

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 4

Tuesday, 19 February 2013

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday	19 February	P&C AGM & meeting 6:00pm in school library
Friday	22 February	K-2 Assembly 2:00pm
Tuesday	26 February	Kinder-Yr 2 (excluding 2/3B) Parent/Teacher meetings 5:30pm- 6:30pm – in classrooms
Wednesday	27 February	Yrs 5-6 and class 3/4/5C Parent/Teacher meetings 5:30pm Library
Friday	1 March	3-6 Assembly 2:00pm
Tuesday-Thursday	5 – 14 March	Life Education Van
Wednesday	6 March	Yr 3-4 (and class 2/3B) Parent/Teacher meetings 5:30pm- 6:30pm – in library
Thursday	7 March	School Photos
Friday	29 March	Good Friday
Monday	1 April	Easter Monday

Principal's Report

I attended the school swimming carnival Last Thursday and was impressed with the enthusiasm and energy of our students. The carnival was very well organised by our school staff and ran so smoothly with the ongoing support and participation of our parents and community members. I would like to thank the staff for the coordination and organisation of the day and the parents and community members who assisted with the numerous jobs and in giving up their time to cheer on the students. I would also like to congratulate the children on their achievements and the exemplary behaviour they displayed whilst representing Taree West Public School. A special mention and congratulations must go to Hannah Hartup for smashing 3 school records in 50m & 100m Freestyle and in 50 m Butterfly. Well done Hannah!

Meet the Teacher /Parent Meetings

Meet the Teacher meetings have been organised to allow parents to come and meet their child's teacher and to find out important information about the class programs. The meetings will take place on the following dates and times:

Kinder – Yr 2 (excluding 2/3B) is on at 5:30pm – 6:30pm on Tuesday 26 Feb in classrooms

Year 3 & 4 – (including 2/3B) is on at 5:30pm – 6:30pm on Wednesday 6 March in the library

Year 5 & 6 - including 3/4/5C is on at 5:30pm on Wednesday 27th February (Week 5) in the library.

Late to School

I understand that from time to time, circumstances can prevent us from being on time to school every day however when students are consistently late to school this affects several aspects of the school day and your child's learning. Children who are continually late to school are monitored by school personnel and the Home School Liaison Officer as they are missing valuable learning time. Parents are requested to do their best to ensure that all children are at school before 9:10am.

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. Please find attached the volunteer form which can be returned to your child's class teacher.

Mrs D Bensch
Principal

Principals Awards

Courtney Martin 5/6J

CLASS AWARDS

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
2/3B	Kathryn F Jason Y	Samira M	Jack S
3/4CC	Piper R William B	Maddison J	Miranda F
3/4E	Madeleine P Lashana M	Karen P	Lauren C
3/4K	Jaryd M Tyla H	Tyler W	Jade E
3/4O	Jimmy M Matthew S	Lauren W	Brooke D
3/4/5C	Cooper S Benjamin M	Lachlan C	Trinity W
5/6J	Ayeisha G Izak M	Courtney M	Lachlan S
5/6M	Janaya M Beau H	Samuel M	Tarsha R
5/6U	Leon M Cody R	Chloe S	Kyra S
5/6W	Izaac L	Thomas N	Lyll L

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All students received a white school photo envelope today. School photo day will be held on **Thursday 7 March, 2013**. Students will need to bring their photo envelope(s) in on the morning of photo day and hand the envelope to their teacher.

Correct money should be enclosed in the envelope and the appropriate box should be ticked for the package requested. Please do not send envelopes back to school until the day of photography.

Family/Sibling Photographs

A separate yellow school photo envelope will be held at the office for parents wishing to request family/sibling photographs. If parents wish to request a family/sibling photograph please ask your child to collect a yellow envelope from the office prior to photo day.

Yellow envelopes should be brought back to school on photo day, yellow envelopes will be handed directly to the photographer prior to family/sibling photos being taken.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2013 the Voluntary Contribution will be \$25.00 per child in years Kindergarten to Year 6. Invoices will be sent home this week. Fees can be paid directly to the Front Office. Money collected is used in a variety of ways purchasing much needed learning materials.

