

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 2 – Week 3

Tuesday, 8 May 2012

WHAT'S ON

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| Friday | 11 May | Due date for Camp Deposits |
| Monday | 21 May | School Banking Reward Redemption Day |
| Tuesday | 22 May | ICAS Computer Skills |
| Wednesday | 6 June | ICAS Science Test |
| Friday | 8 June | P & C Raffles Taree West Bowling Club |
| 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

NAPLAN testing begins next week

The annual National Assessment Program testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 takes place from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 May 2012. For students in Year 3 and 5 100% student attendance is expected each day. The assessments will take place each morning and parents are asked to ensure that all students are punctual and arrive at school by 9:10am each day. In the event that a student is sick and will not be able to sit an assessment, parents are asked to advise the school. If a student is late to school please ensure that they come to the office as they will not be able to enter an examination room once testing has commenced.

Students are tested nationally on Tuesday in writing and language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), on Wednesday in reading and on Thursday in numeracy.

For more information including FAQs, a parent brochure and past results, go to: www.nap.edu.au/.

School Assembly and Sport Organisation

ASSEMBLY

K- 2 School Assemblies are scheduled for 2:10pm every second Friday afternoon. The next assembly will take place on Friday 18 May and then every second Friday.

Year 3 – 6 School Assemblies are scheduled for 2:10pm every second Thursday afternoon. The next assembly will take place on Thursday 10 May and then every second Thursday.

Parents and community members are invited to attend our school assemblies.

SPORT

Kinder Sport is on Friday at 12:40pm

Year 1 and 2 (incl K/1C) is on Wednesday at 12:40pm

Year 3 and 4 is on Friday at 11:40am

Year 5 and 6 (incl 4/5/6) is on Friday at 2:10pm

Road Safety

Parents are asked to continue speaking to your children about crossing roads safely. Please ask your children to slow down and concentrate when crossing the roads, to use a pedestrian crossing when they are available and to Stop, Look and Listen before crossing a road. It is also highly recommended that children under the age of 8 years hold an adults hand to cross a street. When driving and dropping children off at school can you also please ensure that children exit your vehicle on the kerb side of the car.

School Staffing

I would like to welcome our two practicum students to Taree West Public School. Emma Roberts joins us on 2H and Kailah Smith joins K/1C for a 4 week period. We wish them both well in their pre-service teacher preparation.

Stewart House Day (11 May)

The Department of Education and Communities' official charity, Stewart House, provides support for children who are in need of a break from their everyday life. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, they are given optometric, dental and medical

treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

This year, 11 May is Stewart House Day. We encourage you to make a donation to Stewart House to help support the great work that this charity provides. www.stewarthouse.org.au

International Composting Awareness Week (7-12 May)

This week draws awareness worldwide to the importance and value of restoring health to our soils and the natural environment.

Check with your local council for composting and worm farming workshops in your area – some offer free composting bins for completing a short course.

Get the children into the garden and grow some healthy organic vegetables for winter eating. Many vegetables can be grown in balcony gardens or by easy no-dig gardening.

So, go on, get your hands dirty and reap the benefits. For local information, go to: www.compostweek.com.au/core/

Donna Bensch

Principal

CLASS AWARDS

| Class | Class Award | Class Award | Class Award |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| K/1C | Seth A | Keea A | Amber S |
| KB | Breanna C | Benjalli S | Jackson B |
| KC | Alex M | Cooper H | Jasmine H |
| KG | Isabella S | Jessie H | Crystal J |
| KH | Ruby T | Jordan R | Jaxson D |
| 1/2B | Blake R | Jessica T | Lydia G |
| 1B | Jessica O | Janaya E | Jake H |
| 1C | Tom M | Tanisha T | Taya H |
| 1G | Nathan P | Alex H | |
| 2/3B | Bryan K | Jayah P | |
| 2H | Connor E | Madison M | Karlos B |
| 2S | Talia M | Jerome S | Jasmine R |
| 2/3B | | | |
| 3J | | | |
| 3M | | | |
| 4/5/6C | | | |
| 4O | | | |
| 4U | | | |
| 5/6C | | | |
| 5/6J | | | |
| 5/6M | | | |
| 5/6X | | | |

SCHOOL CAMPS

Just a reminder the \$50.00 deposit for the School Camps is due this Friday 11th May.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any items of clothing please check the lost property as the tubs are emptied regularly.

SCHOOL BANKING

How would you like to be the new Dollarmite character and live in Coinland for one whole year?

How would you like the chance to win one of the following great prizes?

1st prize – Dollarmized as a new Dollarmite character

For your family – annual movie pass

For your class - \$1500 towards a school excursion

For your school – 25 Apple iPods

Plus 50 amazing runner up packs with prizes like Apple iPods, school excursions, vouchers and exclusive Dollarmite figurine sets.

All you need to do is make a minimum of 5 deposits into your Youthsaver account through the school between 16/4 and 30/6/12, then give your best savings tips in 25 words or less at commbank.com.au/beadollarmite.

Information leaflets will go home with your children's bank books.

COME ON KIDS, LET'S HAVE A GO AT CLAIMING SOME OF THESE GREAT PRIZES FOR YOU AND YOUR SCHOOL.

Next Reward Redemption day will be Monday 21/5/12. Please send claims and tokens on this day only.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

We will be participating in the Woolworths "Earn & Learn" promotion again this year. Last year we were able to gain some terrific resources for our school thanks to parents who collected docketts and sent them in to school.

This year the promotion is a little different as you will be given a sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths. The stickers are placed on a card which will be sent home from the school. Completed cards can be returned to Woolworths or dropped into the box near the meeting room at school. Students can collect additional cards from the school.

This promotion starts on 9th May.

