

Taree West Public School

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Term 2 - Week 2

Tuesday, 8 May 2018

WHAT'S ON

Thursday	10 May	Mother's Day stall
Friday	11 May	K-2 Assembly 2:00pm
Monday – Friday	14-25 May	NAPLAN online test period – Yrs 3 & 5
Wednesday	16 May	P&C Meeting 6pm
Thursday	7 June	2B & 1G PCYC Gym starts
Friday	8 June	TWPS Athletics Carnival
Wednesday	27 June	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show - Kindergarten

ANZAC Assembly



Principal's Report

Mrs Bensch and Mrs Xerri are on leave this week so I am relieving in the Principal role and Mrs Stockdale is relieving Deputy Principal. Mrs Bensch is returning next week.

Homework Survey

The school is currently reviewing its policy on homework and all parents are encouraged to have their say on this important issue by completing a short survey. A special reward will be given to the class in K-2 and 3-6 that has the highest number of surveys completed. Further details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Classroom Changes

Mrs Burns and 5/6B are settling nicely into their new classroom in B Block now that work has been completed. Mrs Hurrell and 2/3R can now be found in Room 15 while Mrs Legge has returned to the Library. After spending Term 1 in the Library, Mrs Mills and KM and Mrs Coleman and KC are very happy to be in their own classrooms up in the Kindergarten block.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN tests will commence next week for students in Year 3 and Year 5. Our school is one of a number of schools completing all tests online this year with the exception of writing for Year 3 which will remain as a paper and pencil test. Good luck to all!

Mother's Day

I'd like to wish a happy Mother's Day this Sunday to all our wonderful mums and just a reminder to students that a Mother's Day Stall is being run by the P & C at school this Thursday.

David Kingsland
Relieving Principal

PBL

Infants Student of the Week: **Maddison Green 1C**



Primary Student of the Week: **Clairah Sadler 3-4-5M**

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

**Zone cross country carnival**

On Friday of last week we had approximately 30 students represent our school in the zone cross country carnival at the Wingham Sporting complex. All of our students represented our school in a sporting and respectful manner and were a credit to themselves and their school. Most of the races had around 70-80 competitors in each age race and these students were selected from their school's cross country races across the Manning Zone. One of our students **Connor Neal** ran 5th in the 10 years boys race and Connor will now go on to represent our Zone at the Hunter Regional Cross Country Carnival to be held later this term. Well done Connor!!

Kiss and Go Zones

Following school community consultation through the school P&C and feedback received from other community members, to support student safety in the K-2 tiger turf area before school, the following motion is now in place.

1. A designated classroom space for students who need additional support in coming to school. This is Room 18, Mrs Sedlen's room at 9am each day.
2. Establishment of **Kiss and Go Zones** within the school – at either end of the tiger turf area so that only students are on the tiger turf and at the K-2 seated area of a morning before school.

Other strategies to support safe practices before school also include

3. Back gate opening at 8:45am and closing at 9:15am of a morning.
4. Reminder to parents/carers that children are not to be at school before 8:40am
5. Follow up with council in relation to the establishment of a **Kiss and Drop parking zone** either at the back or front of the school.
6. **Student Toilets –for the use of school students only.**

We would like to thank parents for their support in helping us to achieve a safe school environment for our students.

School Homework Policy Survey

This year, our school will be reviewing our school homework policy. A survey has already been conducted on staff and students regarding their views on homework. As part of this process we are asking parents to participate in the *School Homework Review Survey*. The survey asks parents and carers questions about their beliefs, perceptions and experiences in regards to their child/children participating in and completing formal homework (not including Home Reading). The link to access the survey is

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FNTFFNY>

The class with the highest percentage of completed surveys in K-2 and 3-6 will receive a class party which will be in the form of a movie and popcorn afternoon. The survey takes approx 2 minutes to complete. We would really appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the survey.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show

Kindergarten students are invited to attend The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show at the Manning Entertainment Centre on 27 June.

