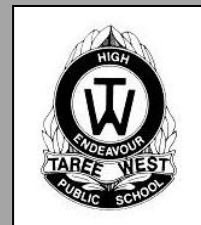


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Term 3 – Week10

Tuesday, 18 September 2012

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	19 September	Mini Olympics
Thursday	20 September	Kindergarten Orientation Student Session
Friday	21 September	Last day Term 3
TERM 4		
Monday	8 October	Staff & Students first day Term 4
Wednesday	17 October	Kindergarten Orientation Library Sessions
Wednesday-Friday	17-19 October	Yr 5 Broken Bay Camp Yr 6 Sydney Camp
Monday-Wednesday	22-24 October	Yrs 3 & 4 Aussie Bush Camp
Wednesday-Thursday	31 October-1 November	Naidoc/Saltwater excursion
Thursday-Friday	8-9 November	K-2 Billabong Park excursion
Monday-Thursday	12-15 November	Kindergarten Orientation First Classroom Sessions
Monday-Thursday	26-29 November	Kindergarten Orientation Second Classroom Sessions

Principal's Report

Once again this week I am just so very proud of our school community, especially our school P&C Fete Committee, the numerous volunteers and the students and staff who gave up so much of their time to organise and coordinate our School Fete. The Fete was a resounding success - it was a magical day, the weather was exceptional and the crowds of people just kept on coming through our gates. This major event was an inspirational whole community event which has raised much needed funds for the students of our school.

I would like to personally thank the Fete Committee (and their families) who have worked tirelessly over several months, giving up so much of their time and energy to coordinate this amazing event. Special thanks go to the committee members; Julie Tilson, Vanessa Bergan, Majida Mitchell, Sandra Leonard, Tayla Sedlan, Stacey Sedlan, Jemima Murray, Leanne Ferris, Nikki Thorton, Jenny Fletcher, Brett Eggleston, Nicole Wilson and Kate Nicholson as well as the many, many volunteers who made this event possible.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Year 3 and 5 Students will be given their NAPLAN results to bring home today. Please ask your child for the envelope. If for any reasons these results are misplaced a copy is available at school. Please contact the school office if you would like to clarify any information contained in the reports.

Hockey Girls

I would like to congratulate our girl's hockey team who represented us last week at the State Carnival at Lithgow. Unfortunately the girls lost both games however I would like to praise all the students who displayed exceptional sportsmanship. A very big thank you to the parents who gave up their time to once again transport the girls to the game.

Golf Championships

I would like to congratulate Jack Scott of 5/6X who competed in the State Junior Golf Championships at Forster last week. Although not successful in the state team, he performed exceptionally well. Well done Jack!

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Camps

Thank you to all of the parents and students who have paid all outstanding fees for the camps. All camps will be able to proceed as organised.

Year 3/4 to Aussie Bush Camp – Week 3, 22 – 24 October

Year 5 to Broken Bay – Week 2, 17 – 19 October

Year 6 to Sydney – Week 2, 17 – 19 October

School Holidays

I would like to wish students and families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Holidays commence on Monday 24 September and conclude on Friday 5 October. School recommences for students and staff on Monday 8 October.

Mrs D Bensch
Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Joshua Gibbs, Connor Humphrey, Jodie Meredith

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Arianna K	Keea A	Angel H
KC	Lilly B	Amelie M	Alex M
KF	Harrison W	Olivia H	Nithara W
KG	Cameron L	Crystal J	Sethe B
KH	Bailey D	Alyssa F	Rory M
1/2S	Jessica T	Sophie W	Megan H
1B	Ebony B	Kurt W	Jessica O
1C	Phoebe B	Tom M	Dominic W
1G	Alex H	Samira M	Roman A
2H	Samuel F	Kaydance W	Kaytlin L
2S	Sophie W	Ethan R	Cory D
2/3B	Imogen N	Lashana M	Rahni S Bryan K
3J	Letesha M	Isaac W	Kalani S Shianne S
3M	Jesse W	Brooke D	Emily R
4/5/6C	Taya N	Connor S	Katy M Ethan E
4O	Lachlan R	Bailey J	Oshen S Shane M
5/6J	Maxine D	Earl W	Kelly M Chance A
5/6L	Hannah H	Jayson B	Felicity C Connor W
5/6M	Amber J	Mitchell G	Beau H Katherine H
5/6X	Harlie Marie D	Ebony B	Tahj F Hannah M

MINI OLYMPICS

Tomorrow, Wednesday September 19 is our 'Mini Olympics Day'.

