**Principal's Report**

We welcomed all of our Kinder students to Taree West on Monday morning. The children settled in very quickly. It was wonderful to see their smiling, eager faces as I visited the classrooms. They also seemed to really enjoy the support of their Year 6 buddies in the playground.

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to all our new families to Taree West.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the school executive, teaching and administrative staff in coordinating such a smooth start to the 2015 school year. The children have all commenced the year with a very positive approach to their learning. It has been so delightful visiting classrooms and walking through the playground as the children have been so excited to share their holiday stories and tell me about their first few days at school.

**School Organisation**

We are currently in the final stages of confirming our classes for 2015 and anticipate that this will be finalised in the next couple of days. A staff list will therefore be published in next week’s newsletter.

The Assistant Principal for each stage is as follows. Please feel free to contact your child’s class teacher, the Assistant Principal, our Deputy Principal Linda Xerri, or Donna Bensch, Principal if you have any queries in relation to children.

**Assistant Principals**

- Kinder (Early Stage 1) – Simone Coleman
- Year 1 and 2 (Stage 1) – Joy Redman
- Year 3 and 4 (Stage 2) – David Kingsland
- Year 5 and 6 (Stage 3) – Sue Wiseman

**School Sport**

Children are required to wear their sport uniform on the designated sport day as follows

- Kindergarten – Friday
- Year 1 and 2 – Thursday
- Years 3 - 6 – Friday

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Parent Teacher Information Night
Parents/Carers are invited to a class information session between 5pm and 6pm on Monday 16 February. This meeting will provide an opportunity for you to meet your child’s class teacher and to hear about class programs.

School Bell Times
8:40 am Supervision commences
9:10 am Bell and classes commence
11:10 am Lunch
1:25pm Recess
3:10 pm – Classes conclude - Home

P&C meeting
The first P&C meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 17 February at 6pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend.
The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 March 2015.

Scripture
Scripture classes will commence for Year 1 – 6 students on Tuesday 17 February 2015. All children in Years 1 – 6 will attend scripture classes unless parents/carers write a note to class teachers indicating that their child is not to participate. Written notes need to be sent to school by Friday 13 February as the scripture class timetable needs to be finalised.
Scripture for Kinder students, who have indicated participation on their enrolment forms, will commence in Term 2.

Donna Bensch
Principal

Sport news
Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who were elected as captains and vice-captains for their school house. They are as follows:

**Lawson Captains:** Jazmin Campbell and Isaac Williams
**Vice Captains:** Charlotte Miller and Cooper Ward

**Paterson Captains:** Katelyn Page and Cooper Wynbergen
**Vice Captains:** Imogen Nelson and Dyson Luciani

**Kendall Captains:** Abbie Gaul and Charlie Dignam
**Vice Captains:** Shai Yarnold and Jaiden Davis

**Gordon Captains:** Letesha Mancell and Matthew Sowter
**Vice Captains:** Alisha Lyons and Logan Yates
School Concert Band Information

We are very excited to inform students and parents that our school band program for 2015 will begin this Tuesday 3rd February. The first rehearsal will begin at 2.15 pm in the school library and will be for 1 hr. The rehearsals will occur each week at the same time for the remainder of the term.

It is anticipated that we will have a training band also this year. This will be for beginning students who are interested in joining the school band. We have already received a number of expressions of interest from students wishing to commence lessons this year.

The cost of the program is $20 per week. This rate includes a 1 hr band rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons and a 30 minute tutorial which will be held at various times on Friday mornings in the school library.

Payments for the sessions need to made directly to Mr Griffiths. Details of how to make payments will be issued to the students on Tuesday afternoon.

The tutorials will be held in small groups (2-3 students) and the students will receive expert tuition on their chosen instruments. We will give the students a time for their first tutorial at the band rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon.

Our school concert band will be entering the Taree and District Eisteddfod and this will be held in May.

Guitar Group information

Guitar Group will commence next week. The lessons will be held in Mr Cook's classroom during lunchtimes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week. Students need to bring their lunch and guitars along with them to the lessons. Students who were in the guitar group last year have been offered a place in the group this year and beginner students who are wishing to join the group need to register their name with Mr Cook. We have limited places available so please be quick if you wish to secure a place. Students do not need their own guitar as we have plenty of spare ones available to borrow at the school.

Community Advertisements

Taree West Public School Playgroup
Wingham Rd, Taree 2430
Monday 9.30 – 11.30am
in the school hall.
For further information please contact Leanne
0418 237 775

Cundletown Soccer Club is now accepting registrations for our 2015 Soccer Season.
Please register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au following the prompts as per previous years.
We will also be holding the following registration days for those that need further assistance to register or to pay manually.

Registration Days
14th February 2015 - 9.00am to 12.00pm at the Cundletown Club Canteen
21st February 2015 - 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Cundletown Club Canteen
For further information please contact:-
Graham Brown (President) 0418689758
Michelle Kelly (Registrar) 0437 924 616

Register NOW!
www.aflauskick.com.au
Does your Daughter love to Dance?
See her eyes light up as she twirls,
Bounces, skips and plays!
Hear her giggle and laugh
In a caring class with friends!
Watch her gain confidence and pride!

Join Taree Great Lakes Physical Culture Club.
Where girls and women come together to dance their way to confidence.
You can contact us on www.tareegreatlakesphysie.com
0428 210 800

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DANCE LESSONS

Maree Ruprecht-Cooper, principal of Dynamic Dance Studio (est.1992) is notifying everyone that she is taking enrolments for 2015.

Classes are held at:

* Uniting Church Hall at Cundletown on Monday afternoons at 4pm

and

* Lansdowne Hall on Tuesday afternoons at 4.30pm.

Maree will teach your children dancing and gymnastics for fun and fitness rather than the stress of exams and eisteddfods. There are no unrealistic fees involved, just one weekly fee and the children are getting fit without even knowing it.

For further enquiries please contact Maree on 65538439 or 0412060071.
Group 3 Junior Rugby League Sign Up 2015
ages 6 to 16 and a half

The Club Taree Red Rovers Junior Rugby League Football Club provides professional coaching staff and an active committee generating a loyal and friendly atmosphere for players and their families. Some top NRL players have been produced through the ranks of the Rovers, including former Knights, NSW and Australian captain Danny Buderus.

Online Registration Now Open for Players who were registered in 2014

For all enquiries please contact Club Registrar, Julie Wagener on 0417 488633 or Club Secretary, Faye Brennen on 0411 481832.

Registration dates will be Sunday Feb 8 from 10am to 1pm and Tuesday Feb 10 from 4 to 6pm at the Taree Rec Ground Canteen, with a view to start training the following week.

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To apply – complete the application at http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au or call 9826 7627. You will then need to attend the Motor Registry at Taree with your application. Once it is processed you will be issued with a letter that can be supplied to the school. There is no cost involved for volunteers. Clearances are usually valid for a 5 year period.

Please return this slip to the school office.

Yes I am interested in being a Reading Volunteer

I understand that I will need to complete a Working with Children Check and provide this to the school prior to commencing the program.

Name: _____________________________________

Contact telephone: ______________________

Days and times that I am available:

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Do you have a connection with current students in the school: Yes/No

If so, whom? ______________________________________

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