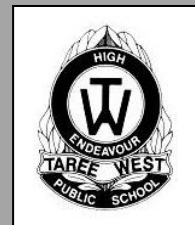


# Taree West Public School

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Term 3 – Week 2

Tuesday, 31 July 2012

## WHAT'S ON

	30 July – 3 August	Education Week
Thursday	2 August	Open Day
Friday	27 July	Boys Soccer Gala Day
Tuesday	31 July	ICAS English Test
Tuesday	31 July	Girls & Boys Touch Knockout
Wednesday	1 August	High School Expo Taree High
Thursday	2 August	Open Day
Tuesday	14 August	ICAS Maths Test
Wednesday	15 August	CSIRO Performance
Friday	17 August	Camp Instalment Due
Friday	14 September	Camp Instalment Due
Sunday	16 September	School Fete

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Education Week 30 July to 3 August

Education Week is a time to celebrate the quality teaching and learning occurring every day in our school as we work together to create the future. Next week families and community members are invited into our classrooms, to share a cuppa and to our special school assembly to witness the depth and breadth of student learning, the excellent teaching and the wonderful support provided by our school administrative and support staff who work in our offices, classrooms, libraries and on school grounds. Families and community members are encouraged to join in the activities from 1:30 pm next Thursday afternoon, 2 August 2012.

### Year 6 Visit to Taree High School

To support Year 6/7 transition to high school, our Year 6 students will attend Taree High School Education Expo on Wednesday 1 August

between 2:00 and 3:00pm. The High School Deputy Principal and 2013 Year 7 Advisor visited our students this morning, providing them with information and some insights into high school.

### Late Arrivals to School

Parents are requested to ensure that all children arrive at school by 9:05am each morning. The morning bell for the commencement of classes is rung at 9:10am. Students arriving after this time are considered to be late and need to come to the office for a yellow late note slip. A partial absence is recorded in the official school roll which is monitored closely by the Home School Liaison Officer.

It has become a significant problem in our school with up to 30 children a day arriving late to school which causes major disruptions to individual and class learning programs and an increased workload for administrative personnel. Ongoing unjustified partial absences are unacceptable and will be reported to the HSLO for follow up with individual families.

### National Tree Day

Sunday 29 July 2012 is National Tree Day, Australia's biggest community tree-planting and nature care event. Join with thousands of others and plant a native tree to help improve the environment in which you live. To find out where your local tree-planting site is and for further information go to: <http://treeday.planetark.org/>

### Healthy kid friendly recipes

The Healthy Kids website has a range of nutritious, tasty and easy to prepare recipes for young chefs. The website is packed with information and resources and ideas on physical activity and healthy eating for children and young people.

Go to:

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/recipes.aspx?category=kidfriendlyrecipes>

## PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL AWARDS

Ayeiesha Griffis – 4/5/6C

Jesse Gersbach – 4O

### Kindergarten Enrolments 2013

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2013. If you have or know of a child who will be starting school next year, please call to the office as soon as possible to pick up an enrolment form.

Orientation commences late this term.

### Facebook

Facebook continues to be a problem at our school. Snr Constable Brad Barry has informed all students that it is illegal for anyone under the age of 13 to have a facebook account. I commend all parents who took affirmative action after the previous newsletter advice.

It has come to our attention that many children have reopened accounts. I have also been informed that students have provided incorrect ages to the site. I ask that all parents utilise the link outlined in the previous newsletter to permanently delete accounts.

Parents can also request that any facebook account belonging to an underage child be deleted by facebook administrators.

Use of facebook can lead to teasing and bullying of other students and the posting of images that may offend. I ask that all parents remain vigilant and stop their child from using the site.

Any further information provided to school from this point on will be forwarded directly to the police.

Thank you for your assistance.

### Touch Football Knockout Competition

The touch football knockout competition commences next week with both our girls and boys up against Chatham Public School. The winner of the round one matches for both girls and boys will then play the following round against Wingham Public School also in Week 3. The games are scheduled to be played on Tuesday 31st July and Wednesday 1st August.

### MultiCultural Perspectives Speaking Competition

Taree West PS entered four students in the Regional final of the MultiCultural Perspectives Speaking Competition held at Cundletown PS on Friday 22 June. They were Beau Kircher, Katy McLeod, Hannah Hartup and Ryan Thompson.

It was with some trepidation in the guise of beating hearts and sweaty hands that we bravely faced our competition. The blazers and ties the other schools were wearing made us a little nervous but we knew we were well prepared! Stage 2 competitors were first and we waited anxiously with our fingers crossed for the adjudicator's decision - Katy McLeod's 'Highly Commended' was met with barely muffled whoops of joy!

Stage 3 students were next and although they didn't win, they were exceptional in their delivery. Indeed, Ryan Thompson was approached by Harrington PS and asked if he could come to their school to deliver his speech!

All in all it was a very rewarding experience for Taree West PS's budding public speakers.

### CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Lillianah W	Zoya H	Jayden B
KB	Jackson P	Dylan M	Hannah W
KC			
KG	Benjamin W	Imogen F	Erin T
KH	Jaxson D	Riley R	Mathew B
1-2B	Emma F	Lindsay S	Zavier W
1B	Kate F	Sierra G	Arwen E
1C	Makayla M	Joshua G	JT D
1G	Neevah H	Jesse L	Jack S
2H	Ty A	Jasmine W	Natalia R
2S	Ethan R	Isabella T	Tyla H
2-3B			
3J			
3M			
4-5-6C	Eric H Beau K	Kaine D Aleah C	Khiaecia M
4O			
4U			
5-6J	Wayne M	Arlen C	Hayley H
5-6L	Brandon W	Rory M	Madeline B
5-6M	Jacob K	Tyrell M	Jye F
5-6X	Leeton M	Nicholas C	Lukis B

### New Canteen Menu

Last week the new look canteen menu for Term 3 was sent home. The menu has undergone minor changes to help align it with the NSW Department of Communities Nutrition in Schools Policy. Please acknowledge that some food items like pies and sausages rolls will only be available for purchase on particular days and it is also important to recognise that the foods available at recess has been restricted due to the short length of the break. The menu includes some breakfast items with toast and raisin toast now available for purchase in the morning. Over the duration of the term new food items will also be trialled.

### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS for SCHOOLS

As in previous years, Year 3-6 students from Taree West have been participating in the ICAS tests. So far our students have completed the Computer skills, Science and Spelling tests. Results for the Computer Skills test indicate that six Taree West students have received a 'Credit' grade. Congratulations to;

Alisha.L, Aleah.C, Bailee.J, Hailey.Y, John.E & Ryan.T

All participating students will receive their certificates at an Assembly in the near future.

The last two ICAS tests for this year will be on; 31/7 (English) & 14/8 (Maths).

Ms K Cooen

ICAS Coordinator

## Class KH



Name of class: KH

Classroom Teacher: Miss Littlewood

Number of students: 20

Some interesting things we plan to do this year in class: Learn our new sounds.

Our favourite classroom activities are: Playing games on the Smart Board (study ladder), writing sentences, puzzles, free play and dance.

What we are doing in class now: Writing a journal about our weekend.

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

Alyssa said: I like making new friends and learning is fun.

Mathew said: I like the playground.

Ebonie said: I like to do the classroom work.

Hayden said: I like learning my sounds.

## Class KH Teacher



Name: Monica Littlewood

My job at the school: Classroom Teacher of KH

My favourite colour is: Blue.

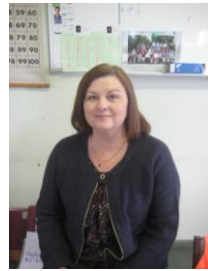
My hobbies are: Reading and Cooking.

My favourite holiday destination is: Mexico.

Number of years teaching: I have been teaching for two years and am currently completing my Masters in Special Education.

Number of schools taught in: I have taught in 3 local schools, Chatham Public School, Harrington Public School and Taree West Public School.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public School? I love that the students and staff are friendly, helpful and kind. I have been made to feel very welcome.



Name: Vanessa Frost.

My job at the school: Focus on Reading 3-6 Facilitator

My favourite foods: Thai Beef Salad, Sushi and chocolate.

My hobbies are: Reading, Knitting and Walking.

Number of years teaching: 30 years.

Number of schools taught in: I began my teaching career in Goulburn where I taught for seven years. Most of my teaching experience has been in Western Sydney at several different schools. This is my fourth year at Taree West, having moved to the beautiful Manning Valley in 2009 for a sea change.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public School? I would have to say it's all about the people here, from the students who always greet you with a smile and a story to tell, to the staff who are dedicated and supportive. Every day is different and never boring.



### FETE NEWS 24th July SEPTEMBER FEST AT TAREE WEST

All fete queries/ or to offer your help, please contact Julie Tilson (fete co-ordinator) 0418124402 or

Email: [twpsfete@hotmail.com](mailto:twpsfete@hotmail.com)

There's only **7 WEEKS** to the FETE

NEXT FETE MEETING 9th August 2012 6pm McDonalds (Party room Chatham). If you would like to go and don't drive please call Julie on above number and pick up can be arranged.

### GRADE DONATIONS

This week 23/07/12 to 27/07/12 is POPPERS and 600ml BOTTLES OF WATER

Cans of Soft Drinks Donation week was a great success, with 340 cans donated thus far THANK YOU so much to the families that donated. The winning class was KG!!!! WELL DONE KG with 84 cans donated.

Remember the class who donates the most wins a frozen Orchy voucher for each student.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****WE STILL NEED PARENT HELPERS**

Our fete is a whole school community event, everyone has something to contribute. If each school family does their bit big or small it will be a fun relaxing and very rewarding day for all.

Please complete the offer of help form and return to the canteen as soon as possible or contact Julie Tilson on 0418 124 402

**GREEN THUMBS**

We are calling all green thumbs to start planting cuttings, seedlings etc. for fete plant stall

**DONATIONS AND SUPPORT**

We would like to THANK our local businesses that are currently supporting us and ask that families please consider these businesses first:

Emerald Beach BIG4 Coffs Harbour, Pet Porpoise Pool, Cubby House Pre School and Long Day care, Retravision, Tarcoll Constructions, Mals Toy Shop, Shultz First National, Repco, Thompson Motor Body Builders, Bourkes Bikes, Taree Mechanical Services, Eddies Fresh chickens, Photography by Linda, Bowers, Gloria Jeans Coffee, Signs made Simple, Butterfly House & Maze Coffs Harbour, LJ Hooker Taree Tenpin Bowling, Pirtek, Holiday Coast Printing, Taree Arts Council, Tarean News Agency, Taree IGA, More than Gifts, Crossingham's Plumbing, Eggins Buses, Cleavers Tyers, IAA, Bass and Blues, Manning river Pharmacy, Fish Co-op, Mackie's, Bravissimo Hair Studio, Terry White Pharmacy, Australia Post, Rocket Tools, Manning Communications, Woolworths, Coles Supermarket, Club Taree, Stacks, Clippers Hair Salon, Vic Hotel, Barrier Signs, Amalgamated Pest Services.