

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1- Week 8

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	20 March	P&C AGM & General Meeting 6pm - Library
Thursday	21 March	Harmony Day
Friday	22 March	K- Assembly – hosted by 2-3S
Tuesday	26 March	School Photos
Friday	5 April	Stages 2 & 3 Camp deposits due.
Thursday	11 April	Grandparents Day – Medallion Assembly
Friday	12 April	Hat Parade

Harmony Day

will be celebrated this Thursday March 21.

The continuing message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. It is about community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect and belonging.

Children are asked to wear orange on the day and will participate in classroom activities to celebrate the day.



Principal's Report

Last year I began a conversation with you about Online Safety and Cyber Bullying through the school newsletter and at our end of year assembly. We need to continue this conversation and we need to be active participants in it. There are new platforms for bullying to take place and it is so different to what it was like when we were all at school. Your children are the first generation to only ever know about communication through chat rooms, Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat plus many more online applications. We are all navigating through a point in time when we don't really know what is happening and what sort of communication is going on between the children.

As we all know for some reason, bullying seems to exist in both schools and workplaces – it is not acceptable and as a school we constantly provide support and interventions in addressing bullying. We work with the children about positive behaviour, identifying bullying, having support networks, being a good friend and kindness.

Once again this year we have organised cyber safety and anti-bullying workshops for both our students and parents. Last year only one parent attended the two workshops that were offered. This year we have organised for the parent workshop to take place at 3:30pm on the Staff Development Day, on Monday 29 April and we look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible. Please do not think that this doesn't apply to you and your family.

Workshop Details

Bully Zero delivers face-to-face anti bullying programs and **workshops** across Australia. Qualified teachers deliver face-to-face **cyber safety** and bullying sessions to students and parents.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students will be participating in workshops focussed on cyber safety in the school hall on **Tuesday 30 April**.

There will be a **parent workshop** to be held in our Library from **3.30pm to 4.30pm** the day before on **Monday 29 April**.

P&C Meeting and AGM

The P&C AGM and general meeting will be held this Wednesday in the school Library from 6pm. All are welcome to attend. Please note that only financial members are eligible to vote at the AGM.

Dogs in the School

Families are reminded that dogs are not permitted on the school site.

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
2-3S	Brayden G	Tayla B		
3-4B	Charlie K	Ava L	Lincoln S	Abigail H
3-4G	David B	William Mc	Oriana K	Charlie G
3-4H	Zack R	Emily C	William W	Hailey B
3-4K	Callie G	Curtis M	Nevayah L	Jodie G
3-4M	Aiden F	Jordan S	Gemma G	Shakari W
5-6E	Armarlia W	Dylan R	Thomas K	Aaliyah K
5-6G	Xavier H	Hailey U	Ava K	Riley B
5-6M	Harley J	Azra U	Madison W	Joel T
5-6N	Taylah B	Sommer A	Kasey J	Millie A
5-6U	Issac J	Zaney L	Paige T	Sam D

School Photos

School photo order forms/envelopes have been sent home.

Order forms and payment are to be returned on Photo Day, 26 March. Please do not send any order forms or payments prior to photo day.

Sibling and spare envelopes are available from the office

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: **Ava Randle 2H**

Infants Class of the Week: **KA**

Primary Student of the Week: **Tamzin Ivers 5-6N**

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



Infants Kind Kid Award: **Jacob Saville 2-3S**

Primary Kind Kid Award: **Riley Kimball 3-4G**



Matific Award

Congratulations to 5-6E for winning the Yr 3-6 Matific Award for completing the most number of Matific activities during Weeks 6-7.



Eric and Toby enjoy completing lots of Matific activities.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 14 -24 May our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

- [How to support your child during NAPLAN](#)
- [information for parents and carers](#)
- [Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)
- [Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

Zone Rugby League

Last Thursday, 7 students trialed for the U11's and U12's Manning Zone Rugby League teams.

The standard of rugby league was exceptional and all of our students represented our school with pride and in a fair manner.

Elijah Russell and Toby Allan were selected in the U12's Manning side and Eric Swannack, Hudson Deas, Khye Allen and Zane Hopkins were selected in the U11's team. Congratulations to these students.

A training session has been organised for this Friday at 4pm at the Old Bar recreational grounds.

The students will attend the Hunter selection trials next Wednesday at Raymond Terrace.

Good luck boys!

Camp Reminder

Camp deposits for both Stage 2 Aussie Bush Camp and Stage 3 Sydney excursion are due by Friday 5 April.

Please return permission note and payment to school office as soon as possible to secure your child's place.

Student Writing

The Secret Power

Have you ever come home, argued with mum and then stormed out and walked miles to a river in the city? Has your mind ever spiralled out of control and you started crying? Well, both have happened to Shyla. She sat on the bank of a glistening river in a wide city dotted with stars like lights, crying silently. She watched quietly as the sun went to bed. Whenever she heard someone coming, she would shrink into a ball and shy away. As her name suggests, Shyla was a quiet and meek girl. No one ever noticed her, like she was a ghost.

Suddenly, when Shyla was drifting off, a strong gust of cool wind woke her. She looks at the river. A strange, green glow accompanies the rushing water. The cool wind whips back Shyla's black hoodie, revealing her brown hair and pale, freckled face. A strange glowing woman rises out of the gushing water. She is wearing a long, frilly seaweed dress with white seashells in her long, wavy black hair. She smiles softly as all the sea creatures bow down before her and water drips off her flowing dress.

'Shyla, thank god. I know this might be a lot to take in but you are the only one who can stop the darkness. Quickly! Your training begins now!'

"What on earth are you talking about?" gasps Shyla.

"Oh goodness me, sorry. My name is Drakssen the Sea Queen. You have water powers that need to be used for good. You need to use them to destroy the darkness that's threatening the world."

"You must have the wrong person" proclaims Shyla, surprised.

The darkness is a black matter that destroys everything it touches. At that moment, Shyla thought very hard about dropping water on Draksses's head. She was crazy! As soon as she had thought it, it happened! A big ball of water rose out of the river and fell on Draksses's head. Shyla looked on in shock, but Drakssen just laughed. And at that moment, Shyla began to train harder, become stronger and she learned a lot about herself. As she trained every day, she got better and better. However, when Shyla tried to defeat the darkness, each time she would fail. Drakssen gave her weird advice that only made the darkness more formidable.

One night, while lying in a bed of grass by the river, Shyla thought a terrifying thought. Drakssen was an anagram for darkness!! Drakssen was the darkness!!

Yet another green glow entered Shyla's eye. Drakssen rose out of the water. "Yes indeed I am the darkness." Drakssen sneered. "And now, I can finally be rid of you!"

Shyla could feel her face going bright red with fury and her strong fists shaking as she fell to her knees. She had trusted Drakssen!

Then, in her rage, she accidentally summoned the sea. It began to pulse light blue as it engulfed the darkness. There was one last green glow and then, nothing. Drakssen had drowned, never to return.

Shyla never went home but instead she watches over the city. Stealing to survive. No one ever catches her though, she's too quiet. She loves the city, as the city loves her.

By Taylah Brown 5/6N

New Friends, New House, New Me

Tall buildings towered over the old rusty ute like eagles to their prey. They had been driving for nearly seven hours now and Amber had nearly forgotten what that small town looked like. "Hey Amber, how are you doing?" her dad said.

"Ok I guess" she mumbled back.

"Don't worry yourself kiddo." her dad called again.

"Oh James," Scolded Aunt Cora, "She is nervous about moving."

Amber stayed quiet. The wind through the open window whooshed in like a whistling train as they finally encountered the huge city.

"Amber, come help me unpack these boxes." Aunt Cora ordered. They were finally here at their new home in the city. The house was grey and pale blue, like the sky. There was lots of room in the backyard with a nice spacious garden. 'This would be great, but it's missing Mum.' Amber thought silently, blinking back tears and she ran off to help with the boxes.

Beep! Beep! Beep! Amber woke with a start 'Oh no! 'She thought. 'I'm going to be late for school and on my first day too!' She jumped out of bed and threw on her uniform and shoes. Amber brushed her orange hair and pulled it back into a ponytail. She raced down the stairs to the kitchen, grabbed her bag and said "Sorry Dad, no time for breakfast, got to go!" She took off again down the street and through the school gates. She stopped and took a deep breath.

"Hello, you must be Amber Smith" said a smooth voice. Amber looked up. "I am Miss Jones, nice to meet you." She drew out her hand and Amber shook it. Two girls skipped over. One was tall with long, wavy brown hair and glasses covering her bright, green eyes. The other girl had short, blonde hair with ocean blue eyes and a wide smile.

"Hello, I'm Chloe" began the brown haired girl.

"And I'm Hayley" finished the blonde one.

"Hi, I'm Amber" added Amber, smiling.

"Well, you girls seem to be ok on your own" said Miss Jones. "I will leave it to Hayley and Chloe to show you around. The girls ran off to show Amber to her classes.

As they ran off, giggling and laughing, Amber thought 'maybe I should not have been so worried after all. Maybe, just maybe, I can be who I want to be in this new place.'

By Amelia Anderson 5/6N

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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