Principal’s Report
Student success at school
Research tells us that the single most significant factor in a child’s life which influences their success at school is the family’s positive beliefs about education and aspirations for the child. This one factor has been shown to improve children’s attitude towards school, impact on their future higher educational attainment and has been shown to dramatically improve their daily engagement in learning activities. As a parent, carer and grandparent this is the easiest thing to enact with our children and it is accomplished through your conversations with your child about your beliefs and values of education. It is also supported through parent praise, encouragement and involvement in your child’s learning which can be as simple as asking them about their learning, the topic they are learning about, attending an assembly or sporting event or simply reading with them every day!

The second most significant factor which influences a child’s success in education is the quality of the teacher, teaching them. This is a priority at Taree West and a matter that we take very seriously through the provision of high quality teacher professional learning. Each classroom teacher is supported in achieving excellence through teacher mentoring, participation in collaborative professional teams and through almost 7 hours of coordinated professional development every fortnight. We are very fortunate to have such highly committed and skilled teachers on staff.

Book Parade and Book Fair
Thank you so much for your support of our school and your children last week at the book fair and in the provision of the amazing costumes at the book parade. The book parade was an exciting, fun and entertaining experiences for all of those involved in the celebration of Book Week. Your support of and purchases at the book fair will provide our library with many new books for our student to enjoy. Thank you!

Donna Bensch
Principal

Silver Eagle Awards
Jessica Ferris 3-4K
**Principals Awards**

Amelie McKellar 2L, Armarmia Willis 1M, Ethan Riley (x2) 5-6F, Tiah Hawkins (x2) 2B, Imogen Fletcher 2B, Aleaha Bell 1C

**Class Awards**

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**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.

**Regional Athletics**

This Friday TWPS is sending our largest team for several years to the Regional Athletics carnival to represent the Manning Zone. The team consists of 8 individual entries and 3 relay teams, a total of 15 students. We wish them all the best.

**Knockout Hockey**

Last Friday was a big day for our boys and girls knockout Hockey teams. The girls started with a game against Telarah PS winning quite convincingly 11-0. This match was followed by a game against Red Head PS for Hunter champions. Unfortunately our girls were defeated by a much stronger team 2-0.

The boys also played Red Head PS for Hunter champions coming away victorious with a 4-1 win. The boys will now travel to the South Coast next week for the quarter finals. We wish them the best of luck.

**State Touch Football Competition**

Last week Bree Pensini travelled to Wagga Wagga to represent Hunter in the state competition. The hunter team were quite strong finishing 4th overall. Well done Bree.

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**PBL News**

As a part of our reward system, 3/4G and 5/6C enjoyed a pizza party on Friday for being the classes that achieved the highest number of points in the class lines competition. The competition positively reinforces the rules of being in lines on time, sitting quietly and displaying respect and courtesy.

This fortnight’s Focus Rule: Respect privacy and use the toilet area sensibly

Value: Respect

**PBL Classes of the Week:**

Congratulations to 3/4C! For the second week in a row, they are our Primary PBL Class of the Week.

Well done to KG! They earned more than 100 eagle tokens and are our Infants PBL Class of the Week!

**Students of the Week**

Primary Student of the Week: Zack Harrison 3/4E

Infants Student of the Week: Hudson Deas KF

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

Ms Cooper
PBL Coordinator
School Spelling Bee

Last Thursday we held our annual school Spelling Bee. The competition was very entertaining and it certainly showcased the fantastic spelling abilities of our students. All students who represented their classes in the bee should be very proud of their achievement.

Congratulations to our Stage 3 winners:

Trinity Weiley 5/6C and Katy McLeod 5/6F.

Congratulations to our Stage 2 winners:

Sophie Hawkins 4/5/6J and Neevah Hunt 2/3/4T.

These four students will represent our school in the Regional Final of the Premier’s Spelling Challenge, which will be held at Old Bar P.S. on the 8th of September. We wish them the best of luck!

Ms Cooper
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

Good for Kids good for life

Why does our school have Crunch&Sip®?

Crunch&Sip® is a set time in primary schools for students to ‘refuel’ on fruit and salad vegetables and ‘rehydrate’ with water¹.

Research has shown that students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive².

Crunch&Sip® gives students the opportunity to eat at least one serve of fruit or vegetables a day and can help increase their overall total daily intake.

What to pack for Crunch&Sip®²

- A bottle of water

And either:

- A whole piece of fruit or vegetables e.g. mandarin, banana, carrot
- A small container of bite sized fruit or vegetables e.g. berries, grapes, carrots, celery
- Vegetable sticks
- Dried fruit very occasionally

Consider fruits and vegetables that are in season as this will help to lower the cost and be sure to pack something for Crunch&Sip® everyday!

Reference:

¹ www.healthy-kids.nsw.gov.au
² Crunch&Sip® Information for Parent fact Sheet