

# Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 6

Wednesday, 20 November 2024

## WHAT'S ON

Thursday	21 November	PCYC Gym – K/1K & KV
Friday	29 November	3-6 Assembly 2:30pm
Thursday	5 December	Kindergarten 2025 - buddy visit – 9:30am-11:00am
Friday	6 December	Colour Run – 2pm
Thursday	12 December	K-6 Presentation Assembly – 9:30am in the hall
Tuesday	17 December	Yr 6 Farewell
Wednesday	18 December	Last day for students
Friday-Wednesday	31 January -5 February 2025	Staff Development days
Thursday	6 February	Students in Yrs 1-6 return
Thursday-Friday	6-7 February	Kindergarten Best Start Assessment appointments
Friday	7 February	New enrolments start
Monday	10 February	Kindergarten students start
Friday	21 February	TWPS Swimming Carnival

## Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Exciting News - Our Students to Perform at the NSW Schools Spectacular!

We are thrilled to announce that 14 of our talented students will be heading down to Sydney next week to participate in the highly anticipated NSW Schools Spectacular! This incredible event showcases the outstanding artistic talents of students from across the state and provides a unique opportunity for our performers to shine on a grand stage.

The rehearsals will kick off next week, building up to the final performances scheduled for the 29th and 30th of November. Our students have been working diligently to prepare for this momentous occasion, and their hard work and dedication have truly paid off. We are so proud of their commitment to excellence and their passion for the performing arts.

The NSW Schools Spectacular is not just a performance; it is a celebration of creativity, teamwork, and the diverse talents of young Australians. Our students will join hundreds of other performers in a spectacular showcase that includes singing, dancing, and orchestral performances. It promises to be an unforgettable experience that they will carry with them for years to come.

We appreciate the support of our parents and families for their support of the students by taking them to Sydney for the performances. It is a wonderful opportunity to witness their talents and celebrate the hard work they have put into this event. Tickets are available through the official NSW Schools Spectacular website and will be televised later in the year.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the teachers and staff who have supported our students in their preparations for this event. Your encouragement and guidance have made a significant impact on their journey.

Let's cheer on our students as they take this exciting step and represent our school in Sydney! We are confident they will do us proud!

## Year 5/6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp

Point Wolstoncroft – Diary

**Day 1** - of camp was an absolute blast! The students had a great time getting muddy on their bike ride and cooking up some delicious damper. Some even tried their hand at archery tag! The day's adventures included fishing, kayaking, and giving stand-up paddleboarding a go!

**Day 2** - of camp saw the students busy fishing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, and playing a round of disc golf. All that activity worked up a serious appetite, and they thoroughly enjoyed some well-deserved burgers for lunch!

**Day 3** - Our Stage 3 camp wrapped up with a fantastic final day! The students had a great time participating in their final activities of biking, cooking damper over the fire, fishing, and playing disc golf. The photos shared capture some of the highlights from our last night's game and our activities during the day.

As we reflect on this incredible experience, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff who made this trip possible. Their dedication and care ensured that our children had a safe, enjoyable, and enriching experience.

We encourage you to ask your child about their favourite moments from camp. We believe that sharing these stories will not only reinforce their learning but also inspire other children to look forward to future adventures.



## Scooter and bike safety

Many of our Year 3-6 students are riding their scooters and bikes to and from school and are also out and about after school. While these activities are a fantastic way for our children to stay active and enjoy the outdoors, it's crucial that we prioritise safety. One of the most important safety measures is ensuring that our children wear helmets at all times while riding.

### Why Helmets Matter

Helmets are designed to protect our children's heads from serious injuries in case of falls or accidents. Studies have shown that wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85%. This simple piece of safety equipment can make a significant difference in ensuring our children remain safe while enjoying their rides.

### Choosing the Right Helmet

When selecting a helmet for your child, consider the following tips:

1. **Fit is Key:** A helmet should fit snugly on your child's head without being too tight. It should sit level on their head and not tilt forward or backward.
2. **Check for Certification:** Look for helmets that meet safety standards, such as those certified by the Australian and New Zealand standards (AS/NZS 2063).
3. **Comfort and Style:** Encourage your child to choose a helmet that they find comfortable and appealing. This can help ensure they are more likely to wear it consistently.

