

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 3 – Week 4

Tuesday, 5 August 2014

## WHAT'S ON

Tuesday	5 August	Taree High School - Yr 7 2015 parent/carer information session <b>TWPS Library 5:00pm</b>
Wednesday	6 August	SRC Out of Uniform Day " <b>Wear Your Favourite Footy Colours</b> " Buderus 7's Rugby League
Friday	8 August	Boys Knockout Touch 12:00pm @ Forster
Mon/Wed/Thurs	11/13/14 August	Enviromentor visit
Tuesday	12 August	ICAS Maths Parent/Teacher Interviews – <b>KC, KF, 1B &amp; 3-4C</b>
Thursday	14 August	Stage 2 Public Speaking final 12pm
Friday	15 August	Zone Athletics
Monday-Friday	18-22 August	Science Week
Friday	22 August	K-2 Book Parade Book Fair Ice Cream Day
Monday-Friday	25-29 August	Literacy & Numeracy week
Sunday	14 September	School Fete



Education Week Award recipients

## Principal's Report

Our Education Week Assembly and open classrooms were very well attended by parents and community members last Friday. The assembly provided an opportunity to acknowledge many of our community members, staff and students for their commitment and service to Public Education at Taree West. Mrs Louise Barriball, Mrs Sandy Osbourne and Mrs Glenda Cross were presented with their 30 Years of Service awards in recognition of their valuable contribution to education and training in NSW during the assembly. A historical photo presentation of the last 61 years of Taree West was prepared by Mrs Kylie Hinten and shown at the assembly. A link to this presentation will be available to community members through the Manning River Times and our school website.

## Power of One Mentor Program

I had the privilege on the weekend of attending a fundraising event for the World Vision Power of One Mentoring Program, through the Taree Baptist Church Community. Our school has been supported through this community volunteer program for many years. The children who are matched with a mentor are supported for one hour every week in both academic and social areas. We appreciate and welcome working with our extended community in supporting our children in their life journey.

## Year 6 – 7 High Information Session – Today at Taree West

A Taree High School information session will take place at 5pm today in the Taree West Public School Library. This session is for parents and student of current Year 6 students.

## Out of Uniform Day

SRC will be having an out of uniform day tomorrow, Wednesday 6 August. The theme will be "**Wear Your Favourite Footy Colours.**" Gold coin donations are requested. Money will go to the John Hunter Hospital Spinal Unit.

**Break and enter on the school site**

Last Friday a break and enter occurred at the school with 2 phones stolen and damage sustained to the school canteen and the administration office. A further incident occurred over the weekend with drug implements left behind and a classroom window broken. If at any time you notice trespassers in the school grounds please contact school security on 1300 880 021 or Taree Police on 6552 0399.

**Donna Bensch**  
Principal

**Principals Awards**

**Madeline Prowse 2-3-4T**

**PBL News**

Each fortnight we have a PBL focus rule which relates to one of our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Care. We speak about this rule at lines and assemblies and students participate in a lesson in their classroom to understand the rule and why we have it. Eagle tokens can be given to students who are seen following the rule.



**Focus Rule:** Play safely

**Value:** Care

**PBL Classes of the Week:**

Congratulations to **5/6M!** They are our **Primary PBL Class of the Week.**

Well done to **2H!** They are our **Infants PBL Class of the Week.**

**Students of the Week**

Primary Student of the Week: **Talia M 3/4K**



Infants Student of the Week: **Jack Ferrari KG**

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

Ms Cooper  
PBL Coordinator

**Staff Profile**

**Name:** Jillian Perkins

**My Job at the school:** Aboriginal School Learning Support Officer

**My favourite holiday destination is:** Anywhere adventurous

**My favourite food is:** My favourite individual food item is avocado and my favourite meal is pasta

**What are your hobbies?**

Motorbike riding, Pool, Tennis, Makeup Artistry, Soccer

**Number of schools that you work at:** I have worked in two schools prior to Taree West; Warners Bay High School as an SLSO and Cessnock High School as a Norta Norta tutor.

**Other employment experience:** I have worked as an Aboriginal Youth Support Officer where my role was to assist aboriginal youth at risk of homelessness. I have also worked as a soccer referee.

**Robogals Workshop**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July all year 5 and 6 girls participated in a Robogals workshop to learn about engineering. Did you know that there are only 1 in 10 girls that study engineering? The University of Newcastle made a program to encourage more girls to be engineers.

The workshop was held in 4/5/6J's room. Two classes went in at once. In the morning session 5/6F and 5/6U girls went in together. When we arrived there were four instructors waiting for us. When we got seated they introduced themselves, their names were Kevin, Liz, Mitch and Jack. They were engineering students from Newcastle University.

