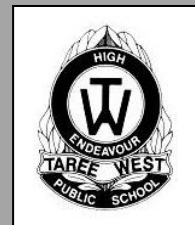


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Term 3 – Week 7

Wednesday, 29 August 2012

WHAT'S ON

Monday-Friday	27-31 August	National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Wednesday	29 August	Read for Australia whole school reading Parent Information Session
Thursday	30 August	Father's Day Stall K-2 Book Swap Day
Friday	31 August	Father's Day Stall 3-6 K-2 Book Week Parade Zone Athletics Milo Cricket Gala Day
Monday-Friday	3-7 September	SASS Recognition Week
Wednesday	5 September	Year 3/4 Rugby 7's
Thursday	6 September	"Feed a Devil" Day Out of Uniform Band Information Session
Friday	7 September	Touch Football Gala Day
Thursday	13 September	Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Session
Monday	10 September	Spelling Bee Final Port Macquarie
Tuesday	11 September	State Hockey - Lithgow
Tuesday-Thursday	11/12/13 September	Environmental Waste Watchers Workshops Taree Council
Friday	14 September	Camp Instalment Due Year 6 & Sport Photos
Sunday	16 September	School Fete
Thursday	20 September	Kindergarten Orientation Student Session
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

National Literacy and Numeracy Week provides a unique opportunity for schools to recognise and celebrate the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

The week aims to:

- highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people
- give our school the opportunity to be involved in a range of different and innovative literacy and numeracy activities, including the Maths Challenge day, participation in the Read for Australia initiative, the book swap and the K – 2 Book Parade.
- recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills
- raise community awareness of the importance of developing students' effective literacy and numeracy skills through our parent information session on Wednesday afternoon and to
- build on national initiatives to improve literacy and numeracy standards among young Australians.

Your involvement and support in this week's activities is very much appreciated. I encourage you to call into the library at some time this week to see the amazing book week displays created by our students.

I would like to congratulate our Girls Hockey team who, as Hunter Regional Champions beat the South Coast Regional team in Goulburn yesterday. They won the game 3 – 1 and are now in the State finals at Lithgow on the 11 September. A huge thank you must also go to all of the parents for their commitment to their girls sporting achievements, in giving up their time to transport the girls and to be there at the games. I would also like to thank Mrs Barriball for her ongoing organisation and coaching of this wonderful team.

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Keea A	Emily N	Caleb M
KC	Cooper H	Lilly B	Jasmine H
KF	Ethan F	Hannah W	Joshua H
KG	Erin T	Hunter M	Hannah D
KH	Lily P	Maddison O	Huntah L
1/2S	Angel M	Jodie M	Emma F
1B	Makenzie F	Janaya E	Jessica O
1C	Dominic W	Taylah M	Frank T
1G	Neevah H	Rylei M	Mitchel C
2H	Karlos B	Makaela S	Oscar H
2S	Ethan R	Jemma H	Nicholas R

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Elsa Wilson KF, Jessica Osmond-Dreyer 1B, Tyla Humphrey 2s

Camp Payment

Final payment for all Yr 3-6 camps is due. Please ensure full payment is paid to the office no later than Friday 14 September.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2012

Parents are invited to attend school on Wednesday 29 August at 2.00pm for a shared reading with their child of the focus book, "Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley". The readings will take place in the classrooms. This reading will be followed by a parent information session in 4/5/6C Classroom. Topics covered in this parent session will be:

- learn more about some of the programs operating in our school which support Literacy (Focus on Reading and Reading Recovery) and meet the staff who support these and other programs
- tips for helping your child with literacy and numeracy
- good websites and apps
- chance to swap a book/magazine for yourself (bring in a book and swap it for another)

Student Book Swap Day

Send one or two children's books to school with your child that they can swap for another.

The school will be holding a book swap day this Thursday 30 August where students are asked to donate one or two children's books to the book swap. For each book the students bring in, they will receive a raffle ticket which entitles them to choose a replacement book from their Stage table. The students will take home their new selections to keep.

MILO Cricket T20 Gala Day

This Friday 31 August, 36 students from Year Five and Six will participate in a gala day at Taree Recreation Grounds. This day is a non-competitive opportunity for students to play cricket and meet students from other schools. Parents are reminded that students need to meet the supervising teachers at the grounds by 9.10am.

Feed a Devil Day

On Thursday 6 September the SRC are inviting students to participate in an out of uniform day to raise money for Devil Ark.

"Feed a Devil" day is a fun way for our school to help save the endangered Tasmanian Devil. High in the hills of Barrington Tops (near Gloucester), a conservation breeding program is being implemented to save the Tasmanian Devil. The Tasmanian Devils are at risk of extinction from the highly contagious devil facial tumour disease (DFTD). Students are able to come out of uniform wearing the "colours" of a Tassie devil – black, white and red.

A gold coin donation is requested.

Thank you for your support.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation is fast approaching, it begins with a Parent Information Session on Thursday 13 September, with the children's first visit the following week. If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year please come to the school office to obtain an enrolment form in time to be included at the commencement of this year's orientation process. If you know of anyone who is intending to enrol their child at Taree West for next year can you please let them know that our orientation starts soon.

