Principal’s Report
The mid-year school holidays commence this Friday afternoon. Students will return to school on Tuesday 15 July 2014. I hope that you all have a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday with your children.

NAIDOC and Medallion Assembly
On Friday 27 June at 9:30am we will be holding our NAIDOC and Medallion Assembly. Parents and community members are invited to attend our end of term special assembly. Individual athletic primary age-group champion awards will also be presented and the three school choirs will perform their winning regional performances.

Student Reports
Semester 1, student reports will be sent home with the children tomorrow, Wednesday 25 June. Please check in your child’s bag for the report. Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 28 July between 3:15 and 6:30pm. A note and booking schedule will be sent home early next term.

School Uniform Policy – No coloured jumpers or jackets
As part of our School Uniform Policy all students are expected to wear maroon or grey jumpers or the school jacket to school. A number of students have been wearing brand name and other coloured jacket and jumpers to school. This is in breach of the school uniform and discipline policy therefore parents are asked to ensure that all children wear the correct uniform to school.

The holidays may present a good opportunity for the children to look for their school clothing in their bedroom as many children tell us that they have the correct uniform however they can’t find it in their rooms. If parents are facing any difficulty in providing children with the correct school coloured jumpers please contact the school for assistance.

State Level Representative Sport
I would like to wish Drew Pensini and Kurt Walters well this week as they are representing our school at the Boys Hockey State Carnival in the ACT. Congratulations to Harry Wesley, Renae Wesley and Bree Pensini for their participation in the State Rugby League and Hockey carnivals last week.

Tykel, Layla, Riley and Matthew from 2H with their dragon puppets they made after watching the Descendants of the Dragon performance
Public Speaking Competition
Congratulations to, Kate Fletcher and Beau Kircher who received Highly Commended awards and to Madeline Prowse and Hannah Eyb for their participation at the Public Speaking finals, yesterday, at North Haven Public School. A great effort by all 4 children.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday 24 June at 6pm in the Library. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Head lice
To continue our fight against head lice, parents are asked to check their children’s hair each day. The holidays are a great opportunity to get on top of head lice. If either eggs or lice are found it is recommended that they are treated using the fine tooth comb and conditioner method everyday over a 14 day period. The cheapest white conditioner is the best to use and should be used on dry hair and combed through with a fine tooth comb to remove lice and nits each day.

School Security in the holidays
If you are aware of trespassers on the school site during the holiday period or outside of school hours, can you please call school security on 1300 880 021 or Taree Police on 6552 0399. Please note that Manning Valley OOSH, Vacation Care will be in operation during the school holidays.

NAIDOC Week
This week at Taree West Public School we look to celebrate and raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture as part of our NAIDOC Week celebration. Students throughout the week will take part in a variety of activities such as listening to Dreaming stories, playing traditional Aboriginal games & creating artworks.
This Friday we will be holding a NAIDOC Week/Medallion Assembly in the hall at 9.30am. Parents, carers and community members are all invited to attend.
Items purchased for NAIDOC Week through the NAIDOC Week Respect Band packs order form have arrived and will be sent home today.

Commonwealth Games Day
On Tuesday 22 July (week 2 Term 3) we will be having our Commonwealth Games Day. On this day students will be involved in group sporting activities representing different countries of the Commonwealth. The day is being supported by Independent Company Be Skilled Be Fit. The cost of the day is $4.00 per student which needs to be paid to the classroom teachers by the end of Week 1.

State Touch
Congratulations to Bree Pensini and Renae Wesley who represented Hunter Girls State Hockey Finals in Narellan last week. The Hunter team finished 2nd overall.
All the best to Drew Pensini and Kurt Walters who will play in the boys State finals in Canberra this week.

2H have been researching ‘sea animals’. Freya and Lilly are holding a shark’s jaw that Lilly brought in for news.

School Tree Day
School Tree Day is on Friday 25 July. Shrub will be supplied by GTCC. The EnviroMentors will be visiting us on Monday 11, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 August. The hall will be the venue and K-2 students will be involved.
PSSA Basketball Knockout
Taree West PS had a boy and a girl team travelled to Port Macquarie last week in a gala round robin style event.
The boys’ team (Khai G, Cooper W, Cooper S, Jaryd M, Leon T, Kainen W and Oliver O) played well against every team but were beaten in three of their four matches.

Their results were:
**Boys**
- TWPS 4 lost to Gloucester PS 14
- TWPS 4 lost to Kempsey East PS 20
- TWPS 8 defeated Forster PS 6
- TWPS 9 lost to Irrawang PS 12

The girls’ team (Aleah C, Lauren C, Kaylah T, Ayeiesha G, Jazmine C, Kyesha W, Alesha L and Tilley H) played extremely well winning all four round robin matches.

