

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 1 – Week 4

Wednesday, 19 February 2025

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	19 February	TWPS Swimming Carnival
Monday-Friday	24 February-28 February	Learning Meetings – IN PERSON
Monday-Friday	3 March-7 March	Learning Meetings - PHONE
Tuesday	25 February	Zone Hockey Trials
Thursday	27 February	Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday	6 March	NSW CPR Program – Yrs 5&6
Friday	7 March	Zone Rugby League trials – 11's & Opens
Monday	10 March	Hunter PSSA Swimming
Tuesday	11 March	Hunter PSSA Basketball trials
Wednesday-Tuesday	12-25 March	NAPLAN
Thursday	27 March	TWPS Cross Country
Friday-Friday	28 March-4 April	Life Education

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Swimming Carnival

We wish all our students the best of luck at the school swimming carnival today! It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Remember to cheer each other on and have fun!

Additionally, we would like to remind parents and carers that the Zone Swimming Carnival will take place on 27 February. We look forward to seeing our talented swimmers represent our school with pride.

Good luck to everyone participating!

Road Safety - Walking Safely to School

As we encourage our students to stay active and healthy, we want to remind everyone about the importance of road safety when walking to school. Ensuring that our children know how to navigate their environment safely is crucial for their well-being.

Here are some essential tips for walking safely to school:

1. Use Designated Pathways: Always walk on footpaths and cross at designated pedestrian crossings where available.
2. Look and Listen: Teach children to stop, look, and listen before crossing the road. They should always check for vehicles coming from both directions.
3. Stay Alert: Encourage students to stay focused while walking, avoiding distractions such as mobile phones or headphones.
4. Buddy System: Whenever possible, walk to school with friends or family members. There is safety in numbers!

5. Follow Traffic Signals: Remind students to obey traffic signals and signs, including crossing lights.
6. Be Visible: Stay seen – do not walk between cars to cross a road

By following these safety tips, we can help ensure that our children have a safe and enjoyable journey to school. Thank you for your support in promoting road safety within our school community!

Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF) Music lessons

We're excited to announce that our school has the wonderful opportunity to partner once again with The Australian Children's Music Foundation for 2025! Local musician Matty Zarb will be working with us every Thursday, providing all classes with half-hour music lessons once a fortnight.

Lessons commenced last week, and it was fantastic to see the high level of engagement from all students. Each child will have access to their own instrument during the lesson, fostering a hands-on learning experience.

This partnership is a tremendous opportunity for our children and our school, and we look forward to seeing their musical talents flourish further throughout the year!

Scripture lessons

Scripture classes will be held each Monday. The classes have commenced this week. Students in Kinder and the K-1 classes will commence scripture classes in Term 2. Please provide written information to the school if you no longer want your child to participate in scripture or you would now like your child to attend. All children who participated in scripture last year will continue to attend scripture this year.

Kiss and Drop Zones

Kiss and Drop Zones have been established at the gates for morning drop offs for all students. If your child needs additional support in coming to school, please call into the school office or ring the school on 6552 1910.

Parents are welcome in the school of an afternoon to pick up your child/ren from their classroom.

School Play Gym – K-2 Playground equipment

Due to safety regulations students and younger siblings are not permitted to use the K-2 fixed playground equipment after school. We appreciate your support in not taking your children to this area.

Student Learning Meetings

Student Learning Meetings will be held for all classes during Weeks 5 and 6 of this term. This is an opportunity for you and your child to have a chat with their teacher 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 be for 10 -15 minutes and will be held in Week 5, 24 - 28 February for face-to-face meetings and in Week 6, 3 - 7 March for over the phone meetings. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher before this time, please contact them through SeeSaw or via the school office.

Booking information has been sent home. Please contact the office if you need assistance with the booking process.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 will take place this term. Testing will commence on Wednesday 12 March and will conclude on Monday 24 March 2025. Year 3 and 5 students will also be involved in practice preparation testing on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 February.

Questions/ Queries/ Concerns during the year

As we embark on another school year, we want to emphasise the importance of open communication between home and school. Through our years of experience, we have learned that small problems or issues can escalate into larger concerns if not addressed promptly. We wholeheartedly welcome your input regarding your child's education and their school experience. If you have any questions, queries, or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Our team is here to work collaboratively with you to support your child's learning journey.

