Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Harry Wesley on his amazing achievements at the PSSA Touch Football Finals – the NSW team won and have become the 2014 National Championships. We are very proud of you!

Congratulations also to Bree Pensini who also represented us proudly at the State PSSA athletics carnival last week. Well done Bree.

I would also like to congratulate Connor Smith, who has performed extremely well in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. Connor has been invited to attend a prestigious award ceremony at Coffs Harbour on Monday 10 November.

World Teacher’s Day – Australian Celebration

The Australian celebration of World Teacher’s Day is Friday 31 October. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the inspirational role of our teaching staff. I am so very proud to be the principal of such a caring, committed, exceptionally skilled and dedicated team of professionals. The work of a teacher is a work of the heart as they make a difference in the lives of each child. They work tirelessly in shaping the future through quality teaching, inspired learning and a pursuit of personal excellence. You are an amazing staff, thank you so much!

Donna Bensch
Principal

Principal Awards

Tiah Hawkins 2B, Chyna Johnson 3-4E, Riley Treacy (x2) KS, Lily McNeil K/1W, Crystal Stewart KF
**Class Awards**

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**Kindergarten 2015 - Enrolments are now being accepted.**

Looking for an exceptional education for your child? Our excellent programs and highly-qualified teachers provide the ideal learning environment where every child can realise their true potential. Call into or phone our school office on 6552 1910 for more information and an enrolment pack.

**Stage 2 Home Reading Program**

Congratulations to the following students for achieving their 100 days of reading certificate;

Chyna Johnson 3/4E
Baden Ferrari 3/4E

We are extremely proud of your wonderful effort!

Taree West Literacy Committee

**The Great Aussie Bush Camp – Stage 2**

Congratulations to all the Year 3 & 4 students who attended camp last week. Your behaviour over the three days was really excellent and everyone seemed to have had a wonderful time. For the teachers who attended camp, it was a joy to witness every student getting involved with the activities, even the ones that challenged comfort zones, and see self-confidence grow along the way. Well done to you all.

D. Kingsland - coordinator

**TWPS Social**

Get your dancing shoes on. TWPS social is tomorrow, Wednesday 29 October. K – 2 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm ($3 per student) and Yrs 3 – 6 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm ($4 per student).

The theme for the social is ‘Twins, Triplets and Quads’.

**Camp – The Great Aussie Bush Camp**

This week, some students from Stage 2 set off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp to have an exciting couple of days.

We arrived at school on Monday with our luggage and set out for the camp. When we arrived we dumped our stuff under the shelter and sat on the logs. Our instructors were Jamie, who I had, Nicky, Nicole and Grace. They called out our cabin numbers. I was in Cabin 4 with Lana, Shelby, Breeanna, Kaydance, Jayah, Lily and Jazzy. I was quite happy with the cabin but I was feeling nervous. We had burgers for lunch, which were horrible, and headed for our first activity.

Our first activity was the Dual Flying Fox. I was attached to my harness and helmet. I was third. When it was my go, we had to walk up five metres of stairs. I dived off and was flying until I stopped at the bottom of the fox. It was fun so I went again.

We soon had afternoon tea which was Snow Cones. They were perfect, yummy and sweet.

On Tuesday we did High Ropes. I was really scared. Five metres isn’t high but when you’re up there it feels like fifty!

We also went to the beach. Year 4’s had to do a two kilometre walk. We had lunch on Jimmy’s Beach. Soon it was bedtime and we fell asleep ready for Wednesday.

On Wednesday we went rock climbing. I climbed three quarters of the way up. Did I tell you it was hard and twelve metres high off the ground? Soon we left.

It was so much FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sophie Warren 3/4E

**Taree District Public Speaking Competition Finals**

This year’s competition finals will be held at Tuncurry Public School during Week 7 and 8 of this term. The Year 6 final, followed by the Year 3 final, will be on Wednesday 19th November. The Year 5 final, followed by the Year 4 final, will be on Wednesday 26th November.

Our school will be represented by Kate Fletcher (Year 3), Bryan Kong (Year 4), Amy Golden (Year 5) and Beau Kircher (Year 6).

**Rules for the Finals:**

Year 3 & 4 to present a speech (topic of own choice) of 3 minutes duration. Also an impromptu speech of 30 seconds duration is to be delivered with 5 minutes preparation time. The topic will be given to students on the day.