Thank you

M. Cheney

Kindergarten Coordinator

National Oral Health Survey

Our school was selected to take part in a national survey about children's oral health. If you received a survey form please return the completed form in its envelope to school or post it by Friday 31 August.

ICAS Results

Results for the ICAS Spelling Tests are in, with some excellent results achieved by students at Taree West PS. Twenty-two students participated in the Spelling test, with five 'credits' and one 'distinction' awarded.

Congratulations to Brandon W in Year 5, for gaining the Distinction award, and to Samuel H, Mitchell B, Madeline C, Bailey J and Katy McL who all received Credit awards.

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

This week, being Literacy & Numeracy week, we have almost sixty Year five and six students participating in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. Good Luck to all!

Ms K Cooen

ICAS & Newcastle Permanent Competition Coordinator

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Taree West Public School has committed to implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) in our school. PBL is a school-wide behaviour initiative. It employs a whole school systems approach to address problem behaviour and reduce its effects on student outcomes and on the school community as a whole. PBL encourages positive behaviour from students, which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn. Some members of staff and parent representatives attended a training session last week. We will be keeping parents up to date with what's happening in PBL via the newsletter and through updates at the monthly P&C meetings. Our School Values of Respect, Responsibility and Care are supported by the PBL initiative.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

Fantastic effort Taree West! I have tallied our Earn and Learn cards and have counted 2900! If you have any cards (doesn't matter if they are not completed) or stickers at home could you please send them in so that I can have the cards finalised and sent off at the end of the week.

Since we are having a maths challenge day this week I thought it would be good timing to turn our results into a challenge! See if you can work out how much money was spent at Woolworths to collect our 2900 cards. Each card contained 30 stickers and \$10 had to be spent at Woolies to receive a sticker.

The first three students to come to me with the correct answer will win a prize!

M.Cheney

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.

Lithgow here we come!

On Sunday Taree West hockey girls travelled down to Goulburn to play in the PSSA state finals. Taylor Starr scored the very first goal; Taylah Clark scored the second goal then with a powerful shot Taylor Starr scored again! That made the game 3 nil at half time. There were a group of girls from Bradfordville P.S that had a few shots at our goalie, Khiaecia Martin but they only one got through Khiaecia. There were 10 seconds to go and we got 3 short corners, one after another. The whole team was up past half way because the hooter went off. We were all really happy because we won.

We are now in the top 4 in the state for girl's hockey and are getting closer and closer to becoming PSSA state finalists.

On the 11th of September we will travel to Lithgow to compete against two of the three other top teams in the state. If we win those games we will play in the grand final and compete for the title of state champions!

A well-played game by Tahni Walters, Taylor Starr, Taylah Clark, Khiaecia Martin, Sophie Watson, Brianna Williams, Hannah Hartup, Hailey Yarnold, Georgia Tran, Bree Pensini, Emily Brown, Aleah Clark and Renae Wesley. Also a big thank you to Mrs Barriball and parents that made the long drive to watch us play!

By Taylah Clark, Khiaecia Martin and Taylor Starr

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.

School concert band at Taree West Public School

Music encourages and develops, among other things, self-discipline, problem solving, co-operative and social skills and sensitivity to one's environment. Music is a "life skill" and remains with you forever- it balances many of the more academic studies.

The Mid North Coast Conservatorium of Music Group have offered a unique opportunity for any Year 2 – 5 student interested in learning to play a Band instrument- Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone or Euphonium and Percussion.

Instruments will be provided at a minimal hire fee with students receiving the first term of instrument hire for free. Expert tuition and rehearsals will be provided at a reasonable rate. Rehearsals will be held once each week on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 – 4.15pm in the school library. At this stage we have not finalised when the lessons will take place for the students. These will be conducted in small groups of 2-3 students. The program is a curriculum based "instrumental experience" designed to give students an opportunity to learn instruments in a group situation. Students with no prior experience are invited to join, this is however dependent upon aptitude and physical suitability to the selected instrument. The Band Master is Mr Roger Griffiths. Roger has a distinguished career as a musician and music educator and is also the Music Director of the Taree City Band.

A parent and student information meeting has been planned for Thursday 6 September at 6.30pm in the school Library. Roger will give a presentation of the Music Instrumental Program and outline the opportunities for Taree West students. He will also outline how your child can become one of the first students to become involved. He will make available on the night, expression of interest notes for parents to complete if they wish their child to be considered for the program. These notes will need to be returned to Mr Cook at school.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students so I do hope interested parents will join Roger and myself at this meeting.

Exciting things are happening for students of Taree West Public School, which we are very proud to be able to offer.

The School Concert Band Parent Information Session is on Thursday 6 September 6.30pm in the school Library.

Mr Jacob Cook

Debating

The Taree West Public School Debating team has beaten Old Bar Public School by 2 points. Old Bar had been undefeated till then. It was a very close competition but our affirmative team was able to convince the audience that "We should all have three day long weekends!".

