

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 3 – Week 3

Tuesday, 1 August 2017

## WHAT'S ON

Friday	4 August	Jeans for Genes Day
Saturday	5 August	<b>OPEN DAY 10am-12pm</b>
Tuesday	8 August	Stg 1 Aboriginal students - Cattai Wetlands
Wednesday	9 August	Stg 2/3 Aboriginal students – Cattai Wetlands
Friday	18 August	<b>Final Camp payment due</b> for all camps.
Monday	21 August	Book Week Literacy & Numeracy week
Tuesday	22 August	P&C Hot Dog day
Wednesday	23 August	<b>P&amp;C meeting 6pm</b>
Friday	25 August	Book Parade Daffodil Day – wear yellow/flower
Thursday	31 August	Father's Day stall

## Principal's Report

This week we can proudly celebrate Public Education. The theme of Education Week – I Learn, We Learn reflects the values of our school. Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding work done by our school community.

Public education reflects Australia's core values of excellence and equity for all. As NSW Primary Schools, we all continue to provide the critical foundation for success and opportunity by strengthening our democratic way of life. Together we have a lot to celebrate. Each day, in each classroom, we work in partnership with families to prepare students for the world they will inherit and lead. Public education continues to inspire young people and it creates opportunities for all.

## Taree West School OPEN DAY

Our school will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Bike Safety – coming to and from school

Members of the community have reported some very unsafe behaviour of some of our students when riding to and from school on their bikes. If your child rides a bike to school can you please speak to them about road safety that is; keeping close to the left when riding, crossing intersections very carefully after you have stopped and checked for vehicles and doing up helmets so that they fit snugly on the head. Together we can ensure that our children are safe.

## 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. The invitations are being sent home today or tomorrow.

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.

#### 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.

#### 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
<b>K-1G</b>	Thomas W	Ethan T	Indiana S	Trey S
<b>KB</b>	Stanley C	Ella C	Jacob M	Codie G
<b>KM</b>	Savannah B	Nathan R	Caylin R	Kristal K
<b>KS</b>	Fraser H	Cameron W	Jacob C	Blaire G
<b>1-2M</b>	Jessica B	Jagger W	Kalum H	Samuel S
<b>1C</b>	Zoe B	Mason K	Charlie B	Samantha G
<b>1J</b>	Cooper Y	Marley A	Emily B	Zac A
<b>1S</b>	Jhardeah L	Riley M	Emily C	Levi W
<b>2A</b>	Michael H	Lara G	Caden J	Hailey B
<b>2S</b>	Julius C	Lincoln C	Elouise W	Sarah-Jane B

#### PBL

Infants PBL Class of the Week: **K-1G**

Infants PBL Student of the Week: **Cooper Yarnold 1J**

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

Primary PBL Student of the Week: **Charntae Lesslie-McFarland 3-4H**



### Assembly this Friday

Our Years 3-6 Assembly this Friday will be different to our usual assembly. Senior Constable Dave Russell, who is the Youth Liaison Officer, will be speaking with the primary students about cyber safety and bullying, following up from his talk earlier in the year. After his presentation, our Stage 3 students who have been participating in the Drumbeat program will be performing. We would like to thank Luke and Renae from Manning Support Services for providing our school with this amazing program. A Stage 2 group will be starting the Drumbeat program next week.

### NAPLAN is going Online

From next year, the annual NAPLAN assessments will be going online. To ensure all schools are ready for this change, a Readiness Test will be completed by students in Year 3 and 5. The purpose of the Readiness Test is to check the school's capacity to deliver a NAPLAN test in an online form to a large number of students. It is not an assessment of student ability and there will be no student data collected. Our Year 3 & 5 students will complete the Readiness Test in Week 6 of this term. For further information parents are encouraged to read the Fact Sheet for Parents and Carers that appears elsewhere in this Newsletter. The Fact Sheet also contains a link to a NAPLAN Online public demonstration website that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year.

### Earn & Learn

Our school will once again be participating in the Earn & Learn program at Woolworths. 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

### Buderus 7's Rugby League Competition

Our 5/6 Boys Rugby League team participated in the Buderus 7's Rugby League competition on Thursday of last week. The boys performed really well and they were a credit to their school in terms of their effort and sportsmanship which they displayed. We ended up playing against Forster public school in the semi-finals. Our boys went down 4-2 in a really close game. Forster went on to defeat St Josephs Taree in the final and will be representing our area at the state finals in Sydney.



### Hockey

Congratulations to the Taree West PS hockey teams for a successful day winning their fourth round matches in the PSSA State Knockout Competition.

The girls played Tenambit PS and displayed great team passing, poise and sensational scoring accuracy.

The boys also played Tenambit PS and displayed excellent skills considering there are a number of first year players amongst the team.

Both teams are now one win away from being Hunter Champions. The Hunter Champions will progress through the quarter finals with a bye and enter the finals.

Thanks to all the support the students had on the day from family and friends. Judging by the smiles on the student's faces, I think they enjoyed their experience. Mr Umland



### Soccer

Last Friday, our girls soccer team participated in the PSSA Girls / Small School Soccer Gala in Wingham.

The girls had a great day. Well done girls. A big thank you to Mrs Saunders.



### 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**

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**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.

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