Students need to remember to come dressed in colours representing their countries. It is always important that all students wear joggers or shoes suitable for fitness and they must also have a hat.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS for SCHOOLS

Results for the ICAS English Tests demonstrate the excellent progress Taree West is making in the area of Literacy. Sixteen students sat the English test with students achieving six Credits and two Distinctions. These awards will be presented to the students at an Assembly as soon as the Mathematics test certificates arrive.

Congratulations to Lyall L & Katy McL in Year 4, for gaining the Distinction awards, and to Bailey J, Hannah H, Mitchell B, Abbey L, Brandon W and Harold L who all received Credit awards. Well done to all the students who participated and tried their best.

Ms K Cooen

ICAS & Newcastle Permanent Competition Coordinator

Spelling Bee News

On Monday the 10th of August the four best spellers in our school- Ezabell Kong (stage 3), Ethan Erickson (stage 3), Aleah Cusbert (stage 2) and Kasey P (stage 2) competed in the Premier's Spelling Bee at Port Macquarie. Our students demonstrated outstanding spelling skills, with Ezabell, Kasey and Aleah finishing in the top 10 in the region! Ethan was unlucky to receive a difficult word in the second round – impasse - just leaving off the 'e' at the end. I'm almost certain he would have spelt every other word correctly!

All students had a very enjoyable day and represented our school wonderfully. Thank you to parents and family members for taking students to the event.

I look forward to next year's spelling bee.

Ms Cooper

Spelling Bee Coordinator

Medicare Local Hunter

Have you ever needed Medical care after hours?

If so, Hunter Medicare Local would like to hear from you.

The Hunter Medicare Local is consulting with GP's, community groups, aged care providers and hospital emergency departments to assess after hours medical services in your area.

After-hours is defined as care that is delivered:

- Before 8.00am and after 6.00pm weekdays
- Before 8.00am and after 12.00pm Saturdays and
- All day Sundays and public holidays

To participate, please go to our website www.huntermhl.com.au and click on the link to our regional survey.

STAFF AND CLASS NEWS

Name: Barb Cameron.

My job at the school is: Class Teacher 1C.

My favourite foods are: Tropical fruits/ Berries.

My favourite colours are: Blue and Red.

What are your hobbies? Travelling, Cooking and Gardening.

Number of years teaching: Nearly 30

Number of schools taught in: I have taught in several schools in both the Penrith and Taree region.

What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public School? How the children always greet you with a smile and a hello on the walk through in the mornings. The enthusiasm and attitude of most children to have a go.

INTRODUCING CLASS 1C

Name of class: 1C

Classroom Teacher: Ms Cameron.

Number of students: 22

Some interesting things we plan to do this year in class: Go on a big excursion and plan another assembly.

Our favourite classroom activities are: Cooking, Maths groups and Fitness.

What we are doing in class now: Information reports on animals.

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

Dominic said: My favourite activity at Taree West is painting, maths and spelling. I like going to the library to borrow books.

JT said: I like to listen to the teachers.

Ryan said: I like my friends because we play together.

Taya said: I like fast maths because you get to move numbers (levels) and I am up to 28.

Zack said: I like fast maths and painting.

Ashley said: I like to help Kylie in the playground and go for fun runs and play cars with Connor.

Jake said: I like fast maths because I'm on level 54. I like catching the bus at the end of the day and I like it when I beat Narren in the fun run.

