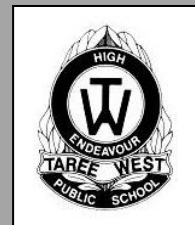


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Term 3 – Week 3

Tuesday, 31 July 2012

WHAT'S ON

	30 July – 3 August	Education Week
Thursday	2 August	Open 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 \$4.00 per child 13/8/12 last day to pay
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

The theme of Education week this year is 'Creating the Future'. The staff and students at Taree West Public School work tirelessly to create the best possible future for each and every child. It does 'take a village to raise a child' and we are very fortunate to have the active involvement of our school community in supporting our students to learn life's lessons and to develop their academic, creative, sporting, social and interpersonal skills. Together we create the future every day in our interactions with the children in our care enabling them to be responsible and active members of our society.

Please join us in the celebration of education on Thursday 2 August. Our open classrooms will commence at 1:30pm, where parents, carers, grandparents and community members are invited to witness education in action. This will be followed by an afternoon tea in the library at 1:50pm and a formal school Education Week presentation assembly in the hall at 2:15pm.

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Indy W	Connor F	Nathan P
KF	Elsa W	Benjalli S	Kaitlyn B
KC	Freya S	Riley B	Connor H
KG	Hannah D	Alexander H	Cameron L
KH	Destiny P	Chelsea M	Dwayne S
1-2S	Liam E	Seth M	
1B	Ethan P	Bella W	Kurt W
1C	Phoebe B	Hamish C	Navren W
1G	Sienna T	Zoe M	Tatum M
2H	Kaydance W	Bowen C	Talarah B
2S	Bailey C	Liam K	Talia M

Q. What is smarter than a talking parrot? A. A spelling bee!

Two students from each primary class were selected to compete in our School Spelling Bee. Some teachers opted to hold mini spelling bees in their class, while others based their decision on weekly spelling test results. Congratulations to all students who were selected! The Spelling Bee will be held this Friday (3rd of August) in our school hall. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend. The Stage 3 bee will start at 9.30 and the Stage 2 bee will start at 11.10. The two winners from Stage 2 (years 3 & 4) and the two winners from Stage 3 (years 5 & 6) will represent our school in the Premier's Regional Spelling Bee.

Ms Cooper
Spelling Bee Coordinator

High School Transition

Year 6 will begin their High School Transition program this week, by attending the Taree High School Expo day on Wednesday afternoon. The children will have a tour around the high school and will be introduced to a few of the practical subjects that they will be doing next year as part of the year 7 Curriculum. This is a valuable opportunity and introduction to high school and all it has to offer.

K-2 Parent/ Teacher Interviews

All K-2 teachers will be holding Parent/Teacher interviews next week. Parents should receive a note outlining the days and times that your child's teacher is available by Wednesday 1st August. We request that all parents return the note by Thursday if possible, indicating whether or not they would like an interview to discuss their child's progress. A note confirming your designated time will be sent home on Friday 3rd August.

National Tree Planting Day

In Week 2, the SRC Representatives, Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects and KG participated in National Tree Planting Day for Schools. Bunnings kindly donated the plants and representatives from Bunnings assisted the students to plant the seedlings. We were fortunate to have a perfect day. The SRC students in Year 3 and 4 as well as KG were also given a talk about sustainability. We are very appreciative of the assistance and generous donation of plants.

School Athletics

The School Athletics Carnival has unfortunately taken a long time to complete. Three events were incomplete on the day and had to be held at school during lunch time. Weather and a soggy unusable school ground hampered completion over the last few weeks of last term and even the start of this term. The girls' 11 year old high jump and long jump were completed but the senior girls' 800m is still required. Results from this may affect the overall House Champion and Senior Girl Individual Champion. Ribbons will not be handed out until the full completion of the carnival. My apologies for this and I appreciate your cooperation.

Record Breaker

Congratulations to Bree Pensini who broke the Girls 10 year old 200m record. Formerly held by Kirsty Alcorn (1987) at 32.69 sec, the record is now 32.56 sec. Kirsty still holds the 11 year old and senior 200m records. Congratulations, Bree, on your fantastic effort.

Zone Athletics

Congratulations to the following 40 students who gained an entry into the Zone Athletics Carnival Team.

Charlie Dignam (100m), Ethan Hill (100m), Nicholas Richardson (100m), Isaac Williams (100m), Jaryd Mitchell (100m), Ryan Doherty (100m), Harry Wesley (100m, 200m, 800m), Drew Pensini (100m, 200m), Lyall Last (100m), Mitchell Ferraro-Worth (100m, 200m), Kaleb Bridge (100m, 200m, 800m), Trai Bernasconi (100m), Connor Wiles (100m, 200m, High Jump, Long Jump), Nathan Moulds (100m, 200m, Long Jump), Lachlan Pope (100m, High Jump), Joshua Langeberg (800m), Kaine Docherty (800m), Lukis Brislane (800m), Chance Anderson (800m), Jayson Brady Harby (4 x100m relay), Chloe Neal (100m), Kayla Thompson (100m), Tilley Hunter (100m), Jazmin Campbell (100m, 200m), Jada Humphreys (100m), Sharmaine Carr (100m), Bree Pensini (100m, 200m, Long Jump), Zoe Ladmore (100m), Jade Stewart (100m), Madison Saunders (100m, 200m), Abbey Last (100m), Abby Baker (100m, High Jump), Jennifer Carr (100m, 200m), Sophie Watson (100m, 200m), Taylah Clark (100m), Imogen Nelson (800m), Tammie Stirling (200m), Hannah McLeod (800m) and Ebony Bridges (High Jump). The two senior girl 800m entries are yet to be decided.

