

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 4

Tuesday, 31 October 2017

WHAT'S ON

Friday	3 November	K-2 assembly 2:00pm Hosted by school leaders
Monday- Friday	6 – 17 November	Year 2 Intensive Swimming
Monday- Thursday	6-9 November	First Kindergarten 2018 classroom visit
Tuesday	7 November	Representative Sport and Yr 6 Photo day
Wednesday	8 November	Stage 3 High School Science day
Tuesday	14 November	Hot Dog & fruit popper lunch
Wednesday	15 November	5-6N High School Science day P&C meeting 6:00pm
Friday	17 November	Kindergarten 2018 – Library visit K-2 assembly 2:00pm hosted by KM
Monday	20 November	Kindergarten 2018 – Parent information session 5:00pm
Monday- Thursday	20-23 November	Second Kindergarten 2018 classroom visit
Tuesday	21 November	Online Safety Information session for parents
Friday	8 December	Glow Stick night

Principal's Report

Congratulations to Mrs Dupen on her very honourable award presented to her last Friday at the NSW State Primary Principal Association Conference. Mrs Dupen has undertaken 2 years of professional development in the NSWPPA Leadership Initiative and her work has been validated by an independent panel awarding her with recognition of her achievements in leadership against the Australian Professional Standard for Principals. This is a major achievement Mrs Dupen and we are very proud of you.



Updates for Parent and Emergency Contact Numbers

It is essential that you contact us immediately if your telephone contacts or that of your emergency contacts change as there are times that we need to contact you urgently especially in the event of illness or injury. Please contact the office on 6552 1910 for updates or please send us a short note with your child.

Road Safety for Bicycle users

There remains ongoing safety concerns, reported to us from the community, for children riding their bikes to and from school and those riding on the roads before and after school. Can you please talk to your children about how to share the road safely, using footpaths when available and checking for vehicles before crossing roads? Only students in Years 3 – 6 are permitted to ride their bikes to and from school and all bike riders must wear a helmet. There is specific information for bike riders at:

roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicyclists/index.html or at kidshealth.org/en/kids/bike-safety.html



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Year 6 and Representative Photos

Please note that the Year 6 and Representative Group photos will take place on Tuesday 7 November. Can you please ensure that your child is in full school uniform. Representative sport shirts will be supplied for the photos.

Applications for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2019

The application website has now opened for any parent interested in obtaining information about applying and then applying for a selective school placement in 2019. All applications must be completed online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> . Applications must be submitted by 10pm on 13 November 2017.

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.

Donna Bensch
Principal

Class Awards

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
3-4B	Sygh S	Amelia B	Serenity G	Judah E
3-4H	Ayden T	Leon S	Clairah S	Emily F
3-4M	Madeline O	K-Sierra P	Hudson D	James A
3-4S	Emily H	Lachlan P	Riley B	Jermaine D
3-4T	Piper G	Crystal S	Luke C	Jack F
5-6B	Riley R	Taylah M	Connor M	Mia W
5-6L	Chelsea M	Cameron L	Sienna T	Mathew B
5-6N	Alex M	Zarlie T	Katelyn M	Jessica T
5-6S	Tatum M	Tom M	Luke C	Lindsay S
5-6U	Emily P	Jamie B	Xyrece M	Arianna K

Kindergarten 2018

Kindergarten transition is fast approaching. It begins in week 5 (6 November) and continues until week 7 (24 November). Please return all enrolment papers as soon as possible.

When the enrolment papers are returned, you will be given a time and date for your child's transition sessions. We are looking forward to seeing all our new kindergarten faces and preparing them for the big school experience. Thank you.

Virtual Reality Incursion

Yesterday, 150 students from Years 1-4 took part in a Virtual Reality session. They got to "visit" the Daintree Rainforest and see Aboriginal dancers perform, go searching for bush tucker and listen to some Dreamtime stories from that region. They learned about the culture of that region and shared their local experiences with Hannah the presenter.



Assembly

This Friday's K-2 assembly will be hosted by our school leaders. KM will now host the Week 6 assembly on Friday 17 November.

Water Catchment Model visit.

This term, Stage 1 students have been studying about water in a Science & Technology unit titled "Waterworks".

On Wednesday 8 November, Stage 1 students will be looking at the Midcoast Council Water Catchment Model when it visits our school. They will be learning about water conservation, the water cycle and how a water catchment works.

School Leadership 2018 Elections

Our nominations for the 2018 School Leadership Team are now open. Year 5 students have the opportunity to nominate themselves through completing a nomination form. **Completed forms are due to Mrs Suters by Thursday of Week 5 November 9th.**

All nominated students will have the opportunity to speak to Stage 3 about why they would make a great school leader. This is a short, impromptu type of speech, although they could have a palm card or two prepared if they wish. This will happen on **Tuesday Week 6 November 14th** at 9.20am for the boys and at 12pm for the girls in our stage lines. Years 5 and 6 will then vote. These votes will determine the 6 boys and 6 girls who will run for captaincy.

Captains speeches will be held on **Wednesday Week 8 November 29th at 9.30am** in the hall. Parents and carers are invited to attend. Students will present a 2-minute speech explaining why they would be a fantastic school captain. They should think about the attributes that make a good leader and the responsibilities they would fulfil. Students and staff members will then vote. Our 2018 Captains (one boy and one girl), Vice-Captains (one boy and one girl) and Prefects (four boys and four girls) will be announced on Presentation Day.

Canteen news

Summer Fruit & Vegie Competition @ the canteen during November 2017.

Everyone who purchases a fruit or vegetable item from TWPS canteen starting November 1st will go into the draw to win a \$20 Coles Myer Gift Card. Each time a purchase is made you will receive a ticket. Fill out your name and class on this ticket and return to the Canteen. There will also be weekly draws with a prize.

The final draw for the gift card will be Friday 1st December.

GOODLUCK

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Infants Student of the Week: **Henry Allan KB**



Primary Student of the Week: **Nor-Alhoda Hughes El Idrissi 3-4H**



Community Advertisements**ACTIVE OOSH 2017 AT TAREE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL****2017 Opening times and Daily full fees**

Before school: 6.30am – 9.00am Full Fee \$13

After school: 3.00pm – 6.30pm Full Fee \$17

Vacation Care: 7.00am – 6.00pm Full Fees \$50

***Centrelink rebates do apply**

Enrolling is Easy!! Casual and on the day bookings accepted!!

- Healthy nutritional Meals provided.
- Hot breakfast Thursdays and Fridays
- Sports drop offs available in the Taree district
- Afternoon homework program
- 3 Buses to cater for all schools and ensure a quick pick up
- Various afternoon activities including Kids Yoga, Dancing, Sport, Craft, Gardening, Cooking and much much more.

sigourney@eastcoastchildcare.com.au Sigourney - 0499258875
Ethics Classes at Taree West Public School

Could you be an ethics teacher?

Some of our current ethics teachers are moving on at the end of the year and we are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue next year.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available between 12pm and 1:25pm on Tuesdays.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topics such as:

- Imagining how others feel
- How do we treat living things?
- What is laziness?
- How do we disagree in a respectful way?
- Fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Kelly Kingsley Wilson tareewest.primaryethics@gmail.com



NDIS Plans in Practice Workshop Taree

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November 2017
9.30am - 2.30pm

- ✓ Understand your NDIS plan
- ✓ Get the most out of your funding
- ✓ Know your management options
- ✓ Find and manage support workers
- ✓ Prepare for your review
- ✓ Hear from experienced presenters

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their Carers!**

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