Principal’s Report

Our coming to school program for our 2015 Kindergarten students has commenced this week. It is a very exciting time for both the children and parents. This week the children are participating in an afternoon of classroom activities. A library visit is planned for Friday 14 November with a follow up classroom visit in the week of 17 – 20 November.

A parent information session will take place in the school library on Monday 17 November at 5:00pm. All 2015 Kindergarten parents and carers are invited and welcome to attend.

In 2015 all Kindergarten students will commence school on Monday 2 February and will attend school for full school days, that is from 9:10 am to 3:10pm. In the 3 school days, 28, 29 and 30 January, prior to the official Kindergarten start, each Kinder student will be invited to school to individually meet with their teacher and participate in the Best Start Assessment. Further information will be provided to each family.

Student Dance

It was wonderful to see the creativity displayed in the costumes worn by many students at the school dance last Wednesday night. I would like to applaud the students on their excellent behaviour and talented dance moves. It was a fabulous night which is thanks once again to our committed and enthusiastic staff.

Music Count Us In

Wow! What a phenomenal performance by our children and the highly talented Taree High School Band. We all had such an amazing experience, enjoying the music of the band and performing the song live with students right across Australia. A You Tube clip of our school event is available on the Manning River Times Website.

Jargon explained

If your child’s teacher mentions CAPA in the COLA, he/she’s actually talking about Creative and Practical Art classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained:
Where’s the octopus
Wow - it’s videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be

Donna Bensch
Principal

Principal Awards
Jackson Wallis KS, Kalim Mitchell 1B, Lachlan Prowse (x2) 2L

Silver Eagle Award
Lachlan Prowse 2L

Correction
In last week’s newsletter, a story was published “The Great Aussie Bush Camp” by Sophie Warren 3/4E.
This was a misprint, the story was written by Madeline Prowse from 2/3/4T.

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.

PBL News
PBL Classes of the Week:
Congratulations to 5/6M! They are this week’s Primary PBL Class of the Week.
Well done to 2H! They are our Infants PBL Class of the Week.

Students of the Week
Primary Student of the Week: Sam Gibson 3/4K
Infants Student of the Week: Amali Leigh Shultz KC

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!
Mrs Suters
PBL Coordinator

Music Count Us In 2014
Last Thursday at 12.30pm all children K-6 participated in the annual Music Count Us In (MCUI) event. The event which has been running since 2007 is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. MCUI provides the opportunity for children all over Australia to learn, rehearse and perform the same song at the same time, raising their voices to celebrate the importance of music education. For the 5th year running the staff and students were thrilled to have the musical accompaniment of Taree High School music students. At the completion of the event the visiting students showcased their talents and provided TWPS with a rocking concert. We would like to thank Mrs Leanne Ralston and Mr Peter Bull from Taree High School for their continued support of what is fast becoming a popular tradition between the two schools.
Manning River Times captured all the excitement of how Taree West celebrated MCUI 2014. You can view photos and a video from the link below.
Mrs Mills

Community News
From early 2015, free stepping stones Triple P program will be available for parents and caregivers of children with a disability or developmental delay through the stepping stones Triple P (SSTP) Project.
To start the project, every NSW parent or caregiver of a child with a disability or developmental delay, aged 2 to 10 years, is invited to share their story via an online survey.
Visit www.mysay.org.au to fill in the survey and register your interest in free parenting support.

Taree West Public School Playgroup
Wingham Rd, Taree 2430
Monday 9.30 – 11.30am
In the school hall.
HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!
Let’s get organised early!
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!