

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4 – Week 9

Thursday, 12 December 2024

WHAT'S ON

Friday	13 December	PBL Fun Day
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,

As we close out another remarkable year at Taree West, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our parents, carers, and the entire community for being our invaluable partners in education.

Today, during our presentation assembly, we celebrated an incredible year filled with achievements, showcasing the amazing talents of our student performers and the outstanding accomplishments in academics, sports, and the arts.

I am thrilled to congratulate our 2025 school leadership team, including our Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects, and Sporting Captains and Vice Captains. Your leadership is vital in fostering a positive and spirited school environment, and I look forward to seeing your contributions in the coming year.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge our dedicated staff. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our students and their learning journeys. Your hard work and passion are the driving forces behind our continued success.

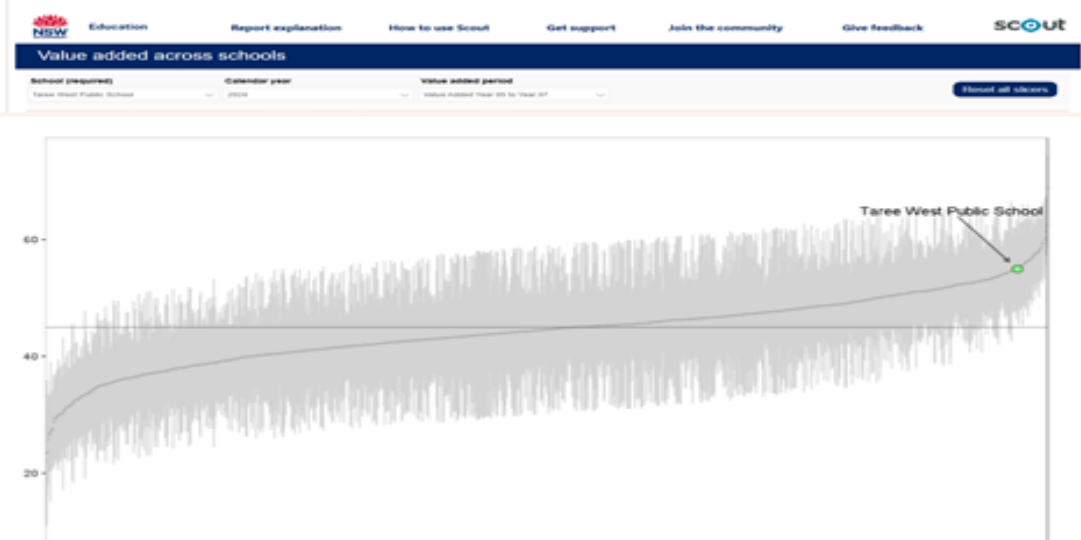
I am excited to share that Taree West has maintained its academic excellence in 2024. Our value-added data clearly demonstrates our school's effectiveness in relation to student learning, showing that we are performing well above the 'average' school. As illustrated in graph below, Taree West is positioned favourably among all NSW schools for Year 3-5 students. This data not only reflects our sustained achievements but also highlights our upward trajectory, solidifying our success.

Taree West Public School – Year 3-5



In the next graph, we can see Taree West's placement among all NSW schools for Year 5-7 students.

Taree West Public School – Year 5-7



This outstanding accomplishment underscores our reputation as a leader in student learning and growth. The longer students attend Taree West, the more they consistently achieve well above many other schools. This remarkable data is a testament to the hard work of our students and staff, and I couldn't be prouder of what we have accomplished together.

Lastly, I would like to extend a special thank you to our Parents and Citizens Association, particularly our dedicated P&C President, Lyn Alley. Lyn's commitment to our school is truly inspiring. Through her exceptional leadership, we have witnessed our school community come together in remarkable ways. Her dedication and hard work ensure that our students and families feel supported and valued, earning her the respect and admiration of our entire school community.

As we look forward to the new year, let us continue to work hand in hand to support our students in their growth and development. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season filled with love and laughter and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School holidays commence on Wednesday 18 December 2024. Students will return to school on Thursday 6 February 2025.

2025 School Leadership Team

School Captains: **Chelsea Hammond & Marley Simmonds**

School Vice Captains: **Aemon Brown & Khylan Beale**

Prefects: **Brooklyn Freeman, Caitlin Corry, Gabriella Devries, Jax Gillard, Jonathan Binil, Joshua Lockey, Olivia Fawcett, Stephanie Nicholson**



Sport House Captains

Gordon

Captain – **Emma Coe**

Vice Captain - **Ashleigh Gibb**

Paterson

Captain – **Amalia Allan**

Vice Captain – **Finn Collins**

Kendall

Captain – **Matilda White**

Vice Captain – **Jariel Mathew**

Lawson

Captain – **Heath Hughes**

Vice Captain – **Lily George**





OC and Selective High School Class 2026

Applications are now open for 2026 entry into selective high schools and opportunity classes (OC). Apply for your child today!

Did you know that we offer online selective high school/opportunity classes through Aurora College for high potential and gifted students.

Learn more and apply at: education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc

Selective high schools and opportunity classes

Apply now if your child is in **Year 3** for entry into an **opportunity class**, or **Year 5** for entry into a **selective high school**, in 2026.

Applications close 21 February 2025

What are opportunity classes?

[Opportunity classes](#) are offered in primary school from Years 5 to 6. There is also an [online opportunity class](#) for students in rural and remote areas. Students attend a local host school and complete their maths and science and technology lessons online through Aurora College. Parents/carers apply for opportunity class placement when their child is in Year 3 and can apply up until 21 February 2025, when their child is in Year 4. You can include up to 4 school choices when you are applying for an opportunity class.

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

PBL

Infants Student of the Week: **Jordan Gray 2S**
Primary Student of the Week: **Jaylah Bramble 3/4B**



Partners in Learning Parent Survey Results

There were 121 respondents in the 2024 Partners in Learning survey which was completed by parents and carers. The 2024 survey results were above last year's results in all 7 areas: Parents feel welcome, Parents are informed, Parents support learning at home, School supports learning, School supports positive behaviour, Safety at school and Inclusive school. This demonstrates and reinforces the consistent commitment to supporting effective communication with parents and families, our school's commitment to our students and their learning and is an outstanding result. Another significant result indicated that 80% of parents felt that they would recommend their child's school to other parents. We would like to thank all of the families who took the time to complete the survey. Your input and perspectives are greatly appreciated and will assist our school executive in planning for 2025 and beyond.

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