Year 6 to Year 7 Expression of Interest Forms

Expressions of Interest for Year 6 students heading to Year 7 next year were sent home last week. If you have not already done so can you please return these forms as soon as possible. Please note that if you do not wish for your child to attend their zoned school, please fill in Section C with your choice of school and the reason why you want your child to attend that High School.

K-2 Parent Helpers

Any parent interested in assisting in K-2 classrooms please contact Mrs Kathy Jones or Ms Joy Redman. Some parents have already volunteered to assist with literacy. We are interested in using your skills to support our students. Perhaps you are skilled in using computers, art/craft, drama, music. We encourage you to contact us if you have the time to give.

Ethics Classes

We have several families who have expressed interest in having ethics classes at TWPS. We have been notified that an Ethics Teacher is available. Before lessons can commence our school needs an Ethics Coordinator to help organise classes by liaising between the school and Primary Ethics. This job can mostly be done from home and would require approximately 1 hour per week. If you are interested in applying for the Coordinator Role please contact Ms Tinny Hon, Volunteering Program Manager at Primary Ethics: tinny@primaryethics.com.au or (02) 9278 1601.

K-2 Gymnastics Program

Gymnastics classes start this Wednesday 20th February with 1/2R and the Year 2 students from 2/3B invited to take part in a 6 week program. Lessons will take place at the PCYC. Students need to return their permission notes (school and PCYC forms) and money before they can attend.

K-2 Assembly

This Friday Class 1/2R will host the K-2 Assembly in the School Hall. The assembly will start at 2.00pm. Parents are invited to attend.

Kindergarten Bus Safety Excursion

Last Friday Kindergarten were given the opportunity to learn about how to travel safely on the bus. We went for a ride out to the highway and came back in at Cundletown. The children were very excited and still managed to behave beautifully. They now know to board a bus one at a time without pushing, fill the front seats first, put their bags under the seat and sit properly in the seats. They even thanked the driver on departure!

A big thank you to Eggins Comfort Coaches for making this service available to us free of charge.

Introducing Stage One (Yr 1-2) Teachers

Alexzanna Budge 1B, Simone Davis 2D,
Simone Coleman-Reading Recovery, Monica Littlewood 1L,
Joy Redman 1-2R,
Danielle Humphries 2H, Glenda Cross 1C, Jacob Cook K-1C

Canteen News

We are looking for **more volunteers** to help in our canteen. It's only for a couple of hours in the morning, once a month, or more if you like.

Your children love seeing you in there helping out. **If interested** and want more **information** please call in to the canteen and talk to Helen or call **6552 3137**.

Lunch specials for the students will start in the first week of March on Tuesdays e.g. meat/salad wrap and popper for \$3.50.

The deals will vary each week and will be **put in the newsletter the week before** so you have plenty of notice.

We now have a new **flavour** of **milk.....BANANA**, as well as chocolate and strawberry.

School Concert Band**Parent Committee Meeting- Thurs 21st February 6.30pm**

We would like to establish a parent committee in 2013 to support the ongoing coordination of the band program. This will include fundraising and decision making in relation to the future directions for this group. We are very excited about the progress the students are making and some of the events on our band calendar this year which includes performing at the Taree and District Eisteddfod. Interested parents are invited to attend our first band meeting which will be held on Thursday 21st February at 6.30p.m in the school library.

2013 TWPS Swimming Carnival -Three TWPS Records broken!

Last Thursday, approximately 100 students participated in our school's annual swimming carnival. It was a beautiful and relaxed day of children swimming to the best of their ability for points for their house and a possibility to gain selection into the school team for the Zone Swimming Carnival.

The results are:

1st Lawson (97 points), 2nd Patterson (76 points), 3rd Kendall (69 points) and 4th Gordon (52 points).

The swimmers are rewarded individual points for their efforts and Age Champions are determined. Congratulations to the following swimmers for their individual achievements:

Junior Champions:	Ethan Hill	Jasmine Jackson
11 Year Old Champions:	Izak Murray	Bree Pensini
Senior Champions:	Nick Cleaver	Hannah Hartup

There were three major highlights during the day. Hannah Hartup was unbeaten on the day and also broke three long-standing TWPS records! The former record and new records are as follows:

Event 1: Girls Open 100m Freestyle

Kirran Morris 1min 16.31 sec (1988)

Hannah Hartup 1min 12.72 sec (2013)

Event 11: Girls 12/13 50 metres Freestyle

Wendy Drury 34.30 sec (1975)

Hannah Hartup 32.49 (2013)

Event 29: Girls 13/13 50 metres Butterfly

Kerrie Round 38.97 sec (1984)

Hannah Hartup 37.71 sec (2013)

Hannah is now Year 6. She will be leaving TWPS having broken 5 school records. A fantastic achievement!

