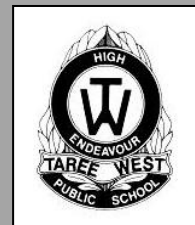


# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 3 – Week 5

Tuesday, 14 August 2012

## WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	15 August	CSIRO Performance
Thursday	16 August	Preschool Visit
Friday	17 August	Camp Instalment Due Continuation of Zone Athletics Carnival P&C Raffles Taree West Bowling Club
Monday-Friday	27-31 August	National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Tuesday	28 August	Math Challenge Day
Wednesday	29 August	Read for Australia
Thursday	30 August	Book Swap Day
Friday	31 August	K-2 Book Week Parade
Thursday	13 September	Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Session
Friday	14 September	Camp Instalment Due
Sunday	16 September	School Fete
Thursday	20 September	Kindergarten Orientation Student Session
TERM 4		
Wednesday	17 October	Kindergarten Orientation Library Sessions
Monday-Thursday	12-15 November	Kindergarten Orientation First Classroom Sessions
Monday-Thursday	26-29 November	Kindergarten Orientation Second Classroom Sessions

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our school has commenced a technology upgrade to install a Department Of Education and Communities supported wireless network across our school site. This essential upgrade will allow high speed internet and computer access for all students and teachers within any room in the school. The upgrade will occur over the next few weeks at a cost of approximately \$25 000. It is anticipated that the system will be fully operational in Term 4.

The next phase of this program will involve the purchase of approximately 100 student laptops enabling the provision of 5 computers per classroom in the near future. We are currently working collaboratively with Club Taree and the School P&C in supporting this initiative. I would like to thank the School P&C for the tireless work that they do in raising funds for our school.

## CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Amber S	Lincoln P	Connor F
KC	Alex M	Amelie M	Bella D
KF	Taylah G	Tora B	Katie T
KG	Deegan A	Jasinta B	Erin T
KH	Rory M	Jaxson D	Ebonie L
1/2S	Tyson W	Blake R	Jarod H
1B	Timothy B	Chyna J	Georgia C
1C	Dominic W	Sofia M	Tom M
1G	Clare W	Jessie M	Patrick W
2H	Kaytlin L	Charlotte D	Tyler O
2S	Jerome S	Miranda F	Jasmine R

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Hudson Smith 1G

## PERPETUAL TROPHIES – END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

This year we are looking to replace our Perpetual Trophies. If you would like to donate the cost of one of these trophies (\$45.00, \$70.00 or \$105.00) please contact the office for more details. The trophy will be engraved with your family name or business, acknowledging your generous support of Taree West Public School.

## Lost Property

At present the Lost Property Crates are overflowing. If your child has lost an item of clothing, lunch box or drink bottle can you please come and check the crates. All items that do not have names on them will be given to charity or washed and placed in the clothing pool on Friday.

### Pre-school Visit

On Thursday this week children from some of the pre-schools in the area will be visiting Taree West to experience a Kindergarten classroom. This event will happen at 1.00-1.40pm in the KC/KF classroom and all children will receive a terrific Taree West T-shirt. If your child is starting school next year and not attending the session with their pre-school you are welcome to bring them along on the day. This session is additional to our Kindergarten Orientation program.

### Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation program is starting soon so if you are intending to enrol a child in Kindergarten next year please come to the school office and pick up an enrolment pack. If you know of any families who intend to enrol their child for next year but may not be aware that the orientation process begins soon could you please pass this information on to them. Orientation starts on 13th September.

### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS for SCHOOLS

As in previous years students from Taree West have been participating in the ICAS tests for Years 3 to 6. Our students sat the last test today and have now completed all tests; Computer skills, Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics.

Thirteen students sat for the Science test with one student achieving a "Distinction". Congratulations to Bailey.J in Year 4, a budding scientist of the future perhaps.

Well done to all the students who participated and tried their best.

In Literacy & Numeracy week we will have almost sixty Year five and six students participating in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition.

Ms K Cooen

ICAS & Newcastle Permanent Competition Coordinator

### Earn & Learn Cards

Thanks to all the parents and students who have been collecting their stickers and returning their filled cards to the school and Woolworths. The promotion finished on 12th August so it would be great if everyone could gather any stickers and cards you still have at home and drop them into the school where we are currently counting our cards ready to send off to be eligible to choose some great learning resources for our school.

We have quite a few thousand cards already and I will give you the final tally when we have finished counting. Well done!

Maree Cheney

### Join your local sporting club

A new Australia-wide campaign has been launched to encourage people to join their local sporting club. Play for life ... join a sporting club urges all of us to get physically active and enjoy the benefits of good health. To find a sporting club in your local area go to: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/gatewaytosport/>

### Zone Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, the PSSA Manning Zone Athletics was postponed halfway through the carnival due to weather conditions.

Due to the unsafe participation and spectator conditions, management at the carnival unanimously agreed to stop proceedings and reconvene this Friday (17th Aug) to complete the competition. Notes were reissued to competitors who have either yet to compete or have qualified for the sprint finals and relay.

On behalf of the school, I'd like to thank parents and students for braving the uncomfortable conditions and for assisting in packing up the sun shelter and school flag. You were a wonderful help.

### Girls Hockey Knockout

Congratulations to TWPS Girls Hockey Team who today became the Hunter Regional Champions. They defeated Wallsend South PS in Newcastle 1-0.

### State Touch Carnival

Last week I went to Parkes to play touch football. I played for Hunter Regional Team. On the first day we played six games and won all of them. The next day we lost three games and won two. On the last day we played one game but missed out on the semi-finals by one point.

