

Taree West Public School

Teamwork Welfare Performance Scholarship

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Term 4- Week 1

Tuesday, 16 October 2018

WHAT'S ON

Monday-Friday	15-19 October	Good for Kids Activity level follow up measurements
Friday	19 October	Touch Football Gala day – Taree Touch Fields
Tuesday	23 October	Touch Football Knock-Out - Singleton Hot Dog Day
Wednesday	24 October	P&C Meeting
Friday	26 October	Netball Gala day-Forster
Monday-Wednesday	29-31 October	Stage 2 Aussie Bush Camp
Thursday	1 November	KC & KM begin PCYC Gymnastics
Monday-Friday	5-16 November	Year 2 Learn to Swim program
Tuesday	4 December	Yr 6 Taree H.S & Chatham H.S Orientation



Clay work whistles made by Riley, Mia, Bow and Ramsay.

Principal's Report

Welcome back to our final term of learning for 2018. I hope that you all had a very enjoyable holiday with your children. Our staff are all refreshed and looking forward to a very productive term together. There is a lot happening this term with the Stage 2 camp in Week 3, Swim School for our Year 2 students in Week 4 and 5, the commencement of our 2019 Kinder transition from Week 5 as well as Year 7 transition preparations. We still have a couple of sporting teams and our debating team with a few more competitions ahead and we wish them well and we look forward to hearing of their achievements.

NAPLAN results were sent home with the children at the end of last term. As this is the first year some schools, including Taree West, commenced the Online NAPLAN testing environment there have been some anomalies in the results for students across all schools. An example of this is the Year 5 reading results which are not in line with our usual or expected school results. There are a number of reasons for this including the online testing environment, the test itself, the inability to compare with schools that completed pen and paper tests. Apparently the anomalies will be experienced over the next couple of years until all schools in Australia are doing the online tests. If you have any concerns though about your child's individual results, please come up and talk to me.

Principal Awards

If your child brings in their 5 achievement/reading awards to the office for a Principal Award these will be handed out at the next Friday Assembly – K-2 Even Weeks and 3-6 Odd Weeks.

Silver Eagle, Gold Eagle and Eagle Medallion Awards will be presented at the end of each term's assembly.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your **children only wear the correct school uniform every day** including shorts, skorts, long pants, school coloured jumpers/jackets, school hats and hair accessories to school. If your child doesn't have the correct uniform and you require assistance please contact Mrs Bensch via the school office.

Results from the Partners in Learning- Parent Survey

I would like to thank all of the families who participated in the survey this year. 144 parents/carers completed the survey which is absolutely fantastic. This is a record for our school and the responses provided give us with such rich information and it allows us to evaluate what we are doing and to continually focus on improving our practice in support of each child and family in our school community.

I would like to share some of the main findings with you

- 89% of the respondents either agree or strongly agree that the new format of learning meetings provided a valuable opportunity for sharing information about each child
- 91% of respondents indicated that they were able to share information about their child's learning and wellbeing needs
- 84% of respondents stated that they have a clear understanding of their child's progress (we will continue to work on this)
- In relation to the following aspects of the survey the results were above NSW State Norms in all areas – This is an outstanding achievement for our school community. The aspects were in relation to parents feeling welcome, being an inclusive school, the school supporting learning and positive behaviour, safety at school, parents supporting learning at home and parents being informed.

As a school staff team we will continue to analyse the data in the report findings which will inform our strategies and targets for the future.

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

Debating

On Wednesday 26 September, Taree West Public School debated Chatham Public School in the 2nd round of the Lower North Coast Debating Competition. The topic was "Junk-mail Should be Banned." Our team were on the affirmative side and through a huge effort from the girls, we won!!! A huge congratulations to Olivia Dawson, Lilly Barrett, Crystal Jenkins and Mia Denning.



Class Reward Pizza Parties

Taree West Public School is a Positive Behaviours for Learning school. As such, we implement a range of reward schemes to encourage and recognise expected positive behaviours.

One of these schemes involves points being awarded to classes that demonstrate excellent behaviour in class lines at assemblies. A winning Stage 2 class and Stage 3 class will be announced every half term.

The class that has earned the most points over this period of time will receive a class Pizza Reward Party. Congratulations to **2/3R** and **5/6B** who are the winners for the second half of Term 3.

A letter will be sent home with students of the winning class. If your child has any dietary requirements that may affect their participation in a Pizza Reward Party, please advise the school by returning the return slip prior to each party.

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****

Active OOSH at Taree

West Public School

taree@activeoosh.com.au Holly & Natalie - 0499258875

\$8 PER SESSION

PCYC BOUNCE

GET FIT, HAVE FUN, PLAY BALL

Open to all ages
Monday 4pm-6pm @ PCYC Taree

USE YOUR ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER AND
RECEIVE A FREE BASKETBALL

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Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSE WATER as a drink

Water is the best drink as it does not have any added sugar. Fruit juices, soft drink, sports drinks or cordials should not be given to your child everyday as they contain a lot of added sugar. Tap water is the best choice. In most areas, tap water contains fluoride, which helps children to develop strong teeth.

HOW MUCH SUGAR IS IN THAT DRINK?

Drink	Sugar
Water	No sugar
Plain milk	No added sugar
100% fruit	No added sugar
Cordial	High sugar
Energy drink	High sugar
Flavoured milk	High sugar
Sports drink	High sugar
Soft drink	High sugar

TIPS TO HELP YOUR KID DRINK MORE WATER

- Show children that you enjoy drinking water
- Drink water with every meal
- Take a refillable bottle of water when you go out
- Pack water with your child's lunch
- Encourage your child to drink water when they play sports
- Limit buying sugar-sweetened drinks

Source: Western Sydney Local Health District

NSW HEALTH PHONE 49246499

Grease Themed Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Fundraiser.

Saturday the 24th of November 2018.

Hallidays Point School Hall, Diamond Beach Rd, Diamond Beach

Grease is the word

Come along for a night of fun. Pre loved ladies clothing, shoes and bags stall, cookies, drinks, lots of games, kids corner, raffles, lucky door prizes.

Dress: 50's style (optional)



Live Entertainment with Girls Night In

4pm – Stalls & games

5.30 – 7pm Funky Foody dinner

6-8pm Live Entertainment with Girls Night In

8.30 Grease

\$5 Entry

BYO Alcohol, blanket/pillow for the movie