Principal’s Report

The Australian Curriculum at Taree West Public School

Taree West school staff have completed an 18 month professional learning program in preparing for the implementation of the New Australian Curriculum, this has included an understanding of educational change; the needs of 21st century learners; programming the new syllabus and implementing the K-10 English Syllabus. The staff have now commenced a 6 month professional leaning program in preparation for the implementation of the NSW K-10 Maths syllabus. All NSW schools are required to implement the new English Syllabus in 2014, the Maths and Science Syllabus in 2015 and the History Syllabus in 2016.

Medications at school

In the event that your child is required to take an antibiotic or similar prescribed medication at school, parents are asked to contact the office to make arrangements and to provide written instructions for its administration to your child. It is suggested that if your child is required to take a medication 3 times a day that it is administered by parents at approximate 8 hour intervals i.e. 7:30am, 3:30pm and just before bed.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will take place this afternoon for the students of KC, KF, 1B and 3/4C. Any parent who missed the opportunity to have an interview with your child’s teacher can contact the school to schedule a meeting.

Donna Bensch
Principal

Principals Awards

Leo Allan KF
Class Awards

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Touch Football Knockout

Congratulations to the Boys touch football team who defeated a fast, highly skilled Forster team 8-5. The boys will now play Largs Public School sometime in the next week.

Zone Athletics

The Zone athletics is this Friday at Tuncurry. A canteen will operate on the day. Good luck to all those representing TWPS.

Kindergarten 2015 - Enrolments are now being accepted.

If your child is commencing school next year please call to the office as soon as possible to pick up enrolment forms. If you have already picked up enrolment papers please return them as soon as possible as Orientation commences Monday 3 November.

For any more information please contact the school on 6552 1910.

Public Speaking

The Stage 2 Public Speaking final has been moved to Thursday 28 August in the hall at 12:00pm.

Buderus 7’s Rugby League Day

On Wednesday of last week Taree West had two teams of Year 5/6 boys represent our school in the annual Rugby League 7’s tournament. All of the boys participated in at least 3 competitive games of 7’s league and one of our teams was successful in making the semi-finals on the day. Our team went down to St Joseph’s Primary in the semi-final in a tough match. Forster Public School went on to win the final and our boys can gain plenty of confidence in knowing we pushed the eventual winners of the day to a close 3-2 score line earlier in the day.

Well done boys!

The students of 2H have been busy donating for the upcoming school fete and donated the most amount of water bottles and pop tops last week. They thoroughly enjoyed their reward of a free frozen Orchy from the canteen.

Connect to Reading

@ Taree West Public School

Just a quick reminder that Book Week is coming up next week. We will be celebrating throughout the week and will hold the Book Fair on Friday 22th August 2014. There will be a brochure outlining some of the items available at the Book Fair, sent with this week’s Newsletter. Also available will be a small selection of variety items and posters.

Families are welcome to come and purchase from the Book Fair between 8:30-9:30am and 2:30-3:30pm on Friday. Students will be able to purchase with their class throughout the day.

The K-2 Book Character Parade will be held on Friday at 9:30am. Students can come dressed in their favourite character costume. Thank you for all your support and Happy Reading!

Lucy Legge
Teacher Librarian

Found

Two pairs of children’s glasses have been handed in to the office. If you think these may belong to your child, please call in to the office to pick up.
PBL News

A very big congratulations to Talia King from KF for being selected as our PBL Eagle Award winner. She has received a special certificate and prize pack from the Manning Valley OOSH for always being a respectful, responsible and caring student. Well done, Talia!

Focus Rule: Play safely
Value: Care

PBL Classes of the Week:
Congratulations to 5/6C! They are our Primary PBL Class of the Week. Enjoy your computer reward time!

Well done to KS! They are our Infants PBL Class of the Week. Enjoy playing with the items in the special games box!

Students of the Week

Primary Student of the Week: Aleah Clark 5/6C

Infants Student of the Week: Aleisha Baker 1C

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

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

Taree Athletic Club Inc
The 2014/2015 season will commence with Rego Days on 1/9 and 5/9 and 8/9 and 12/9 at Taree Rec grounds 4.30 - 5.30pm
Online registrations are also available.
Contact Robyn 0407620676 and Tracey 0410548029 for further information or check us out on Facebook - Taree Little Athletics.

Take 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!
Basketball

Team nominations are now being accepted for the Primary School based basketball competitions firing up in Term 4 at Saxby's Stadium Taree. The very popular non-competitive mixed age group of boys and girls who are in school years 3 and 4 will again be catered for. Taree West entered two teams into this section in Term 1 and will look to expand that participation to three teams during the next term. The Saxby's Cup is the prize on offer for the competitive year 5 and 6 boys as well as girls in years 5 and 6. Taree West had the honour of holding this trophy in Term 4 of 2012. Taree West again provided solid participation in Term 1 with two girl’s teams and one from the boys in this age division.

To become involved is very easy. Training afternoons are scheduled for Thursday afternoons (formerly Friday) which will run for one hour 3:20pm - 4:20pm beginning 14 August at the Taree West school court.

If children can't make training for varying reasons, it is not the end of the world nor does it mean you cannot participate. To express your child's interest in joining the fun, the speed and the skill of basketball you need to contact myself on 0418 160 591. For reference please do not hesitate to contact Mr Uwland or Mrs Bensch.

I look forward to meeting many new faces as well as catching up with my already established friends.

Evan Thompson - coordinator

Good for Kids good for life

Getting kids active

Children should get a least 60 minutes of physical activity every day, including vigorous activities that make them “huff and puff”.

Physical activity doesn’t all have to happen at the one time. It can be accumulated throughout the day by walking or riding to and from school, being active at school in PE and break times, active play at home or taking part in organised sport outside of school.

Be a good role model and have a positive attitude to being active. If your children see you enjoying physical activity and having fun, it can motivate them to join in.

Below is a home fun activity that you can enjoy with your children that will make them huff and puff by practising the dodge.

Dodge is a locomotor skill that involves a high degree of balance, stability and change in direction. It is common to many playground games and activities and is an important skill in the majority of team sports.

Artful Dodger
- One partner stands behind the other.
- On ‘go’ the front person runs around changing direction regularly.
- On ‘stop’ both players freeze. If the back person can take one step and touch the front person they become the new dodger.

Reference:
1 “Get active each day” fact sheet accessed from www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

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

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