

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 8

Wednesday, 14 March 2012

## WHAT'S ON

Tuesday	13 March	P & C Meeting 6.00pm School Library
Tuesday	20 March	School Photos
Friday	23 March	Infants Cross Country 10.00am start
Tuesday	27 March	Hot Dog & Popper Day
Friday	30 March	ICAS Entries Close
Wednesday	4 April	Primary Cross Country
Thursday	5 April	Infants Hat Parade 9.30am
Thursday	5 April	Last Day Term 1
Tuesday	24 April	Students return Term 2
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
<b>Every Monday</b>		<b>School Banking</b>

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to once again congratulate Hannah Hartup for making it now as far as State representation at Homebush for Swimming. Hannah will be representing Taree West Public School in 50 metre Butterfly. Congratulations Hannah we will all be cheering for you.

Make sure you look out for Hannah again in the sports pages of the Manning River Times in the next couple of weeks. Well done Hannah!!!

I have been very pleased to look around at a school assembly, on a Monday morning, and see how wonderful our students look! They are so bright, fresh, eager to learn and dressed so proudly in their school uniform. It is also good to see so many girls, with longer hair that is plaited or tied back in pony tails.

## Priority Schools Program Survey 2012

Thank you to all of our families for the prompt return of The Priority Schools Program surveys. We are almost up to a 90% return rate. It is not too late to return your family survey; we need as many surveys as possible. Please drop your survey back into the office or send it to school with your child/ren as soon as possible. The draw for the Ipod Nano will occur next Monday 19 March at the morning assembly. All surveys returned this week will still be included in the draw. Staff are still available in the office to help you complete your survey or to provide you with a replacement survey if it has been misplaced. Your support is very much appreciated!

## Student Absences and Late to School

As a requirement of the Education Act parents are asked to provide an explanation to the school of all student absences. Therefore if your child is sick you are asked to send a note to school with your child the next day or phone the school. If your child is going to be absent for more than 3 days you are asked to ring the school and advise the office staff of your child's absence. A note will still need to be sent to school when your child returns.

Unexplained and unjustified student absences are monitored by the Regional Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) and Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer (ASLO) regularly. Students are also required to be at school prior to the bell at 9:10am. Students arriving after this time must attend the office for a late note and are then recorded as being late and having a partial absence for the day. There has been a significant increase lately with up to 30 students arriving at school after the bell has already gone. As the majority of these partial absences are recorded as unjustified they are also monitored by the Regional Attendance team, HSLO and ASLO. Parents are encouraged to ensure that their children are at school on time every day.

### 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. It is also preferred that long hair is tied back in ponytails or plaits. If your child/ren have head lice it is recommended that they are treated using the fine tooth comb and conditioner method everyday over a 14 day period. The cheapest white conditioner is the best to use and should be used on dry hair and combed through to remove lice and the nits each day.

### Expression of Interest for school based Community

#### Liaison Officer

Expressions of Interests are currently being taken for a school based Community Liaison Officer. This is a part time position of 14 hours per week and is currently available from Term 2 – Term 4 2012. The criteria for the position is as follows: 1. School promotion and effective communication; 2. Encouraging the involvement of parents in school programs; 3. Liaising with media and community groups; 4. Working collaboratively as a team member with staff, students, parents and community; 5. Working with families from diverse cultural and socio economic backgrounds; 6. Supporting school staff in coordination of parent/community workshops

Application will close on 23 March 2012. If you are interested in applying for this position please contact the school office for further information. A panel will review applications and will conduct interviews for the position. The recommended applicant will be required to undergo a criminal record check and a working with children check.

### National Day of Action Against Bullying – Friday 16 March 2012

The National Day of Action Against Bullying is held on March 16, 2012 to raise community awareness of the impact of bullying and violence in schools. The NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is committed to ensuring all NSW schools remain safe places for students to learn and teachers to teach. Bullying is a complex issue for the whole community and addressing this issue requires constant vigilance by the whole community, including school communities.

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence 2012 focus will encourage parents and families to take a stand together with their school communities to recognise the important role everyone plays in the drive to stop bullying and violence. The NSW DEC is supporting parents with new videos on the Public Schools website with advice around various aspects of bullying, what it is, what to look for and how you can help your child.

