Principal’s Report

P&C AGM and General Meeting
The P&C AGM will take place tonight at 6pm in the school Library. All positions will be declared vacant and will be open for nominations and voting at the meeting. The P&C general meeting with the new P&C executive will take place following the AGM. All are welcome to attend both meetings however only P&C financial members are able to vote at the AGM.

Harmony Day - celebrating Australia’s cultural Diversity
This year Harmony day will be celebrated at our school on Friday 20 March. Children will be invited to wear orange clothing or accessories (like ribbons etc.) on the day and will be involved in various class based lessons and activities. The day celebrates Australia’s Cultural Diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Grandparent’s Day
Staff, Students and the Community of Taree West Public School, Invite all grandparents/or a special ‘older family friend or relative’ to Grandparent’s Day at Taree West on Wednesday 1 April. The day will commence with a school assembly at 9:30am. We look forward to welcoming as many grandparents to school as possible.

K-2 Celebration Hat Parade
The annual K-2 Hat Parade will take place on Thursday 2 April at 9:30am in the school hall. Parents and family members are welcome to come along and watch the children parade.

School Facebook Page
Thank you to all of the parents and community members who have continued to find and liked us on our new school Facebook page. We have started posting upcoming events on the page for your information and as reminders. Hint: 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.
Upcoming School Building Works
School building works to Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block A, (the long wooden building), will be undertaken over approximately the next 4 – 6 weeks. The repair work needed to the footings under the building is quite extensive and will require several weeks to complete the necessary repair. The building is currently safe however the footings are slowly deteriorating due to age. It is anticipated that there will be some disruption to classes with a couple of classes relocated to the 2 spares room in the school for a short period of time whilst the work is completed. Fencing and barriers will also be in place around the building during the work period. We will do our best to ensure that disruptions are kept to a minimum for all students and classes.

Donna Bensch
Principal

Principal Awards
Harry Kurtz 1-2H

Silver Eagle Award
Lily McNeil 2G

Class Awards

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Hat Parade
The K-2 classes will participate in a Hat Parade on Thursday 2nd April at 9.30am. This activity is part of the HSIE Syllabus which identifies practices, symbols, traditions and celebrations of families. Students are asked to make a fancy hat with their parents and bring it along on Thursday 2nd April. A parade will be held at 9.30am and all students who bring and wear a hat in the parade will receive a raffle ticket to go in a lucky draw.

Please contact your child’s class teacher if you do not wish your child to participate in this ‘Celebration’ activity.

Thank you
Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Teaching Team.

PBL News

PBL Focus Rule:
Rule: Sing the national anthem and school song sensibly.
Value: Respect

PBL Classes of the Week:
5/6J are becoming unstoppable! For the third time this year, they are our Primary PBL Class of the Week!

Well done to 1J! They have earned the title of Infants PBL Class of the Week!

Students of the Week:
Primary Student of the Week: Liam Erickson 5/6J
Infants Student of the Week: Jasmine Wilson 1C

Keep earning those eagle tokens Taree West!

Mrs Suters
PBL Coordinator

Year 6 to Year 7
Just a reminder if you have not already done so, the Year 6 to Year 7 Expression of Interest needs to be returned to the school by Friday 20 March 2015. If you have any concerns please contact the office.

Cross Country
TWPS Cross Country is on Friday 27 March. Children run in the event according to the age they turn this year. Infants (ages 5, 6 and 7 years) commences at 10:00am. Primary (ages 8-13 years) commences at 12:15pm.
Student Writing – 5-6S

A moment in time
I heard the streaming water down the rushing river.
I heard trees bashing into each other from the strong, swirling wind.
I saw the white cockatoos flying around crazily forming a cloud of cotton candy.
I saw small insects climbing up and down the giant palm trees.
I felt small coloured fish tickling my feet in the clear shallow water.
I wondered if there used to be dinosaurs on the island thousands and thousands of years ago.

By Lashana Maurer.

Diary Entry
By Jada Humphreys

Dear Diary,
Today my Dad and I are going on an adventure to an island. At the moment we were packing our stuff into the car and so far we were having a great day. We just turned up to the island and it was a whole hour to get here. At the island there were so many exotic colours like blues, greens, whites, reds and many more. We are just about to go on the boat called the Time Machine.

Dad and I were just getting into the boat and there were so many little fish that were swimming really fast. Then Dad saw a really big fish that had lots of patterns and colours.

After we saw the fish I spotted a rainbow high up into the sky it had all the same colours as the fish and the coral it was beautiful and so terrific.

Then we went over to the island where there were the most beautiful and wonderful birds. Dad and I got a close up of one of the birds. It was like nothing I had ever seen before.

Then I looked at the water it was like I could just ice skate over and over again. It was so crystal clear and it shined in the beautiful sun light, reflecting off the bright white shells over near the white crystal sand.

Dad and I had the most wonderful day in the Time Machine.

A Moment in Time
Written By Max Firmager

I heard... the chirping of birds & the rushing of water.
I heard... rustling bushes swaying around in the wind & Dad talking softly.
I saw... a cloud of squawking cockatoos right above my head.
I saw... the leaves & bushes swaying around in the wind & big lizards climbing spirally trees.
I wondered... where is all this rushing water going?
I felt... like I was in heaven.

Community Advertisements

Lost
Two Bibles were lost near corner of Commerce St & Louis St on Sunday. One was in a small black zip up cover with handles; the other has a blue vinyl cover. Great sentimental value.
If found, please contact the school office.

Basketball
Term 1 basketball has hit semi-final stage this Saturday and all Taree West teams will be involved. Wow time flies when you’re having fun!! Good luck to the Tigers, Sapphires and Diamonds teams. Play well!! The year 2-3-4 teams will play through to the end of term as these are non-competitive but are doing so well.

The $20 entry fee for the CJ Bruton basketball coaching clinic should be paid this Saturday to avoid the disappointment of missing a place. CJ is an Olympic Games representative of Australia as well winning numerous titles for his National Basketball League teams. Bring your autograph books and shoes along as well. He will be only too pleased to sign these for you.

Stay tuned for news on Winter Basketball coming on a Sunday through terms 2 and 3.

A very exciting time is upon us at Taree Basketball and look forward to the continued participation by our Taree West representatives.

“Get more bounce in your lives......play basketball”

Evan Thompson (Co-ordinator for Taree West)