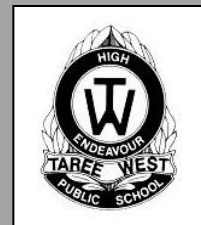


# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 3 – Week 8

Tuesday, 4 September 2012

## WHAT'S ON

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
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
Thursday	13 September	Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Session
Friday	14 September	Final Camp Instalment Due Year 6 & Sport Photos
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



## 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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The students, parents and staff at Taree West Public School would like to acknowledge the hard work done by the School Administrative and Support Staff (SAS Staff) as part of National Recognition Week.

Every day of the school year SAS Staff face new challenges in the running of our public schools. Recognition week provides a great opportunity for the whole school to demonstrate to our wonderful team that they are highly valued members of the school community.

The SAS Staff of Taree West Public School play a vital role in students' learning by assisting teachers with implementing educational programs, maintaining records and assisting in producing newsletters, and maintaining the grounds to keep our school safe.

Thank you to all of our SAS staff, Mandy Small, Sharon Smith, Mel Turner, Genevieve White, Errol Bennett, Kevin Searle, Pauline McMaster, Vicki Willing, Hannah Grimley, Christine Crisp, Julie Atkins, Kylie Hinten, Michelle Brown and Carol Campbell for their hard work and dedication this year.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Amber Field, who was the successful applicant through the merit selection process for a permanent classroom teacher at Taree West.

I would also like to congratulate Chloe Neal and Bree Pensini for their achievements in the Regional Athletics. Both girls will now represent our school at State Athletics in October. Congratulations Girls!!

## CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K/1C	Brock T	Layla B	Seth A
KC	Riley B	Beau H	Annika S
KF	Dylan M	Max P	Harrison W
KG	Jessie H	Joshua C	Lilly M
KH	Ruby T	Jonmia R	Hayden M
1/2S	Tre S	Jasiah C	Connor T
1B	Keoni F	Baden F	Heath R
1C	Taya H	Connor O	Matilda M
1G	Jesse L	Emma D	Hudson S
2H	Jamaica K	Bowen C	Aston N
2S	Shimekha D	Talia M	Ethan H

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Jesse Linton, Jesse Linton, Jesse Linton, Oscar Holt, Courtney Martin

## 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.

## Presentation Day Trophies

We would like to thank The Cubbyhouse, Retravisio Taree, Nik's Cutting Edge, Taree Independent Towing, Earl's Turf, the Hartup family, the Crisp family and the Weller family for their generous donations of perpetual trophies to our school for our end of year celebrations.

## 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 childrens' 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

## Coles Vouchers

Last week our school had collected 99,531 vouchers. After a final request, we have been able to pass the 100,000 mark to reach our final tally of 100,437. A fantastic result considering our tally was half that amount only a few weeks ago. Thank you to everyone that supported the school in this promotion. Over the next few days sports gear will be selected through a specialised catalogue and our requested gear is expected to arrive at the commencement of the 2013 school year.

### Regional Athletics Success

TWPS had a small talented team of individuals attend the Regional Athletics Carnival held at Glendale Sporting Complex last Friday. Connor Wiles (Yr 6), Abby Baker (Yr 6), Bree Pensini (Yr 4), Charlie Dignam (Yr 3), Chloe Neal (Yr 3) and Tilley Hunter (Yr 3) all travelled down to compete against the very best athletes from the Hunter Region. The results were:

Connor Wiles 4th Senior Boys High Jump & 5th 12 yr 100m

Abby Baker 4th 11 yr 800m

Tilley Hunter 4th 8 yr 100m final

Charlie Dignam 6th 8yr 100m final

Chloe Neal 8yr 100m 1st final

Bree Pensini 2nd 10yr 100m final & 2nd junior 200m final

Congratulations to all for their wonderful success.

Chloe Neal (100m) and Bree Pensini (100m & 200m) have now gained selection into the PSSA State Athletics Carnival. We wish them well in their quest against the state's best. Both Tilley and Charlie narrowly missed out with the top 3 100m runners selected.