Well Done to Sarah Hammond, Hannah Hartup, Ryan Thompson, Rory Mitchell, Sophie Watson, Tahni Walters, Emmie Paine and Connor Wiles for their hard effort and enthusiasm.

Unfortunately the team has not made it through to the final and it means there will now be a tie between Old Bar(2 wins) and the winner of Mitchell's Island versus Wingham Brush.

Thanks to those parents and students who came to support our debaters.

Miss Littlewood

Veggie Patch

Taree West Public School now has 4 veggie tubs with fresh seedlings growing. Our veggie "patch" is along the side of the basketball courts, so please feel free to wander down and have a look. Thank you to Teena Jobson a former staff member who entered the McCain's Veggie Patch School Promotions Campaign... The staff and students of Taree West Public School would also like to extend a huge thank you to Hickman's Wholesale Nursery for their generous donation of seedlings that all students of the school will have access to. Students will implement the school values as they all develop a sense of responsibility, they will understand that they will need to water and care for the plants, which teaches them that with respect and nurturing, it will help the plants to grow. There are many learning opportunities and healthy lifestyle benefits that can be experienced by all students by growing fresh veggies in a primary school veggie patch. It's not just veggies that grow in a school vegetable patch – your kids grow too.



Staff News



Name: Alison Lee (but I liked to be called "Ali" as it is friendlier).

My job at the school is: Casual Teacher/ Librarian.

My favourite food: Chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate.

My favourite colour is: Red.

My favourite movie: "On Golden Pond" because I love Katherine Hepburn's and Henry Fonda's acting.

My favourite book is: "Pride and Prejudice."

My favourite holiday destination: The Peak District, England, to see family.

What are your hobbies? Farming (cattle and goats) and bushwalking.

Number of years teaching: Approximately 25 years.

Number of schools taught in: I have lost count as I've been a casual teacher for around 10 of my 25 years of service, in primary and high schools, both in Sydney and the Central Coast, and now in the Manning Valley.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public School? I love the fact that, as a Teacher/ Librarian, I have been able to teach every child at Taree West Public School. I also enjoy the variety that the Teacher/ Librarian position offers in that I teach and also carry out administrative work in the library, plus fun things like Book Parades and Book Fairs, etc.



Name: Genevieve White.

My job at the school: Library Assistant.

My favourite holiday destination is: Europe.

My favourite food is: other peoples cooking.

What are your hobbies? My hobbies include tennis, reading, social golf and babysitting.

Number of schools that you work at: Besides working at Taree West Public School, I also work at Mitchells Island School.



Name: Christian Fieldhouse.

My job at the school is: School Counsellor.

My favourite food is: Chicken.

My favourite holiday destination is: Indonesia.

What are your hobbies? Reading, as I am a book worm.

Number of years teaching: 44 years.

Number of schools that you have worked in: At last count 75, as counsellors work in more than one school.

What do you like most about working at Taree West Public School? The children are very friendly and easy to work with. The staff are very professional and enthusiastic.

**FETE NEWS**

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

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There's only **20 DAYS** to the FETE

NEXT FETE MEETING 6th September 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

Last Week we had a massive **20 Kilos** of lollies donated from Taree West Families congratulations to 3J winners for this item.

Second hand toys were also a huge success well done 4 U your class was the winner for this item.

The previous week book donations were very overwhelming congratulations 2S winners for this item.

Each student in these 3 classes will get a frozen Orchy voucher to use at the canteen.

This week **27th August to 31st August** it is Lucky Dip Bags week, and also second hand Games these items can be left in donation boxes in your child/s class room, or at the Thursday drop off at the Hall from 3pm to 6pm, 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 STILL NEED PARENT HELPERS**

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

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle ticket books and correct money are due back to the CANTEEN, this Friday 31st August. Any unsold tickets are needed ASAP

.REMEMBER the family who sells the most tickets wins an awesome prize!!

UNLIMITED RIDES WRISTBAND

Wristbands will be for pre-sale for \$20 each, it will allow unlimited rides on Wizard Jumping Castle, Shrek jumping Castle, Gladiator Ring, Super Slide and entry to the Petting Zoo. These wristbands will only be available at a discounted price for Taree West Public School families. Please complete the form due out this week and return to the canteen with correct money.

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, Retravisation, 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 Hooker Taree 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, North Coast Auto Wreckers, Taree Veterinary Hospital Chatham, Manning River Marine, Auto One. THE TWPS FETE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SCHOOL FAMILIES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Fun with friends and family

Want to encourage your child to try something new outside of school?

Try the range of options provided by NSW Sport and Recreation – from camps and sailing to a variety of disability sport activities. Go to:

What's on around NSW – Sport and recreation

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp>

Spelling it out at home

The School A to Z website's popular mobile Spelling Bee game can now be played on your home computer. The game is designed for both junior and senior primary school students, and features words from the Macquarie Dictionary. Parents might be tempted to test their skill on the harder levels.

Go to: Spelling Bee

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/spelling-bee>

Coming to grips with measurement

It may come as no surprise to learn that a child's early awareness of mass and volume is often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Find out what you can do at home to help your child measure mass and volume.

Go to: Helping your child measure mass and volume

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

Community Notices**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

