

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 1

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday	13 th February	P & C Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	14 th February	TWPS Swimming Carnival
Wednesday	21 st February	Commonwealth Games Day K- 6 \$4.50



Principal's Report

We would like to welcome back all of our students and families to another wonderful and exciting year at Taree West. During this week we will also be welcoming approximately 25 new Year 1 – 6 students and approximately 80 Kinder students (although this number is currently increasing each day).

The return to school has so far been very smooth with children being placed in temporary classes at present until our enrolments numbers are known and confirmed. At this stage we have increased enrolment numbers to the point of forming a 21st class however with our recent increase we are very close to forming a 22nd class. We anticipate that our enrolment numbers will be confirmed early next week with 2018 classes being established by Week 3.

The children have returned to school very excited and eager to be with friends and to learn. It is wonderful to see their smiling, eager faces as I visit the classrooms and walk through the playground.

The Department is currently in the process of providing further classroom space as we only have 20 classrooms on site at present. It is anticipated that this will take place in the near future. To support our increased classes we will be temporarily using the library as a classroom for a team teaching kinder classroom.

Crunch and Sip/ Drink bottles/hats/Asthma puffers and medications

All children will participate in a Crunch and Sip program as part of our morning session – all children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable and a bottle of water to have during this time.

Can you please ensure that your child always has a school hat (with their name on it), a bottle of water, which is refillable, for use throughout the day.

If your child has Asthma, can you please ensure that they have their puffers readily available in their school bag each day. All other medications and medical plans need to be coordinated through the school office. If your child has a medical need or needs medication at any time throughout the year please contact the school office.

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival will take place on Wednesday 14 February. Students who are competent swimmers are invited to attend this event. Notes will be handed out to interested students next week.

Commonwealth Games Day

On Wednesday 21 February we will be participating in a whole school Commonwealth Games Day. The day will involve the students in an official opening ceremony, sport events and activities and a closing ceremony. The cost of the day will be \$4.50 per child. A note will be sent home early next week.

Questions/ Queries/ Concerns during the year

We have found over many years of experience that small problems or issues can lead to big problems if not addressed in a timely manner. We welcome your input into your child's education and their school day. If at any time you have any concerns or queries please contact us so that we can work with you to support your child. You can ring or come in to see your child's teacher, the Assistant Principal, our Deputy Principal, Mrs Linda Xerri, or Mrs Donna Bensch, the school Principal if you have any queries at any time in relation to child/ren.

School Bell Times

8:40 am Supervision commences
9:10 am Bell and classes commence
11:10 am Lunch
1:25pm Recess
3:10 pm – Classes conclude – Home

P&C Meeting

The first P&C meeting for 2017 will be held on Tuesday 13 February at 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

Our School Staff**Executive Staff**

Principal – Mrs Donna Bensch
Deputy Principal – Mrs Linda Xerri
Instructional Leader – Mrs Francoise Dupen
Deputy Principal
Instructional Leader – Joy Redman
Deputy Principal

Assistant Principals

Kinder (Early Stage 1) – Mrs Stacey Wallis
Year 1 and 2 (Stage 1) – Mr Jacob Cook
Year 3 and 4 (Stage 2) – Mr David Kingsland
Year 5 and 6 (Stage 3) – Mrs Teala Suters

Teaching staff – As at 31/1/18 – Classes will be confirmed as soon as possible

Kinder	Chris Gillett
Kinder	Amy Scanes (Thurs/Fri)
	Simone Coleman (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Kinder	Claire Beer
Kinder	Amber Mills
Stage 1	Talya Sedlen
Stage 1	Barbara Cameron
Stage 1	Emma Breese
Stage 1	Rhonda Hurrell
Stage 1	Janet Griffith
Stage 1	Sarah Sy
Stage 1	Emma Alexander
Stage 2	Jodie Stokes
Stage 2	Craig Bullivant
Stage 2	Tracy Saunders
Stage 2	Kaylee Hurrell
Stage 2	Jess Munro
Stage 3	Michelle Burns (Larbalestier) (Enrichment class)
Stage 3	Stephanie Northam
Stage 3	Simon Umland
Stage 3	Pascale Sturzenegger
Stage 3	Sarah Ney
Other teaching Support Staff	
Support staff and RFF	
	Simone Gale, Karina Laurie, Tara Moore, Rose Sullivan, Rachel Hinton, Glenda Cross, Maree Cheney (Reading Recovery)
Library	Lucy Legge
Aboriginal Programs	Benn Saunders
Counsellor	Ms Kim Voss and Mrs Christian Fieldhouse
Vision support teacher	Ali Stephen
Home school Liaison	Louise Croker

Administrative and Support Staff

School Admin Manager	Mrs Mandy Small
School Admin Officers	Mrs Sharon Smith
	Mrs Mel Turner
	Mrs Cristy Burke
General Assistant	Mr Ross Bennett
Aboriginal Education Officer	Kristel

School Learning Support

Officers	Pauline McMaster
	Carl Muxlow
	Christine Crisp
	Brock Schiemer
	Kylie Hinten
	Amy Kelleher
	Tamika McCarthy
	Janna Lambert
	Vicki Willing

Chaplain	Leonie Jones
Canteen Manager	Leanne Nowland (Rel)

Guitar Group

All students wishing to participate in our school guitar group need to register their name with Mr Cook. This can be done at recess or lunchtime this week. Students who participated in the group last year will have preference and then new students will be added to the list. We can take around 30 students. Students from year 1 to year 6 are welcome to join the group.

School Group

Our school band program will commence next Tuesday. The times for tutorials/rehearsals will be given to the students this week. A parent information evening will be arranged in the coming weeks for students who wish to join our school band program. At the parent information evening students and parents can collect the relevant enrolment forms. 8:40am supervision commences

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Club Contact Information:

Taree Panthers

Email:

tareepanthersjrl@outlook.com**Club President:**

Doug Ferguson:

0429 138 950

TAREE CITY NETBALL CLUB**Registration Day 1st Feb****Taree City Rego Day and uniforms 21st Feb, 4-6pm at Club West**Registrations close: 28th Feb

Taree City Netball Club or contact us via e-mail

info@tareecitynetball.com or contact Sasha on:

0410 562 636

Or our registrar Linda on:

0418 456 541

(After school hours)

Active kids rebate.

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4.30pm - 6.00pm at THE HOCKEY FIELDS

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