

Taree West Public School

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Term 4 – Week 6

Tuesday, 14 November 2017

WHAT'S ON

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
Thursday	7 December	Taree HS transition day
Friday	8 December	End of year Presentation Assembly Glow Stick night
Monday	11 December	Year 6 Farewell
Friday	15 December	Last school day for students

Principal's Report

School Planning - 2018 - 2020

We are currently in the process of developing our school vision, plan and priorities for the next 3 years. We would therefore appreciate your opinions and ideas in how we can provide the best possible education for your children.

To assist us in this process, you are invited to come along to the P&C meeting this Wednesday night in the Library at 6pm so that we gather your ideas and expectations of our school and for your children.

Dogs in the school

Due to safety concerns for all students, dogs are not permitted onto the school grounds.

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



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Class Awards

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
3-4B	Laura W	Elizabeth V	Blake P	Hailey U
3-4H	Jasmine S	Liley T	Shamiah W	Nor H
3-4M	Zac L	Shalya K	Olivia D	Aleaha B
3-4S	Zaney L	Brooklyn H	Zakk B	Evie B
3-4T	Harry K	Lara W	Crystal S	Emily J
5-6B	Benjalli S	Kaitlyn B	Ethan N	Connor H
5-6L	Bailey T	Jack S	Aiden B	Katie T
5-6N	Joshua L	Riley B	Lilly Mc	Phoebe B
5-6S	Summa A	Lillianah W	Rohnan L	Hayley S
5-6U	Bianca F	Ariana K	Jami B	Jalen R

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 **3/4M** and **5/6N** who are the winners for the first half of Term 4.

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.

PBL

Infants Student of the Week: **Katelin Templeton KM**

Infants Class of the Week: **1-2M**

Primary Student of the Week: **Charntae Lesslie-McFarlane 3-4M**

Primary Class of the Week: **3-4H**



Water Catchment Model Visit to Taree West Public

Last Wednesday, students in Year 1 and 2 were able to attend a visit from the Water Catchment Model. Students had been studying the various ways water is used, how it is transported and how to use it responsibly.

The model is a working model demonstrating how rain falling in the catchment makes its way into the rivers then to the ocean, and how the water can become contaminated along the way by different human activities. It shows us that if we make the right choices we can keep water quality good, and protect the places we love!

This model was co-commissioned by the former Great Lakes Council and MidCoast Water. It's design is loosely based on the landscape of the Wallis Lake catchment, including Forster and Tuncurry. It uses water which is pumped around the model powered by solar panel on its transport trailer, with food dye and clay for 'pollution'.



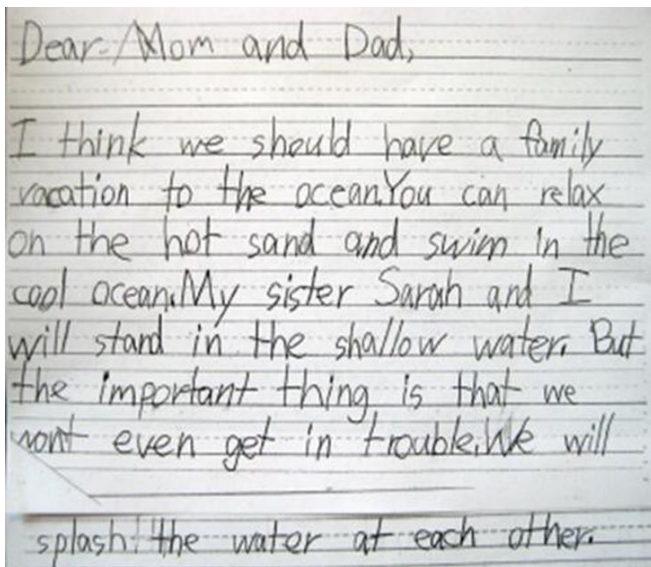
Year 2 Intensive Swimming



Tips for supporting your children with writing

Writing Letters

A really special routine that you can establish with your child/ children is to write a letter to one another once a week. You can even create a little letter box out of a shoe box or something similar. On a weekly basis write to your child. It is a great opportunity to tell them about your week and to ask them questions about theirs. It's also a great opportunity to give your children great feedback about all the wonderful things they are achieving and of course how proud you are of them. The goal is for your child to then write back in response. Besides encouraging writing, letters are such a special way to share feelings and to connect. HAPPY LETTER WRITING!!!!



