

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 7

Wednesday, 14 March 2018

WHAT'S ON

Friday	16 March	Years 3-6 assembly 2pm
Tuesday	20 March	P&C AGM and general meeting 6pm
Wednesday	21 March	Harmony Day – wear Orange School Disco
Friday	23 March	TWPS Cross Country
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

Principal's Report

Building works in the school

Thank you so much for your understanding and flexibility during the building works that are being conducted in the school. I understand the impact this is having in both entering and leaving the school grounds. Please remain vigilant for any changes in organisation and report any safety concerns if identified immediately to the office.

School Staffing

I would like to congratulate Mr Benn Saunders on his permanent appointment to our School. Benn has been appointed as a permanent classroom teacher. Well done Benn – we are so happy that you have been able to permanently join our school staff.

Car Accident

Two of our ex-students were involved in a very serious motor vehicle accident over the weekend at Crowdy Head. Our thoughts and prayers are with both boys and their families at this time.

Harmony Day

Next Wednesday 21 March is Harmony Day. All students will be involved in class based activities throughout the day. All children are encouraged to wear an item of orange colouring to school for the day.

Police Visit

Senior Constable Dave Russell, our Police Youth Liaison Officer, came to our school last Friday. Snr Cons Russell met with all Year 3 – 6 students. He spoke to them about being safe and reporting any concerns about bullying, violence and aggression. He also spoke to them about mutual respect and being a friend. We really appreciate the visits from our local police as it helps to keep our school safe.

School Photos

School photos are on Tuesday 27 March. Envelopes went home with children last week. Completed envelopes with correct money enclosed are to be returned on photo day.

Sibling and spare envelopes are available from the school office.



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Cross Country

The Taree West PS Annual Cross Country will be held on Friday 23 March.

This year we will be holding both Infants and Primary on the same day. All students will participate in the cross country in age groups according to the age they turn this year – 2018.

Infants Cross Country will commence at 10:00am.

Grandparent's Day

Grandparents Day will take place on Thursday 12 April. We will begin with our end of term Medallion assembly. Grandparents will then be invited into the classroom and they will be able to join their grandchildren for a picnic lunch. We are really looking forward to welcoming as many grandparents as possible.

P&C Meeting and AGM

The next 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

Class Awards

Class	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award	Class Award
K-1G	Axl J	Thomas J	Chloe S	Tori W
K-1S	Boyce B	Sophia C	Kaiden M	Ruby T
KB	Xavier W	Lennox T	Lilly H	Emmy G
KC	Savarna M	Luci F	Tyson W	Xavier H
KM	Ruby G	Zachary G	Ashley C	Leighlan K
1C	Malakai F	Jacob M	Evelyn S	Abbey O
1G	Thomas W	Isabel J	Ava G	Emily G
2-3R	Mackenzie C	Ella A	Trey S	
2A	Logan C	James T	Rachael J	Eva-Lafaye C
2B	Ellorah H	Noah B	Taleah A	Mackenna L
2S	Sienna R	William Mc	Navayah L	Marley A

Regional Swimming

Congratulations to Louisa Wilson who swam at the Regional Swimming Carnival last week. She placed 6th for the Junior Medley and 13th for 50m Backstroke. Well done, Louisa!

PBL

Primary Class of the Week: A tie this week – **3-4-5M and 5-6N**

Primary Student of the Week: **Craig Barnes 5-6N**

Earn & Learn

We were very excited to receive our Woolies Earn & Learn items into the school. With our points we were able to get some large construction toys and Lego for the K-2 playground. Amy from Woolies and her team came to present the items to us at our first K-2 assembly for the year.

The K-2 children have already been very busy at lunchtimes creating some amazing things.

Thank you to Woolies and also the community for helping us to collect stickers from Woolies for this program.

Maree Cheney

**Found**

We have been handed a number of items that have been found in and around the school. If you have lost some jewellery or a fit bit style watch, please come to the office.

Class Reward Pizza Parties

Taree West Public School is a Positive Behaviours for Learning school. As such, we implement a range of reward schemes to encourage and recognise expected positive behaviours.

One of these schemes involves points being awarded to classes that demonstrate excellent behaviour in class lines at assemblies. A winning Stage 2 class and Stage 3 class will be announced every half term.

The class that has earned the most points over this period of time will receive a class Pizza Reward Party. Congratulations to **3/4T** and **5/6P** who are the winners for the first half of Term 1.

A letter will be sent home with students of the winning class. If your child has any dietary requirements that may affect their participation in a Pizza Reward Party, please advise the school by returning the return slip prior to each party.

Tips for Helping your Child with Writing



TALKING

Talking with your child teaches them about the importance of language and the patterns in language. This is an important first step in your child's literacy.

- Talk to your child about what they find interesting.
- Teach your child the common names for things. You and your child might use the word 'momo' for 'orange' but will anyone else be able to interpret it?
- Children love to play games on the computer and they can learn valuable language skills while they play. There are many software programs that teach language skills as well as being fun, and many websites that you can visit with your child to help them learn about sounds, letters and words, including the ABC 4 Kids website: www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/games/. However, using a keyboard does not develop your child's hand muscles or fine motor skills so balance computer use with play that involves pens, pencils and craft activities.
- Listen to your child. Listen to the little and big things about their life.

Reading at home is the most effective way that you can help your child learn to write. Early and frequent exposure to letters, sounds, words and stories helps kids learn to read and write!!

Zone PSSA Rugby League Trials

Last Thursday we had 9 students from our school trial for the U/11s and U/12s Manning zone Rugby League teams. There were around 70 students who were trialing for selection in the representative teams. The standard of Rugby League which was played on the day was of a very high standard and all of the students who trialed for the teams were selected by their schools as players who showed potential and above average skills. We had 2 students selected in the U/11s team and they were Jake Hunter and Zane Hopkins and 4 students selected in the U/12s team and they were Mathew Burns, Jackson Barr, Rory Murray and Josh Hopkins. Congratulations to these boys on their selection and they now go on to trial for the Hunter Regional team at Raymond Terrace on 6th April.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

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 aims to help improve student learning outcomes and 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/information-for-parents>

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.

Please be assured 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 12th – 16th March 2018**. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form 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 **12th March 2018**.

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.

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***** CLUB VACANCIES *****

The following clubs have vacancies they are looking to fill –

Great Lakes – U6, 10, and Mens O35s

Green Point - U6, U7, U8 and U16 girls

Moorland - U12

Wingham - U13 and U15

* All of FMNC's 31 clubs will have vacancies across their age groups (junior and senior).

Contact clubs here - <http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/fmnc-clubs/>