

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 3 – Week 2

Tuesday, 25 July 2017

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	26 July	6pm P&C meeting
Thursday	27 July	Buderus 7s
Friday	28 July	PSSA Hockey – Maitland PSSA Soccer - Wingham
Monday	31 July	Education Week Stg 2 - Spelling Bee 9:30 Stg 3 Spelling Bee 12:30
Tuesday	1 August	Kickoff Scripture session High School transition meeting 6pm
Friday	4 August	Jeans for Genes Day
Saturday	5 August	OPEN DAY 10am-12pm
Tuesday	8 August	Stg 1 Aboriginal students - Cattai Wetlands
Wednesday	9 August	Stg 2/3 Aboriginal students – Cattai Wetlands
Friday	18 August	Final Camp payment due for all camps.
Monday	21 August	Book Week Literacy & Numeracy week
Tuesday	22 August	P&C Hot Dog day
Wednesday	23 August	P&C meeting 6pm
Thursday	25 August	Book Parade Daffodil Day – wear yellow/flower

Principal's Report

Welcome back to another wonderful term of learning and opportunities for our children. I hope that you all enjoyed the winter holidays with your children. Our student enrolments are continuing to increase and we have welcomed and are welcoming another four families to our school, which is fantastic.

Student Learning Meetings

To support ongoing student learning for every child we are going to be trialling a new process this term. Students will be sending invitations to parents/carers inviting them to school to see what they are learning. During this time they will be meeting together with their teacher and parents/carers to celebrate their achievements and to identify together what they are learning to do next.

The opportunity for these meetings will be held over several weeks this term to allow all parents/carers the opportunity to be a part of the learning meetings. Bookings will be available online and via the school office. Further details in relation to each teacher's availability and the booking process will be provided in the invitation from your child. It is anticipated that the invitations will be sent home early next week.

The Learning Meetings will replace our previous Parent Teacher Night. We have made this decision based on feedback from parents, students and teachers which indicated that a 10 minute meeting to look at a child's report is not an effective process in supporting improved student learning outcomes. Research informs us that active parental involvement in the school education process results in improved learning practices, higher levels of student engagement and higher overall academic and social achievement.

We would therefore like to trial the concept of the Learning Meetings as a way of actively engaging each child and parent in the learning process. Our main priority in the school, beyond student safety and wellbeing, is literacy and numeracy attainment and this will always remain our relentless pursuit as our children deserve nothing less. Our aim is to ensure that every parent/carer attends a meeting with their child and their teacher during this term. We look forward to seeing

you all at the learning meetings. We will be seeking feedback again following this trial.

Taree West School OPEN DAY

Our school will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 5 August from 10 am to 12 pm for 2018 new and prospective students and families to our school. We are looking forward to meeting many of our new families.

Coming to school too early

I have noticed that quite a number of children are coming to school very early which is not appropriate as there is no supervision until 8:40am and it is also extremely cold early in the morning. The OOSH offers families before school care and supervision from 6:30 am if you need to drop your children off on your way to work. Please contact Sigourney on 0499 258 875 to make enquiries or to book your child in for before school care. It is a safety concern for children to be at school before 8:40 am.

School Evacuation Drill

Our school undertook a school evacuation drill this afternoon as part of normal school processes which require all schools to undertake either a lockdown or an evacuation every 6 months. Once again the children need to be congratulated on their behaviour and compliance with emergency procedures.

School P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will take place Wednesday 26 July from 6pm in the school Library. 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

Scripture next week

Next week a visiting activity presentation will be provided as part of scripture. The activities are part of Kickoff which our school also participated in last year. Kickoff is a ministry of Word of Life Australia. Each Kickoff involves large inflatable equipment that children can climb over, tumble through and slide down in safety, inventive and unique games, lots of enthusiastic fun, plus a clear and simple gospel presentation. Word of Life travel all up and down the eastern seaboard presenting seminars in schools, running youth events and taking their Junior Kickoff to hundreds of schools in numerous regions. For more information about Word of Life please visit www.wol.org.au

PBL

The PBL rule for this fortnight is: **Place all rubbish in bin**

Infants PBL Class of the Week: **KM**

Infants PBL Student of the Week: **Krystal Kelly KM**

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

Primary PBL Student of the Week: **Taneha Clement 5-6L**



Netball

Well done to our girls Netball team for their win against Dungog PS last week.

The girls played extremely well and demonstrated great sportsmanship and teamwork.

They should all be very proud of their efforts as they now progress into round 5 of the PSSA knockout competition.

A special thanks to Maj Mitchell for your support on the day.



Spelling Bee

The Stage 2 & Stage 3 Spelling Bees will be held next week, week 3. Parents are welcome to attend.

Stage 2 - Monday 31st July at 9:30 in the hall

Stage 3 - Monday 31st July at 12:30 in the hall.

Earn & Learn

Our school will once again be participating in the Earn & Learn program at Woolworths which starts this week. Each time you spend \$10 you will earn one sticker which can be placed on your Earn & Learn card. You can place completed cards or loose stickers in a box which will be located in the foyer near the breakfast club room. Sticker sheets will be available from class teachers or from Mrs Cheney. In the past your support has allowed us to receive new and exciting equipment and resources for our school!

Thank you.

