

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 8

Tuesday, 14 March 2017

WHAT'S ON

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

We welcomed Senior Constable Dave Russell, our Police Youth Liaison Officer, to an assembly of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students yesterday. He spoke to the children about having a safe school, helping each other and working together to prevent violence, threats of violence, aggression, bullying and cyber bullying.



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.

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.

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.

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

Zone Rugby League Trials

On Wednesday of last week we had a number of senior boys trial for the U/12s and U/11s Manning zone Rugby League teams. Navren Willett was selected in the Zone U/12s team and Rory Murray, Josh Hopkins, Matt Burnes and Jackson Barr were all selected in the Zone U/11s team. This is a great achievement, well done boys. The boys will now head to the regional trials to be held at Nelson Bay on Friday 24th March.

Online Payments

You are now able to make online payments for Voluntary Contributions, Gym, Excursions and University Competitions via our school website. This is known as POP (Parent online Payment). Please find attached to this newsletter how to make payments.

Any questions please contact the school office.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2018

Kindergarten enrolment packs for 2018 are now available to collect from the front office.

PBL

Infants Class of the Week: **KM**

Infants Student of the Week: **Charlie Barnard 1C**



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

Primary Student of the Week: **Hudson Deas 3-4M**

Class Awards

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
3-4B	Judah E	Sommer A	Cody B	Noah J
3-4H	Sienna M	Charntae L	Zayden M	Shamiah W
3-4M	Toby A	Shayla K	Zac L	Madeline O
3-4S	Anabelle S	Mia D	Caleb S	Shay H
3-4T	Elijah R	Kira S	Luke C	Talen R
5-6B	Arwen E	Connor H	Benjalli S	Taylah M
5-6L	Sienna T	Tyree H	Tykel C	Mikayla B
5-6N	Kate F	Jackson B	Matthew B	Breanna C
5-6S	Tom M	Carmelita R	Charlie K	James R
5-6U	Max P	Heath R	Jalen R	Neevah H

How to Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website www.tareewest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au by selecting \$ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, gym, university competitions and excursions ONLY. There is also a category called 'Other' this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings.

Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

MINIMUM TRANSACTION PAYABLE VIA POP PAYMENTS MUST BE OVER \$10.00.

Any activity under the cost of \$10.00 is not payable via POP, but is to be paid directly to the school in Cash or Cheque.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. **There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number (next to the students name) and Invoice number (REF) if you are aware of them, these are optional fields and are located on your family Statement of Account when issued.**

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Student Writing**The Two Rotten Thugs by Annie Chen**

"Tony! We gotta get outta here! The police are coming!" Bruce yelled at Tony as the alarms sounded. The sirens blared as the police rushed to the museum in their blue and white car. Bruce grabbed Tony and used his strong muscles to chuck him over the electrical fence out the back of the museum. Bruce, who secretly used to be an Olympic high jumper, swiftly jumped over the fence. Bruce and Tony both gracefully landed on the soft green grass on the other side by the pathway. They hopped into their truck just as the police got to the museum.

"Where are we?" Tony asked with a confused look on his face. Tony woke up with a headache. He could feel his blood pulsing through his body. He felt his head. "Ouch! I've got a bruise!" Tony cried. Bruce shot up, waking at the sound of Tony screaming. Bruce glanced behind him. "Good, the sack with the map is still there. We need it to find the French Aravian rubies." Bruce explained to Tony. Bruce stared at his surroundings. "Arrghhh!" Bruce screamed. "I think we crashed on the side of the road!" Tony rushed out to check the damage. "Bad news, the engines busted." Tony told Bruce. "Well fix it egghead! We haven't got long until the coppers discover us!" Bruce got the tool box from the back and gave it to Tony. "Go on. Fix it" he said impatiently. Tony was staring off into the distance. "Never mind fixing it. Grab the sack, I've got an idea."

The two thugs rushed off to the plane station. "They'll recognise us!" Bruce said. Tony, who was the brains of the group, got two gowns and two wigs out of the sack. "I thought we might need these" Tony said smugly. "We can dress like old women" Tony explained. They put on their disguises and waddled into the station. "Two tickets please!" Bruce told the ticket lady.

Later that afternoon they arrived in France. They took off their disguises and stealthily stole two bikes. Bruce took the map out of the sack and tried to read it but failed. "Tony! I don't get this!" he yelled. "That's because you're holding it upside down dumb one!" Tony replied. He snatched the map off Bruce and read it himself. "See that cave?" Tony asked. "It's in there."

Tony led Bruce into the mysterious cave. They took a metal detector out of the sack. Tony turned it on. They walked for 15 minutes until finally... beep beep beep! They took their shovels and started digging.³

"Finally!" Bruce said. "We're rich!" Bruce reached down and grabbed an old wooden chest. It was unlocked. They lifted the lid...

Disappointment was in the air as they looked in the chest. There were two handcuffs. Tony and Bruce turned around and saw that there were policemen standing at the mouth of the cave....

Midnight Rush by Emily Nicholson

Have you ever fallen off a horse? Well that's what happened to me but I was in hospital with a broken leg. My names Louise and I'm a horse trainer. I was waiting for a doctor to see me but they were super busy, so I had to be patient.

After a few hours I was strolling out of the hospital with a cast over my leg and crutches holding me up. My parents drove me home because I couldn't drive. I was so annoyed! I wasn't allowed to ride for another six weeks! I didn't know what I was going to do. I got home and slowly walked inside. I smelt the ranch horses, just the way I liked it. I pulled myself up to my room to Skype call my friend. She was in America riding in the bronco championships.

"Hey Allyse!" I exclaimed in an excited voice.

"Oh hey Louise! How are your horses going?" Allyse asked.

"Oh well I kind of fell off and broke my leg. Nothing much. But the horses are doing well." I replied. "Well I hope you're ok, but I got to go I have to practise. Bye!" replied Allyse. I closed my laptop and decided to go outside.

I could smell the fresh breeze of the ranch horses as I stepped outside. I stared over in the distance and could see a wild mustang bucking in the fields. I tacked up my horse and grabbed a lasso. I chased after the black, beautiful stallion. I know, I know, I shouldn't have gone riding after what the doctor said, but I couldn't help it, I had to catch that wild animal. I threw the rope around its neck and pulled. Everything went wrong from that moment on. I fell off and hit the rock hard dirt. Then everything went black.

A few hours later I woke up to see that I was lying on the ground in the middle of nowhere. I looked up. All I could see were mountains, trees and dirt - a lot of dirt. I felt my head and blood was pouring from my face. I wiped all the dust off and looked around. I couldn't see my horse, so I had no way home. Then I squinted very closely into the distance, it was the mustang!

I limped forward and my leg was drawing pain. My head beating and blood dripping off my face. The mustang crept towards me and I limped towards him.

He nuzzled me against my leg and I stroked him along his back, "I'm going to call you Midnight Rush" I whispered into his ear. He liked that name, and that's how I got my horse Midnight.

Tell Them From Me student feedback survey for years 4, 5 and 6

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday, 24 March 2017**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

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%

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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**



COME AND TRY SCOUTS!
 Taree Cubs and Joeys ...

Meet Monday from 6pm.
 Taree Scout Hall,
 Rifle Range Road, Taree.

Contact Leonie Cooke 0408 359 135



2017 TWPS Parliament



2017 Swimming Champions



2017 Sport House Captains



Uncle Jeremy with some Stage 2 students

Our Kinder students thoroughly enjoyed a bus safety ride and experience recently. Thank you to Eggins Bus Company for providing this for us again.

