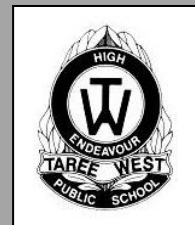


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Term 2 – Week 4

Tuesday, 15 May 2012

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday	15 May	P & C Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	16 May	NAPLAN Test Reading
Thursday	17 May	NAPLAN Test Numeracy
Monday	21 May	School Banking Reward Redemption Day
Tuesday	22 May	ICAS Computer Skills
Thursday	31 May	School Athletics Carnival
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 this week

The annual National Assessment Program testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 has commenced today and will continue on Wednesday and Thursday. Students who have been absent will have the opportunity to sit missed exams on Friday this week. It is very important that all Year 3 and 5 students make a very big effort to be here on time every morning this week so that they are relaxed and calm for the commencement of the test. If your child is absent and is unable to sit one of the exams please contact the school office.

Students are tested nationally as follows - 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 Staffing

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Kathy Jones to Taree West Public School as our permanent Assistant Principal. Mrs Jones will take Year 3C (now 3J) and will lead the Stage 2 team of teachers and students (Year 3 and 4 including 2/3B). We are very fortunate to have Mrs Jones join our school leadership team as she is a talented teacher and school leader and comes to us with years of experience and expertise in improving student outcomes.

P & C Meeting tonight

A P & C meeting will take place tonight at 6pm in the school library. All welcome to attend.

STOP WORK Meeting this Friday

Parents are advised that a 2 hour stop work meeting will take place this Friday morning between 9am and 11am. Limited supervision will be provided for students at school during this time. The touch football trials and soccer knockout will go ahead as planned. The NAPLAN make up tests will also proceed at this time.

Bus Safety – Urgent Communication Needed

Richard Eggins from Eggins Transport has contacted the school following an incident in which a child was hit by a car after alighting from a bus last week. Mr Eggins has requested that this message is urgently communicated to parents and students so that child safety remains a top priority for all of us.

Mr Eggins has stated that last Monday afternoon a young boy was hit by a car soon after alighting from a school bus. A year 2 boy alighted from the bus in Valerie Street, Taree about 3:35pm and attempted to cross the road in front of the stationary bus, before the bus had left the kerb. He was struck by a passing car travelling at 20-30km/h and luckily only suffered bruising and abrasions.

The following safe procedures in alighting from a school bus are recommended for all bus passengers:

When leaving the bus students should

- Remain behind the driver until the bus has come to a complete stop.
- Step off carefully and quietly and stand two steps back from the kerb.
- Do not push or shove
- NEVER walk out in front of or behind the bus.
- ALWAYS wait for the bus to move away before choosing the safest place to cross the road.

Children may not realise that by walking out from in front of or behind the bus makes it harder for the bus driver or for other drivers to see them. Our drivers are all aware of this and do their best to encourage children to alight from the bus in a safe manner but it is important that this message is also conveyed by teachers and parents to reinforce this.

We would also recommend that where possible a parent or responsible person meet younger children at the bus stop and meet them on the correct side of the road, unless the child is accompanied by an older sibling/neighbour etc.

Additional education resources are available from the Bus NSW website (www.busnsw.com.au) or from NSW Roads and Maritime Services MyResources website.

Assembly

K- 2 School Assembly will take place this Friday afternoon in the school hall at 2:10pm. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Year 3 – 6 School Assembly will take place on Thursday 24 May 2012 in the school hall at 2:10pm. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Cycling info

Riding a pushbike is a great way to get from A to B and keep fit in the process. A new website dedicated to cycling – whether for fun, transport or performance – is available at:

www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au.

Here you will find info on cycle paths around NSW, keeping your bike in top condition, upcoming workshops, sharing the road and much more.

Getting involved reaps benefits

Did you know that the latest research shows the more involved parents are in their child's education, the happier their children are and the better they do at school. Being involved can include taking more of an interest in what your child is doing at school, helping out at school if you can and being supportive. Read more about this at School A to Z:

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/children-thrive-on-parental-involvement.