Year 5 & 6 to present a speech (topic of own choice) of 4 minutes duration. Also an impromptu speech of 1 minute duration to be presented with 5 minutes preparation time. The topic will be given to students on the day.

Props or microphone will not be allowed at the finals.

Good luck to our four representatives.

D. Kingsland – coordinator
National Touch Finals

Last week Harry Wesley travelled to Victoria to represent NSW in the PSSA Touch Football National Finals. The NSW team played against each of the other seven States and Territories, defeating all but QLD quite convincingly. This meant NSW came up against QLD in the final and in a very difficult game, NSW were victorious defeating QLD 5-3. The win made NSW National champions for 2014.

Harry had a very strong week, scoring more than a dozen times over the five days. Well done Harry. There have only been two other TWPS students in the last 10 years to make a state team. One of them is Harry's brother, Callum, who played in the NSW PSSA Touch team in 2011. The other student to make a state team was Madison Rosser in Hockey. She was the captain of the NSW PSSA Hockey Team approximately 6 years ago and now plays for the Australian Under 21 team!

State PSSA Athletics for Bree

Bree Pensini travelled to Sydney to participate in the 200m at the State PSSA Athletics Carnival. It was her fifth time at this carnival. She usually competes in the 100m and 200m. She came 5th in the heat and finished 29th in the entire state! She gave it her all and she should be immensely proud of her achievement!

TWPS Sport Representative Uniform Amnesty

There are a number of TWPS Sport Rep shirts that still need to be returned to school. Sport has officially wound up for the year and our stocktake deems there are 6 shirts missing and 5 pairs of socks. If you have any TWPS representative gear in your possession, please return as soon as possible. No questions asked!

School Swimming Scheme

A reminder that the Yr 2 swimming scheme begins on Monday 10 November. Please return permission note and money to classroom teacher by Monday 3 November.

Harry goes to Victoria

Last week I went to Morwell, Victoria with my family for 8 days. We travelled for around 10 hours to Albury and stayed there for the night. The next morning we woke up early and set off at 8am for another 5 hour drive through Melbourne and on to Morwell. That day I had a little training session with the boys before the next day.

We had the opening ceremony in the morning and Queensland handed over the shields from last year. In our 1st Game we played Victoria and it was a very nervous game for all of us. It was a very hard game but we won 18-0. In the 2nd Game we played against Western Australia and they were hard to beat but we won 13-3.

On the next day we played our 3rd game against Tasmania. They were a developing side and we won 24-1. Our 4th Game was the big game everyone was waiting for. Queensland!! It was tough and we lost 3-1. The next morning we went up to the mountains (Walhalla) for our excursion. We went on a train ride through the mountain and went down through the mines where gold had been found.

The next morning saw us play our 5th game. We played the A.C.T. They were better than most of the other teams but we won 13-6. In our 6th game we played the Northern Territory and it was a hard game. We won 18-4.

Later in the day was our last round game against South Australia. They were a good team but we won 19-1. It was grand final time!! We ran out wanting it more than QLD. The half time score was 2-3 QLD’s way. We came out firing with 2 early tries in the second half. Penalty after penalty and their heads began to drop. We scored another late try, the siren rings and we celebrated. NSW haven’t won outright in 8 years.

I scored 12 tries for the tournament and was very honoured to play for my state. Thank You to Mrs Bench, Mrs Muller, The School P&C and to the community for all of your support in getting me to Victoria. I couldn’t have done it without you!!

Harry Wesley 5/6C

Become an Ethics Teacher at Taree West Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We have a few vacancies for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information, please contact:

Kelly Kingsley Wilson
Ethics Coordinator for Taree West Public School
tareewest.primaryethics@gmail.com or 0421 813 023
PBL News
This fortnight we are focusing on our expectations for assemblies. We will be looking at the rule: Use responses appropriately. Examples of appropriate responses are applause and quiet waiting. This rule links to our school value of respect.

PBL Classes of the Week:
Congratulations to 4/5/6J! They have earned the title of Primary PBL Class of the Week.

Well done to KF! They are our Infants PBL Class of the Week.

Students of the Week
Primary Student of the Week: Imogen Nelson 5/6M

Infants Student of the Week: Lara Watson K/1W

Mrs Suters
PBL Coordinator

Community News

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