M.Cheney



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2012

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2012!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

NAIDOC Week Initiative Orders

Notes were sent out last week for students/families to order items to support NAIDOC Week and provide awareness of the importance of culture, diversity and respect for each other. All orders must be returned with correct payment by 25th May 2012. Please contact the school if you still require an order form. Three items are available - NAIDOC Pack which includes pencil case, Respect band, ruler, pencil, sharpener and eraser (\$2.50), Watch (\$4.00) and NAIDOC Polo Shirts (\$10.50).

Sinfonia

Sinfonia is the premier community orchestra of the Mid-North Coast. Every year one rehearsal is open to the public. This is an excellent opportunity for families with children interested in taking up a musical instrument to learn more about them and experience an orchestra up close. The Open Rehearsal in 2012 will take place at Tinonee Public School Hall on Saturday 26 May from 2-4pm.

Two Children's Concerts will also be performed on Sunday 24 June at 1.30pm and 3pm in our School Hall. The orchestra will be performing the timeless musical story, "Peter and the Wolf". A family ticket costs \$10.00 and can be purchased through Bass 'n' Blues in Albert Street Taree (Ph: 6551 0292 or 6551 5067). A brochure with further information can be collected from Ms Redman upon request.

SPORTS NEWS

Hannah's Swim at State

Congratulations to Hannah Hartup in her effort at the State PSSA Swimming Carnival held late last term. She had qualified for the 11 year old 50m Butterfly. She missed out on moving through from her heat but swam an incredibly fast time with only a marginal time separating many swimmers. Well done, Hannah.

PSSA State Hockey Championships

Tarni Walters and Jacinta Williams will be travelling to Port Macquarie later this term as members of the Hunter Girls' Hockey Team to compete in the PSSA State Hockey Championships. We wish both girls well in their preparation.

PSSA Sport Knockouts

Many of our school sporting teams are being selected and some have started playing in the PSSA Sport Knockouts. These teams are usually for Year 5 to 6 students with the occasional Year 4 able to join in to assist with numbers if required. Once a team is defeated, they are out of the competition. Last week, our netball team was successful against Wingham PS. Yesterday, the boys basketball team was narrowly defeated by Forster, while the girls were victorious against the Forster girls. Today, the boys' league team is playing Chatham PS at the Taree Recreation Fields. Both hockey (girls) and soccer (boys and girls) are coming soon with dates being finalised. Touch Football will have Zone Selection Trials soon and the knockout rounds will commence mid-year.

Sports Representative Shirts

If any TWPS Sport Representative Shirts are lingering in your closets, could you please return them ASAP. Unfortunately, our shirt numbers are starting to dwindle. They are a valuable and well-used resource for our school. Thank you to a observant Taree West PS parent who recognised one of our valuable shirts hanging in a thrift shop and returned it to us.

The Annual Taree West School Cross Country

The School Cross Country was held ideal conditions at the end of last term. Thank you to all the students who participated.

Cross Country House Points: Lawson 134, Paterson 111, Kendall 104 and Gordon 78. The 2012 Champion Cross-Country House is Lawson. The Zone Cross-Country was held last Thursday at the Wingham Sporting Complex. All students that attended performed to the best of their ability. Lukis Brislane finished 5th and will now travel to the Hunter Regional Cross-County Championships that are to be held in Newcastle this Friday.

Thank you to the parents who attended the event.

COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS

Free fun program for kids to become healthier, fitter and happier!

The Go4Fun program is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for children 7-13 yrs who are above their healthy weight. The program runs for 10 wks after school hrs in a variety of community locations. Term 2 programs planned for the Greater Taree area will be running every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30 – 5.30 at Physiotherapy Network, 2 Potoroo Dr Taree NSW 2430

Sessions include:

- Games and activities for kids
- Fun and effective ways to improve your child's self esteem, nutrition and physical activity
- Demonstrations and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes
- A fun supermarket tour

To register for the program or to find out more information, free call 1800 780 900 or register online at www.mendcentral.org, or contact Jane at Physiotherapy Network on 6551 0055.

BURSTING WITH A SONG

A MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

A Musical Theatre Workshop

Monday 9th July - Saturday 14th July

Cost: \$225 From: 10am - 4pm

Age: 8years -100years

Early Bird price \$195 till 18th May

Registrations MUST be in by 22nd June

Discounts for Siblings,

Ask about our payment plans,

www.wix.com/anthkgoodman/bursting_with_a_song

The workshop enrolment forms can be found on our website, contact page :)

Taree Elite Fitness
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TAREE NSW 2430

CONTACT for all enquires
PJ Willis: 0422 144 471
Kathryn Sinclair: 0421 773 394

MEET AUTHOR Susanne Gervay

Hallidays Point Library⁺ Thursday 24 May 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Harrington Library⁺ Friday 25 May 11.00am - 12.30pm

In conjunction with Australia's Biggest Morning tea

Taree Library Thursday 24 May 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Enjoy light refreshments



ALL EVENTS FREE. Bookings essential See Library Staff or ph: 6592 5290

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BUNNINGS WH TAREE**MOTHER'S DAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

THIS THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2012
6PM – 8PM

- JUMPING CASTLE
- FACE PAINTING
- BALLOON SCULPTING
- KIDS DIY – Make A Gift For Mum!
- SCRAP-A-WHILE DISPLAY
- FLOWER ARRANGING with SUNNYSIDE FLORIST

ADULTS DIYS:

- WOOD CARVING
- HOW TO DO ROASTS IN A BBQ
- PAINTING ON CANVAS and POTS
- HOW TO POT A PLANT

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES!**KIDS COLOURING IN COMPETITION WINNER DRAWN**

Great gift ideas for Mum

CAFÉ HOURS EXTENDED – SO COME ALONG, BRING THE FAMILY and HAVE SOME FUN!