Mrs Cheney

Focus on Ability Film Festival

Following on from the success of our entry last year into the Focus on Ability Film Festival, one of our Year 5 students, Benjalli, was inspired to make his own film for the 2017 competition. With the fantastic support of our SLSO Kylie, he created the film titled 'Hear we are, Hear us now' showcasing two of our amazing students Connor and Luikas. The film has been selected as one of the finalists in the 'School Entrants: Documentary' category!

We would love for our community... to get behind Benjalli and our school by voting for the film. Voting goes live on Tuesday 25th July at 10am and concludes 7th August. You can vote for the film by clicking on this link <http://www.focusonability.com.au/> By voting you will place yourself in the running to win one of the daily prizes. We thank you for your support.

Well done Benjalli, Luikas, Connor and Kylie on your incredible achievement!



Book Club Loop

All students will have received a new catalogue in the last day or two. We ask parents to please use the online ordering system to purchase books from Book Club.

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 16 June. Please feel free to contact me at school on 65521910 if you would like more information or some help to submit an order.

Jenny Stockdale

Tips for Helping your Child with Reading

Writing All Around Us

Home is a good place to help your child to make the connection between writing and spoken language. When children are given the chance to write using everyday activities, they learn important things about the relationships between sounds and words. They also learn about different kinds of writing and how we use them.

Try and provide your child with practical writing experiences that are meaningful so that they help your child to make sense of the importance of writing and spelling.

Let you your child see you writing each day. You can write a note and put it in your child's lunch box or leave a note on their bed or in their play area.

PLAYING GAMES

- Word games can be played anywhere. Help your child to find little words in big words and to write them down. For example, the word 'carpet' has the letters for much smaller words like 'car', 'pet', 'are', 'care', 'tar'. When you're out and about point out words and jumble the letters to see what other words you can make.
- Children enjoy doing word games, and improve their awareness of words and spelling at the same time. Be available when children are doing cross-words, word scrambles and word searches to help when needed. Many word games are available in book form or on the internet. Play scrabble with your children.
- The following internet sites have some good ideas for word games.

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/blogs/scholastic-parents-learning-toolkit/word-games-to-play-kids>

<http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2012/05/10-word-games-for-kids.html>



Community Advertisements**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*ACTIVE OOSH 2017 AT TAREE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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**Rhee Taekwondo**

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TAREE ATHLETIC CLUB INC.**(Incorporating Little Athletics and Senior Athletics)**

Welcome to Taree Athletic Club for the 2017-2018 Season.

Athletics first competition day is Friday 1st September. 4.30pm start

Our current Annual Registration Fees are as follows:-

Tiny Tots (3 - 4 years) and U6's	\$95.00
U7's - U17's	\$95.00

Come down for a 2 week trial and see how much fun you can have and meet new friends. Any questions look us up on facebook or ring: Rebecca 0419247709

Ninja Kids

Japanese fighting arts of the Ninja and Samurai
Realistic application of self defense techniques
Multiple attackers and weapons defense

WWC Verification No: WWC1345417E

1st Aid Certified and Insured

Training from \$15 per lesson
Adults, women only & childrens classes available

Sensei Ross (Taree Dojo) 0426 206 336

Presented by Bujinkan Mid North Coast Dojos
Taree/old Bar/Krambach

TUNING IN TO KIDS

parenting program



"Develop skills to teach your child to understand and regulate their emotions"

"Builds secure attachment and positive relationships"

"Reduces challenging behaviours"

25 OCT – 29 NOV 2017

Tuning in to Kids focuses on building skills for supportive, emotionally responsive parenting that develops children's capacity to identify and regulate their emotions

When: Every Wednesday for 6 weeks

Time: 10.00am – 12.30pm

Location: Parkside Building - Fotheringham Park, Victoria Street Taree

Morning Tea provided

Phone: 02 6551 1800



Empowering people,
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Ph: 02 6551 1800

www.mssinc.org.au

Manning Support Services Inc.

Funding for this program is provided by the Department of Family and Community Services

Back to Mount George Festival

12:30pm
Billicart Derby

**Design it
+ Build it
+ Race it**

8:30am - 2pm
Markets

10:30am - \$20 Family
Jay's Magic Show

ALL DAY
Live Music

ALL DAY
Car Show

\$5 Entry
Trophies + Prize Money
Mount George Public School
Adult & Junior Divisions
Registration starts at 9:00am
- helmets must be worn

**SATURDAY
26TH AUG**

For more details: Mount George Public School 6550 6555
or email mtgeorge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Find us on Facebook - The Mount George School Of Arts Hall

Good for Kids good for life

WHY DOES OUR SCHOOL HAVE HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS?

Good nutrition and physical activity improves students' concentration and behaviour and boosts school performance.

Below are some examples of strategies schools are implementing to promote healthy eating and physical activity:

- Crunch&Sip® – a daily fruit, vegetable and water program
- NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy – revised canteen strategy replacing Fresh Tastes @ School
- PE lessons have a focus on developing students fundamental movement skills
- Students have access to physical activity equipment during breaks
- Teachers have been trained in the Live Life Well @ School Program
- Teachers are regularly incorporating healthy eating and physical activity into their lessons



PHONE 4924 6499



**Is your child at school or starting next year?
Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms,
books, excursions or a laptop?**

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au