The TWPS Team for the Zone Swimming Carnival

The Zone Swimming Team has been selected through specific criteria. 50m Freestyle age races are selected through the first two placings, specific stroke races are selected on times and the school junior and senior relay teams are selected with times. The following students have been selected for their age 50m freestyle event unless stated otherwise:

Hannah H (100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly and Medley), Jessica F, Sophie W, Baden F, Jasmine J, Kaylah T, Charlie D, Ethan H, Madi C, Kiaya R, Kainen W, Conor S, Bree P, Madison S, Renae W, Jake F, Izak M, Krystal G, Nick C and Thomas N.

The TWPS relay teams are:

Junior Girls: Madi C, Jasmine J, Kiaya R and Kaylah T

Junior Boys: Charlie D, Kainen W, Conor S and Ethan R.

Senior Girls: Hannah H, Krystal G, Abby B and Bree P.

Senior Boys: Jake F, Nick C, Izak M and Thomas N.

Thank you for supporting you child and school on the day. This event would not be able to proceed without your assistance.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Taree West Public School is proud to be a "Positive Behaviour for Learning" school. The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) process is adopted in many schools across the state and is supported by the Department of Education.

Our school began its PBL journey last year. We have a committed team of teachers, SLSOs, parents and community members who meet regularly to ensure the process meets the needs of our school, and is implemented effectively. We involve our students, parents, community and all staff in the process.

Last year we decided on three core values:

-Respect

-Responsibility

-Care

These values are instilled within our school environment. Relating to these values, we have established clear rules for the behaviour we expect in all areas of our school. We have begun teaching those expectations to our students.

Each week we will have a focus rule. Last week we focused on the value of Care and our focus rule was: Put rubbish in the bin. We were pleased to see so many of students taking care of our school by putting rubbish in the bin. This week we are focusing on showing care when walking around the school by walking in class lines.

To positively reinforce our rules and values we have implemented a new reward system. Students are given Eagle tokens when they are seen showing Respect, Responsibility or Care. Students write their name on the Eagle token and place it in their class box. The Primary and Infants class with the most tokens are deemed our PBL Class of the week. They receive a special certificate and special computer time. We also draw one name from the primary box and one from the Infants box to determine our two PBL Students of the Week. They receive a special certificate, and a prestigious Eagle trophy will sit on their desk for the entire week.

Congratulations to our very first **PBL Students of the Week:**

Primary: **Charlotte Miller** - 3/4E

Infants: **Tatum Myer** – 1/2R

A big congratulations to our first Primary **PBL Class of the Week: 3/4E.**

Another big congratulations to our first Infants **PBL Class of the Week: 2H.**

Keep earning those Eagle tokens!

Ms Cooper (PBL Coordinator)



Community Advertisements

Taree Auskick AFL Centre, FREE "Come and Try Day", Being held on Sunday 24th February 2013, at Taree Rec Grounds, Adjacent to the Rotary Park

where activities will begin at 10am and conclude at 12pm.

A BBQ will be available and we encourage all boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 years old to come along to experience what AFL Auskick is all about, learning the fundamental skills of Australian Football and taking part in a modified game while having a lot of fun! Registrations will be taken on the day for the 2013 Taree Auskick Season which begins on Sunday 7th April 2013.

For more information please contact Taree AFL Auskick Centre on 6553 3345

One Life Church - Youth Group for Girls

Every Friday (school term) 4:00pm – 5:00pm

75 Muldoon Street, Taree

Ph: 6551 6621 or 0415 864 716

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

School Reading Program – Volunteer Form**Please return this note to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Xerri via the school office**

I would like to volunteer in the Taree West School Reading Program.

Name: _____

Contact Ph: _____

Student's Name _____ Class _____

Days and time that you are available:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday