## Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 6. The children have been enjoying learning about healthy life choices in the Life Education Van this week. Healthy Harold will be with us until Friday.

School photos will take place this Thursday. All students are asked to wear their full school uniform on this day.

Congratulations to our Zone representative swimmers who swam for their lives at the zone swimming carnival last Wednesday. A fantastic effort. Well done!!

We are looking forward to Mrs Bensch’s return next Monday. I would like to thank the executive, teaching and SASS staff for all of their support while she has been away.

Linda Xerri
Relieving Principal

### Principal Awards

Madeline Osmond-Dreyer 2-3S, Timothy Bischofberger 3-4K

### Class Awards

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Zane & Lara ‘Cleaning Up’
Term 1 – Week 6

Tuesday, 3 March 2015

Year 1 & Year 2 Sport Cancellation
Due to School Photos next Thursday 5th March, there will be NO SPORT for Year 1 & Year 2 students. Please come dressed in full summer uniform.

Gym lessons will go ahead for students in 2C and 2G. Full summer uniform is required to be worn on the day, with girls to pack a pair of shorts/skorts to change into for Gym.

Joy Redman
Stage 1 AP

Year 5 & Year 6 End of Year Excursion
Our 2015 major excursion for Year 5 & Year 6 has been booked and will take place from Wednesday 21 October to Friday 23 October in Sydney.

The total cost will be $380.00 per student. This amount covers full accommodation, full catering, transport by bus & entry to Sydney Aquarium, Wildlife Sydney Zoo, Madame Tussauds, Imax Theatre, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Observatory at night & The Rocks Walking Tour. The excursion fees may be paid in a lump sum or by following the instalment plan below.

A non-refundable deposit of $100.00 is required by Friday 24 April 2015 to confirm your seat and so that bookings can be finalised.

Permission notes along with the payment plan were sent home yesterday. If your child did not receive this note please call to the office for a copy.

Please note seats are limited for this excursion and places will be filled on a first in first served basis.

Year 3 & Year 4 Camp
Our 2015 camp for Years 3 and 4 has been booked and will take place from: Monday 19 October to Wednesday 21 October.

The total cost will be $255.00 per student. This amount covers full accommodation, full catering, transport by bus to and from camp and the use of camp facilities. The camp fees may be paid in a lump sum or by following the instalment plan.

Permission notes went home yesterday, if your child did not receive one please call to the office.

A non-refundable deposit of $55.00 is required by Friday 8 May 2015 to confirm your seat and so that bookings can be finalised.

CORRECTION - Incorrect Dates on Permission note
Year 5 & Year 6 Sydney Excursion will take place from Wednesday 21 October to Friday 23 October. We apologise for any confusion.

Class Reward Pizza Parties
Taree West Public School is a Positive Behaviours for Learning school. As such, we implement a range of reward schemes to encourage and recognise expected positive behaviours. One of these schemes involves points being awarded to classes that demonstrate excellent behaviour in class lines at assemblies. A winning Stage 2 class and Stage 3 class will be announced every half term.

The class that has earned the most points over this period of time will receive a class Pizza Reward Party. Congratulations to 3/4R and 4/5L who are the winners for the first half of this term.

A letter will be sent home with students of the winning class. If your child has any dietary requirements that may affect their participation in a Pizza Reward Party, please advise the school by returning the return slip prior to each party.

PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival
Last Wednesday, sixteen students were selected to represent our school in the Primary School Sports Association Manning Zone Swimming Carnival at the Taree Aquatic Centre. It was a wonderful event with representation from as far west as Barrington, as far north as Harrington and as far south as Bungwahl. TWPS representatives were:


Many of our swimmers swam great in their races achieving personal best times. A number of students placed second in their event which is a fantastic effort. Unfortunately, TWPS have no swimmers progressing to the Regional Carnival as they failed to swim qualifying times.

Thank you to the parents who assisted with the timing of races on the day. I really appreciate your continual support and effort.

