the student once they have entered the school premises. As part of their overall care for students, school communities will often work together to provide agreed school policies about travel to and from school. The NSW Centre for Road Safety, Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) recommends parents and carers need to actively guide and supervise children riding bicycles up to ten years of age.

What about the storage of helmets at school?

Storage and labelling of bicycle helmets is the responsibility of the student.

Can students ride on the footpath?

Yes, if they are under 12 years old. Children under 12 years, by law, are allowed to ride bicycles on the footpath unless there are signs that specifically prohibit cycling.

What about the condition of the bicycle?

By law, bicycles must be fitted with a working brake and bell. This is a parent and carer responsibility.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Ryan Thompson and Rory Mitchell for successfully gaining selection into the Manning Zone Basketball Team. They trialled last Wednesday at Saxby's Stadium. Both boys selected will now trial for the Hunter Team at the end of the week.

Hannah Hartup is travelling to Maitland this week to compete in the Hunter Swimming Carnival. She will be busy being in four events for the day. The standard of competition at Hunter level is very high with faster qualifying times required into this carnival than state. We wish her well in her quest.

P & C

Summary of Minutes from P&C Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2012:

Annual General Meeting was held first, with all positions being filled.

Canteen Committee positions were filled by:

President – Sandra Tran

Secretary - Tracey

Treasurer – Jo Campbell

General Meeting

- Vote was carried out for the continuation of coloured sports shirts to be worn by students on their weekly sport day – Friday. Majority were in favour of keeping sports shirts, these are to be worn with maroon shorts or skirts on sport day and sporting carnivals. Sports shirts do not have to have school emblem on them, but must be collared polo shirt in house colour.
- School has a 'No Hat, No Play' policy, A discussion of wide brim hats being the only choice for children to wear at school was held.
- A motion to vote on the continuation of girls green check tunic as school uniform was raised, and motion was carried over as a discussion to next meeting.
- The Principal's Report, and Treasurers Report were tabled.
- The Canteen Committee Report was tabled and a motion raised for a survey to go out to parents for an updated summer and winter menu.
- General Business – School banking was discussed, as the number of students utilising this service is decreasing and use of token rewards is very time consuming as it is recorded manually at school. It was agreed that banking should be continued on a Monday, but more volunteers were needed.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting are:

- Fundraising ideas for 2012.
- Hot Dog Day, Cake Stall (Term 2)
- Glowstick night preparations
- Tunics- green check
- Walkways
- Jumpers for winter
- Facebook

Please Note: The date for next meeting has changed.

Next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th March 2012 at 6pm, in the school Library, all welcome.

THANK YOU

Taree West Public School would like to thank Taree West Bakery for supporting the School Breakfast program.

SCHOOL BANKING

This terms reward redemption day will be the **19th March 2012**.

Please send in tokens and your chosen reward voucher with your school banking allowing 1-2 weeks for delivery.

A reminder that the Commonwealth Bank Taree is having an account opening day on Friday 9th March from 9.30am to 5pm with the CBA's School Banking Specialist, Therese Ryan, available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Any child opening their account on this day will receive their account details, deposit book and Platy money box so that they can start banking the following Monday.

Not only is this program a great way to start teaching your child to save and be responsible with their money, the CBA provide great rewards for the children and donate funds to the school for all monies banked through the school banking program.

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K-1C	Lara B	Amber S	Indy Woods
KB	Olivia H	Hannah W	Harrison W
KC	Tia H	Alex M	Riley B
KG	Jacinta B	Imogen F	Benjamin W
KH	Bailey D	Zarlie T	Mathew B
1-2B	Lindsay S	Annie C	Liam E
1B	Baden F	Chelsey D	Ebony B
1C	Dominic W	Tanisha T	Hamish C
1S	Sienna T	Hudson S	Nathan P
2-3B	Griffin C	Jasmine J	
2-3B	Lashana M	Callum S	Jada H
2H	Jessica F	Jasmine W	Laurah P
2S	Sophie H	Jason Y	Samuel G
3C	Hannah E	Jade W	Sharmaine C
3M	Charlotte M	Raechellie T	Holly M
4-5-6F	Beau K	Taylah C	Courtenay A
40	Erica C	Courtney M	Cody R
4U	Jake F	Brandon M	Bree P
5-6C	John E	Izaak L	Felicity C, Abby E
5-6J	Hayden H	Laura B	Mitchell F
5-6M	Emily H	Kade C	Griffin H
5-6T	Nicholas C	Talayah S	Taylor S

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wauchope Lasiandra Festival's Country Fair

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 March 2012

**Taree Auskick AFL Centre, FREE
"Come and Try Day"**

Sunday March 18th at Muscio Park, Stevenson Lane Taree, where activities will begin at 10am and conclude at 12pm.

A BBQ will be available and we encourage all boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 years old to come along to experience what AFL Auskick is all about, learning the fundamental skills of Australian Football and taking part in a modified game while having a lot of fun!

Registrations will be taken on the day for the 2012 Taree Auskick Season which begins on Sunday 1st April. For more information please contact Craig or Julie on 6553 3345.

**MEDIA RELEASE**

HELP MANNING VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FIND AUSTRALIA'S NEXT HOCKEY STAR

Hockey Australia and Hockey New South Wales are excited to announce that the Manning Valley Hockey Association is running a Hookin2Hockey program in 2012.

Hookin2Hockey is Hockey Australia's national recruitment program and provides an environment where young participants learn the fundamental skills of hockey in a safe and fun environment.

After over four thousand excited youngsters participated in 2011 and the program is back in 2012 ready for another successful year.

Manning Valley Hockey Association is running the Hookin2Hockey program to provide children with the opportunity to learn basic hockey skills in the hope of finding the next Australian hockey star such as Jamie Dwyer (pictured) of the Kookaburras (five time world player of the year) or Kobie McGurk of the Hockeyroos (2011 FIH All Star Team).



Every participant can receive a participation pack which includes a fold out backyard hockey goal, a t-shirt with the newly designed Hookin2Hockey logo, a sweat band and a welcome message from one of the Hockeyroos or Kookaburras.

For further information please contact:

Linda Ferguson - 0428537447

Venue: Taree Recreation Centre, Blyth Street, Taree, NSW, 2430
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