**Girls**
- TWPS 22 defeated Wingham PS 4
- TWPS defeated Forster PS 4
- TWPS 14 defeated Gloucester PS 11
- TWPS 11 defeated Grahamstown PS 8

The girls went through to the grand final as the number one team. They played against Gloucester PS again. Unfortunately, the girls were beaten by their opponents by great goal shooting accuracy, 14 to 6.
Thank you to all parents who were able to support the children on the day.

Public Speaking News
On Monday 23rd June four of our students represented the school at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition held at North Haven Public School.

Madeleine Prowse from 2-3-4T and Kate Fletcher from 3/4C presented entertaining prepared speeches with great enthusiasm and expression. Both girls spoke beautifully and gave a wonderful effort with their impromptu speeches. Kate Fletcher received a Highly Commended award in the Stage 2 division which is an amazing achievement.

Beau Kircher from 5/6F and Hannah Eyb from 5/6F presented well-prepared, engaging speeches on the topics ‘Religion’ and the ‘Meaning of Australia Day’. Both spoke with a natural confidence and demonstrated a high quality of speaking skills. The impromptu speech topic was ‘The best thing in life is...’ and both students tackled this challenging task well. Beau received a Highly Commended award in the Stage 3 division.

Fantastic! All four students should be extremely proud of their efforts.
PBL News
This Wednesday we will be having our PBL Fun Day. This is a day for us to celebrate the positive behaviour of our students. All students will participate in an outdoor games session led by our Year 6 students. Students have been asked to wear a shirt to match one of the colours of our school values. (K-2: yellow – Care, Year 3 & 4: blue – Respect, Year 5 & 6: green – Responsibility). Students are to wear their joggers, sport shorts and school hat. The day should be a lot of fun!

Focus Rule: Sit when eating
Value: Responsibility

PBL Classes of the Week
Congratulations to 3/4G! They are our Primary PBL Class of the Week!
There were two Infants classes who earned the most Eagle tokens. Sharing the title of Infants PBL Class of the Week is 1C and KS! Congratulations!

Students of the Week
Primary Student of the Week: Aston Nowlan 2/3/4T
Infants Student of the Week: Blake Taylor KS

This Wednesday will be having our special ‘Student of the Week’ afternoon tea. Mrs Bensch and I are really looking forward to it!

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!
Ms Cooper
PBL Coordinator

Stage 2 Guided Tour of Woolworths Excursion
Fantastic! Wonderful! That was SO good! These are just some of the reactions from students and staff, following the Stage 2 visit to Woolworths last Thursday for a behind the scenes look at how food and groceries are prepared for sale. This visit suited our HSIE and Science units this term.

In small groups, and wearing little white hair nets, students were guided by Woolworths staff through seven different sections of the store.

Shoppers must have been puzzled by the chimes that rang every 10 minutes; a signal to groups that it was time to move on to the next section.

Watching meat being cut, minced and packaged in the meat section was very engaging. The big cold storage fridges were entered with a shiver, while in the back dock area students watched the unloading of groceries as they arrived from Queensland. They even took turns at using the forklift trolleys.

At the checkout, every student was trained in how to weight and price fruit or vegetables, while in the bakery, machines turned gooey lumps of dough into dinner rolls or loaves of bread.

The cooking of chickens, the buying of seafood and the cutting and presenting of cheeses and cold meats was the focus in the deli section. When it was time for the fruit and vegetables section, then it was back to the cold storage rooms where the staff highlighted how to maintain freshness.

The excellent behaviour of the students brought credit to themselves and the school and meant that they got much out of this wonderful learning experience.

We are extremely grateful to the management and staff of Taree Woolworths for the time and effort they put into making our visit such a memorable experience for all.

David Kingsland
Community Advertisements

The concert will feature the amazing range of talent of school students from throughout the Manning Valley and will also include debut stage appearance of some of the local students who, without this program, would be in danger of dropping out of school. Celebrities George Houvardas, John Waters, Rachael Beck and Don Spencer are donating their talents to support students.

Venue: Manning Entertainment Centre
Date: Wednesday 27 August 2014
Time: 11:00am or 7:00pm
Tickets: Purchase online through Manning Entertainment Centre or at Video Ezy, Taree

Before and After School Care
Before school care is still free of charge for families that attend TWPS!
For no charge to you, your children can stay warm and safe in the school hall with free breakfast and fun activities every morning.

Greater Taree City Council
Visit your library this July school holidays and enjoy lots of fun activities. This program is suitable for primary school aged children and features movie screenings, cooking classes, drama and writing workshops, bingo and a special workshop by artist, illustrator and manga extraordinaire Matt Lin. To explore what’s on offer this July school holidays simply pick up a copy of the program from your library or visit www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au to download a copy. Bookings are essential for all activities - see program for further details.

For parents wondering what to do with the kids this school holidays, NSW Sport and Recreation have a number of fun and exciting holiday camps for kids aged 5-16 years.
Led by qualified instructors, our popular camps get kids outdoors learning new skills while making new friends. There are plenty of activities on offer, including fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing, cooking and snow camps.

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