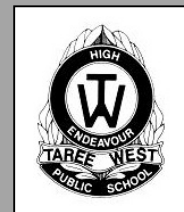


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Term 3 – Week 1

Friday, 20 July 2012

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday	17 July	P & C Meeting
Friday	20 July	Camp Instalment Due
	30 July – 3 August	Education Week
Tuesday	31 July	ICAS English Test
Tuesday	14 August	ICAS Maths Test
Friday	17 August	Camp Instalment Due
Friday	14 September	Camp Instalment Due
Sunday	16 September	School Fete
Every Monday		School Banking

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to welcome all students and families back to another wonderful term of exceptional learning at Taree West Public School. Yesterday's Staff Development Day provided staff with the opportunity to undertake comprehensive training in Health Care Procedures, Sensory Processing, a Focus on Reading, excursion procedures and school planning for ongoing professional growth.

Congratulations to Mitchell Brown of 5/6L on his achievements in the State Squash Championships and his No. 2 State Ranking. Well done Mitchell, we are proud of you!

P & C Meeting

A P&C meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday 17 July in the Library. The meeting will commence at 6:00pm. All welcome.

Head Lice

To continue our fight against head lice, parents are asked to check their children's hair each day. If either eggs or lice are found 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 with a fine tooth comb to remove lice and the nits each day.

NSW Junior Squash Championships

Mitchell Brown of 5/6L competed in the NSW Junior Squash Championships in Coffs Harbour on the weekend 14/15 July. He was runner up in the boys 11 years division which takes his State Ranking to No 2 in NSW.

INTRODUCING CLASS 4/5/6C



Name: Teala Cooper

My job at the school: Classroom Teacher of 4/5/6C.

My favourite foods: Sushi, Thai green chicken curry, strawberries and chocolate.

Number of years teaching: Almost 4

Number of schools taught in: I spent the first couple of years teaching at Condobolin, a small country town in the middle of NSW (best known for its Aussie Idol, Shannon Noll). I then taught for a year and a half in my hometown of Newcastle. I started my permanent teaching position here at Taree West at the start of Term 2, and it has been fantastic.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public School? Right from the start I was treated with a warm welcome from staff, students and parents. I enjoy the lovely greetings, chats and smiles I receive every day. We are really lucky at Taree West to have such a dedicated staff and excellent resources, such as sports equipment and a computer lab.

CLASS 4/5/6C

Class: 4/5/6C

Classroom Teacher: Miss Cooper.

Number of students: 29

Our favourite classroom activities are: playing silent ball, having laptop time, learning about fascinating animals that live around the world, going outside for PE and creating artworks.

What we are doing in class now: Last term we enjoyed learning about Antarctica and its unique environment. If we wanted to find out more about a particular topic, or if we had a question, we used our laptops and the internet to search for information.

What are the best things about our class and about being at Taree West Public School?

Taylah said: The thing I like about our classroom is the wonderful artwork and our Antarctica display. The best thing of all is our teacher, Miss Cooper.

Matthew and Connor said: We have a smartboard, laptops, a great teacher and good students.

Khiaecia said: The thing I love about our classroom is that we have wonderful laptops, beautiful art and craft, and especially a loving and caring teacher, Miss Cooper.

Beau said: I like Taree West Public School because I have such good friends. I like 4/5/6C because people are nice to me. We get to paint and do other sorts of arts. I like doing work and playing silent ball.

Please note: All students have permission to have their photo's published.

BUS TRAVEL

During Semester One I was made aware of some incidents occurring on buses. I would like to remind parents and students of the NSW Department of Transport Code of Conduct for student travel on buses. Please discuss the Code of Conduct requirements with your child(ren).

Code of conduct for school students on buses

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

- Behaving appropriately
- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers, such as no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking - except water - unless the bus operator gives written permission

- Give up seats to all adults and disabled passengers
- Adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses
- Obey reasonable directions from the driver, such as where to sit or to remain in the bus
- Keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus
- Refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency.
- Respecting property
- Protect bus property
- Ensure that buses are not vandalised
- Report any vandalism, such as graffiti and window etching.
- Holding passes
- Show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested
- Use the travel pass only for its intended purpose
- Swipe or dip passes in ticket readers if available when boarding
- Keep your pass for your own use - you should not lend your pass to other students or borrow one from them.
- Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of school bus travel passes and/or prosecution.

In the case of students travelling under the School Student Transport Scheme, the code of conduct is also printed on the application form.

You are reminded that when signing the application form the parent/guardian/carer explicitly declares that they support the code and that it has been explained to their child.

Consequences of inappropriate behaviour

If a student misbehaves on a bus, the bus operator concerned will contact the parents and the school.

Depending on the gravity of the offence, students may be required to give up their school bus travel pass or may be refused travel on the bus for a period of time determined by the bus operator.

Heavier penalties may apply to students involved in group misbehaviour.

School principals have the right to take additional disciplinary action against a student under the school's discipline code or student welfare policy for any breach of the code of conduct.

The bus operator must provide written notification to the parents, guardians or carers before a student's school bus travel pass can be withdrawn.

Impetigo

There have been some cases of Impetigo (School Sores) reported to the office. Please find a brief outline of this condition.

Time from exposure to illness: 1 to 3 days.

Symptoms: Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes, until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I prevent spread? Careful hand washing.

P&C News

Sizes 4 – 16 in the new jacket are now available to be purchased through the canteen at a cost of \$35.00 each.

**FETE NEWS****SEPTEMBER FETE AT TAREE WEST**

All fete queries/ or to offer your help, please contact Julie Tilson (fete co-ordinator) 0418124402 or email twpsfete@hotmail.com

Please support the businesses that are currently supporting us:

Emerald Beach BIG4	Pirtek
Taree Arts Council	Bowers
Coffs Harbour Pet Porpoise Pool	Repco
Woolworths	Bourkes Bikes
Cubby House Pre School and Long Day care	LJ Hooker
Mals Toy Shop	
Photography by Linda	
Tarcoll Constructions	
Shultz First National	
Thompson Motor Body Builders	
Taree Mechanical Services	
Eddies Fresh Chickens	
Gloria Jeans Coffee	
Signs Made Simple	
Butterfly House & Maze Coffs Harbour	
Coles Supermarket	
Taree Tenpin Bowling	
Holiday Coast Printing	



We are holding our come and try day on 28th July 2012 at 11am to 2pm

All you need is a pushbike, full faced helmet and gloves, we do have some spare helmets and gloves to borrow.

Long sleeve shirt and long pants with enclosed shoes must be worn

All riders will receive a free sausage sizzle and a free show bag of goodies.

If you have any questions please contact Kyll on 0400523629

CANTEEN NEWS

Please find attached to the newsletter today the revised Canteen Menu that will be operational from Monday of next week.