

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 5

Tuesday, 27 February 2018

WHAT'S ON

Friday	2 March	Clean Up Australia Day at school Primary Assembly 2pm
Tuesday	6 March	Hot Dog & Popper Day
Friday	9 March	Infants Assembly – hosted by 2A
Tuesday	20 March	Easter Scripture Service
Wednesday	21 March	P&C AGM Harmony Day – School Disco
Tuesday	27 March	School Photos
Tuesday-Monday	27 March – 9 April	Life Education Program
Thursday	29 March	Easter Egg Raffle Drawn at Hat Parade
Thursday	12 April	Medallion Assembly Grandparents Day



Commonwealth Games day

Principal's Report

Student supervision in the K-2 playground before school – School Community Meeting

A school community meeting was held last Thursday night. Concerns were raised through our school P&C about the safety and supervision of children in the K-2 playground before school each morning. Staff also acknowledged that this is the most difficult time of the day to adequately supervise the children as there are so many parents and family members in the playground.

At the meeting the following suggestions were proposed. **Proposed strategies**

1. Reminder to parents/carers that children are not to be at school before 8:40am
2. Explore the possibility of establishing a **Kiss and Drop Zone** either at the back or front of the school with the local council and RMS.
3. Establishment of a designated classroom space for students who need additional support in coming to school commencing at 9am.
4. Establishment of **Kiss and Go Zones** within the school – at either end of the tiger turf area so that only children are on the tiger turf and at the K-2 seated area.
5. Back gate opening at 8:45am and closing at 9:15am of a morning.

We now seek feedback from the school community - please send your comments, suggestions to Vanessa Bergan , P&C President at tareewestpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Student Toilets – Only for the use of children

Parents/Carers and any other adult visitors to the school are strictly prohibited from using the children's toilets at any time. This is a child protection issue and is for the safety of all children. If you are in the school and need to use a toilet please speak to a staff member for assistance.



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Staff Car parks – Staff Only – No other vehicle or pedestrian access

Due to Work Health and Safety Regulations, parents are not permitted to use or park in the staff car parks when dropping off or picking up children from school. Parents/carers and children are not permitted to walk through the car parks when entering and leaving the school. This is for the safety of all children and visitors to the school.

Road Safety – Wingham Road

Can you please speak to your children, if they come to school via Wingham Road, about using the pedestrian crossing in Wingham Road when coming to and from school. A number of children have been seen recently crossing the road in-between buses and cars just a few metres from the crossing. The teachers have addressed this with the children in the classrooms and at assemblies however we would also appreciate you reinforcing safe road use practices with your children as well.

P&C Meeting

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 20 March 2018 in the school Library at 6pm.

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.

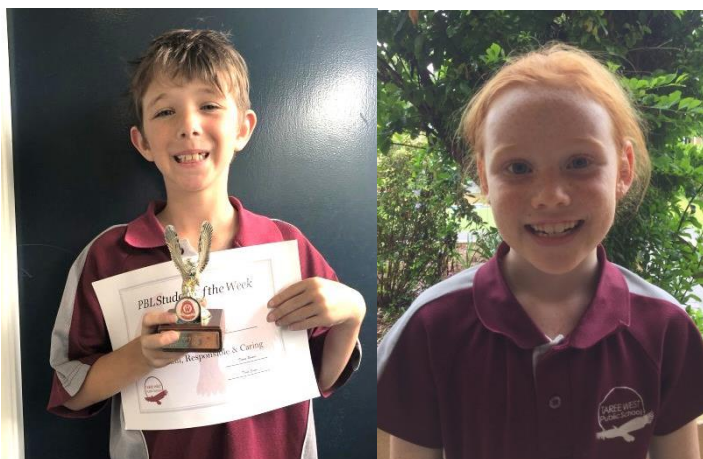
Donna Bensch Principal

PBL

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

Primary Student of the Week: **Brandon Whittaker 3-4S**

Infants Student of the Week: **Savannah Hewitt 2S**



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 or projects. 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 will run 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 16th March.

Get ready for The Big Veggie Crunch!

On Thursday 1st March at 10.00am, Taree West Public School will be joining hundreds of schools across NSW to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables simultaneously.

But we need your help to make it a success!

On Thursday 1st March, please pack your child a container of vegetables (not fruit) for them to crunch on.

Need some ideas?

- carrot, celery, cucumber – cut into sticks or left whole
- capsicum – cut into sticks or wedges
- corn – raw baby corn spears or a cooked corn cob
- broccoli or cauliflower florets - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- tomatoes – small cherry tomatoes or a large tomato that can be eaten like an apple
- beans or snow peas - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- mushrooms – sliced or left whole

Joy Redman - Vegetable Week School Coordinator

Ethics Classes at Taree West Public School

Could you be an ethics teacher for Taree West Public School?