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/index.php)

### Holiday dates

Please note the last day of first term is 5 April with school resuming on 24 April. Easter public holidays run from 6 to 9 April.

### Friendships help learning

Research shows that if children are happy socially, they are more likely to be more engaged in their learning. Check out School A to Z ([www.schoolatoz.com.au](http://www.schoolatoz.com.au)) and read about how this works and what you can do to help your child make friends:

[www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning)

### CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K-1C			
KB	Elsa W	Breanna C	Max P
KC	Tiah H	Bella D	Ryder E
KG	Deegan A	Eve W	Alexander H
KH	Maddison O	Jorday R	Riley R
1-2B	Sophie W	Glenn A	Connor T
1B	Kaleb M	Kurt W	Timothy B
1C	Zack H	Navren W	Ashley B
1S	Tatum M	Alex H	Jesse L
2-3B	Lily A	Makyah C	
2H			
2S	Tyla H	Isabella T	Darbee M
2-3B	Jade E	Hailey L	Callum S
3C	Lillian G	Allana T	Alisha L
3M	Chloe N	Karen P	Amy T
4-5-6F	Matthew L	Ayeiesha G	Taya N
4O	Lachlan C	Chloe S	Lyall L
4U	Bailee-John F	Kasey P	Renae W
5-6C	Sophie W	Thomas N	Lane E
5-6J	Lachlan P	Campbell W	Jennifer C
5-6M	Trai B	Jye F	Crystal G
5-6T	Brittany G	Leeton M	Ebony B

### Regional Swimming – Hannah Hartup

On Thursday the 8th of March I travelled to Maitland for the regional swimming carnival. I went to compete in four events. The 11 years, 50m, freestyle, backstroke and butterfly. I also swam in the open, 100m freestyle. It was a freezing day, with lots of strong wind and rain. In the 50m backstroke I came 4th in my heat and 8th overall. In the Open 100m freestyle I came 10th and 3rd in the 11's. Lastly I had freestyle. I was behind the blocks nervously waiting. I hop up on the block, buzz there goes the starter. I dive in. Half way down the pool and I am winning. It's going to be close though..... Then I touch the wall and have come 4th by 17 hundredths of a second. I had missed out on state because the first three are the only ones that go through. I was devastated about it, but I guess it didn't matter because I had achieved a time of 34.21 seconds, which was a personal best and had made it to state for 50m butterfly. I CAN'T WAIT.

### ICAS – University Competitions

Please note that the closing date for these entries will be Friday 30 March. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

### School Photographs

A reminder that school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 20th March. All students are asked to come dressed in full summer uniform. Order Envelopes with the correct money enclosed need to be given to the class teacher on the day.

### Library Bags

If your child requires a library bag they can be purchased at the front office for \$10.00.

### Infants Cross Country

Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 will participate in a Cross Country event on Friday 23 March at 10.00am. Students will run in age races based on the age they turn this year. There will be a designated area for parents to sit and cheer. All students need to wear full school sport uniform.

Children in Year 2 who will be turning 8 this year will compete in this event and may also compete in the Primary Cross Country on Wednesday 4th April if they wish to be eligible to make the Zone Cross Country team.

### Hat Parade

The K-2 classes will participate in a Hat Parade on Thursday 5 April at 9.30am. This activity is part of the HSIE Syllabus which identifies practices, symbols, traditions and celebrations of families. Students are asked to make a fancy hat with their parents and bring it along on Thursday 5 April. A parade will be held at 9.30am and all students who bring and wear a hat in the parade will receive a raffle ticket to go in a lucky draw. Parent/carers are welcome to attend. Please contact your child's class teacher if you do not wish your child to participate in this 'Celebration' activity.

### Cross Country (Ages 8 years - 13 years)

The school's Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. This is the second last day of term 1 and it will be held here at school.

Races will be held for students turning 8 this year through to 13 years of age starting at 12.25pm. Students will race according to the age they turn this year.

Please ensure students have a hat and a drink bottle for this day. Parents and carers are very welcome to come and cheer students on. Hope to see you there.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Taree Auskick AFL Centre, FREE "Come and Try Day"**, being held on 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.

### 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

### 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. website at [www.tglphysie.co.cc](http://www.tglphysie.co.cc)

### 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**