Student Writing 5-6B

Crackle! Snap! The intense fire threw thick, black smoke into the air. The sky was no longer blue it was as dark as space. The town wasn't calm anymore. There was panic and screaming. There were sirens blasting like rockets and there were trees burnt to crisps. I looked at what I had done. I'm a dangerous inferno! There was nothing left to eat, I started to die down. I was left to sit there on my own as a spark. As the people returned home, they had nothing left.

By Navren Willett

The Mystery Of The Woods

Lately the woods have been acting strange. We have been hearing rustling in the leaves and seen movement in the bushes. We are starting to think we are being watched. Everyone is getting scared and no one is leaving the tree.

"What was that?" Noises were occurring every hour of the day. Suddenly the tree shook and trembled then Bigfoot shot straight into the reinforced glass of the tree house and went flying to the ground. He was spotted being thrown into the air and landing on top of a tree. The jaws of a beast swallowed Bigfoot...

The next morning everyone was awoken by trees being knocked over. The ground shook like an earthquake and a humungous beast towered over them. Everyone held their breath as the beast stomped away violently reminding me of a two year old child. "Phew".

Suddenly the footsteps started getting louder and then a shadow crept over them. Its head lowered as it sniffed around. The beast that was taller than the tree house, hairier than a bear and scarier than your worst nightmare snatched Henry and left. "AAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH", he screamed. He was still screaming like a little girl when as they faded into the distance.

Unfortunately that was the end of Henry but his memories still lives on. From there on, the woods had been silenced.

By Connor Humphrey

The Mysterious Girl

It started out like any other day. I was walking my dog Zap. We walked peacefully down to the dog park, with no noise or distractions. It was just what I needed, a nice quiet place to relax. As we strolled down the concrete path towards the park benches beautiful rainbow lorikeets glided through the cool summer's breeze. I let Zap off his lead and let him run around whilst I sat and closed my eyes. Then I heard Zap bark and growl so I shouted to him "sit boy!" but he kept barking. I opened my eyes and observed my surroundings when a shadow in front of me caught my eye. I gulped and slowly turned my head around to see a girl with blonde hair and soft brown eyes. She was wearing a blue t-shirt and black shorts. I stood there in silence very puzzled. She looked just like me!! "Hi" she said to me in a confused voice. "You look I-like me" I said. "And you look like me!", "i-I don't get it". She replied. "Trust me neither do I but we have to figure it out." Zap continued barking I could tell he was confused too. We sat on the park bench for the rest of the afternoon talking and asking questions about each other. We had so much in common. "Hey uhh I have to go home now it's getting dark". I said as I checked my phone. "Oh yeah same." she said. We both said goodbye and walked our separate ways. Before I walked away she said "hey I never got your name". "Oh yeah it's Reyna." And before I could ask her for hers she was already gone. I never told anyone about what happened that day and I never saw her again. I kept it as my little secret.

By Taylah Minns

Online Safety

As part of our Personal Development and Health curriculum, all students will participate in a workshop on Online Safety. This will be delivered by a presenter from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. Each workshop will be tailored to meet the needs of the age group and will be appropriate to their level. K-2 students will participate in a 45 minute workshop on **Tuesday November 21st** and 3-6 students will participate in a one-hour workshop on **Wednesday November 22nd**. The details of the workshops are below:

K-2 Workshop *Going Places Safely*: Focuses on enjoying the internet while staying safe using three key age-appropriate rules.

3-6 Workshop *Respectful Relationships Online and Off*: Looking after yourself and others online, understanding the impact of social media sharing, social/emotional strategies, building resilience, valuing difference and cyber bullying.

Parents and Staff #Trending – *Youth Behaviours and Technology*: Insight into the online worlds of young people including the latest trends, risks and research. Plus tip for parents and teachers on how to manage technology use in the school and home.

Parents and carers are invited to join us for the workshop on ***Youth Behaviours and Technology*** held on **Tuesday November 21st** from 3.30pm-4.30pm in our school library.

There are no costs involved with these workshops. Online safety is an increasingly prevalent issue and the workshops should provide valuable information and strategies for navigating this.

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