Chelsea and Ryder 2H showing off their artwork

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**Principal’s Report**

**Public Speaking**

Congratulations to Amy Golden and Brian Kong who represented our school last Wednesday at the Inter-schools Public Speaking Competition. Amy became a finalist in the competition. Well done to both students, we are proud of you!

**Presentation Day Assembly**

On Thursday 11 December we will be holding two formal Presentation Day award ceremonies. The Kinder – Year 2 ceremony will commence at 10am and the Year 3-6 ceremony will commence at 12:15 pm. All students will need to be in full school uniform for these formal school events. Parents, carers, family and community members are invited and welcome to attend.

**Year 6 Farewell**

The Year 6 Farewell will take place on Monday 15 December from 6pm in the school hall. Invitations will be sent out to the students in the next couple of days. The cost of this event is $20 per student. Thank you to Mrs Jensen and the P&C for their coordination of this major school event.

**Year 7 School Visits**

Year 6 students who will be attending Taree High School next year will attend the high School on Wednesday 3 December and on Wednesday 10 December as part of the High School orientation program.

**Student Reports**

Student reports will be sent home with students on Monday 15 December, so please keep an eye out and check your child’s bag on the day.

**Summer holiday fun**

Book your children into one of our fun-filled camps next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You’ll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For the love of science
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science; encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won’t always be right.

Pleasures of free play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child:

Donna Bensch
Principal

Silver Eagle Award
Baden Ferrari 3-4E, Alyssa Ferrari 2L

Principal Awards
Caleb Whitehouse 3-4C, Jacinta Burton-Collins KF,
Ryan Martin 3-4E, Alyssa Ferrari 2L, Jack Ferrari KG,
Baden Ferrari (x2) 3-4E, Imogen Maynard KG, Phoebe Barkwill 3-4E,
Tyler Chaney Simington KG

End of Year Fun Day Yr 3 – 6
The school will be celebrating the end of another successful year by holding a Fun Day for all students. Students are to wear school uniform.

The Primary Fun Day for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 (including Year 2 from 2/3/4T) will be held on Tuesday 16th December. It will be a visit to the Great Lakes Cinema at Tuncurry to see the Disney animated movie ‘Big Hero 6’ which is rated PG. This will be followed by a picnic lunch back at Memorial Park and John Wright Park near the Forster-Tuncurry bridge. Children are to provide their own picnic lunch. Buses will depart school at 9.00am for a 10.00am movie. Return to school will be at approximately 2.00pm.

K-2 End of year excursion
Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 (excluding Year 2 from 2/3/4T) will be attending the Laurieton Plaza Cinema on Wednesday 17 December to watch “Penguins of Madagascar” and then have a picnic lunch in Stace Park. The cost for this excursion is $20 per student. A permission note has been sent home. The permission note and money must be returned by Friday 12 December.
You can view a preview of the movie on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHlOhT9JvY

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.

Amy Golden was a finalist in the Year 5 District Public Speaking competition held at Tuncurry.

Ms Cameron and Max with the Banana Split procedure
PBL News

This week we are continuing to focus on the rule: Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

PBL Classes of the Week:

Congratulations to 5/6C! They are very excited to be 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: Sophie Hawkins 4/5/6J

Infants Student of the Week: Lachlan Hunter 2H

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

Mrs Suters
PBL Coordinator

Stage 3 Aboriginal Talk

On Thursday 27th of November 2014, Stage 3 students were visited by Uncle Russ, Benn Saunders and two students from Taree High School. They came to talk about Aboriginal culture. Uncle Russ started off by greeting us in Kattang, the local Aboriginal language. Uncle Russ and Benn played some music with the didgeridoo and clapping sticks, told Dreamtime stories, demonstrated how to throw and hit your target with different types of boomerangs and also showed us different hunting tools. Benn talked to us about different programs currently running at Taree High School. The programs are ‘Bro-Speak’ and ‘Sister-Speak’, for both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal students.

After the presentation, many students chose to get their face decorated with ochre. It was a very interesting talk and I think we all gained something from it.

by Katy McLeod and Aleah Cusbert

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Community News

Join the Summer Reading Club @ your library

Manning Valley Libraries are excited to be launching this year’s Summer Reading Club and Christmas school holiday program. Don’t forget to join the Summer Reading Club. There’s great prizes up for grabs, lots of give-aways and an exclusive Summer Reading Club party at the Manning Entertainment Centre.

Simply register online at www.summerreadingclub.org.au then collect your reading log and goodies pack from your library until the 9 January. Don’t miss out!

For more information please contact Taree Library ph: 6592 5290 or email libraryevents@gtcc.nsw.gov.au
PCYC Taree Presents
Bricks on the Bay
Lego Expo

- Saturday 21st February 1pm – 6pm
- Sunday 22nd February 9am – 1pm
- Prepay Entry $10 per family of 4 ($3 single)
- At the door $15 per family of 4 ($5 single)
- BBQ Lunch & Dinner - Saturday
- BBQ Breakfast & Lunch - Sunday
- Raffle on the day
- Lego for sale by Bricks on the Bay
- People’s choice award drawn each day
- Contact Reception on Ph: 02 6551 0292
- Email: taree@pcycnsw.org.au

December-January
School Holiday
Program 2014/15
Taree Library
242 Victoria Street
Mon-Fri: 10.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday: 10.00am-2.00pm
Ph: 6592 5290

Manning Valley OOSH
Holidays are fast approaching!
We are open for vacation care on the 2 pupil free
days before Christmas break. We will be reopening
on Jan 5th 2015
Vacation Care open from 7am – 6pm

Enrolment for Phase 5 is closing
Join Saver Plus before 31st December
to match your savings for school costs,
dollar for dollar, up to $500.

You may be eligible if you have:
- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- some regular income from work (you or your partner)
- a deed at school or study yourself

Contact Amy Hogan, your local Saver Plus Worker:
02 6557 8284 or 0429 820 974
amy.hogan@thesmithfamily.com.au

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Hamtastic Xmas Raffles

Loads of Hams to be won!
starting Thursday 20th November
& every Thursday until Christmas!
27th November, 4, 11 & 18th December
over $1200 in prizes !!!!
Hams drawn from 5.30pm

TAREE West Bowling Club
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