

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1- Week 4

Tuesday, 19 February 2019

## WHAT'S ON

Monday - Friday	18 February - 1 March	Learning Meetings – please book your meeting.
Wednesday	20 February	Zone Swimming Kinder Dental talk P&C Meeting 6pm Library
Thursday	21 February	Area AECG Meeting – 1pm – Members 2pm – Non-members
Friday	1 March	Clean Up Australia Day
Monday – Tuesday	4 – 12 March	Life Education van
Wednesday	20 March	P&C AGM & General Meeting 6pm - Library
Thursday	21 March	Harmony Day
Tuesday	26 March	School Photos
Friday	5 April	Stage 2 Camp deposit due.
Thursday	11 April	Grandparents Day – Medallion Assembly
Friday	12 April	Hat Parade

## Principal's Report

### Swimming Carnival and Zone Swimming

Congratulations to all of our swimmers last week, you did us proud at the school swimming carnival. It was such a fantastic day and it was wonderful watching the children give it their all as they swam in their races. A big thank you to our staff and also our swimming parents who volunteered to help, giving us their time to make the day such a big success. A special shout out to Louisa Wilson, Year 6, for breaking two school records in Breaststroke and Butterfly.

We wish all of our Zone swimmers well tomorrow and we look forward to hearing of their success.

### Toys at school

Quite a number of children are bringing toys from home to school and unfortunately it doesn't always end well, many items are lost, get broken, are swapped or unintentionally traded. It is too hard for staff to monitor, especially in the playground and teachers can spend quite a lot of time away from teaching, investigating issues around personal toys. Therefore children's personal toys will not be allowed at school. The school has a lot of equipment and activities for the children to use during breaks at lunch and recess. If your child would like to bring in something special for news it will need to be given to the teacher at the start of the day for safekeeping – it will then be returned to the child at the end of the day.

### Scripture and Ethics

Scripture and Ethics classes will commence next Tuesday 26 February. For students in Kinder and the 2 K/1 classes Scripture and Ethics will commence at the beginning of Term 2. Ethics classes are only available this year for children in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2. Students in Years 3-6 who have nominated Ethics will now be in the Non-Scripture classes.

### Taree West P.S. Kindness Culture



As a whole staff we have made a commitment to focus on embedding a kindness culture within our school. Kindness is intertwined with our school values of Care and Respect and is an essential value that we wish to instil within our whole school community. To promote kindness, teachers have started implementing a range of strategies and activities in their classrooms and we have started establishing some whole school systems.

An orange Kindness token was introduced last year through our student Parliament. This token is designed to recognise and promote acts of kindness and to positively acknowledge students as being 'Kind Kids'. Students are awarded these tokens at stage assemblies/ lines and they can be given by both staff members and students. The teacher will invite students to raise their hand if they have spotted someone displaying an act of kindness and 2-3 students will be selected to share what the act of kindness was and they will then present the person with a token. The orange eagle tokens are placed in the K-2 and 3-6 Kindness boxes. Any Kindness tokens given in class can be placed in a class box and these will be collected by the PBL monitors. When students receive a token they need to write their name and class on it before placing it in the box. The student name drawn out of the K-2 and 3-6 boxes will receive a special 'Kind Kid' award and their photo will be included in the newsletter. The orange tokens will accumulate to a special Kindness display to go in the library, computer room or office foyer.

*'It's a beautiful day when kindness touches it'. – George Elliston*

### Student Learning Meetings

Student Learning Meetings which will be held for all classes (except 3/4B and 5/6B, which will be held at a later date) during Weeks 4 and 5 of this term. This is an opportunity for you and your child to have a chat about them and their learning. In the learning meeting, you can speak about your child's strengths, areas that could be worked on, interests, likes, dislikes, any medical information, family information or anything else you think is important. It is anticipated that each meeting will go for 15 minutes. We are looking forward to meeting with all of our parents.

### P&C Meeting

Please join us this Wednesday, 20 February at 6:00pm in the school library for our first P&C meeting in 2019. 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

### School Voluntary Contributions

In 2019 the Voluntary Contribution is \$30.00 per child in years Kindergarten to Year 6. Fees can be paid directly to the Front Office or using the Parent online Payment system via our school website. Money collected is used to purchase much needed learning materials.

### PBL

Infants Student of the Week: **Kirrah McLean 2G**

Infants Class of the Week: **1-2C**

Primary Student of the Week: **Lily McNeil 5-6N**

Primary Class of the Week: **5-6M**



### Kind Kid Award

Infants: **Jaxon Rolfe K-1C**

Primary: **Kasey Jackson 5-6N**



### 2019 TWPS Swimming Carnival and Two Records Fall

Approximately 90 students attended the school swimming carnival at the Wingham Swimming Pool last week. It was a wonderful day with many children swimming to the best of their ability and earning points for their house.

Louisa Wilson had a wonderful day by breaking two TWPS records. The new records are as follow:

Event 15: Girls 11Yr 50m Breaststroke Record: 47.Louisa Wilson (2019)

Event 27: Girls 11Yr 50m Butterfly Record: 42.15 Louisa Wilson (2019)

Individual Age Champions and Champion House have been decided and the trophies are being engraved soon.

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children in their endeavours and assisting with the running of the carnival. It would not be successful without your support.

It is a shame that more children didn't attend the carnival. I would like to encourage more children to the event next year. It is a great day and a pleasure to organise when our students represent our school impressively, year after year.

Mr Umland

### Found

We have a number of pairs of glasses that have been found around the school.

If your child has lost/misplaced their glasses, please see the office.



### Community Advertisements



#### ACTIVE OOSH hours

Before school: 6.30am – 9.00am

After school: 3.00pm – 6.30pm

Vacation Care: 7.00am – 6.00pm

**\*\*Centrelink rebates do apply\*\***

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Wednesday 30th Jan 4-6pm 61 Pulteney St, Taree

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