

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 3 – Week 6

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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	19 August	P&C meeting 6pm Library
Thursday	20 August	Girls Hockey - Newcastle
Friday	21 August	There will not be a K-2 assembly today Netball Gala day – Forster P&C Raffles taree West Bowling Club
Monday-Friday	24-28 August	Book Week / Book fair Book Parade K-2 - 9:30am
Wednesday	26 August	Boys Hockey - Newcastle
Thursday	27 August	Yr 4 & Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals
Friday	28 August	Hunter Regional Athletics
Tuesday	1 September	Girls Touch football
Thursday	3 September	KW & KG begin PCYC Gym Sport / Band / Choir / Leaders photos School Social
Wednesday	9 September	Schools combined Music day
Thursday	10 September	Stage 3 Fun Day
Friday	11 September	Touch Gala day
Thursday	17 September	Medallion Assembly

Principal's Report

At Taree West Public School we are committed to providing a safe and happy school for all of our students as well as our whole school community. Our School Welfare Policy and Anti-Bullying Plan outline the procedures and practices we follow to minimise bullying and to create a safe school environment.

A part of our plan and policy is to educate students on what bullying is, why people might bully, what to do in bullying situations and how to ask for help.

In the 'Safe Schools Framework' bullying is defined as an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals are not defined as bullying. However, it is important that these conflicts are addressed and resolved; sometimes they can build up if left unresolved.

Behaviours that are not actually bullying include:

- disagreements
- not liking someone
- one-off acts of meanness or aggression

If a student experiences any of these behaviours, they can talk to a teacher or an SLSO. We have effective procedures in place for resolving these issues. If you ever have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher. It is important that we work together in recognising and addressing issues that may arise in our school. Student well-being is a key priority.

School Building Works

An old demountable building was removed from the school last Friday, which was quite an exciting event for our school students as they were able to watch a crane and 4 trucks manoeuvre the parts of the building safely onto the trucks. The site is now being prepared as another grassed area of our playground space.



Education & Communities

Public Schools NSW

The staff car park has been closed and will become a work site. This is due to erosion and the exposure of old building materials which have previously been buried under the car park.

Mid coast water is also undertaking work in Maiden Ave over the next month which will impact on the availability of car parking space for staff and parents.

Please be aware that parking around the school will be limited and that the safety of our children is our priority.

Taree High School – Parent meeting tonight in the library

Taree High School staff will be hosting a parent and student information session this afternoon at 5pm in our school library for our Year 6 students who are transitioning to Taree High School in 2016. If you need to finalise enrolment paperwork please bring along a photocopy of your child's birth certificate and proof of address.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow night at 6pm in the school Library. All welcome to attend.

School Advertisement

Please look out for our school ad which is currently being played on Channel 10 during Family Feud and the Spelling Bee.

Enrolments for 2016

2016 Kindergarten and new enrolment packs are now available at the school office. Please come in and enrol for 2016.

Donna Bensch

Principal

Principals Awards

Armarlia Willis 2C, Lily McNeil 2G, Hailey Urquhart 2C

Class Awards

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
2-3S	Eric S	Kellie N	Luke C	Jett M
3-4B	Riley R	Navren W	Ethan N	Tiah H
3-4H	Seth C	Jonmia R	Heath R	Ryan H
3-4K	Bailey D	Hannah D	Kate F	Alex M
3-4M	Eli C	Lindsay S	Sam C	Connor F
4-5-6W	Makyah C	Brooke D	Tyla H	Griffin C
4-5L	Tyree H	Makenzie F	Shelby G	Jodie M
5-6J	Jazmin C	Liam E	Sam G	Jamaica K
5-6S	Hunter S	Katelyn P	Max F	Courtney B
5-6U	Breanna H	Robert J	Mackenzie R	Nicholas R
Ms Redman	Lindsay S	Sam G		

Public Speaking Finals

The school held its Public Speaking Final for Year 3 students last Thursday. For such young students, the standard of their speaking skills was amazing and a credit to all the finalists. Students and parents in the audience were treated to some very different and interesting topics.

Year 3 Finalists

2/3/S Lachlan Prowse
2/3S Samuel Tingle
3/4B Connor Humphrey
3/4H Seth Christensen
3/4K Hannah Dignam
3/4M Lillian McLeay

Topic

A Trip To Canberra
Soccer, My Favourite Sport
The Velociraptor
Minecraft
Fiji
My Dog, "Ardy"

The judges had a tough time making their decision but the eventual winner was Seth Christensen.

Seth will now represent the school at the Taree District Public Speaking Competition to be held at Tuncurry Public School in Term 4.

Due to sporting teams being out of the school, the Public Speaking Final for Year 4 and Stage 3 students will be held on Thursday, 27 August at 12.00pm in the School Hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

David Kingsland



5/6J Parent/Teacher Interviews

Mrs Jensen will be holding Parent/Teacher interviews for Class 5/6J on Monday 24th August from 3.30pm – 6.00pm and Wednesday 26th August from 3.30pm – 5.00pm in the Library. Parents may book an interview time online. All students from 5/6J received an information note today with the Event Code you will need to make a booking. Please contact the school on 6552 1910 if you have any questions.

Class Reward Pizza Parties

Taree West Public School is a Positive Behaviours for Learning school. As such, we implement a range of reward schemes to encourage and recognise expected positive behaviours.

One of these schemes involves points being awarded to classes that demonstrate excellent behaviour in class lines at assemblies. A winning Stage 2 class and Stage 3 class will be announced every half term.

The class that has earned the most points over this period of time will receive a class Pizza Reward Party. Congratulations to **3/4H** and **5/6S** who are the winners for the first half of Term 3.