### Staff News



**Name:** Donna Bensch

**My job at the school is:** School Principal

**My favourite holiday destination:** was a 5 week cruise, last year, which circumnavigated Australia and New Zealand.

**What are your hobbies?** Reading, gardening and walking by the beach and

the lake with my husband and dog. I also really enjoy spending time with my adult children and granddaughter.

**Number of years teaching:** I have been teaching for 20 years and have taught in several schools in South West Sydney and in the Manning Camden Haven Area.

**Positions that I have worked in:** I have been a Principal for 5 years, a Deputy Principal for 1 year, a Senior Education Officer for 7 years as well as a class teacher for many years.

**What do you like most about being the Principal at Taree West Public School?**

I really love the friendliness of the students, staff, parents and community members of Taree West. I enjoy coming to work every day as the teachers are so dedicated to helping children learn and the children are so eager and excited about their learning. The school has a warm, friendly and welcoming culture which is so wonderful to be a part of every day.

### INTRODUCING CLASS 1B



**Name:** Claire Beer

**My job at the school is:** Grade one classroom teacher.

**My favourite colour is:** Green

**My favourite holiday destination is:** Port Douglas.

**What are your hobbies?** I like most outdoor activities – boating, 4WD driving, camping etc.

**Number of years teaching:** I graduated in 2010 making this my second year teaching.

**What do you like most about being a teacher at Taree West Public school?** Taree West Public school is a wonderful place to work! The staff are so friendly, always willing to help one another out and the students always brighten up my day!



**Name of Class:** 1B  
**Classroom Teacher:**

Claire Beer.

**Number of students:** 21

**Some interesting things we plan to do this year:**  
Go on an excursion to the Billabong Park at Port Macquarie.

**Some of our favourite classroom activities are:** The Smart board, number patterns and using the Lego.

**What we are doing in class now:** Information Reports.

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

**Kurt said:** I like to play on the gym equipment.

**Arwen said:** I like all the fun classroom activities. .

**Makenzie said:** I like the smart board in class.

**Jack said:** I like the lunch session because the library opens and I can go and read books and use the computers.

### 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.

**Community Notices****Basketball at Saxby's Stadium**

Primary school basketball is coming to Saxby's Stadium in Term 4, 21012. It is for children in school years 4, 5 and 6 and will be played on Saturday mornings.

If you are interested, a free clinic will be held at Saxby's Stadium on Saturday 15 September from 9.30am to 11.00am.

**Ritchies Community Benefit Program**

Ritchies Supermarket, Taree opens on Wednesday 5 September.

Ritchies Community Benefit Program donates over \$2.5 million dollars a year to more than 6,000 nominated service & sporting clubs, schools, kindergartens, hospitals and charities in its surrounding areas. Customers can apply for their **FREE** Community Benefit (CB) Card in store. They will be asked to nominate a club, **school** or charity to be the recipient of a monthly donation from Ritchies. Each applicant will immediately be issued with a card or key tag, and then each time they shop they present their card/tag which will be scanned. This card/tag not only entitles the holder to cheaper prices on hundreds of great "CB" specials each week, but also a percentage of their total shopping bill will be automatically allocated to their nominated community group. Go to Ritchies website for further details at [www.ritchies.com.au](http://www.ritchies.com.au)

**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**  
**SWIMMING CLUB**



**REGISTRATION DAYS 4.00 to 5.00 pm at the POOL**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

Club meets at the Manning Aquatic and Leisure Centre

Monday nights at 5.45pm

First club night is on the **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** and goes through until April

The club caters for all levels of swimmers from 15 meter swimmers to long distance swimmers, including adults. All are welcome

**REGISTRATION**

\$65 per swimmer

\$20 non swimmer/parent

For enquires ring Roxanne on 6552 7373

**TAREE PCYC**

**Freestyle Fridays – Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

**P & C News****Meeting Minutes for 21/8/12****“ P.B.L” = Positive behaviours for Learning program.**

Bret and Louise attended a 2 day introduction training course.

The program will be introduced into the school this term. It will focus on the core values of the school - Responsibility, Respect and Care.

Majida , Brett & Louise will be representatives for the program.

Teachers Mr Cook and Mrs Cooper are also involved with the program. The students will be asked to participate in a survey. This month a collection of data will be analysed. Brett will give a monthly report to the P & C.

