

# Taree West Public School

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Term 3 – Week 6

Tuesday, 23 August 2016

## WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	24 August	School Olympic Day
Thursday	25 August	Science Fun Day
Friday	26 August	<b>NO K-2 assembly</b> Book Fair Book Week Parade
Tuesday	30 August	Father's Day stall
Thursday	1 September	Visit by Camp Quality Puppets
Friday	2 September	Hunter Athletics
Tuesday	6 September	P&C Hot Dog Day
Thursday	8 September	Cundletown Band K-6 performance
Friday	9 September	Netball Gala day
Wednesday	14 September	School Social Dance
Thursday	15 September	Sport & Yr 6 photos
Friday	16 September	Manning Zone Touch Gala



## REMINDER

This Wednesday is TWPS Mini Olympics Day.

The cost for this whole school event is \$5.

Please return permission note and money ASAP.

## Principal's Report

This week at Taree West we are celebrating education, through our active involvement in a whole school Olympic event, through a day of Science experiments and activities and through our book character parades and book fair as part of the celebration of Book Week. We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers and family members into the school for the science activities, book fair and book parades.

## P&C Thank you

I would like to acknowledge the tireless commitment and work of the school P&C members. I appreciate the many hours that they give in organising many fundraising events, the uniform shop and several school events and activities including the management of our school canteen. Without the dedication of this small group of wonderful people many events in our school would not happen.

Thank you for working with us to make our school great!

## Enrolments for 2017

2017 Kindergarten and new enrolment packs are now available at the school office. Please come in and enrol for 2017.

**Donna Bensch**

**Principal**



**Class Awards**

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
2-3-4S	Zane H	Audrey W	Stevie H	Anabelle S
3-4-5F	Blake R	Ruby T	Aleah B	Noah J
3-4B	Amelia B	Cameron L	Ellie M	Charntae L
3-4K	Kate M	Jonmia R	Reece M	Alex H
3-4M	Tahnee G	Lilly B	Bailey L	Sam D
4-5-6W	Jessica O	Jackson B	Keira K	Max F
5-6B	Hunter S	Seth M	Charentaye L	Kathryn F
5-6L	Holli C	Sienna T	Jordyn M	Ethan P
5-6M	Heath R	Holly D	Jay J	Leighana C
5-6U	Nathan P	Jaron P	Jesse H	Emily M

**Education Celebration Week**

During week 6, the **22 August - 26 August** we will be holding an **Education Celebration Week**.

On Wednesday **24 August** we will be holding our **Olympics Day**. Students can come to school wearing a colour chosen by their teacher.

On Thursday **25 August** we will be holding our **Science Day**. The day will start at 9:30 and finish at 1:25pm. Parents are welcome to come up and join in the fun. Stage 3 science activities will run from 9:20–11:10.

And on Friday **26 August** we will be holding the **Book Fair and Book Character Parade**. The K-2 Book Character Parade will be held at 9:30 am in the hall. The 3-6 Book Character Catwalk will be 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 the parade. Families are invited to attend the parade and purchase from the book fair on this day.

**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 **3/4K** and **4/5/6W** 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.

**Camp Quality Primary School Education Program**

The school will be hosting a visit from the Camp Quality Puppets on **Thursday 1 September**. The Camp Quality Puppet Show addresses the difficult questions kids have about cancer. It teaches students how to be supportive and understanding of kids living with cancer.

There will be a K-2 session and a 3-6 session held in the hall. The Camp Quality Show does not charge an entry fee for students but they do like students to donate to the charity. We are planning to hold a Silly Sock Day on the day of the show. Students can wear 'Silly Socks' on the day of the show and we are asking them to make a gold coin donation to Camp Quality.

