Principal’s Report

Thank you for your support and understanding whilst we worked to establish classes for 2015. This process has now been completed with all students placed in their 2015 classes. The classes are organised as follows:

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Our School Librarian is Lucy Legge.

Christian Fieldhouse and Kim Voss are our School Counsellors.

Our administration staff members are Amanda Small, Sharon Smith, Mel Turner and Janna Lambert. Our General Assistant is Ross Bennett.

Our School Learning Support Officers are Pauline McMaster, Kevin Searle, Julie Atkins, Christine Crisp, Kylie Hinten, Suellen Olliver, Jill Perkins and Vicki Willing. Kylie Hinten is also undertaking the role of Community Liaison Officer.

The school Executive is as follows:

Simone Coleman, Kindergarten Relieving Assistant Principal
Joy Redman, Year 1 & 2 Assistant Principal
David Kingsland, Year 3 & 4 Assistant Principal
Sue Wiseman, Year 5 & 6 Assistant Principal
Linda Xerri, Deputy Principal
Donna Bensch, Principal

Swimming Carnival

The school Swimming Carnival will take place, for nominated students, this Thursday 12 February at Wingham Pool. The cost of the day is $6.70 and is to be paid on the day. $4.00 bus fare and $2.70 pool entry.

We wish all participants a very successful and enjoyable day of swimming and cheering each other on!

The Zone Swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 25 February for the students who qualify against the swim times.

Kindergarten Reading Books – A gift for your child

All Kindergarten students will be presented with a reading book, as a gift from the school, by their class teacher this week. It is our way of signifying the start of formal schooling and is aimed to assist them in their reading journey and to develop a love of reading.

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.

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. Scripture for Kinder students will commence in Term 2.

All children 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.

School Reading Program

In 2015, Literacy is one of our main academic priority areas and I seek your support through an invitation to be a part of our school reading program as literacy is the key skill to all other areas of the curriculum. Significant improvements are achieved if children can read and are read to every day – we therefore need your help so please speak to grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, neighbours, mums and dads to give us 1hr a week or more as a school reading volunteer. Please find attached the volunteer form which can be returned to your child’s class teacher.

Donna Bensch
Principal

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Permission to Publish

Permission to Publish notes went home in Week 1. If you have not returned the note, please do so by no later than Friday 13 February. School photos are on March 5. If your child’s note is not returned, your child will be marked automatically as a **NO** to Publish and therefore will only be able to be included in an individual photo and **not** in a class photo.

Rock and Water Program

The ‘Rock and Water’ program has been taught at Taree West PS for the past three years. It uses a physical/social approach to assist boys and girls in their development to adulthood, by increasing their self-realisation, self-confidence, self-respect, boundary awareness, self-awareness and intuition. Students have increased mental strength, empathy and positive feelings. The issue of bullying is also dealt with.

A specific goal for the course is teaching boys and girls to deal with power, strength and powerlessness.

‘Rock and Water’ shows students how the tough, immovable rock attitude versus the cooperative, communicative water attitude. This is applied at various levels: the physical, the mental and the social level.

‘Rock and Water’ enhances the self-esteem, self-control and self-confidence of students. It can support and contribute to the aims of other school programs.

The program has a basis in martial arts. Emotions are expressed in the body by way of muscular tension. Therefore, increased body awareness can lead to more insight into one’s own patterns of reaction, which in turn can offer a chance to deepen and further develop the students’ emotional awareness and self-awareness. This leads to an increase in mental and inner power.

The lessons are usually taught in small groups. Boys and girls groups are run separately.

All Stage 2 classes will be given an introduction to Rock and Water this term.

Please contact me if you’d like any further information about this fantastic program.

Mrs Sandy Osborne
Rock and Water Instructor

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

Basketball

Numbers now playing basketball at Taree West have increased to a new high in 2015 with children in the junior bracket rising significantly. It was fantastic to see so many, new faces and old, take advantage of the opportunity to train after school on Thursday. Thank you to Col Scott and Shelley Cusbert for giving their time to help promote and raise the standard of basketball at Taree West.

The first round of primary school based basketball tipped off at Saxby’s Stadium on Saturday with all teams members giving 100%, having fun and some players even surprising themselves with their own effort.

Three late withdrawals of girls in the year5-6 division has left the Taree West Sapphires with just four players. New players are needed immediately so if you think you have what it takes call me on 0418160591.

Meanwhile, a division is being created for children in Kindy, year1 and year2 who wish to play in a 9am timeslot on Saturday mornings. There are three children interested so far but will need a few more if they are to make up their own Taree West team.

We are looking forward to next Thursday afternoon where we will continue to work on fundamental basketball skills.

See you there!!

Evan
COMBOYNE SHOW & GOAT RACES
SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY FROM 9 AM
ENTRY $5 PER ADULT - 16 AND UNDER FREE
Relaxed country day out for the whole family!
GOAT RACES WITH CALCUTTA SHOW POULTRY
DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARKET STALLS
PRODUCE PAVILION
ART PAVILION
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
MUSIC
FOOD AND COFFEE
EQUESTRIAN EVENTS (ONLY) ON SUNDAY

Taree City Netball Club
Registrations this year will primarily be conducted online at www.mynetball.com.au and will be available from Thursday 12th February for existing players.

Registration days for those who cannot register online and all new members/players will be at the Taree Netball Courts every Thursday from 4.30pm to 6.00pm, commencing Thursday 12th February.

For more information go to our Facebook page or contact Kelly Adamson 0412 202 145

Paid Advertisements

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.tareegrealtakesphysie.com
0428 210 800
Physie…..The fusion of dance and sport!

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

* 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.
Reading Volunteers Program

The school reading volunteers program is aimed to develop a love of reading and will support the reading development of Year 1 and 2 students. All volunteers are welcome regardless of if you have a connection with current school students or not. A short information session will also be provided for volunteers. Volunteers will need to undergo a Working with Children Check before commencing the program. Please see details below.

To apply – complete the application at [http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](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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____________________________________
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Do you have a connection with current students I the school: Yes/No
If so, whom? ______________________________________