**Stove for the canteen and lunch menus**

The canteen is looking at installing a stove/oven, so that more variety can be offered to students at the canteen. The new lunch menu is going well although some of the foods that are only available on certain days of the week (for example pies) are still be ordered on the days that they are not available. A follow up note needs to be sent out to the families with the new menu and stating on what days these foods are available. The “special of the week” staff lunch menu has been going very well.

**Second hand clothing pool**

The canteen staff will obtain a key to the building where the clothes are stored therefore if anyone wishes to access the clothes for purchase they can do this by contacting the canteen during canteen opening hours for assistance. The clothing will be used as a stall at the fete.

**Funds Raised**

The Sausage and popper day on 14/8/12 raised approx \$800.

Taree West Bowling Club Raffles on 17/8/12 was a good night again, this time with many staff winning prizes. TWPS raised \$200

Father's day stalls were held on Thurs 30/8/12 for K-2, Years 3-6 on Fri 31/8/12, and were well supported, children were very excited buying a gift for Dad. Stall raised just over \$500, thank you to all the parents who helped with the stalls.

**School Fete**

TWPS P & C committee members will sell our fundraiser raffle tickets to the public outside of Big W on the following dates: Sat 1.9.12, Sun 2.9.12 and Sat 8.9.12 9am til 5pm. Donna has asked to have a contingency plan in case of bad weather. Julie has stated that most stalls are undercover and they should be fine to continue but the jumping castles. Super slide, gladiator ring will not be available for access in the event of bad weather. All other stalls/games should be able to continue as planned. The petting zoo would have to make a decision on the day.

**Principal:**

A new classroom position will be decided upon this week after interviews and the new position will not start until the New Year.

A new photography company has approached the school to take the school photos next year. Samples of their packages were handed out amongst the P & C members to look at and agreed upon that the Principal should consider their business.

The school has the opportunity to run a P.P.P ( Positive Parenting Program ) within the school next year. The programme has 3 modules and would run for 3 seminars over 3 weeks in Term 1 of 2013. The cost is free. It would be in the evenings on a Tues or Wed to be confirmed. For further information go to [www.families.nsw.gov.au](http://www.families.nsw.gov.au) or call 1800 789 123

**NAB rewards program-Home Loans/Personal Loans**

The NAB have a referral rewards programme where if a family of a TWPS takes out a new home loan with NAB, they mention they have a student at TWPS they and the school are rewarded an amount of money to assist with the cost of establishing a new loan.. The minimum loan is \$20,000.

Karl Williams and Michael Wallace attended the P & C meeting and discussed how both the family and the school are rewarded. Flyers will be available at the admin office at school and the NAB will have a stall at the school fete to discuss all the benefits.

**School hockey team**

The school girls' hockey team has made it to the Regional knockout in Goulburn and due to the cost involved to their families the P & C committee has agreed to assist with this cost by donating \$100.00 towards the cost of accommodation per family booking.

**2013 Kindergarten orientation**

The new kindergarten enrolments will be given a TWPS hat.

**Before and After School Care**

Tom Dutton and Josh Emerton presented to the P & C committee a program offer to have before and after school care at TWPS run by OOSH. They would use the school hall and have access to the canteen for food preparation.

The Before School program would open at 6.30am till 8.45am, the children would receive a healthy breakfast and activities to participate in.

The after School program would start at 3.10pm till 6.30pm, the children would be given a healthy afternoon tea, offered a place for homework to be done with assistance of the OOSH staff, and activities to participate in.

The benefits to the school would be: extra income to the school, security in the after hours of the school grounds, highly qualified and caring OOSH staff members, healthy foods for the students, affordable access to sporting and activities for the students, access to tutoring and homework assistance, the ratio of 1 adult to 15 students but there is always 2 staff minimum present at each session. It would be

available for K – Year 6 students. Taree West primary Students would have preference to availability.

Information sessions for parents would be made available – to be confirmed if OOSH is to go ahead at TWPS. There would be enrolments forms that need to be filled out. This offer was put to a vote with the P & C members present with all present in favour of this program. Donna will now begin negotiations with OOSH.

Next P & C meeting is Tuesday 18th September 2012, 6pm in the school Library.  
All are most welcome.