Jenny Stockdale  
Learning & Support Teacher

Leonie Jones  
School Chaplain

**PBL**

Infants Student of the Week: **Caden Jenkins K-1F**

Infants Class of the Week: **1C**

Primary Student of the Week: **Darbee Mathiske 5-6L**

Primary Class of the Week: **2-3-4S**



### Sleep

We know that your children's learning is one of the most important things to you. Your children's learning is our number one priority. At times there can be certain factors that impact on a child's ability to learn and retain information during the school day. Lack of sleep and technology screen time just before bedtime are two factors that can often impact on this. We would like to share some information about these two issues which we hope may support you and your children.

Sleep is more important than you may think. Can you think of a time when you didn't get enough sleep? That heavy, groggy feeling is awful and, when you feel that way, you're not at your best.

The average child has a busy day. There's school, taking care of your pets, running around with friends, going to sports practice or other activities, and doing your homework. By the end of the day, children's bodies need a break. Sleep is an essential part of our children's development and wellbeing. It is important for learning and memory, emotions and behaviours, and our health more generally.

The total amount of sleep that children and adolescents are getting is continuing to decrease. Although there are potentially many reasons behind this trend, it is emerging that screen time – by way of watching television or using computers, mobile phones and other electronic mobile devices – may be having a large and negative impact on children's sleep.

Given this, and the increasing exposure to screen time – particularly in the hours before bedtime – it is perhaps not surprising that screen time is now associated with insufficient and poor quality sleep.

It is becoming increasingly clear that limiting screen time in the period leading up to bedtime is beneficial for sleep. In relation to this, removing electronic devices from the bedroom provides a good sleep environment and promotes good sleep practices.

### Public Speaking Finals

Public speaking has been a focus in Primary classrooms over recent weeks as many students have displayed their skills in class competitions. Two representatives from each class advanced to Stage 2 and 3 finals which were held last Wednesday and Thursday in the Hall. The Stage 2 finalists were Anabelle Starr, Jett Minns, Taylor Wardley, Nelly Bischofberger, Sam Davis, Imogen Fletcher, Jasinta Birchall, Connor Humphrey, Katelyn Matuszny, Lilly Barrett, Elsa Wilson and Jackson Barr. The Stage 3 finalists were Jessica Osmond-Dreyer, Kate Fletcher, Neevah Hunt, Taylah Minns, Makenzie Ford, Keira Kelly, Tyla Humphrey, Lily Andrews, Bryan Kong, Jessica Ferris, Kaydance Williams and Isabella Tait.

All the students did a wonderful job delivering their speeches and they made it very hard for the judges to make a decision. In the end, the Year 3 winner was Jett Minns, whose amusing speech was called "Jokes" while the Year 4 winner was Elsa Wilson who kept the audience guessing with a speech called "Who Am I?". The Year 5 winner was Kathryn Fletcher whose informative speech was called "Australia" while the Year 6 winner was Lily Andrews who delivered a lively speech called "Disneyland".

Congratulations to Jett, Elsa, Kate and Lily. These students will now represent our school in the Taree District Public Speaking Competition to be held in Term 4. More information about this event will be sent home with the children as soon as it's available.



**Zone ATHLETICS Carnival**

Taree West sent 28 students to the Zone Athletics Carnival held at Tuncurry on Friday 12 August. These children were selected by achieving set qualification requirements attained at our carnival last term. The team consisted of:

<b>Boys:</b>	<b>Girls:</b>	
Kurt Walters	Charlotte Wells	Tyla Humphrey
Navren Willett	Jasmine Hill	Leighana Clarke
Josh Hopkins	Lara Watson	Laurah Powell
Ethan Hill	Miranda Frendin	Jessica Murray
Liam Erickson	Emily Nicholson	Jamaica King
Jake Hunter	Summa Anderson	
Brydan Sadler	Jannali Simms	
Connor Neal	Samira Mitchell	
Jett Collins	Taya Hunter	
Kalim Mitchell	Lillianah Williams	
Zayden Morley	Annika Scott	

We are very proud of all the above athletes as they performed to the best of their ability in their various events.