The 4x100m relay teams are:

Senior boys- Connor Wiles, Nathan Moulds, Mitchell Ferraro-Worth and Lachlan Pope

Senior girls- Madison Saunders, Abbey Last, Abby Baker and Jennifer Carr

Junior boys- Harry Wesley, Drew Pensini, Lyall Last and Jayson Brady-Harby.

Junior girls- Bree Pensini, Zoe Ladmore, Jade Stewart and Jada Humphrey

All teams will have a backup relay reserve to be selected out of the attending students.

On Wednesday or Thursday, each student will receive a permission note which will give more information. If a student is unable to attend, please see Mr Umland ASAP.

The PSSA Zone Athletics is scheduled for Friday 10th August and it is held at Tuncurry.

Coles: Sport for School Vouchers

Thank you for supporting the school with all the vouchers coming into school. Initial tallies are being collated from the 21 classrooms and a running total will be published in the next few weeks. Having the vouchers counted at home and brought in on one day a week (Fridays), minimises a major chore at school. Again, thank you.

Staff News

Introducing our School Learning Support Officers (SLSO)



Name: Pauline McMaster.

My job at the school: SLSO (teacher's aide)

My favourite food is: Pad Thai.

My favourite holiday destination is: Cairns

My Hobby is: Dancing

Number of years working at Taree West Public School: 8 years

What do you like most about being a School Learning Support Officer at Taree West Public School? I love coming to work with all the great children and staff.

Name: Vicki Willing.

My job at the school: SLSO (teacher's aide).

My favourite food: is chocolate.

My favourite holiday destination: anywhere with my children.

My hobbies are: Cooking and going to the beach and camping.

Number of years working at Taree West Public School: 5 years.

What do you like most about being a School Learning Support Officer at Taree West Public School? I love working with the students and staff.

Name: Kevin Searle.

My job at the school: SLSO (teacher's aide).

My favourite book: Storm Boy.

My favourite colour is: Blue.

My hobbies are: Fishing and Kayaking.

Number of years working at Taree West Public School: 3 years.

What do you like most about being a School Learning Support Officer at Taree West Public School? I love working with the children on a daily basis and I really appreciate the support that I receive from the staff.

Name: Michelle Brown (Shelly)

My job at the school: SLSO (teacher's aide).

My favourite food: I love Asian food.

My favourite holiday destination is: Penang in Malaysia.

My hobbies are: I live on the beach and my favourite thing to do is beachcombing. I have a lovely collection of shells. Cowrie shells are my favourite.

Number of years working at Taree West Public School: I am trained in childcare and have been teaching for 15 years. I started at Diamond Beach Children's Centre. I then worked in the Health Service for 5 years. I started at Hallidays Point Public School as a teacher's aide 4 years ago and joined Taree West Public School 16 months ago.

What do you like most about being a School Learning Support Officer at Taree West Public School? I love seeing the children every day and assisting them in their classrooms. The staff are friendly and dedicated.

INTRODUCING MELANIE WELCH



This term we have a Student teacher Melanie Welch. Melanie will be joining class 5/6M for the whole term as she is in her final year of completing her teaching degree and is undertaking her final prac at Taree West Public School. Melanie is a local girl and did her primary and secondary schooling in Taree before moving to Armidale to attend University to do her teaching degree. Melanie has expressed that she is very excited to be a part of the class and the school community at Taree West.

Asthma awareness

Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children. The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma. For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to <http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/>.

Cycling fun

Cycling is a fun and healthy activity for people of all ages.

The NSW Government has set up the Bicycle information for NSW website.

The site includes information of what to look for when choosing a bike, suggestions on great bicycle paths around NSW and safety tips. Go to: <http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/index.html>

Student Banking – Every Monday!!!

Rewards Redemption Day is Monday 13th August 2012. Please send tokens in on the day with your child's banking. Rewards available are:



St John Ambulance, Australia (N.S.W)

Manning Great Lakes Cadet Division

Is currently recruiting new Juniors and Cadets aged from 8 to 17 years of age to join their great organisation.

St John provides opportunities for all cadets to develop management, life and leadership skills, as stepping stones for any career.

St John aims to develop self reliant and self confident young people who take their place as responsible members of their community.

The members of our division learn more than just first aid. They also do proficiency courses which allow them to learn many other interesting skills.

We currently meet weekly, during school term, on a Wednesday night starting at 6:30pm till 8:30pm at the Taree Scout Hall, Rifle Range Rd Taree which is off Woola Rd Taree.

For more Information please contact

Dennis Buxton Divisional Superintendent Phone: (02) 6554 4251

Samuel McLean Divisional Cadet Leader Phone: 0413 613 114

IT'S SUMMER, IT HAS TO BE CRICKET WITH YOUR FRIENDS

This summer we're looking for the next generation of bowlers, batter and catchers. There's lots of ways you can get involved in cricket with your local club, association or indoor centre.

Sign up now with your local club or find out more at....

playcricket.com.au

