

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 2

Wednesday, 6 February 2013

WHAT'S ON

Thursday	14 February	Swimming Carnival
Friday	15 February	Last day Kinder early finish
Monday	18 February	Kinder start full school day
Tuesday	19 February	P&C AGM & meeting 6:00pm in school library
Friday	22 February	K-2 Assembly 2:00pm
Thursday	28 February	3-6 Assembly 2:00pm
Tuesday-Thursday	5 – 14 March	Life Education Van
Thursday	7 March	School Photos
Friday	29 March	Good Friday
Monday	1 April	Easter Monday

Principal's Report

On behalf of the school staff I would like to welcome all students and families back from the summer holidays and offer a very warm welcome to all of our new students and families to Taree West Public School. During the first week we have welcomed 82 new Kinder students and a further 20 Year 1 – 6 new student enrolments to our school.

The start to the new school year has been quite seamless and calm which I attribute to the exceptionally talented staff at Taree West and the wonderful behaviour of our students.

All students have been placed in temporary classes to commence the school year whilst our school numbers stabilise. It is anticipated that all students will be in their 2013 classes within the next day.

School Bell Times

8:40am Supervision commences
9:10am Bell and classes commence
11:10am Lunch
1:25pm Recess
3:10pm Classes conclude – Home

Students are asked to arrive at school after 8:40am as they are not supervised before this time. All students are expected to be at school by 9:10am as this is when roll call commences. All students arriving after this time must go to the office for a late note.

K – 2 Playground Upgrade

I would like to apologise for the disruptions in the K-2 playground as the Tiger Turf installation was not quite finished in time for the start of the school year and the area remained a work site. The project is now about 95% complete however the weather has delayed the compacting of sand and final tidying up a little further. I hope that it will all be finalised by the end of this week (weather permitting). The children are very excited about being able to use this wonderful playground space.

With thanks to the School P&C we now have covered seating available for all Kinder, Yr 1 & Yr 2 students. This also allows for students to sit in their allocated seats for morning assemblies and for eating at break times.

School Reading Program

In 2013, Literacy is one of our main academic priority areas and I seek your support through an invitation to be a part of our school reading program as literacy is the key skill to all other areas of the curriculum. Significant improvements are achieved if children can read and are read to every day – we therefore need your help so please speak to grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, neighbours, mums and dads to give us 1hr a week or more as a school reading volunteer. A volunteer form will be sent home next week with the newsletter and can be returned to your child's class teacher.

Best Start Assessment for Kindergarten

All Kindergarten students will take part in the Kindergarten Best Start Assessment this week. An information note will be sent home to all Kinder parents.

School Sport

Students will take part in school sport on the following days this term.

Kinder – Friday 9:15 – 10:10
Year 1 & 2 – Wednesday 11:55 – 1:25
Year 3 & 4 – Friday 10:10 – 11:10
Year 5 & 6 – Friday 11:55 – 1:25

It is expected that on your child's sport day they will wear their sport uniform.

School Assembly

School Assemblies will take place at the following times. Parents and community members are invited to attend assemblies and will be very welcome.

Kinder – Year 2 – Friday even weeks 2:00pm (starting week 4)

Years 3 – 6 – Thursday odd weeks 2:00pm (starting week 5)

School Security

I am very appreciative of our school community for contacting police, school security and/or passing on information to school staff both over the holiday period and out of school hours. Following recent vandalism the police have been able to identify and apprehend 5 young offenders which is excellent. Taking photos/videos of offenders, if safe to do so, will also assist police and school staff in identifying the offenders. The following telephone number can be used to report trespassers or school security breaches - Taree Police on 6552 0399 and/or School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021.

Creative and Practical Art Opportunities for Students in 2013

Creative and Practical Arts Update

2013 will be a very busy and exciting year for CAPA at TWPS. In addition to CAPA taught in the classroom we will be running a number of other programs this year.

Miss Littlewood and Mrs Jensen are organising Glee Club and Lunchtime Singers again. Please see these teachers if you are interested in joining either of these groups.

We are planning to enter choirs in the eisteddfod in June this year and will join schools across Australia in the "Music Count Us In" event for the fifth time.

We will be having a school concert again this year. Specific details regarding the concert will be finalised soon.

School Concert Band

Our school band program for 2013 begins this week. We will be holding our band rehearsals on Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m to 3:30p.m in the school library. Parents need to collect their children from the school library at the end of rehearsals. The rehearsals will occur each week at the same time for the remainder of the term and this is a slight change from the notes which were issued to the students last week.