The instructors told us what they do and they gave us a laptop and a robot. We got into small groups and learnt a lot of cool things. Each group gave their robot a name. One group named theirs Smartie.

The instructors explained how to use the laptop to control the robot. Our first challenge was to program the robot to move around in a square. When we put it on the floor we had to make sure it didn't hit the cups. If it did, we had to go back and reprogram it.

Our last challenge was an obstacle course. We had to make the perfect movements so it would not hit the books or knock over the cups full of pasta. One group almost did it, but it fell off the edge right at the end!

We had a wonderful time. Some of us might even become engineers!  
Oshen Stewart, Tea Sedlen and Chloe Neal 5/6U

## Student Writing

**Winter**

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Sadness and sorrow

Death is in the air

Wolves are howling in the cold winter light

Men sitting around the fire heating their cold, numb bodies

The wolves can smell their fear

Darkness is near

When morning hits, wolves retreat

Until the next night when they will

Hunt their prey

At the end of winter the darkness retreats

Back to the underworld

Where it will stay for a whole year

Until the next winter

When it will rise again

**by Sage Stewart 5/6F****Winter**

The cold, winter air seeped through the slightly open door. The foggy window lights up the room as the warmth of the winter sun creeps up my blanket, slowly reaching my chilled face. My eyes open as the little warmth of the sunlight trickles through my eyelids. My deadweight head lies down on my warm, soft pillow. My cracked lips open slightly to whisper the words that kept me awake the night before, 'Wintertime'.

Slowly leaving the warmth of my bed, feeling the cool air that I had been waiting for, I look at the clock, seven thirty – awesome! I slip out of my warm PJ's and slip into my thick, winter clothes, slide the well-oiled door open and tip-toe slowly down the chilly wooden steps. As I turn towards the dining table, I am met with the smell of delicious, homemade pancakes with homemade caramel sauce. I sit down at the dining table in front of the rollercoaster of flavours that would make the mouth of every man drool. The ride of exquisite flavours lies before me. "Dig in!" says mum. I close my eyes as I cut the perfectly cooked pancake and slowly put it into my eager mouth.

Winter pancakes are awesome!

Everyone's awake and now we're all about to head outside to enjoy the snowy flakes of frozen water. Poomph! A snowball hits me in the back of the head. "Bring it on!" I whisper.

"SNOWBALL FIGHT!" we all shout. Snowballs are flying everywhere, hitting everything, even the cat!

"MMMRRROOOWW!!!" OOPS! The cat gets hit in the head.

This has gotten serious!

**by Bailey Jenkins**

What am I?

Name: Joey

I am an insect and I can be black and brown.

I am a small insect and I have books.

I have big eyes and I have six legs.

Illustration

I am an ant!


**by Joseph Wright KC**



## Connect to Reading

@ Taree West Public School

Once again we have the fabulous opportunity to learn about our Australian authors and illustrators through celebrating Book Week.

This year's theme is:

### CONNECT TO READING; READING TO CONNECT

it sees students connecting to our world through books and technology.

Students are reviewing the shortlisted books for the Children's Book Council of Australia awards through their Library lessons and will continue to celebrate throughout the term with a K-2 Book parade on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014**. Students are able to come dressed as their favourite book or movie character ready for the parade at **9:30am**.



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Once again we will run a Book Fair on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014**, where a selection of books are available for sale. Books are available from between \$5 and \$25 with many books available around the \$10-\$15 mark. A brochure will go home next week with some information on books available on sale day. The library will be open from **8:30am-9:30am** and **2:30pm-3:30pm** on Friday for families to come and make selections for purchase. Students will be able to purchase with their class throughout the day.

Book Week is all about bringing books, parents, and children together. So come along and join in our celebrations. I look forward to meeting you and seeing all the children's wonderful outfits.

Thank you in advance for all your support of this really exciting time of year.

Happy Reading!

Lucy Legge

Teacher Librarian



## Community Advertisements



## Rotary Manning Valley Schools Spectacular



The concert will feature the amazing range of talent of school students from throughout the Manning Valley and will also include debut stage appearance of some of the local students who, without this program, would be in danger of dropping out of school.

Celebrities George Houvardas, John Waters, Rachael Beck and Don Spencer are donating their talents to support students.

**Venue:** Manning Entertainment Centre

**Date:** Wednesday 27 August 2014

**Time:** 11:00am or 7:00pm

**Tickets:** Purchase online through Manning Entertainment Centre or at Video Ezy, Taree