

Welcome back to a busy term 3!

Term 2 ended with a delightful celebration of NAIDOC Day. From the warm welcome to country by Auntie Jean to the spiritually enlightening smoking ceremony conducted by Auntie Tracey, celebrated the ancient culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Students, parents, teachers and community members ate a delicious barbeque consisting of fish and kangaroo and sausages. Afterwards, four gorgeous students from Chatham High ran traditional games for the children. It was a great day! Many thanks to our wonderful Auntie Sherry for the organisation of the day and to the super chefs – Mr Muir, Uncle Geoff and Uncle Cecil.

This term we are aiming to improve attendance. Children need to be sick or have genuine family reasons for staying away from school. Otherwise, they should come every day! They not only get to learn more, but they don't miss out on any exciting programs.

On Thursday this week, we have a special treat. I Made Denis, from Bali, is an Indonesian musician currently visiting Australia to teach children about Indonesian music. Pak (Mr) Denis is coming to Taree Public School! All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will have the opportunity to play angklung (bamboo instruments) or Gamelan (Indonesian orchestra). Normally, the workshops cost \$7 per student, but the school will subsidise the cost so it will only be \$2 each!! Please send the \$2 on Wednesday or Thursday and hand in to the class teacher. Any parents curious about Indonesia music are welcome to come along – there will be several sessions throughout the day. Crowdy Head public school will join us for the day.

On Friday, we will have our athletics carnival. The carnival will be at Johnny Martin oval and will begin at 10am. Please ensure your children have shoes and socks, a hat, a drink bottle and morning tea. A permission note will be sent home for you to sign and get back to your child's class teacher by Friday 23 July 2010. We should all be back at school for lunch. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer!



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This week and next, teachers and students, along with parents will be working together in preparing personal learning plans. This is an exciting opportunity to make an important goal or two for the rest of this year and into the future.

Parents and community members, interested in forming a parent group at Taree Public School are invited to an informal get together on Thursday 29 July 2010 at 2.30pm. Please come along for a yarn and to find out some of the programs happening at school.

What a great start to the term!

Regards

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Newsletters are uploaded on our school website: <http://www.taree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/home.node>.



DATES TO REMEMBER		
Thursday 22 /7	I Made Denis	9.30—3.10
Friday 23/7	Athletics Carnival	10am
Thursday 29 /7	Parent and Community get together	2.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Biripi people who are the traditional custodi-

NAIDOC Day and Smoking ceremony 2010



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