PSSA Basketball Trials
Five students were selected to represent TWPS at the recent PSSA Basketball Trials. Two students, Tilley H and Kaylah T, gained selection into the Manning Zone Team. They will be joining others from the zone to trial against other zones from within the Hunter Region in a couple of weeks. Good luck, girls!
PBL News
This fortnight we are continuing our focus on the rule: Be in the right area at the right time.
The relating value to this rule is: Responsibility. In class and in lines/assemblies we have been talking about where the right places to be are at particular times as well as reminding students about ‘out of bounds’ areas and the painted yellow lines that tell us where the boundaries are.

PBL Classes of the Week:
Congratulations to 3/4M! They are our Primary PBL Class of the Week.

Well done to KS! They have earned the title of Infants PBL Class of the Week!

Students of the Week

Primary Student of the Week: Emma Fawcett 3/4R

Infants Student of the Week: Luke Milligan 1J

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

Mrs Suters
PBL Coordinator

Student Writing
Australia Is A Great Place To Live!
I’m sure there are some people who debate about whether or not Australia is a great place to live. Personally in my humble opinion, I’d say that Australia is the greatest place to live.

Now for the debate. I will admit everything isn’t 10/10, but for me at least the scales for this debate lean in Australia’s favour. Australia is a great for many reasons such as for (e.g.) Australia has no quarrel with neighbouring or, in fact, any countries. Secondly, everyone gets great education and almost no one is left on the streets, meaning Australia has many helpful organisations, even networks.

Throughout my life I have been given various opportunities such as when I was fortunate enough to be present at the Sydney Swans vs Brisbane Lions in 2013 because I joined A.F.L. Auskick. I’ve also been given the opportunity to venture to North Haven Public School in the same year which obviously I took. This event was being held for public speaking. I made two new friends named Zoey and Moses who both achieved highly commended.

Some other reasons Australia is such a great place are just the simple perks for the people living in Australia like being able to venture to many theme parks or being able to experience wonderful wildlife parklands. All these things make my life amazing I can tell you that much.

Furthermore, it’s not just the things that benefit me that makes Australia a great place to live but Australia’s history and traditional culture are both fascinating as well as intriguing.

All of these aspects of Australia, even things I didn’t mention make Australia the experience of a life time, a lifetime of experiences. From the places to go to the people to see is just well - great. I hope any of you reading right now think and know that Australia is truly the greatest place to live.

By Makyah Cusbert 4/5/6 W

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
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. School in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 6 March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

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

National Parks Week

Free activity: National Parks Week 2015

Digging up the Past – archaeology for kids 6-12 years
Sunday 15 March at Saltwater National Park

Get the kids involved with a fun activity and exploration of a beautiful landscape.

Come exploring Saltwater National Park along the sandy tracks and dense coastal rainforest. You and your WilderQuest buddies will search for mystery objects that have been buried, and discover the reconstructed shell mound or midden made from cleaned and mounded shell material. Some of the mystery objects are ancient and others come from long ago. We'll take a look at these objects and learn where they fit into Australia's past. This WilderQuest activity has been designed for school children 6-12 years and their parents. Remember to wear enclosed shoes and a hat and bring a water bottle in a small backpack.

When: Sunday 15 March 2015, 10am to 11.30am
Where: Saltwater National Park. See getting there information.
Meet: Meet Guide near Amenities Block
Guide: Discovery Ranger Keith Davy
Grade: Mostly level track with rough, sandy surface. Not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.
Price: Free but bookings essential as strictly limited to 30 places.
Bookings: Essential. Phone (02) 6588 5519 or email susan.phillips@environment.nsw.gov.au
Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.
**Taree & District Netball Association**

Attention all 11 year old netball players

Taree & District Netball Association is calling for any girls turning 11 in 2015 to sign up for the 11 years training squad.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact the coach: Rachel Latham on 0439 301 270

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**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? __________________________