

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 7

Tuesday, 7 March 2017

WHAT'S ON

Friday	10 March	Primary Assembly 2pm
Tuesday	14 March	P&C Hot Dog day
Wednesday	15 March	5-6N – High School Science visit
Friday	17 March	Infants Assembly – 2pm hosted by 1/2M
Tuesday	21 March	Harmony Day – children wear orange
Wednesday	22 March	P&C AGM and General Meeting 6pm
Tuesday	28 March	School Photos
Wednesday	29 March	5-6B, 5-6L, 5-6S & 5-6U High School Science visit School Social – 6pm - K – Year 2 7pm-8:30pm – Yrs. 3 - 6
Friday	31 March	Cross Country Carnival
Tuesday	4 April	Easter Scripture Service
Thursday	6 April	Grandparent's Day Medallion Assembly Yr 3-4 Camp deposit due by today (as per payment plan)
Friday	7 April	Back up date for Cross Country

Principal's Report

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day will take place this year on Thursday 6 April 2017. An invitation will be sent home shortly. Grandparents will be invited to attend our end of term medallion Assembly and will also take part in class activities.

Head Lice

To continue our fight against head lice, parents are asked to check their children's hair each day. If either eggs or lice are found it is recommended that they are treated using the fine tooth comb and conditioner method everyday over a 14 day period. The cheapest white conditioner is the best to use and should be used on dry hair and combed through with a fine tooth comb to remove lice and the nits each day.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day to remember and celebrate our diversity. We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 21 March 2017 at Taree West. All children will be invited to wear Orange and to join in with Harmony Day activities at school.

For some suggestions of what you can do at home in celebration of our cultural diversity you could;

Talk to your kids about your family roots.

- Show old photographs of family members and/or tell stories of how they came to be in Australia.
- Point out on a world map the different countries that make up their ancestry.
- Search online for images or videos of those different countries and cultures (i.e. traditional dances, food, music).
- Explore the traditional Indigenous owners of your region – find out about their culture online or at your local library.
- Speak about what belonging and being welcoming, respectful and inclusive mean. For example, the difference between feeling included or not included.

Building and construction work in and around the school

Please remain vigilant in and around the school with the continuing building and maintenance works. Safe work practices will be in place across the school however if you have any concerns at any time, please contact the office.

Parents and students are asked to use footpaths when entering and leaving the school, and due to safety concerns, not walk through the car parks.

P&C Meeting – AGM

The next P&C meeting and AGM will be take place on Wednesday 22 March 2017. It will be held in the school Library at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

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
K-1G	Lincoln B	Brayden G	Keira W	Rachael J
KB	Rubi F	Ella C	Henry A	Lillian B
KM	Malakai F	Lillianna L	Katelin T	Maddison G
KS	Eli S	Jacob C	Maddison T	Harper N
1-2M	Jagger W	Kalum H	Mia C	Jessica B
1C	Zoe B	Mackenna L	James T	Ethan P
1J	Marley A	Jayden U	Matilda T	Koby C
1S	David M	Jayda P	Tyrell M	Savannah H
2G	Charlie F	Tai R	Caden J	Zack R
2S	Jack J	Jessica P	Amelia D	Zacariah B

Calling for Tenders

John Deere 2011 X300 Ride On Lawn Mower. In need of repair. Mower can be viewed at the GA's shed from 7:00am to 9:00am Wednesday 1 March till Wednesday 15 March 2017. Final date for tender is Wednesday 15 March 2017.

Please call into office to pick up an Offer of Tender form. Return Tender Form to office, marked Attention: Principal Confidential Tenders. These may be dropped at the front office.

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 **3/4B** and **5/6N** who are the winners for the first half of Term 1.

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.

Year 6 to Year 7 Expression of Interest

Expressions of Interest were sent home yesterday to all Year 6 students. Your child's zoned High School was determined from your current residential address. An instruction sheet was included with the form to help simplify the 'how to complete' process. If there have been changes to your address, please contact the school as soon as possible with the updates.

If your child was absent and did not receive a form please ask the class teacher.

Book Club Loop

Book club is ready to recommence for this year. We ask parents to use the online ordering system to purchase books from Book Club.

