Principal’s Report

I have to commend all of our students on their exceptional behaviour. I am so very impressed as I walk around the school and witness very calm and organised assemblies and highly engaging learning environments. I believe that this is a direct result of our Positive Behaviour for Learning procedures within the school as the children have been explicitly taught expected behaviours which are then acknowledged through praise and a structured reward system. Our school discipline system is built on our community belief of teaching, learning and positive reinforcement. Well done to all of our students and staff, you have really made a difference to our school culture!

Staffing update

Ms Samantha Holden will be joining our RFF team this year, Ms Meaton will be travelling and working overseas for the next 12 months so we wish her well on her journey. Mr Sam McCaffrey will continue to work and be part of our School Learning Support Officer team in 2015.

Mrs Xerri will be relieving as Principal and Mrs Redman will be relieving as Deputy Principal in my absence during Week 5 and 6 of this term (for the next two weeks).

Swimming Carnival – Congratulations

Congratulations to all of our students who took part in the Swimming Carnival last Thursday. The carnival was a great success due to the wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by the students. A big thank you to our parents/carers who helped out on the day and to our wonderful staff for their coordination and organisation of the event.

The Zone Swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 25 February for the students who qualified against each events swim time.
Parent Teacher Information Night

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended our parent information sessions last night. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance.

If you were not able to make the session last night, a class information newsletter will be sent home in the next few days. If you would like to see your child’s teacher at another time for a more formal meeting please ring the school office or send a note into the teacher to arrange for a mutually convenient meeting time.

School Facebook Page

We are currently in the process of developing a new school Facebook page. It is anticipated that over the next few weeks we will be able to add information and current events for parents to view regularly. Please find and Like us – our page is Taree West Public School with our current school Eagle Logo. Please be aware that there are other pages with a similar name however they are not connected to the school.

P&C meeting

The first P&C meeting for 2015 will be held tonight at 6pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 March 2015.

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

Principal Awards

Tyla Humphrey 4-5-6W, Lily McNeil 2G, Isaac Williams 5-6U, Jessica Osmond-Dreyer 4-5-6W, Tyler Dillon 1C

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Crunch&Sip®

Our school is committed to improving children’s health through education and by supporting the Department of Health’s Crunch&Sip® initiative.

Crunch&Sip® is a set break for students to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom.

We invite you to support your child to participate in Crunch&Sip® by providing water in a drink bottle and a piece of fruit or vegetable each day.

Become an Ethics Teacher at Taree West Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.


We have a few vacancies for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information, please contact:

Kelly Kingsley Wilson
Ethics Coordinator for Taree West Public School
tareewest.primaryethics@gmail.com 0421 813 023
PBL News
We have only been back at school for two weeks and already we have given out hundreds of eagle tokens! Congratulations to our students for starting the year with such outstanding behaviour!

The PBL team were very busy last year working with a sign company to design and create PBL signs for our school. We are incredibly excited that they have arrived and are now on display. They look amazing! We would like to praise the efforts of Mrs Griffith and the SRC for the fundraising they did last year as this money helped to pay for our beautiful new signs.

This week’s rule: Walk on the concrete.
Value: Care

PBL Classes of the Week:
I am proud to say that our first Primary PBL Class of the Week for 2015 is 5/6S! Congratulations to 1J! They are our very first Infants PBL Class of the Week for 2015!

Students of the Week
Primary Student of the Week: Oscar Holt 5/6U
Infants Student of the Week: Armarlia Willis 2C

Well done!
Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

Mrs Suters
PBL Coordinator

2015 TWPS Swimming Carnival
Last Thursday, approximately 100 students participated in our school’s annual swimming carnival. It was a beautiful and relaxed day of children swimming to the best of their ability for points for their house and a possibility to gain selection into the school team for the Zone Swimming Carnival.

The results are:
1st Paterson (87 points), 2nd Lawson (84 points), 3rd Gordon (63 points) and 4th Kendall (60 points).

The swimmers are awarded individual points for their efforts and Age Champions are determined. Congratulations to the following swimmers for their individual achievements:

Junior Champions: Joshua Hopkins
Samira Mitchell
11 Year Old Champions: Charlie Dignam
Jasmine Jackson
Senior Champions: Cooper Ward
Amy Golden

The TWPS Team for the Zone Swimming Carnival
The Zone Swimming Team has been selected through specific criteria. 50m Freestyle age races are selected through the first two placings, specific stroke races are selected on times and the school junior and senior relay teams are selected with times.

The following 19 students gained selection for Zone:

The Zone Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday 25th Feb at Taree Aquatic Centre. Permission notes for these swimmers will be handed out today or tomorrow. Taree West has been allocated Lane 1 for the day and need volunteers for timekeeping.

Thank you for supporting you child and school on the day. This event would not be able to proceed without your assistance.

Mr Uwland
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
Basketball at Taree West continues to grow with 28 children in attendance for Thursday’s skill session. In probably the best training session to date, all participants engaged in the planned activities and were caught totally unaware when it was home time.

Saturday morning basketball has now branched to include a Kindy, year1 and year2 group commencing at 9am. This is a great way to introduce the youngsters to our sport given that most children are at the beginner level. If you would like to get your children involved, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Taree West year3-4 mixed teams continue to shine against their counterparts from the other schools and I believe it is their willingness to listen and learn at training that is giving them the edge over their rivals at the moment.

The year5-6 girls have been split into two even teams numbering six in each team. The Sapphires entered the winners circle with a comfortable win over Community College. The Diamonds fought hard to the end against the strong St Joseph Spirit team to go down by just a small handful of baskets at full time.

The year 5-6 boy’s team struggled for cohesion in their match against another St Joeys stronghold. The boys failed to score in the first half, however, turned the tables in the third quarter to win that quarter by 12 points to 4. When the lads will learn to play for a whole game and look to pass before they are put under pressure, they will do much better.

The children are now eagerly looking forward to Saturday after hopefully another productive training session.

Cheers for now,

Evan Thompson co-ordinator for Taree West (0418160591)
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.tareegreatlakesphysie.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

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 enquires 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 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 I the school: Yes/No
If so, whom? ___________________________