Matilda said: I like when I play with my Friends and when I go on the playground. I can only go on the playground when the sign says Year 1 and it is really super fun.

P&C News**Re-Usable Lunch Bags**

Thank you to all families who pre-ordered these bags, these were distributed to students last Friday and it is good to see students using them. Spare lunch order sheets are available from the canteen. We also have stock of all lunch bags and the colourful drawstring bags available for purchase from the canteen

Lunch Bags - \$10 each

All Rounder Lunch Bag (insulated) - \$12 each

Drawstring Bag -\$13 each

The School Fete on Sunday 16th Sept 2012 was a huge success, with beautiful weather, good stalls, lots of activities for the kids and great entertainment. The crowds were consistent all day and on behalf of the P&C Committee I would like thank all the helpers who were up and at the school at the crack of dawn to assist with the set up for the day and all those who wanted to go home and melt into the lounge at the end of the day, BUT stayed back and helped with the huge task of cleaning up!!!!

A huge thank you to ALL families and friends of Taree West Public School students who supported the day, with donations over the last few months, more importantly who took time out of their Sunday to come and enjoy September Fest at Taree West!! It would not have been such a success without you. THANK YOU!!!

The next raffle night at Taree West Bowling Club is Friday 26th October 2012. – With the Party Professionals booked to entertain the kids, should be a great night, hope to see you there!

P & C meeting is TONIGHT 18th September 2012, 6pm in the school Library.

All are most welcome.

If you cannot attend and you have an issue you would like raised, please put your concerns in writing addressed, to Majida Mitchell, President, P&C TWPS.

Community Notices

Triple P Positive Parenting Program Make Parenting Fun

Like to take the hassle out of parenting?, know how children can push those buttons?, then Manning Support Services has the program for you.

Together we will address topics including:

- Being a positive parent
- Key areas in your child's development
- How to stop bad behaviour
- How to encourage good behaviour
- How to plan ahead

Sessions starting 15 October. For more information or reservations please contact Manning Support Services on 6551 1800 or email reception@mssinc.org.au

Wingham Swimming Club

The 2012/2013 season will commence on Wednesday 10th October at 6pm. There will be an information afternoon at Wingham Pool on the 8th October from 4.45pm. Wingham Swimming Club caters for all levels from beginners right through to masters.

Fees for the season are \$65 for swimmers, \$20 for non-swimmers and \$225 for a family of four swimmers (a discount of \$35).

Further details can be obtained by contacting Helen Diehm on 6551 5602 or Kirralee Waters on 6557 0405.



VACATION CARE PROGRAM SPRING 2012 VACATION CARE

Located at 3/12 Mill Close, Taree 2430

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Road safety tips

Kids can be easily distracted on busy roads. Here are some tips to help you show your child how to make safety a priority when they're near traffic.

Go to: <http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/>

School holiday activities

Looking for ways to get your kids off the computer these holidays?

Happily, there's an app for that – and a website. Go Play has loads of holiday activities across NSW to get kids out and about.

Go to: www.goplay.nsw.gov.au



Greater Taree
City Council

Bike Week Family Fun Day

Greater Taree City Council will be hosting a Bike Week Fun Day, which will be promoting Family, Fun and Fitness. The free event will be held on Saturday the 22nd of September at the Taree Recreation Ground, Criterium Track, starting at 11am and going to 2pm, with a group ride at 2pm.

There will be lots for people to do on the day, including a number of free workshops on cycling, a healthy BBQ lunch and heaps of giveaways and prizes. The workshop will cover various topics including bike maintenance, understanding the road rules and risk management and staying safe when cycling in traffic.

It will be a great day out for the whole family to get involved in. So bring along on your bike to the Criterium Track on Saturday the 22nd of September for a fun day out and learn how you can incorporate cycling into your life. Just don't forget your helmet.

For further information on this event, please visit Council's website www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 6592 5399.



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www.pccynsw.org.au/taree

Call Taree PCYC on 6551 0292 or drop into

95 Commerce Street to collect your paperwork
to register your child for this great holiday program.