All students will have received a new catalogue in the last day or two. If you would like to purchase a book for your child please go online at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx>

All orders for the latest issue close on Friday 24 March. Please feel free to contact me at school on 6552 1910 if you would like more information or some help to submit an order.

Jenny Stockdale

Calling for Parent/ Community Helpers to cover reading books

We have recently received a large order of new quality reading texts for our students in Years 3-6. To ensure they are durable for use in classrooms, we would like for them to be covered with contact. We have the contact ready to go and are seeking some volunteers to assist with covering the books. If you have any time that you could offer to cover the books, could you please contact Mrs Sutters at the school. Thank you kindly.

Friday Assembly – SRC and House Captain Induction

This Friday afternoon, March 10, we will have our 3-6 Assembly. At this assembly students in Years 2-6 who have been selected by their classmates as the SRC representatives will receive their badges. Our sports house captains will also be receiving their badges. All family and community members are welcome to attend.

Stage 2 News

Stage 2 are studying the unit 'Community and Remembrance' in History this semester. As a part of that unit, Stage 2 was treated to a cultural afternoon with a guest speaker from the local Aboriginal community Uncle Jeremy Saunders. Uncle Jeremy share lots of stories, taught us about different plants and animals and shared his knowledge about the local bush tucker in our area, the Biripi Nation.

Many of us had the chance to participate in songs and special dances, practicing our emu, kangaroo and goanna. Naturally, we are now all expert goanna dancers and will be practicing to make sure that we can do a 'goanna' just like the mighty Rabbitoh's legend GI. We were excited to hear some more Gathang words because we have already learned that there are over 250 Aboriginal language groups in Australia. Now we can say we know some of them!

We learned about the different uses for ochre and found it really soft on our skin! Some of us even had our faces painted in ochre in traditional Aboriginal designs. Some of the local natural landmarks have traditional stories from the Dreaming which we were lucky enough to hear, but by far the best part was learning that our own school animal, the eagle, had its very own Biripi dance! We practiced this one extra hard and we felt extra pride in our school knowing this bird had its own special dance.

Marrungbu Uncle Jeremy for a wonderful afternoon!

PBL

Infants PBL Student of the Week: **Samuel Steer 1-2M**

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



Primary PBL Student of the Week: **Sam Miller 3-4T**

Primary PBL Class of the Week: **3-4M**

Community Advertisements

Manning Valley OOSH 2015 @ Taree West Public	
Before School: 6:30am – 9am	Full fee before school – \$10
After School: 3pm – 6:30pm	Full fee after school – \$17
Vacation Care: 7am – 6pm	Full fee vacation care – \$42

Enrolling is Easy!! Casual and on the day bookings accepted!!
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 \$3.65 Vacation care, with [Centrelink](#) percent at 100%

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everyone's family

Homework Help For Your Child

The Smith Family will commence operating a Homework Club in Term 2 for primary students (Years 3 to 6) at Taree West Public School.

The aim is to provide children with a safe and supportive environment to complete their homework. The program is staffed by volunteers and The Smith Family's Learning for Life Programs Coordinator.

Please note this is not a tutoring service.

The Homework Club starts on Wednesday 10th May and runs once a week throughout the school term. It will also be offered to students during Term 3 and Term 4.

When? Wednesday afternoons 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Where? Taree West Public School library

For more information: contact Heidi Prowse at The Smith Family on **6551 0229** or **0418 418 538**.

Places are limited to 10 students so please register your interest before **Friday 17th March**

FREE MUSIC DAY

The Great Lake Mental Health Family and Friends Support Group will be holding a music day on the **12th March 2017 - 11am – 4pm in the Great Lakes area.**



Featuring

Crackin Culture, Bec Willis, Unreal Neil, Tequila Mockingbirds + more

Facebook page - Great Lakes Mental Health Carers Support Group

Bring a chair or rug, picnic lunch and enjoy a fun family day. As well being entertained you will also have the opportunity to join in and do a bit of drumming, percussion or just maybe sing along. Light refreshments provided. Rain, hail or shine this event will still run as we have a wet weather alternative

Registration is essential – numbers are limited.

Please contact Margaret at
glmentalhealthcarers@gmail.com or
Mobile 0456 966 173
for further information and registration.

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