Principal's Report

It was wonderful to see a good turnout at the P&C AGM was last Tuesday night. I would like to thank the outgoing P&C executive, who did a phenomenal job in 2013 and then welcome in our newly elected executive as follows:

P&C President – Mrs Vanessa Bergan
Vice President – Mrs Maj Mitchell
Vice President – Mrs Leanne Nowlan
Secretary – Mrs Julie Tilson
Treasurer – Mrs Jo Campbell

I am looking forward to working closely with the P&C executive again in 2014.

Harmony Day

A sea of orange was visible right across our school last Friday in the celebration of Harmony Day. The message of the day demonstrated that ‘Everyone belongs’. Students were involved in classroom learning activities to celebrate cultural diversity and to develop cultural respect for all people who call Australia home. It was a wonderful day for both students and staff.

WHAT’S ON

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Staff, Students and the Community of Taree West Public School

Invite all grandparents’ or a special ‘older family friend or relative’ to Grandparent’s Day at Taree West

The day will commence with a K-6 Medallion Assembly on Thursday 3 April 2014 at 9:15am. The assembly will also include the presentation of student music scholarships and student class performances. This will be followed by a P & C catered morning tea for grandparents and / or friend under the hall COLA. At 10:30am grandparents will be invited to join their grandchild in the classroom for reading activities. At 11:10am grandparents may join their grandchild for lunch and a visit to the library.

Mrs D Bensch
Principal
Principal Awards
Amelia Buttriss 1B, Ayeiesha Griffis 5-6F

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Cross Country Re-Schedule
Due to conflicting demands, we have had to re-schedule the school cross country carnivals. The new dates will be:
Kinder-Year 2 – Friday 4 April 10:00am
Years 3–6 – Friday 11 April 11:45am

Yrs 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion
If your child will be attending the Yr 5-6 camp, an initial payment of $50 must be received by this Friday 28 March. The balance of the non-refundable deposit of a further $50 must be paid by Friday 11 April to confirm seats and enable booking to be finalised.

Stage 1 news
Stage1 have been learning about different ways of communicating. Mrs Angie Bell (Itinerant Support Teacher Hearing) and Connor Humphrey from 2H explained about Connor’s hearing impairment and his hearing aid. The students watched a reading of a book using sign language and learned to sign some words and phrases.

PBL News
A very big congratulations to Gemma McGrath from KG for receiving our special PBL Eagle Award. It is wonderful to see our youngest Taree West members already displaying our school values.

PBL Classes of the Week:
There was another very clear winner in the token collection this week. The Primary PBL Class of the Week is 4/5/6J. Congratulations and enjoy your extra computer time!
Congratulations to 2L. They are our Infants PBL Class of the Week!

Students of the Week
Primary Student of the Week: Jaryd Mitchell 5/6C
Infants Student of the Week: Lily Barrett 2L

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

Ms Cooper
PBL Coordinator
Community Advertisements

Basketball
Primary school based basketball enters the semi-final stage for the senior competition this coming Saturday. In a very highly contested age group, Taree West will be represented by the Chasers, the year 6 girls team. The year 5 girls and the year 5-6 boys teams will be challenging for 5th position in their respective divisions.

Meanwhile, the year 3-4 teams, who have been improving every week, will again line up for another dose of fun on Saturday. Though playing in a non-competitive category, the Jets and the Rockets are sweeping all before them, largely due to their emphasis on teamwork and passing. Continued improvement is expected with a large number of these people attending both Friday afternoon training sessions as well as the “hoopster” program run on a Monday afternoon at Saxby’s Stadium that exposes these young basketballers to the fundamentals of the game.

As term 1 basketball quickly draws to a close it would be remiss of me not to thank the efforts of all parents, our school team coaches, Yvette Wilkinson, Shelley Cusbert, Kylie Hunter and Miss Woollard, whose time and energy is greatly appreciated, and Mrs Bensch for allowing us to use the school facilities to help foster this wonderful game.

Evan Thompson - co-ordinator

Don’t miss the hit of the Darwin Festival, now touring nationally and coming to the Manning Entertainment Centre on Fri 28th and Sat 29th March:

WULAMANAYUWI and the SEVEN PAMANUI

“A feast of colour, movement and culture that completely satisfies”
Barefoot Review

“Beg, borrow or steal to get into this delightful kids’ play” City News

Using the language and rhyme, culture and stories of the Tiwi Islands, playwright and performer Jason De Santis brings to life this classic tale of good, evil and magical redemption. *Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui* inhabits a visually stunning world of fantasy using puppets, song, dance and projections to bring to life a modern adventure story, inspired by Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Packed with spirit and humour, it’s been delighting audiences young and old. Playwright Jason de Santis describes it as “mischievous, hilarious and magical...funny, sad, scary and exciting” and audiences around the country describe it as simply fantastic!

Bring the whole mob to the show stealing everyone’s hearts.

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH at 11am
& SATURDAY 29TH MARCH at 6pm

(But wait! There’s more! Wulamanayuwi Creative Workshops for kids will be held at the Manning Regional Art Gallery on Sat 29th featuring cast members!)

BOOKINGS: Ph 6552 5699 or visit www.gtcc.nsw.gov/me
KIDS BOOTCAMP!
A class for kids where they can exercise and have fun! Approx 45min class.
Consists of pyramid training - including ladder runs and obstacle courses
PLEASE BRING - towel and water

Session Times:
Monday Afternoon 4:30pm - 5:15pm (for the less advanced)
Wednesday Afternoon 4:30pm - 5:15pm (for the more advanced)

Details:
Ages 5+ $5 per child (per class)
No join up fees, no cancellation fees!!!

- ALL WELCOME, BRING YOUR FRIENDS, COME AND HAVE SOME FUN

For parents who are looking to stick around while the kids are enjoying themselves
we have a lounge area that is available while classes are running

Please don't hesitate to contact the gym for any questions
Todd and Mark will be happy to help!
6552 1377 or 0402 831 618
1/6 Stevenson Street Taree (opposite KFC)