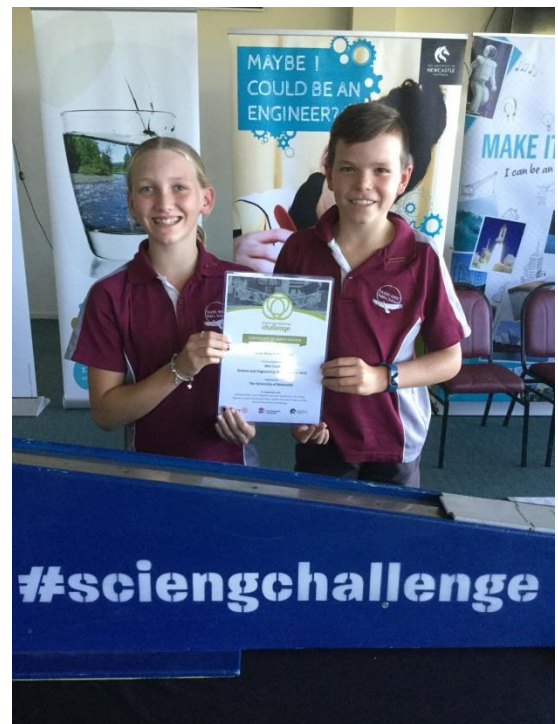
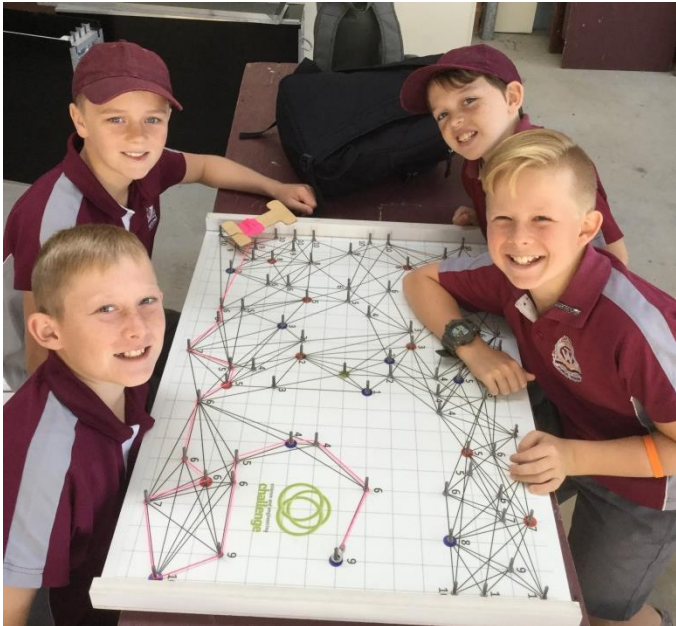
The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show is based on the genius of children's author, Eric Carle's incredible stories coming to life on stage. The show features a menagerie of 75 enchanting puppets that faithfully adapts four of Eric Carle's beloved books for the stage.

The cost of the show is \$16.00, however the school is subsidising each child \$6.00 to reduce the cost to **\$10.00 per child**. Children will also need to bring \$3.00 for the bus on the day of the show.

Please return permission note and payment to classroom teacher.

Science and Engineering Challenge

Yesterday Stage 3 participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge at the Taree-Wingham Racecourse, which was presented by the University of Newcastle. The day is designed to provide students with a positive experience of science and engineering. Students engaged in different activities that challenged their thinking and problem-solving abilities. Our students worked cooperatively in their teams to develop, design and test solutions to a variety of scientific problems. It was a fantastic day of learning and discovery.



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 issue 2 close on Wednesday 16th May. 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

Headlice

There have been a number of cases of headlice within the school. Please check your child's hair for nits/lice. If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment straight away.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website or through the Department's website at:
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>.

Netball

Last Thursday our Girls PSSA netball team played a match against Tinonee P.S. Both teams played incredibly well and demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship. Our girls were successful and came away with the win! The scoreboard reading 17-7 on the final blow of the whistle. Well done girls



Basketball

Congratulations to our boys and girls Basketball teams who were successful in defeating Gloucester Public School in Round 1 of the PSSA Knockout competition last Wednesday. Well done!



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

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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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Good for Kids good for life**USING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AS A REWARD**

We all like to treat our kids with rewards when they have completed a task at home or have performed well in school.

Here are some ideas on how to incorporate physical activity into your rewards:

- Visit a park that your child loves to go to.
- Instead of buying a food reward why not get some new sports equipment for home, such as a skipping rope or basketball?
- Plan a special trip to an indoor park.
- Go on a family bike ride and pack a special morning tea.
- Invite their friends over for a play in the backyard.



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**FAMILY
FUN DAY****CELEBRATING FAMILIES****When:** Thursday 17 May 2018**From:** 10.30am - 1pm**Where:** Fotheringham Park
Taree

National Families Week is held every year between 15 and 21 May, as a celebration of the vital role that families play in communities across Australia.

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