

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 2 – Week 2

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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	8 May	Netball Vs Wingham PS at Wingham Hockey Gala Day - REC
Friday	10 May	Hunter Cross Country
Tuesday-Thursday	14-16 May	NAPLAN Assessments Yr 3 & Yr 5
Tuesday	21 May	ICAS Computer skills test
Tuesday/Wednesday	28/29 May	Taree and District Eisteddfod - Choir

Principal's Report

I would like to welcome all of our students and families back to a wonderful term of learning at Taree West Public School. I would also like to welcome the new students and families who have joined our school community this term.

It has been wonderful visiting the children in their classroom and witnessing their high levels of engagement and enthusiasm towards their learning. I was also very proud of our school band and guitar group who performed admirably at the Taree Eisteddfod last Thursday. Mitchell Brown and Hannah Hartup are to be congratulated for their outstanding duet performance which earned them a 1st place award. Well done to all of you!

Last week commenced with 2 teacher professional learning days. The teacher staff undertook extensive professional learning about 21st century learners and teaching for the new curriculum. Further professional learning opportunities will be provided throughout the year to support all staff in implementing the New English Syllabus in 2014. The school administration and support staff undertook 1 day of professional development, last Monday. Admin staff undertook training to support the implementation of a new business reform system to be introduced into all NSW schools later this year and the SLSO's undertook training in student behaviour needs.

Technology in Classrooms

I am very pleased to advise that we have just received 44 more computers in our school for our students. This brings the total number of computers in our school to just over 200. This now allows for all classrooms to have a set of computers for students to access

everyday as part of the class teaching and learning programs as well as the computer lab which holds 30 computers.

A fully functioning wireless network was fitted to our school late last year which will now enable students and teachers greater flexibility in the use of laptops and Ipads within the classrooms. All technology in the school has the ability to be tracked and disabled if stolen. Recently this occurred when a laptop was stolen from a classroom then later dumped and returned to the school as it was rendered useless to anyone outside of the Department of Education.

All students should now have their passwords for the Mathletics and Reading Eggs/Express programs. These programs can be accessed both at school and at home as the school has paid for each child's subscription. These programs are highly recommended and are matched to each child's individual learning needs. If you would like any information about the programs please contact your child's class teacher.



Police Youth Liaison Visit

Senior Constable Dave Russell, our Police Youth Liaison Officer, attended our Year 3 – 6 Assembly last Friday. He spoke to the children about The Law, bullying, harassment, violence and cyber-crimes. He reminded the children that it is against the law to have a Facebook account if you are less than 13 years old. He also spoke to them about the types of bullying and the importance of bystander behaviour and in seeking adult help. He also spoke to them about staying safe when using electronic communication devices and what could possibly happen if the law is broken when a persons over the age of 10.

It was explained to the children that Senior Constable Dave Russell is our friend and he is here to help the students uphold the Taree West Public School values of Respect, Responsibility and Care. He is based at Taree Police station and is there to support children and young people in the Taree community.

NAPLAN

The annual National Assessment Program testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will commence next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students who are absent will have the opportunity to sit missed exams on the Friday of next week. It is very important that all Year 3 and 5 students make a very big effort to be here on time every morning next week so that they are relaxed and calm for the commencement of the test. If your child is absent and is unable to sit one of the exams please contact the school office.

Students are tested nationally as follows - Tuesday in writing and language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), on Wednesday in reading and on Thursday in numeracy.

For more information including FAQs, a parent brochure and past results, go to: www.nap.edu.au/.

New Blinds

Over the holiday new blinds have been fitted to 10 of our classrooms which has been very much appreciated by the teachers and students resulting in a significant reduction of glare for all.

Forster Film Festival School Project

Film makers from the Forster Film Festival will be working with the students from 5/6S over the next 2 terms, as a visual literacy enrichment activity. The students will be involved in developing a script and creating a film around Positive Behaviour for Learning at Taree West Public School. The audience for the film will be current and new school students, parents and the wider community. This is a very exciting opportunity for the students and we look forward to viewing the final product!

Mrs D Bensch

Principal

Introducing Our Reading Recovery Teachers



Simone Coleman and Gayle Bowman

Taree and District Eisteddfod

On Thursday we had our school band perform in the band section of the Taree Eisteddfod. We received some excellent feedback from the adjudicator which was very encouraging. Our students performed as a group for only the third time in front of an audience and they were by no means out of place at the Eisteddfod. They should be commended on their application and the way they worked together as a group. As we have only had a band in the school for a couple of terms performing at the Eisteddfod was a great achievement in such a short space of time. Well done boys and girls.



The guitar group also attended the Eisteddfod and participated in the ensemble section of the Eisteddfod. The students performed admirably in front of a large audience. It was fantastic to see some of our guitar students showcasing their skills and techniques in performing some contemporary pieces. We would also like to acknowledge Trinity Weiley who provided vocal accompaniment for our second piece. Congratulations to all of the guitar students for a great job at the Eisteddfod.



We would also like to congratulate the students who attended the Eisteddfod on their behaviour and in the manner that they represented our school. We are now looking forward to our school choirs performing at the Eisteddfod in the coming weeks.