### Setting a Good Example

Children often model their behaviour after adults. By wearing helmets yourself when riding bikes or scooters, you set a positive example for your children. Share the importance of safety and discuss the potential consequences of riding without proper protection.

### Encouraging Safe Riding Habits

In addition to wearing helmets, it's essential to teach children about safe riding practices:

- Always look both ways before crossing the street.
- Use hand signals to indicate turns and stops.
- Stay within designated bike lanes or paths when available.
- Avoid riding at night or in poor visibility conditions.

### Final Thoughts

By working together to promote helmet use and safe riding habits, we can help ensure that our children enjoy their time on scooters and bikes while minimising risks. Let's make safety a priority and encourage our children to ride smart!

Thank you for your support in keeping our kids safe!

**Important Reminder: School Supervision Hours**

We would like to remind our school community about our supervision hours. We have noticed that some students are arriving at school too early, before supervision begins.

Please be advised that supervision on the school grounds commences at 8:40 AM.

For the safety and well-being of all students, we kindly ask that you ensure your child arrives at school no earlier than this time. Arriving outside of supervision hours can pose safety risks, as there may not be adequate adult supervision to monitor students.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for all our students. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact the school office.

Thank you for your support!

**Wearing School Uniform: A Reminder to All Families**

As part of our commitment to fostering a positive and cohesive school environment, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform.

We ask that students wear only the designated school uniform and refrain from wearing bike shorts, Lycra-type pants/shorts, designer or branded clothing, and hats that do not comply with our uniform policy. Consistency in our uniform helps promote school spirit and equality among students.

If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, we will contact you to bring the appropriate items to school. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all students adhere to our uniform guidelines.

Should you require any assistance with obtaining the correct uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to help!

Thank you for your support in maintaining our school's standards.

**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 – week 5**

2/3/4S	Mila C	Cooper G	Georgia D	Tori D
3/4B	Ivana B	Annjohn M	Jarnahli D	Dominic R
3/4J	Evan E	Drew H	Ivy B	
3/4K	Islah M	Sierra S	Rhys T	Izayah R
4/5/6T	Aurora M	Brooklyn F	Kian H	Matilda W
5/6C	Mia G	Alarniah W	Lachlan S	Jade H
5/6G	Emmy G	Kevin S	Uwanae O	Khaiden M
5/6H	Stephanie N	Seth A	Keaton R	Khylan B
5/6J	Xavier H	Samuel J	Mia U	Elias A

**K-2 Dental Visit**

Last week, our school had the pleasure of hosting an information session for our K-2 students from Sundial Dental. Chelsea and Allannah educated our young learners about the importance of dental hygiene and how to have good oral health habits. The presentation focused on healthy eating habits and a demonstration of proper brushing techniques. The children participated in a fun quiz that tested their knowledge of which foods were good or bad for their teeth. One of the highlights of the visit was the interactive toothbrush demonstration. Our students left the presentation with a wealth of knowledge about dental hygiene and a nice little goodie bag that included a new toothbrush. We are grateful to Chelsea, Allannah and Sundial Dental for their presentation.





### Kindergarten Class Visits

Last week some of our senior students had a wonderful opportunity to connect with our Kindergarten classes by sharing stories they had written. While some of their peers were away at camp, these students used their time to create an engaging story to share with students from a Kindergarten class. They had written tales about various topics, from adventures with animals to imaginative journeys in far-off lands. The Kindergarten children listened attentively, their eyes wide with curiosity and excitement as the older students read aloud. The Kindergarten children loved looking at the drawings and talking about the pictures, which added another layer of enjoyment to the storytelling session. This interaction not only fostered a sense of community within our school but also helped strengthen the literacy skills of both groups. We look forward to more opportunities for our students to connect and learn from one another in the future!



### Student Merit Awards

Students who have awards to be redeemed for higher awards are asked to bring them into the office no later than **Friday 6 December**.

**COLOUR RUN  
REMINDER**  
Permission via Sentral Parent Portal is required for participation.  
All fields marked with a **RED \*** must be completed

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