We are seeking volunteers so that ethics classes are available for all families who have requested them.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules: lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available at Tuesday between 11.55 am/1.25 pm (TBA) each week to teach a half hour class. A small amount of weekly preparation (such as printing and reading through lesson materials) is also required.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, support their arguments with evidence and disagree respectfully rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure. Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the school's ethics coordinator Peter Gerhard on 6556 9396 or the Primary Ethics Regional Manager Maria McCarthy at mmccarthy@primaryethics.com.au

Good for Life Good for Kids – participation in physical activity program.

Our school is participating in Hunter New England Health's *Good for Kids Good for Life* program which has been working with schools in our region for more than a decade to implement healthy eating and physical activity programs. As part of the program *Good for Kids* are currently measuring the activity levels of students.

For parents of children in years 2 and 3 you will have received an information statement asking your permission for your child to participate, which will involve them wearing an accelerometer each day while at school for one school week. An accelerometer is worn on the wrist and looks like a watch but captures activity levels. Once data is collected schools will be randomly selected with the scheduling of physical activity. This will include the provision of professional development for our staff as well as the provision of resources and ongoing support from the *Good for Kids* team.



We thank you for your participation and encourage you to contact them if you have any further questions.

If you could return the form that would be greatly appreciated.

Community Advertisements

ACTIVE OOSH 2018 AT TAREE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 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

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

Female Football Week - Saturday 10 March 2018

These festivals offer opportunities for young girls to engage in additional skill development sessions to improve their confidence and coordination, and will include fun football games. An opportunity to engage and celebrate with other enthusiastic girls, and a chance for girls aged 4 to 11 to experience football before the 2018 season starts.

Limited spaces apply, register now!

Date: Saturday 10 March 2018

Time: 9am to 11am

Cost: \$22 pp – each participant will receive a rebel Female Football Week shirt and drink bottle.

Locations: Speers Point + Singleton + Lennox Head +Taree + Coffs Harbour + Tamworth

Register: www.northernswfootball.com.au/female-football-week

TAREE CITY NETBALL CLUB

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.

**Music Trivia Fundraiser**

For GREAT LAKES WOMEN'S SHELTER Building Fund

3 Year plan: To build a shelter for victims of domestic violence

DATE: SATURDAY 3rd March '18

VENUE: FORSTER
BOWLING CLUB

TIME: 6:30pm for a 7:00PM START

PRE-BOOK TICKETS: \$20.00 PER PERSON

Put a team together (8 per table) or we can include you in a team!

BYO nibbles and extra gold coins for raffles and games!

For tickets & enquiries contact Roz – 0400 629 768

Wingham Hockey Club

Wingham Hockey Club is looking for players in all ages and of all abilities.

We are having 2018 SIGN UP DAYS on

Monday 26 February/Monday 3 March

at the TAREE HOCKEY CENTRE from 5.00pm.



"Active Kids" Vouchers can be used when registering online

More details about how to apply for your voucher, register with Hockey NSW and about our payment plans will be available at the sign up days.

Please feel free to contact us Shaun Fuller – President 0402177223

Gabe Poole – Vice President 0407288013

Leanne Yarnold Registrar 0455855000

Tegan Lynch – Womens Rep – 0422446726

Marlena Stone – Junior Rep 04174229945

Donna Nielsen – Treasurer 0421773548

Email: wingham_hockey_club@hotmail.com

Taree West Raiders Hockey Club – sign up day

Tuesday 27 Feb 2018 at the HOCKEY CENTRE from 4.30-5.30pm.

Your "Active Kids Vouchers" can be used and ALL KIDS will receive an additional \$25.00 voucher to use at a local sports store.

More details about flexible payment plans and registering with Hockey NSW will be available at the sign up days.

Contacts:

Ruth Sheather: 0427 653 295

Leanne Davy: 0435 225 900

Rod Collier: 0488 973 051

Donna Atkins: 0448 906 106

Email: tareewesthockeyclub@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook

and our website: www.twhc.org.au

**Taree District Girl Guides**

Invite you to come and try

Girl Guides

(Girls aged 5-17years)

Every Wednesday during school terms

4:30pm-6:15pm

Come and try us out, we are

always...making....doing...cooking...inventing...experiencing new things...

Come find out why Girl Guides is an awesome activity for your daughter to be involved in.

Where: Taree Guide Hall, Douglas Street, Taree

Please call Cindee – 0484 916 607

Di – 0449 517 443

Paid Advertisements**Hallidays Point Physie Club**

Does your daughter love to dance?

Classes are starting back and new classes are now starting Monday 12th February at St John's Memorial Hall, Taree West .Ages 5 to 12 years. There are ladies classes too!

Physie is exercise, floor routine & dance aiming to increase flexibility, co-ordination, and help build confidence.

First 2 classes are free so why not come along and try it!

Class times for 5-6 years 3.45pm, 7-8 yrs 4.30pm, 9-12 years 5.15 pm

Phone Marilyn on 0410 789 314

Rhee taekwondo

"The art of Self Defence"

Why not try The Family Martial Art for children and adults with 2 FREE Lessons and see the difference for yourself.

Visit www.rheetaekwondomnc.com.au or call Brent 0427 646 737

