

Taree West Public School

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Term 2 – Week 3

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WHAT'S ON

Friday	16 May	Backflips Against Bullying – Yrs 3-6 PSSA Netball Knockout
Monday-Wednesday	19 – 22 May	NSW PSSA Hockey Championship - Newcastle
Wednesday	21 May	National Simultaneous Story Time
Thursday	22 May	School Disco
Friday	23 May	Hunter Cross Country
Tuesday	27 May	Hunter PSSA – Touch Trials – boys & girls Year 6 RYSTEM day – Taree HS
Wednesday	28 May	Zone Soccer trials – boys & girls
Thursday-Friday	5-6 June	School Photos
Monday	2 June	TWPS Athletics Carnival

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enhancing Communication Between School and Home: PBL and Behavioural Processes

As part of our commitment to fostering a positive learning environment, we are implementing new communication strategies regarding student behaviour. Class teachers will now inform parents if their children attend a buddy class for behavioural reflection more than once within a week. This proactive approach allows parents to engage in meaningful discussions with their children about low-level disruptive behaviours, ensuring that we work together to maintain a productive class learning environment.

For more significant behavioural concerns, students may be required to attend the Reflection/Sort and Talk Room during lunch breaks. In these instances, a parent note will be sent home with the child, outlining the reasons for their attendance. We kindly ask that this note be signed and returned to the school the following day. This process will provide parents with the opportunity to discuss behaviours of concern with their children promptly, reinforcing the importance of self-reflection and responsible behaviour.

Through these initiatives, we aim to strengthen the partnership between school and home, ultimately supporting our students in their learning journey and personal growth. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in creating a positive school environment.

Support from Behavioural Specialist Mr Ian Luscombe

Mr Ian Luscombe from Behave Ability is visiting our school this week. He is providing valuable support to our students, staff, and parents. With a wealth of experience in behavioural management, Mr. Luscombe is dedicated to fostering positive environments both in the classroom and on the playground.

During his time at our school, Mr. Luscombe is working directly with our students to enhance their learning experiences and social interactions. He is also available to assist staff in implementing effective strategies that promote a supportive and engaging educational atmosphere.

In addition to his in-class and playground support, Mr. Luscombe is offering individual meetings for parents who wish to discuss their child's behavioural needs or seek guidance on strategies at home. These meetings are a great opportunity to gain insights and tailored advice.

If you would like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Luscombe, please contact the school office at 6552 1910. We encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity to collaborate with a skilled professional in the field of behavioural support.

School Uniform

As we continue to foster a positive and respectful school environment, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of our school uniform policy. It is our expectation that all students wear the full school uniform each day, which includes our designated school jackets, jumpers, and hats. This not only helps to promote school spirit but also ensures a sense of equality among students.

Please be reminded that branded or designer clothing is not permitted as part of our uniform. Adhering to this policy is essential in maintaining the integrity of our school community.

If your family requires assistance in providing the correct uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are here to support you and ensure that all students are able to meet our uniform expectations.

Mobile phones or other electronic devices

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our school community about our technology policy regarding mobile phones and similar electronic devices. As per our policy, student mobile phones, smart watches, and other similar devices are not permitted on school grounds during school hours.

We understand that some students may need a mobile phone for safety reasons before and after school. In such cases, we require a written request to be submitted to the principal. If approved, the phone must be handed in at the office upon arrival at school and can be picked up at 3:10pm at the end of the school day.

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

Book Club LOOP orders

All orders for issue 3 will close on Friday 16th May 2025.

If you would like to purchase a book for your child, please go online at:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx>

Class Awards

KM	Mila T	Ava T	Archer M	
KS	Kaleah P	Savannah B	Samina H	Nikita M
K/1V	Austin T	Tillie R	Eddie L	Luka P
1A	Jemima S	Jacob S	Cameron M	Anabia M
1M	Amal H	Attila W	William B	Lillyarnah T
1/2J	Layne B	Parker V	Paityn H	Alirah G
2S	Finn R	Chase B	Harper M	Matilda-Rose R

Understanding Our Buddy Class Process

At our school, we support students to make positive behaviour choices through a clear and consistent process. When a student is not meeting behaviour expectations in the classroom, they may be given a **First Reflection** as a chance to reset. If the behaviour continues, a **Second Reflection** is provided. If the issue still isn't resolved, the student is sent to a **Buddy Class**—a short, supervised time-out in another classroom. This allows the student space to calm down and reflect away from distractions, before returning to their classroom, ready to learn.

PBL**PBL FOCUS – “BULLYING – Wounds You Can’t See”**

This fortnight, our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) lessons focus on understanding the impact of bullying — especially the emotional hurt that can’t always be seen. Students will take part in a thought-provoking activity using Band-Aids to explore how unkind words and actions can leave invisible wounds. They will learn that emotional pain can last long after the bullying has stopped and that kindness and empathy are powerful ways to support others.

We encourage families to talk with their children about how emotional hurt can affect people and the importance of showing care and respect.

Infants’ student of the Week: **Riley Prenclaves 1A**

Primary student of the Week: **Hudson Maynard 2/3T**

**NSW PSSA Basketball**

We would like to wish Jax all the best at the NSW PSSA Basketball tournament in Minto this week. Jax is representing the Hunter boys team and is a keen basketballer. We know you will do well Jax and we can't wait to hear about your achievements when you get back to school.



Taree Dance Eisteddfod

On Friday, May 9, our dance group performed at the Taree Dance Eisteddfod at the Manning Entertainment Centre. We are excited to share that the girls received a "Highly Commended" award in the primary section!

This is a wonderful achievement and shows how hard the girls have worked and how dedicated they are during their weekly practices. Their teamwork and talent really stood out during their performance.

We are very proud of all the girls and what they have accomplished. A big thank you to our dance teacher Amanda and everyone who has supported our dancers!



Manning Zone Cross Country

On Friday last week around 30 students from our school participated in the Manning Zone Cross Country Carnival.

The students had a thoroughly enjoyable day and had to contend with an extremely wet and muddy track. Our students performed really well and we would like to congratulate Malik who finished first in his race and Jax who finished second in his race.

Both boys will now represent our school and the Manning Zone at the Hunter Cross Country Carnival at Avondale on 23 May. Good luck boys and well done to all students who represented our school on Friday.



PSSA Soccer Knockout

On Monday our girls and boys soccer teams played their PSSA Knockout matches against Cundletown. They played with great teamwork and sportsmanship, although they did not make it through to the next round. The students represented our school wonderfully and should be proud of their efforts.



P&C News


BREAKING NEWS ALERT

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough fundraiser is coming to Taree West PS! 🍪 Over the next few weeks, we will be selling dough-licious cookie dough to fundraise for playground improvements.

Please keep an eye out for an order form that will be sent home in the coming days.

#AustralianFundraisingSpecialists #BillyGsCookieDoughFundraiser #CookieDough #Cookies





**TAREE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C FUNDRAISER**

DISCO

DATE: May 22nd

WHERE: SCHOOL HALL

COST \$5.00

CASH ONLY PAY AT THE DOOR

K-2: 5:00-6:00pm

3-6 : 6:00-7:30pm

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE
600ML BOTTLED WATER &
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