Donna Bensch

Principal



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

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday Lukis Brislane (Year 6) ran in the Hunter Cross-Country. He was our only representative this year. He ran his best and although finishing in the second half of the field, he should be extremely pleased with his success to make it so far. Well done.

RUGBY LEAGUE REPORT

Last Tuesday our School Open Boys Rugby League team played against Chatham Public School in round 1 of the PSSA Knockout. Our team was victorious 38-28 in a high scoring encounter. We led 24-0 in the first half and after half time Chatham responded with a spirited comeback. Try scorers in the match were Lachlan Ward, Cooper Murray and Rory Mitchell. Our next game will be held against Wingham Public school next week.

SCHOOL CAMPS

Any parents wishing their child to go to the school camp who have not yet paid the deposit, this must be paid by 3pm this Thursday as numbers need to be finalised. There will be no exceptions.

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Arianna K	Lillianah W	Indyana W
KB	Harrison W	Kaitlyn B	Katie T
KC	Lily B	Amelie M	Ryder E
KG	Natalie R	Alex H	Cameron L
KH	Zarlie T	Alyssa F	Rory M
1/2B	Lindsay S	Blake R	Jodie M
1B	Kurt W	Arwen E	Keely S
1C	Frank T	Ryan M	Connor O
1G	Clare W	Jesse L	Samira M
2/3B			
2H	Lana M	Jimmy M	Natalia R
2S	Jemma H	Murphie C	Sophie H
2/3B	Lilli M	Griffin C	Jayah P
3J	Logan Y	Sophie H	Lillian G
3M	Alanna E	Maddison J	Sarah P
4/5/6C	Taheed K	Ayeiesha G	Taylah C
4O	Abby L	Drew P	Bella H
4U	Ryan D	Brandon M	Jacinta W
5/6C	Madeline B	Bailee J	Abby E
5/6J	Jennifer C	Matthew C	Laura B
5/6M	Tahlia M	Jacob K	Lilli-Maree S
5/6X	Trae G	Matthew M	Harlie Maree D

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any items of clothing please check the lost property as the tubs are emptied regularly. Also, please ensure that students' names are clearly marked on clothing, lunch boxes etc.

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.

P & C NEWS

P & C MEETING – Tonight @ 6pm in the School Library

You will notice that the pedestrian crossing in front of the school on the corner of Louis Street and Wingham Road has been repaired and the crossing across Louis Street is not marked. The Council have advised that the gravel needs time to settle and it will be marked in 4-6 weeks time. In the meantime please use the crossing with caution, and ask children to be more vigilant crossing there.

Next P&C Raffles at Taree West Bowling Club are on Friday 8th June 2012. Please come along it's a great way to catch up with other parents and families and maybe win a meat tray!!! Look forward to seeing you there!

A note was sent out last week regarding Expression of Interests in an optional School Jacket. There has been a strong positive response to the jacket so thank you to all that have returned notes to date! If you haven't done so, please return to the school canteen by Friday 18th May 2012.

School Fete – Notes went out last week to students to get involved in the naming of the Fete, winning entry wins 2 movie tickets, If you haven't put an entry in yet get those creative caps on and think of a name for the Fete or if you are arty draw a picture that we can put on our Fete Banner!!! Good Luck.

Helpers Wanted

The Fete Committee is up and running, working very hard to organise a successful Fete on Sunday 16th September 2012, if you are interested in running a stall or can assist in any way, please leave your name and contact number at the School Canteen.

Majida Mitchell

P&C President

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.



**Are having a
garage sale /BBQ fundraiser
on Saturday May 26th
9am – 2pm**

We would appreciate donations. You can drop them off at Taree & District Preschool, Barton Street, Taree or contact Paula 0265561152 / 0411202822 to have them collected.

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

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
1 Stevenson Street
TAREE NSW 2430

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

PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

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