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



## FETE NEWS

### SEPTEMBER FEST AT TAREE WEST

All fete queries/ or to offer your help,

please contact Julie Tilson (fete coordinator)

0418124402 or email: twpsfete@hotmail.com

There is only 2 weeks to the fete.

Next fete meeting is Wednesday 5th September 6pm at McDonalds Chatham (party room)

## FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TICKETS

All raffle tickets both sold and unsold need to be returned to the school canteen by Fri 7th September

A HUGE thank you to Vanessa, Jenny, Stacey Madj, Fiona, Jo and Carol who sold Raffle Tickets at the

Triple C shopping centre on Saturday & Sunday and sold \$600 worth of tickets.

All funds raised from the raffle tickets will assist the Taree West Public School for current and future projects. This will benefit all the school students and staff.

## GRADE DONATIONS

This past week 27.8.12 to 31.8.12 was lucky dip bags and games for the second hand stall.

The winning class for the lucky bags was KH

The winning class for the games was KF

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

A great big THANK YOU to all the families who have donated items.

This week's donations are chocolate bars or blocks of chocolate and this Thurs 6th Sept 3-6pm drop off is for the plant stall... so if you have any plants, plant cuttings, seedling etc please drop them off.

Plant drop off also available on Fri 14th Sept 3-6pm and

Sat 15th Sept 10-4pm

Next week starting 10th September will be the home baked goodies eg slices, muffins, cakes, toffees, patty cakes, lamingtons, biscuits, scones, jams, pickles, relish, sauces etc.....so let's gets busy cooking.

These yummy donations can only be dropped off at the school hall on Saturday 15th Sept 10am till 4pm.

## VOLUNTERS NEEDED - WE STILL NEED HELP!!

Come on parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, family members and friends, we need just 1 hour of your time. If you could help please complete the offer of help form that can be obtained from and returned to the school canteen as soon as possible or by contacting Julie on 0148 124 402. For the volunteers who have already donated their time Julie will be in touch with you to let you know what stall you will be assisting on and the times.

## 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, Awesome Super Slide and entry to the Petting Zoo.

These wristbands will only be available at a discounted price for Taree West Public School families if brought before Saturday 15th September. They will be \$25 on the day of the fete.

Please complete the form due out this week and return to the canteen with correct money.

Please support the businesses that are proudly supporting the Taree West Public School Fete:

Emerald Beach BIG4 Holiday Park Coffs Harbour, Butterfly House & Maze Coffs Harbour, Coffs Harbour Pet Porpoise Pool Coffs Harbour, Retravisation Taree, Bass "n" Blues Music Store, LJ Hooker Taree, Cubby House Pre School and Long Day care, Club Taree, Crossingshams Plumbing, Tarcoll Constructions, Thompson Motor Body Builders, Mackie Electric's Taree, More than Gift's, Australia Post Delivery Centre, Barrier Signs, Eggins Comfort Coaches, IAA, Bourke's Bikes, Taree West Bowling Club, Shultz First National Taree, The VIC Hotel, Stacks the Law Firm Taree, Taree Men's Shed, Pirtek, Rocket Tools, Holiday Coast Printing, Taree Tin Pin Bowling, Chatham IGA, Taree Arts Council, Bowers, Repco, Woolworths Taree, Mals Toy Shop, Photography by Linda, Taree Mechanical Services, Eddies Fresh Chickens, Gloria Jeans Coffee, Signs Made Simple, Coles Supermarket Taree, Clippers Hair Salon, Bravissimo Hair Studio, Terry White Pharmacy, Manning Communications, Amalgamated pest services, Tarean Newsagency, Mr & Mrs Bob O'Mahony, Cleaver Tyres, Chatham Fish Co-op, Charcoal Chicken, Solomon's Fruit, Langs Butcher, Manning Valley Pie Company, All about Conveyancing, Cullens Auto Group, TJL Business Advisors, Town Plumbing Supplies, Reece Plumbing, Harvey Norman, Sunnyside Florist, Furniture One, Taree West Butcher, North Coast Auto Wreckers, Taree Veterinary Hospital Chatham, Manning River Marine, Auto One, Priceline, Taree McDonalds, Manning River Pharmacy.