A letter will be sent home with students of the winning class. If your child has any dietary requirements that may affect their participation in a Pizza Reward Party, please advise the school by returning the return slip prior to each party.

Fruit & Veg Month 2015 – Let's Go Green!

Our school is participating in the fun of Fruit & Veg Month, which runs for the last 4 weeks of this term - Monday 24th August to Friday 18th September.



As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities that aim to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Watch this space for updates. Or, better yet, ask your child what activities they have been involved in. It is a great way to bring the healthy eating message home!

Joy Redman

Fruit & Veg Month School Coordinator



Working in the Computer Lab

Skipping Performance

Last Thursday TWPS was lucky to have the opportunity to have Anna Bay Public "Jump Rope for Heart" perform for all the school. It was energetic, with highly skilled performers who made each trick look easy. Some of our students were encouraged to try some of the manoeuvres and realised it wasn't as easy as it looked.



Snowflakes

Reminder for all students who coloured in the Minion's and Frozen competition and made snowflakes for Chemmart Pharmacy opposite Woolworths in Taree Central Shopping Centre that they will be on display this Thursday for Crazy Day. Parents can buy back their child's snowflake for \$1 and all money will be donated back to the school.

Debating

Congratulations Taree West Debators! Another win to our very talented debating team! The girls won against Tacking Point Public School in the 3rd round of the Premier's Debating Competition! Relevant arguments and fantastic teamwork girls!



PBL News**PBL Focus Rule:**

This fortnight we will be focusing on the rule keep your hands and feet to yourself with the value of Care.

PBL Classes of the Week:

Well done to **3/4B**! They are this week's Primary PBL Class of the Week.

A big congratulations to **2G**! They are this week's Infants PBL Class of the Week.

Students of the Week:

Primary Student of the Week: **Tatum Myer 3/4B**



Infants Student of the Week: **Hailee Olive-Challman 1F**

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

Mrs Suters, Miss Budge & Mrs Wallis

PBL Coordinators



Book Week 2015

Just a quick reminder that Book Week is coming up next week, we will be celebrating throughout the week and will hold the Book Fair on Friday (28th August 2015). With the Newsletter this week there will be a brochure outlining some of the items available on sale day, there will also be a small selection of variety items and posters.



Families are welcome to come and purchase from the Book Fair between 8:30-9:30am and 2:30-3:30pm on Friday (28-8-15) and students will be able to purchase with their class throughout the day.

Also on Friday (28-8-15) there will be the K-2 Book Character Parade held at 9:30am in the hall. This year grades 3-6 would also like to join in with a Book Character Catwalk held at 10:15am in the hall. Students can come dressed in their favourite character costume and must bring their school uniform to change into after.

Thank you for all your support and Happy Reading!

Lucy Legge

Teacher Librarian

Community Advertisements

Taree West Public School Playgroup**Wingham Rd, Taree 2430****Monday 9.30 – 11.30am****in the school hall.****For further information please contact Leanne****0418 237 775****Manning Valley OOSH 2015 @ Taree West Public**

Before School: 6:30am – 9am
 After School: 3pm – 6:30pm
 Vacation Care: 7am – 6pm

Full fee before school – \$10
 Full fee after school – \$17
 Full fee vacation care – \$41

Enrolling is Easy!! Casual and on the day bookings accepted!!
 Pay as little as \$0 Before School Care \$2.05 After School Care and
 \$3.65 Vacation care, with Centrelink percent at 100%

Kerrie@eastcoastchildcare.com.au Kerrie- **0499258875**

**Basketball****HERE'S JONNY**

American basketball import player Jonny Miller has reached the Manning Valley and has already been a hit at the "Monday Magic" fundamental basketball skills sessions at Saxby's Stadium this week. More than forty kids got to listen and learn from Jonny's wisdom as well as cheer him on as he "hooped it up" with a number of "slam dunks". The good news for students at Taree West Public School is that Jonny will be paying you a visit on Thursday afternoon this week. Jonny brings a wealth of knowledge about good health, basketball and work ethic and it is my advice to you budding young basketballers at Taree West to pay very close attention at your open school clinic. The last day of Jonny's visit will see him run a basketball clinic for children in years 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and year 9 and above on Saturday 29th August for a cost of just \$10. More details will be available next week or by contacting Taree Basketball.

Primary school basketball will soon wrap up its inaugural winter basketball competitions with semi-finals for the year 5-6 group beginning next Sunday 23rd August. The year 3-4 comp will continue to play its exciting brand of non-competitive basketball as will the k-year2 group at 9am until the 30th August. Expressions of interest are now being taken for the ever popular Summer Saturday primary school basketball competitions. A reminder for those that played in term1, you have already fulfilled your annual registration obligations and are ready to be slotted into teams. All new players will be made very welcome and if fun is on your wish list then come and try basketball. You can do this by contacting me, Evan Thompson, on 0418160591. We do look forward to presenting some strong and competitive basketball teams at Taree West this summer.

Evan Thompson

TAREE ATHLETIC CLUB INC.

Welcome to Taree Athletic Club for the 2015-2016 Season.



Taree Athletic Club meets weekly at the Basketball Side of the Taree Recreation Ground.

Athletics is a fun sport covering all aspects of running, jumping and throwing events.

This year's season will commence with Registration Days on Monday 31st August and Friday 4th September commencing at 4.30-5.30pm.

You can also do online registrations.

Athletics first competition day is Friday 11th September. 4.30pm start

Our current Annual Registration Fees are as follows:-

Tiny Tots (3 - 4 years) and U6's \$75.00

U7's - U17's \$90.00

Come down for a 2 week trial and see how much fun you can have and meet new friends.

Any question look us up on facebook or ring: Rebecca 0419247709