Mr Jacob Cook and Mrs Kylie Hinten

Opportunity Class Placement

To apply for entry into an Opportunity Class for Year 5 in 2014 you are required to apply on line at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

2013 Eisteddfod Results

Mitchell Brown and Hannah Hartup – 1st place 12yrs & under Duet, Trio, Quartet

Hannah Hartup – 3rd place in Piano Solo

Mitchell went on to receive a total of 6 x 1st placings, 2 x 2nd placings, the Junior Piano Championship and was awarded “Most Promising Junior Instrumentalist”.

Infants Cross Country

On Friday the 12th of April we held our Infants Cross Country Carnival. The day was a huge success with all students participating in the event. It was great to see such parent and community involvement on the day and the students definitely enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to all participants and place winners.

5 years girls

1st Lillian Jenkins, 2nd Jasmine Saunders, 3rd Lily Atkins, 4th Armalia Willis

5 years boys

1st Connor Neal, 2nd Tom Muggleton, 3rd Zayden Morley, 4th Zac Ladmore

6 year girls-

1st Chelsea Munro, 2nd Georgia May, 3rd Amelie McKellar, 4th Freya Smith

6 year boys

1st Conor Wilkins, 2nd Beau Hanlon, 3rd Jett Minns, 4th Konen Smith

7 year girls

1st Elsa Wilson, 2nd Lilliannah Williams, 3rd Bailey Deas, 4th Jasinta Birchall

7 year boys

1st Josh Hopkins, 2nd Rory Murray, 3rd Cameron Lyons, 4th Andrew-Scott McCaffery

8 year girls

1st Jessie McLeod, 2nd Emily Nicholson, 3rd Taya Hunter, 4th Emma Dawson

8 years boys

1st Kurt Walters, 2nd Navren Willet, 3rd Bryden Sadler, 4th Mitchell Carr

Woolies earn and Learn

Woolies Earn and Learn is again underway. Each time you spend \$10 at Woolworths you will receive a sticker which can be placed onto a card. When your card is full place them in the Taree West box in front of Woolies Taree or in the box near the AP office at school. Cards are available from the store or your child's class teacher.

We were able to choose a phenomenal amount of resources for TWPS from your support of last year's program, so please support your school again by saving the stickers you receive from Woolies.

Thank you. Maree Cheney

PBL News

PBL Fun Day

Last term we held a PBL Fun Day. It was a fantastic way to acknowledge the successes of PBL in our school and the positive behaviours of our students. In the morning session we had a great deal of fun with a tabloid of games led by our Year 6 students. Year 6 is to be highly commended for their organisation and leadership skills. We came together as a whole school with an assembly and the winners of our PBL poster competition were revealed. The fun continued in classrooms with students creating their very own eagle mascot. The students of the week enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea with myself and Mrs Bensch. It really was a wonderful day.

PBL Poster Winners

Infants: Lilly McLeay

Stage 2: Madi Crofts

Stage 3: Abbey Last and Hunter Willett

PBL Focus Rules

Our first focus rule for Term 2 is: **Put bags in the correct area.** This rule is about students taking responsibility for the safety of others and for looking after their belongings by placing their bags neatly in the allocated areas.

PBL Classes of the Week

Our first **Primary PBL Class of the Week** for Term 2 is **5/6L**.

Our **Infants PBL Class of the Week** is **KF**. Congratulations!

Students of the Week

PBL Infants Student of the Week: Zac Harrison 2H

PBL Primary Student of the Week: Kelly Meredith 5/6W

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

Ms Cooper PBL Coordinator





Historic Achievement for NSW Students, Teachers and Parents

I am very pleased to inform you that the Prime Minister and I recently announced NSW would be the first Australian State to agree to the "Gonski" national education reforms.

This is great news for students, teachers and parents. It will mean more resources and a fairer system – and assist our aim of higher standards and a better education for our children.

The agreement will deliver an additional \$5 billion for NSW schools as well as continue the NSW Government's education reforms, including improving literacy and numeracy, raising teaching quality and empowering principals and school communities to make local decisions.

I am proud of this historic reform which could not have been achieved without the advocacy of students, teachers and parents across NSW.

Yours sincerely
Barry O'Farrell MP
Premier

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Community Advertisements

Free fun program for kids to become healthier, fitter and happier!

The Go4Fun program is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for children 7-13 yrs who are above their healthy weight or who would benefit from a healthy lifestyle program. The program runs for 10 wks after school hrs in a variety of community locations. Term 3 programs planned for the Greater Taree area will be running every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30 – 5.30 at Physiotherapy Network, 2 Potoroo Dr Taree NSW 2430

Sessions include:

- ☐ Games and activities for kids
- ☐ Fun and effective ways to improve your child's self esteem, nutrition and physical activity
- ☐ Demonstrations and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes
- ☐ A fun supermarket tour

To register for the program or to find out more information, free call 1800 780 900 or register online at www.mendcentral.org, or contact Jane or Rebekah at Physiotherapy Network on 6551 0055.

CSWP – Cleanslate Without Prejudice

6am – 8:30am, Mon, Wed, Fri

Includes:

- Boxing for fitness
- Breakfast provided
- Shower facilities
- Transport to school

NO COST

All equipment provided

Must participate in fitness to have breakfast

Register at PCYC if you require transport - 6551 0292



Freestyle Fridays

6:30 – 9:30pm Friday nights

Includes free transport, food and loads of fun activities (music, sporting and cultural)

Limited positions – Taree PCYC 6551 0292