You can contact your child's teacher directly, reach out to the Assistant Principal, or connect with Mrs. Donna Bensch, school Principal. We are all committed to ensuring that your child has the best possible experience at our school.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and we look forward to a successful year ahead!

Crunch and Sip/ Drink bottles/ Hats / Asthma puffers and medications

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy habits, all children will participate in the Crunch and Sip program during our morning session. We encourage every child to bring in a piece of fruit or a vegetable and a bottle of water to enjoy during this time.

Please note that our school is equipped with water refill stations only (no bubblers), so it is essential for all children to have a refillable water bottle at school every day.

Additionally, we would like to remind families to ensure that their child has a school hat clearly labelled with their name for use throughout the day. Children without a hat will be required to sit in the shade and will not be permitted to play outside.

For families of children with asthma, please make sure that their puffers are readily available in their school bags each day. All other medications and medical plans must be coordinated through the school office. If your child has a medical need or requires medication at any time throughout the year, please contact the school office to ensure proper arrangements are in place.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students healthy and safe!

Phones and Electronic Devices such as SpaceTalk /Apple/Smart watches or similar are not permitted at School

Phones, personal iPads, SpaceTalk/Apple Watches, or similar electronic phone devices are not permitted at school, in accordance with the school's technology policy. If a student needs to have a phone for safety reasons before or after school, parents must provide a letter to the school principal. The phone or device must be handed into the office upon arrival at school and can be collected by the student at 3:10 pm. The school does not take responsibility for any damage or loss of personal devices brought to school. This aligns with the broader policy that students are not allowed to use mobile phones at school, including during recess and lunch,

School Uniform

Importance of Wearing Full School Uniform

We would like to remind all families that it is mandatory for students to wear the full school uniform each day. This includes the school hat and appropriate jackets or jumpers. Please note that designer or branded clothing is not permitted as part of our uniform policy.

Additionally, black shorts, black sport shorts, Nike Pro shorts, or bike pants are not considered part of the uniform and should not be worn to school. Students who deliberately wear non-uniform clothing will be required to wait in the office while we contact parents to provide the correct uniform.

If your family needs any support with uniform requirements at any time, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office at 6552 1910 or contact your child's teacher via SeeSaw. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all students adhere to our uniform policy, fostering a sense of pride and belonging within our school community.

Thank you for your support!

Riding a Bike or Scooter to School

We are pleased to remind families that students in Years 3 to 6 are permitted to safely ride a bike or scooter to and from school, provided they wear a helmet. This is a great way for students to stay active and enjoy their journey to school!

For your convenience, bike racks are available near the office, allowing students to securely store their bikes and scooters during the school day.

Please note that students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are not permitted to ride a bike or scooter to school unless they are accompanied directly by an adult. This policy ensures the safety of our younger students as they travel to and from school.

We encourage all students who ride bikes or scooters to follow safety guidelines and be mindful of their surroundings. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe!

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: **Joshua Lynch K/1V**

Primary student of the Week: **Arusha Kaur 5/6G**

**Aboriginal Education Officers**

Aboriginal Education Officers play a vital role in enhancing the educational experience of Aboriginal students by providing support to teachers, students, and their families. Their efforts are focused on fostering improved learning, welfare, and overall well-being outcomes for Aboriginal students.

We are proud to have two dedicated Aboriginal Education Officers at our school, Kristel Jeffries and Corey Saunders, affectionately known as Aunty Kristel and Uncle Corey. They are committed to promoting Aboriginal cultural awareness among all students through engaging cultural lessons. In addition, they work closely with families to cultivate strong relationships and connections between home and school.

If you would like to reach out to our Aboriginal Education Officers during school hours, please feel free to contact them directly on 0457 060 094.

**Book Club LOOP orders**

All orders for Issue 1 will close on Friday 21 February 2025.

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- Learn about being healthy and growing strong.
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- Interactive supermarket tour
- Come along and have some FUN!




Add a splash of rainbow

Wow your kids by making everyday lunchboxes fun, colourful and appealing. Lots of colour means lots of different vitamins and minerals.

Swap out cupcakes or lollies and swap in:

- Grapes or berries – sweet, shiny and juicy!
- Rainbow vegetable sticks – try carrot, green beans and capsicum
- Our rainbow recipes - Lunchbox rainbow noodles, rainbow vegetable kebabs or fried rice salad for a colourful vegetable hit!