The cost of the program is \$20 per week. This rate includes a 1 hr band rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons and a 30 minute tutorial which will be held at various times on Friday mornings in the school library. The tutorials will be held in small groups (2-3 students) and the students will receive expert tuition on their chosen instruments. We will give the student's a time for their tutorial at the band rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons.

Students are able to hire instruments from the Mid North Coast Conservatorium of Music. Hire of these instruments will be at a cost of \$40.00 per term which will be payable to the Mid North Coast Conservatorium of Music.

Students who are interested in joining the band need to collect an expression of interest form from Mr Cook or Miss Littlewood.

Our school concert band will be entering the Taree and District Eisteddfod for the first time and this will be held in May.

Guitar Group

Our school Guitar Group has begun this week. Guitar lessons are being held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in Mr Cook's room. Students need to check the list on Mr Cook's window for the day when their lesson will take place each week. We have around 40 students participating in the program and we are unable to take any more students at this stage. Any students who are interested in learning guitar need to give their names to Mr Cook to place their names on the waiting list as positions will become available throughout the year.

This year we will be entering the Guitar Group in the Taree and District Eisteddfod and we will be holding rehearsals on Thursdays at 11:55a.m in the school library. The students who will be participating in the Eisteddfod rehearsals will be students who have displayed a high level of competence on the guitar.

Upcoming Sport Events

14 February – Taree West Swimming Carnival Wk 3

21 February – Zone Basketball Trials – Wk4

22 February – Zone Tennis Trials – Wk 4

27 February – Zone Swimming Carnival – Wk5

6 March – Zone Rugby League Trials – Wk6

15 March – Taree West School Cross Country – Wk 7

18 – 28 March – Taree West Intensive Swimming Yr 3 – Wk 8 & 9

27 March – Zone Winter Trials (Soccer, Netball, Hockey) – Wk9

3 April – Rugby League 7's (Yr 5 & 6) Wk 10

5 April – Zone Cross Country – Wk 10

12 April – Hunter PSSA Winter Trials – Wk 11 (Last day of term)

Mrs D Bensch

Principal

Swimming Carnival

The 2013 TWPS Annual Swimming Carnival is to be held at Wingham swimming pool on Thursday 14 February commencing at 10:00am.

Permission notes are being sent home tomorrow. Capable swimmers (those who can swim 50mtrs) and those that are turning 8,9,10,11,12 or 13 this year should only attend.

School Banking

School banking will now be done every Tuesday.

Kinder starter packs will be sent home this week

2013 House Captains

Congratulations to the following elected House Captains, who were elected last Friday.

Gordon

Senior Captains: Abby Baker, Kaleb Bridge
 Senior Vice Captains: Chloe Sowter, Leeton McIntosh
 Junior Captains: Amara Woolnough, Jaryd Mitchell

Kendall

Senior Captains: Hailey Yarnold, Blake Browne
 Senior Vice Captains: Krystal Greenwood, Campbell Webster
 Junior Captains: Mackenzie Robertson, Charlie Dignam

Lawson

Senior Captains: Abbey Last, Lachlan Starr
 Senior Vice Captains: Kaya Campbell, Beau Hayes
 Junior Vice Captains: Chloe Neal, Cooper Ward

Patterson

Senior Captains: Taya Nelson, Trai Bernasconi
 Senior Vice Captains: Brianna Williams, Brandon Wallace
 Junior Captains: Imogen Nelson, Drew Passfield

House Captain badges will be presented to the Senior Captains of each House in a Yr 3 – 6 assembly soon.

P&C News

Welcome back to everyone, hope you all had a great break!

P&C AGM will be held prior to General Meeting on Tuesday 19th February 2013 @ 6pm in the School Library. We welcome all old and new parents & carers to come along and see what the P&C are involved in and have a say in what happens in your child's school. Look forward to seeing some new faces!

Uniforms

The following uniform items are available for sale, on Tuesday and Friday 8:45am-11:30am at the Canteen.

School Polo Shirts @ \$30 each

School Jackets @ \$35 each

School Bucket Hats @ \$10 each (New stock to arrive Friday 8th February 2013)

Maroon microfiber Sports Shorts –(TWPS embroidered) @ \$20.00 each

Re-Usable Lunch Bags @ \$10 each, Insulated -@ \$12 each

*****Limited Offer******

Grey School Shorts (Midford) Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 available @ \$10 each.

We have samples in the Canteen for sizing, these are available by ordering, please leave your name, number and money at the canteen.