It was fun !

By Bree P 4U

### Buderus Rugby League 7's

We had two teams participate in the Buderus Rugby League 7's tournament on Wednesday of last week. Our teams had the opportunity to compete for the Legends trophy and a chance to represent our area in the state finals in Sydney. All of the boys performed well and showed good sportsmanship on the day.

Our first team made it all the way to the final game where we were defeated by St Joseph's Primary. Our boys should be very proud of their performance and to make it to the final of the competition was a great effort. Our second team which was made up of mostly Year 5 students showed improvement throughout the day and next year we will look forward to representing our school in the 7's competition.

### Coles: Sport for Schools Promotion

The Sport for Schools promotion finishes today (weeks earlier than last year). The school has a limited time to collate and send off the vouchers. We would like all vouchers to be brought to school this Friday so that it can be all finalised. TWPS is very grateful of your support in this promotion. Tallying has been a slow process with many children bringing in uncounted piles of vouchers. To ease the pressure, could all the vouchers coming in please be precounted before arriving at school. Again, thank you for your effort and support.

## STAFF AND CLASS PROFILE

### INTRODUCING CLASS 5/6X



Name: Linda Xerri.

My job at the School: Class Teacher 5/6X, Assistant Principal Stage 3.

My favourite food is: Pasta and Chocolate:

My favourite Movie is: Jason Bourne Trilogy.

My hobbies are: Listening to music.

Number of years teaching: 22 years and I am currently completing my Masters in Special Education.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public School? The smiling faces that greet me each morning. Everyone is very motivated.



Name of class: 5/6X

Classroom Teacher: Mrs Xerri.

Number of students: 30

Some interesting things we plan to do this year in class: Have a class pet, High school Transition and Celebrations.

Our favourite classroom activities are: Group work discussions.

What we are doing in class now: The Olympics.

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

Kyra S (year 5): I like playing with my friends and having a great teacher.

Matthew M (year 6): I like seeing friends, using the computers and sport.

Gabby M (year 6): I like being with my friends and having fun.

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



Name: Matthew Royan.

My job at the school is: Deputy Principal.

My favourite food is: My wife's spaghetti bolognese.

My favourite colour is: Green.

My favourite holiday destination is: Queensland.

What are your hobbies? Fishing, water skiing and restoring old boats and cars.

Number of schools taught at: 4

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public School? I enjoy working with the staff of Taree West Public School and the families of our local community to assist students in reaching their potential.

### Sound advice on sleep

Did you know it's recommended that school-aged children get 10-11 hours sleep each night? For tips on how to make sure your child gets a good night's sleep go to:

[http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school\\_age\\_sleep\\_nutshell.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_age_sleep_nutshell.html)

### Maths Monkey's Quest

The award-winning parent resource School A to Z has released a new maths game app. Maths Monkey's Quest is a fun and interactive game designed to help sharpen your child's maths skills. The game—suitable for students in Years 3-8—features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

**FETE NEWS 14 August 12****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 **4 WEEKS** to the FETE

**NEXT FETE MEETING** 23rd 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 13th August to 17th August it is second hand books, magazines and comics week items can be left in donation boxes in your child/s class room, please ensure these items are CLEAN & SALEABLE  
Remember the class who donates the most wins a frozen Orchy voucher for each student.

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

for the day of the fete call Julie 0418 124 402 if you can help!!

**STALL HOLDERS**

We are seeking interested persons to have a stall at the fete, if you or someone you know is interested in having a stall please contact Maj 0418 860 256.

**TALENT QUEST**

We are extending the closing date to the 17 August if you wish to do an act please get your forms in to the canteen

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

Raffle ticket books went out last week; if your family did not receive one please see the canteen, additional books can also be obtained from the canteen.

The family who sells the most tickets wins an awesome prize!!

**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 Jean's Coffee, Signs made Simple, Butterfly House & Maze Coffs Harbour, LJ HookerTaree Tenpin Bowling, Pirtek, Holiday Coast Printing, Taree Arts Council, Taree 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, Taree combined taxis, All about Conveyancing, Cullens Auto Group, TJL Business Advisors, Town Plumbing Supplies, Reece Plumbing, Harvey Norman, Sunnyside Florist, Furniture One, Manning Valley Pie Shop, Taree West Butcher.

**P & C Monster Meat Tray Raffles**

Buy \$5 of tickets and get another \$5 of tickets for free.

Buy \$10 of tickets and get another \$10 of tickets for free.

All welcome to come and have a fun family night out and win a tray or two. Why not stay and have a meal at the bistro.

**Where:** Taree West Bowling Club, 116 Edinburgh Dr, Taree

**When:** Fri 17th August 2012

**Time:** tickets on sale from 5.30pm 1st ticket called at 6.45pm

**Taree Athletic Club Inc**

The 2012/2013 season will commence with Registration Days at 4.30pm – 5.30pm on 3, 7, 10, 14 September at the basketball side of the Taree Recreation Ground. The cost will be: Tiny Tots and U6's \$60.00 – U7's to U17's \$70.00.  
Please do not hesitate to contact us on Nola Bath – 0419237715 or Robyn Phillips – 0407620676.

**TAREE PCYC**

Freestyle Fridays – Commencing 17th August

10 – 17 year olds 6.30pm – 9.30pm Friday Nights

Includes free transport, food and loads of fun activities (music, sporting and cultural).

Phone: 6551 0292