

Taree West Public School

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Term 4- Week 6

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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday	21 November	P&C Meeting
Monday	26 November	2019 Parent Information session 5pm
Tuesday	4 December	Yr 6 Taree H.S & Chatham H.S Orientation
Wednesday	12 December	Bully Zero-Anti-bullying program Stage 2
Thursday	13 December	End of Year Presentation Day
Friday	14 December	P&C Glowstick night
Monday	17 December	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday	18 December	School Fun day
Wednesday	19 December	Final day 2018 school year



Year 6 Farewell

The Year Farewell will be held on Monday 17 December.

Invitations have been sent home. Please RSVP with \$25 payment to the school office ASAP.

Principal's Report

I have included the information below about Online Safety and Cyber Bullying in the newsletter for the past 3 weeks, however we need to continue this conversation and we need to be active participants in it. These are new platforms for bullying to take place and it is so different to what it was like when we were all at school – Your children are the first generation to only ever know about communication through chat rooms, Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat plus many more online applications. We are all navigating through a point in time when we don't really know what is happening and what sort of communication is going on between the children.

As we all know for some reason, bullying seems to exist in both schools and workplaces – it is not acceptable and as a school we constantly provide support and interventions in addressing bullying. We work with the children about positive behaviour, identifying bullying, having support networks, being a good friend and more recently a Kind Kids initiative.

What I can tell you though, in what I see, is that the online world takes bullying to a whole new and extreme level for Primary children. Some of what I have read is nasty, hurtful and targeted and at times it becomes a whole group against one. Children in our school have been victimised for many reasons some of which are unknown and the children writing the comments state that they don't really know how it started and that it is *just a joke and everyone knows that it is a joke*. Comments such as 'You need to die', 'We all hate you', 'You wouldn't be any good at that', 'You are gay' have been written by our children. Some children have also engaged in the deliberate exclusion of others by having get togethers and sending snap chats of themselves having a good time to deliberately hurt the other child.

Some children have been targeted and victimised because of a perceived difference, such as being gay, not being good at sport, not being as capable in the classroom, not maintaining an exclusive friendship or even trying to get someone to pull out of the school leadership process.



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These are the types of communication that some of the children are involved in or exposed to in our school. Please don't make the mistake of thinking that my child wouldn't be exposed to this or that my child wouldn't write or behave in that way. All children are human and they can all make poor choices at times or can become victims. This world is new and we must be aware of the reality so that we can work together to 'fix' it and guide our children.

It is our job as adults, to parent and teach our children. We must have frequent, open, honest conversations with them. We need to teach them about being a good person; to teach them about love, friendship and kindness; to teach them about gratitude and the things that they have to be thankful for and to teach them about difference and acceptance.

I am confident that together we can navigate through the new world with our children.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will take place this Wednesday at 6pm in the school Library. All are welcome to attend.

Online safety – Cyber Bullying – (Previous Article)

Is cyber bullying real for primary students?

Sadly, yes, however it shouldn't be if we all follow the rules and law in Australia around what age children should be on Social Media. There is an Age Guide below published by the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner for your reference. Primary age children are not emotionally mature enough to cope with online social interactions and relationships.

It is hard enough as an adult to cope when what can seem an innocent post on Facebook or other social media becomes a personal attack or a hate campaign from other keyboard warriors. This negative side of human behaviour is hard to work out as an adult therefore what hope do our children have. It is always very difficult for the school to work though the issues of cyber bullying as there are so many complexities and it will often also involve police.

I ask you to please consider the guide below and be aware of what your children are doing online as many 'games' also contain chat rooms.

Social Media	Terms of Use – Minimum Age Requirements
Facebook	13+
Facebook Messenger	13+
Instagram	13+
Kik	13+ (with parental permission up to 17 yrs)
Minecraft	All ages (parental permission required to create a mojang account if user is under 13 yrs)
Moshi Monsters	All ages (Directed at 6 – 12 year olds. If user is under 13, parent's email is required)
Skype	18+ (With parental permission up to 17 yrs)
Snapchat	13+
Twitter	13+
Vimeo	13+ (With parental permission up to 17 yrs)
YouTube	13+

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

Principals Awards

Lucy Mills K-1S, Jade Hooper KB, Holly Ivers KM, Sienna Tisdell KM, James Turner 2A, Tayla Mulligan 2-3R, Ruby Tingle K-1S, KHAIDEN Main KC, Roman Bonanno 2B and Blaire Gould K-1G

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Infants Student of the Week: **Dallas Northam KB**

Infants Class of the Week: **KC**

Primary Student of the Week: **Blake Price 3-4R**

Primary Class of the Week:



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 **3/4S** and **5/6U** who are the winners for the first half of Term 4.

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.



The Year 6 Snow Cone fundraiser was a big hit!

National Recycling Week - 1G Can Help

In recent weeks, 1G have been learning about sustainability and the environment. Last week we carried out a survey of waste in lunch boxes over 2 days and classified the rubbish into: paper, soft plastic, hard plastic, food and other types of waste. On the first day we conducted the survey we had 66 pieces of rubbish in total and 42 pieces were plastic. On the second day we had only 19 pieces of rubbish, there were only 5 pieces of plastic all other rubbish was recyclable or items able to be composted. Congratulations 1G, parents and carers for participating and being so creative with lunch boxes. We achieved some amazing results. It shows how easy it can be to have "Waste Free" lunches.

Mrs Griffith



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

Christmas Family Night

FREE

Thursday 6th December 6-8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping station
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

Give the gift of choice with a Bunnings Gift Card

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LOWEST PRICES ARE JUST THE BEGINNING...

Taree West Bowling Club
Bowlo Bistro

Monday to Friday Nights

Receive one **FREE** children's meal with each adult main meal purchased.

CONDITIONS

- **ONLY** for children 12 years or younger.
 - Adult meal must be valued at \$16 or over.
 - Not valid on Public holidays.
 - Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers or promotions.
 - Free meal excludes Icecream.
- ❖ There will be a jumping castle on Friday night's and other activities planned.
- Come along for a Friday night out with a great meal.

KIDS EAT FREE

Monday to Friday Nights

Recieve one Free Childrens meal with each Adult's main meal purchased