The following individuals have qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival with their listed results:

**Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jannali Simms - 8 years 100m

2<sup>nd</sup> Lara Watson - 9 years 100m

2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Nicholson - 11 years 100m

1<sup>st</sup> Leighana Clarke - 13 years 100m

2<sup>nd</sup> Annika Scott - 11 years High Jump

**Boys:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Jett Collins - 10 years 100m

1<sup>st</sup> Navren Willett - 11 years 100m, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m, 1<sup>st</sup> Long Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> High Jump

1<sup>st</sup> Josh Hopkins - Jnr High Jump

2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Boys Relay Team

(Liam Erickson, Ethan Hill, Navren Willett, Kurt Walters).

The Regional Athletics Carnival is on Friday 2 September to be held in Newcastle. The high jumpers and relay team will be able to practise over the coming weeks. Please make sure that these students have appropriate shoes if the weather looks good for practise.

A big thank you to all the parents who attended and supported the students in their endeavours on the day.

**Mini Olympics Day K-6**

**Wednesday 24 August**



<b>Classes</b>	<b>Representing Country</b>	<b>Colour Clothing to Wear</b>
1J & 5/6U	Brazil	Green & yellow
K/1W & 5/6M	Canada	Red & White
KG & 3/4/5F	China	Red
KC & 5/6L	Germany	Red / Black / Yellow
K/1F & 2/3/4S	Great Britain	Red / White / Blue
KB & 4/5/6W	Greece	Light Blue & White
2C & 3/4M	Kenya	Red & Green
1C & 3/4K	New Zealand	Black & White
2G & 5/6B	Sweden	Blue & Yellow
2M & 3/4B	USA	Blue / Red / White

**Soccer Gala Day**

On Friday 19th of August Taree West participated in the annual boys Soccer gala day held at the Wingham Sporting Complex.

Many schools from our region were represented at the event and the Taree West boys were able to meet them and mix their game with some competitive teams.

Our team fought gallantly through their draw of five matches in only a few short hours. Each game saw the team improve their skills and they never gave up. All the boys should be proud of their efforts on the day in the way they showed great team spirit and supporting each other.

Congratulations boys on representing the school with pride. Well done all.

**2016 Soccer Gala Day team:**

Cory Doherty, Brydan Sadler, Heath Ralston, Zac Roberts-Wells, Mitchell Starr, Baden Ferrari, Bryan Kong, Xavier Willis, James Remarchuk, Callum Inglis, Ty Axton.



## Community Advertisements

**Manning Valley OOSH 2015 @ Taree West Public**

Before School: 6:30am – 9am	Full fee before school – \$10
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## Basketball News

As the winter sports season reaches its final stages, and hot on the heels of Taree West Public School's recent success in the boys and girls PSSA knockout competition, it is time to nominate for summer season school basketball on Saturdays at Saxby's Stadium tipping off in term 4. A small number of people have already signalled their intention to play and it is wise to get in early to ensure a placement is secured. Pleasingly, a number of new players have made contact and have been welcomed into the basketball family. If you think your child would like to play basketball in term 4 then it's as easy as contacting me on 0418160591 to express your interest. Age groups are Kindergarten - year2, Year 3-4 (mixed), Year 5-6 girls and year 5-6 boys. Basketball is fast and fun, is played indoors and at the same venue each week. The annual registration is just \$25 for year4 and below and \$50 for those in years 5-6 with a \$5 weekly game fee to apply. Uniforms are provided at no extra charge. All you need is a willingness to have a go and to have fun.

I eagerly await some positive messages.

Many thanks and regards,  
 Evan Thompson .... coordinator for Taree West

## P.S

Magic Monday is a skill based afternoon program designed to teach basic fundamentals of the game and can be accessed by attending Saxby's Stadium between 4pm and 5:15pm on Mondays at a cost of just \$2.

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