Clothing Pool

PLEASE NOTE: Clothing pool is now open Tuesday and Friday mornings ONLY 8:45am to 11:30am, please go to the Canteen, and Leanne or Majida will assist you with your requests.

We have an array of Grey and Maroon jumpers available for \$2 each, get in quick before the rush for Winter!!!!

Community Advertisements**Saxby's Cup Basketball**

For Yr 4,5 & 6 students interested in defending the Saxby's Cup, won by TWPS last year, the 2014 competition will be starting on Saturday 9 February.

For more information call Evan Thompson 6552 5012 or 0418 160 591.

CLUB TAREE WILDCATS**Registration days:**

Saturday 1 February – 10am to 2pm
 Tuesday 5 February – 4pm to 6pm
 Thursday 7 February – 4pm to 6pm
 Saturday 9 February – 10am to 2pm
 Tuesday 12 February – 4pm to 6pm
 Thursday 14 February – 4pm to 6pm

At Omaru Park, Muldoon Street Taree
 FEES: 5yrs to 7yrs - \$70 8yrs to 11yrs - \$90
 12yrs to 18yrs - \$110

Enquiries: 65524137 or 0438524137.

Family Referral Service

Finding it difficult to cope, but don't know where to turn?

Call the Mid North Coast Family Referral Service

- We can help you access useful services in your local area
- We provide telephone and face-to-face services
- We refer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families to culturally appropriate services where appropriate and possible.

Call 1300 006 480

Taree City Netball Club inc**Registration days**

Wednesday 6 February 3.30-5pm at the Taree Netball Courts, Bligh Street Chatham

Wednesday 13 February 3.30-5pm at the Taree Netball Courts, Bligh Street Chatham

The Taree & District Out Door Competition is set to Start 9th March 2013

Players are welcomed to register. From 5 years - Seniors
 Any one interested in coaching, umpiring and playing are also welcome.

For Enquiries Phone Lorraine
 0427832401 0265539605

Taree City Netball Club [tareecitynetballclub@hotmail.com]



World Education Program

(WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Sylvia Kelly - Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs

Phone: 1300 884 733

Email: info@wep.org.au

Online: www.wep.org.au



Taree Auskick Registration Day is Thursday the 28 February at Taree City Centre between 4pm & 6pm. Registered Participants in the program receive an Auskick backpack containing a football, pump, drink bottle, cap, pencil case and lots more. For further details contact Taree AFL Auskick on 65533345.



Junior Rugby League Sign Up's 2013

Taree Rovers will be conducting their Rego sign up days for under 6's to 16's teams on -

Tuesday the 12 of Feb at 4.00 – 5.00 pm at the Taree Rec Ground
Thursday the 14 of Feb at 4.00 – 5.00 pm at the Taree Rec Ground
Sunday the 17 of Feb at 9.00 – 11.00 am at the Taree Rec Ground

2013 LNCDGA Junior Golf Order of Merit Competitions

There are some great prizes to be won but more importantly a great opportunity to participate and enjoy the healthy aspect of the game.
Enquiries info@gold-book.net or call Guy Hingston 02 6584 6886



Stroud School Lego building competitions

Where: top gate of Stroud Public School

When: Sunday 17 February 2013

Time: 10am – 2.30pm

Cost: \$3 per adult, \$2 per child or \$10 per family

Join the Summer Reading Club @ your Library

Young people 5 – 16 years are once again invited to join the Summer Reading Club at their local library.

For more information about the Summer Reading Club

Contact - Debbie Horgan at Taree Library on 6592 5298 or email

debbie.horgan@gtcc.nsw.gov.au

Paid Advertisements

DANCE LESSONS

Maree Ruprecht-Cooper, principal of Dynamic Dance Studio (est.1992) is notifying everyone that she is taking enrolments for 2013.

Classes are held at:

- * Uniting Church Hall at Cundletown on Wednesday afternoons and
- * Lansdowne Hall on Friday afternoons.

Maree will teach your children dancing and gymnastics for fun and fitness rather than the stress of exams and eisteddfods. There are no unrealistic fees involved, just one weekly fee and the children are getting fit without even knowing it.

For further enquires please contact Maree on 65538439 or 0412060071

Groundwater's

Guitar Training Centre

For a very limited time, we're offering our vastly reduced

50-70% off primary school age individual lessons plan. To get started simply phone now to receive:

- 5 guitar, drums, bass, piano or singing lessons for only \$12.50 a week
- A free 6th lesson plus
- A free set of guitar strings or drum sticks

Places are strictly limited so don't delay.

Ph: 6552 1444 or 0407 114 112