

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 3

Wednesday, 10 February 2016

## WHAT'S ON

Friday	12 February	6pm P&C Raffles Taree West Bowling Club
Tuesday	16 February	5-6pm Parent Information session
Wednesday	17 February	P&C meeting
Friday	4 March	School Parliament fundraiser Mufti Day
Wednesday	16 March	P&C AGM & meeting
Wednesday	23 March	P&C Hotdog Day School dance
Thursday	24 March	K-2 Celebration Hat Parade Zone Swimming
Friday	25 March	Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday	28 March	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Thursday	7 April	End of Term Assembly Grandparents Day
Thursday	28 April	School ANZAC service



Our Deputy Principal Mrs Linda Xerri and our Principal Mrs Donna Bensch

## Principal's Report

We wish all of our students well, who are participating in the school swimming carnival today. We look forward to hearing of your success.

Last Friday our school undertook a precautionary lockdown under the direction of the police due to a threat being made of a similar nature to the many that have been received in NSW, Queensland and Victoria over the past 2 weeks.

We were very proud of the behaviour and response of our students and staff during our lockdown.

I have attached an article to the newsletter that I hope you might find interesting to read, it is titled **The parents' guide to composite classes by Melanie Hearse**.

## Problems with school photocopier

We apologise for the delay in giving out the newsletter both last week and this week as we have had ongoing issues with our main photocopier. The technician has been here in an attempt to rectify the problem 4 times in the last week. We are hoping that the problem is now repaired.

If at any time you are looking for the school newsletter you will be able to find it on our school website every week.

## Our School Facebook Page

Please find us and like us on our school Facebook page. We often share photos and information with our school community.

## Parent Teacher Information Night

Parents and Carers are invited to a class information session between 5pm and 6pm on Tuesday 16 February. This meeting will provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and to hear about class programs.

## P&C meeting

The first P&C meeting for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 17 February at 6pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend. The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 16 March 2015.

### Scripture and Ethics Classes

Scripture and Ethics classes will commence for Year 1 – 6 students on Tuesday 16 February 2016. Scripture for Kinder students will commence in Term 2.

All Year 2 – 6 children will attend scripture classes unless parents/carers write a note to class teachers indicating that their child is not to participate. Written notes need to be sent to school by Friday 13 February as the scripture classes commence on Tuesday 16 February.

For students in Kindergarten and Year 1 scripture/non scripture preferences are taken from student enrolment information.

**Donna Bensch**  
**Principal**

### Reading Volunteers Program

The school reading volunteers program is aimed to develop a love of reading and will support the reading development of Year 1 and 2 students. All volunteers are welcome regardless of or if you have a connection with current school students or not. A short information session will also be provided for volunteers. Volunteers will need to undergo a Working with Children Check before commencing the program. Please see details below.

To apply – complete the application at <http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au> or call 9826 7627. You will then need to attend the Motor Registry at Taree with your application. Once it is processed you will be issued with a letter that can be supplied to the school. There is no cost involved for volunteers. Clearances are usually valid for a 5 year period.

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Please return this slip to the school office.



**Yes I am interested in being a Reading Volunteer**



**I understand that I will need to complete a Working with Children Check and provide this to the school prior to commencing the program.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Days and times that I am available: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a connection with current students at the school: Yes/No

If so, whom? \_\_\_\_\_

### Book Club Loop

This term the school is going to trial online ordering only for Scholastic Book Club. Scholastic Book Club has been available for families to buy quality books for their children for many years. The club provides a convenient way for parents to purchase books at reasonable prices. The school receives a percentage of the value of all orders generated through the school. These funds can then be used to purchase more books for our school library.

All students would have received a catalogue by now. Starting this year, Scholastic is combining all levels of books within the one brochure. If you would like to purchase a book for your child please go online at:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx>

- Click on ORDER
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- Payments are made online
- All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will be delivered to your child's classroom.
- There is no need to return paper order forms or money.

All orders for issue 1 close on Wednesday 17th February. Please feel free to contact me at school on 65521910 if you would like more information or some help to submit an order.

Jenny Stockdale

### Student Banking

Welcome back to Student Banking 2016. Banking is every Tuesday.

This year's program is themed "The Outback Savers". There are new and exciting rewards for 2016.

Be a consistent saver to enter the major prize draw for a family holiday to meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo.

If you would like to become involved in student banking you can contact your banking co-ordinators – Felicity 0439 949 459 or Leanne 0418 237 775 on Tuesdays to get your starter pack.

Happy banking!

## Community Advertisements

**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 – \$42

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](mailto:Kerrie@eastcoastchildcare.com.au) Kerrie- 0499258875

Rainbow Bricks LUG presents  
**HALLIDAYS POINT  
BRICKFEST**  
This is a LEGO fan event.  
**21st February 2016**



Hallidays Point Public School  
300 Diamond Beach Rd  
Diamond Beach  
TIME: Sunday 9am - 3pm  
COST: \$4 each or \$10 a family  
All Welcome  
Lego displays for everyone    Lego for Sale  
Free build area

Find us on: [facebook](#)  
Fundraising for Hallidays Point Public School  
Follow us at Hallidays Point BrickFest/Rainbow Bricks LUG

## Paid Advertisements

**ANDREA ROWSELL ACADEMY OF DANCE**

is currently taking new enrolments for 2016 and looks forward to finding the best class to suit your child. With a range of classes on offer including Classical Ballet R.A.D., Jazz, Tap and contemporary and venues in both Taree and Old Bar there is a class to suit everybody's needs. Whether it's for fun and fitness or a career in dance the staff have the knowledge and experience to bring out the best in every child. Call Andrea on 65533122 or visit the website [andrearowsellacademyofdance.com.au](http://andrearowsellacademyofdance.com.au)



**Acting Classes**  
Taree and Old Bar  
Suitable for age 8 - 12  
*Newcomers free trial session*  
please contact Nina: 0401 495 643  
or  
Email: [theplayroom@aapt.net.au](mailto:theplayroom@aapt.net.au)



**Kerrie Renee  
Dance Studio**  
**Wingham - Taree - Tinonee**

**BALLET, TAP, HIP-HOP,  
JAZZ/FUNK, CONTEMPORARY,  
ACRO/GYM, PRESCHOOL**

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f: Kerrie Renee Dance Studio

**Sweet-Pea & Mumma  
Sewing & Making  
Crafty Capers**

We invite you to come and create with us!! We have a beautiful studio and workshop space in the historic, Taree, Literary Institute building, where you can play, learn, create and express yourself.

We would love to hear from you!

[sweetpeaandmumma@gmail.com](mailto:sweetpeaandmumma@gmail.com) 0401 108 070 or 0414 874 162  
Suite 1, Taree Literary Institute, 121-129 Victoria St, Taree

**Manning Valley Physical Culture**

Enrol now for 2016 for fun friendship and fitness.  
Dance classes for children from 3 years to ladies of all ages.

Classes commence 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Taree and Cundletown  
Contact Nola on 0414 923 7715

