

This week, students and teachers say thank you to school support staff. Schools cannot run without the wonderful people who run the office, care for the school grounds and assist in classrooms. So, thank you to Lisa and Anne in the office, to Graham and Steve and Ruth and Ray for keeping our grounds clean and safe. Thank you to our school learning support officers (SLSOs): Julie, Cecil, Paul, Susan, Toni, Graham (again!) and Wise. Thank you to Geoff our Aboriginal Education Officer and Sherry our Partnership Officer. Taree Public School is LUCKY to have you all as staff members!

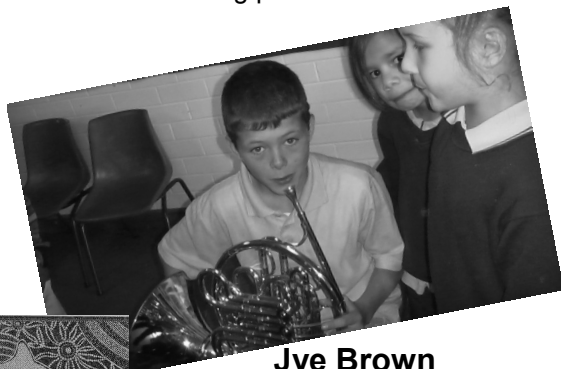
It was a pleasure for all students and staff to welcome Wayne Paulson and his dancers to Taree Public School last Thursday. They performed a series of traditional dances for us. Following, the girls were treated to dancing from Auntie Pam and Auntie Wilma.

The dancing exhibitions mark the beginning of our Thursday performing arts program. From this week, all students will participate in either drumming, dancing or choir workshops from 12.30 – 1.30pm. At the end of the term, (Thursday, 23rd September) we will hold two concerts: one at school and one at the Woombarra classroom at Purfleet. We hope lots of parents and community members will come along. Details in the next newsletter.

On Friday, senior students from the Sydney conservatorium of music, along with their teacher, introduced students and staff to their musical instruments. We met a cello, guitar, French horn, violin, clarinet and voice along with the musicians who played them. It was a fantastic hour enjoyed by everyone.

Also on Friday, a team from Taree Public School competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival. By all reports the school community has reason to be proud of our representatives. Thank you Mrs Madden for organising the day.

This Friday, a group of students will be going to the entertainment centre to see Wombat Stew. It promises to be an exciting performance!



Jye Brown



Design: Kathleen Morcome

Yesterday, the whole staff went to the Taree Racecourse for a staff development day. Over the next 3 -5 years, we will be implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) across the school. We started the process today. The school was staffed entirely by casuals. Students all enjoyed the day. Thanks to John Harwin, Principal Old Bar Public School for 'minding the fort'.

The next parent meeting will be on Thursday, 26th August at 2.30pm. The meeting will be in the 'Connected Classroom' and a demonstration of the interactive whiteboard and video conferencing facility will take place. All parents welcome!

Regards
Vana

Zone Carnival 2010

Last Friday, eight students attended the Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry sports grounds. All students participated in at least 3 races: 100, 200 and 800 metres.

Congratulations go to Chris Gant who was the only student to gain a place for the school! He came 3rd in the 800 metres and 4th in his 100 metres age race.

Blade Thorpe, Josh Simon, Rhain Davison, Courtney Leonard, Taylor Pender, Lachlan Simon all participated well and did their very best against students from school across the district.

The sportsmanship and behaviour of Taree Public School students was of a high standard and they should be commended for their ability to represent the school in such a positive manner.

A big thank you goes to Mr and Mrs Leonard and to Cec who all came along to support our students.

A great day was had by all.



DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	
16/8/10	Girl's Business	
18/8/10	Men's Business	
20/8/10	Drumming	
20/8/10	Choir	
21/8/10	Wombat Stew	
23/8/10	Drama	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Biripi people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Biripi Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals.



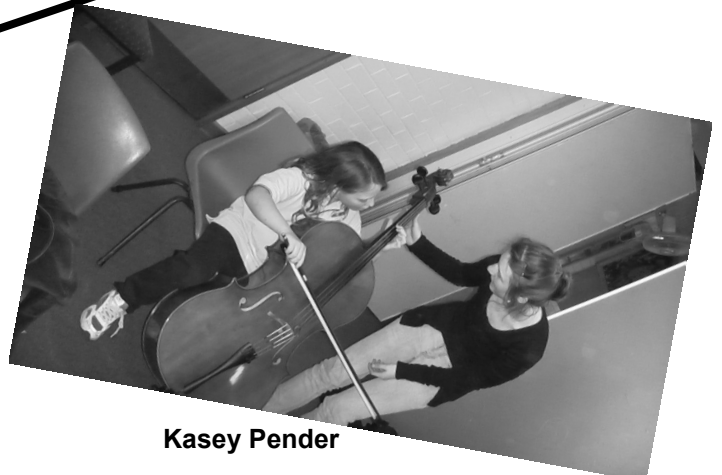
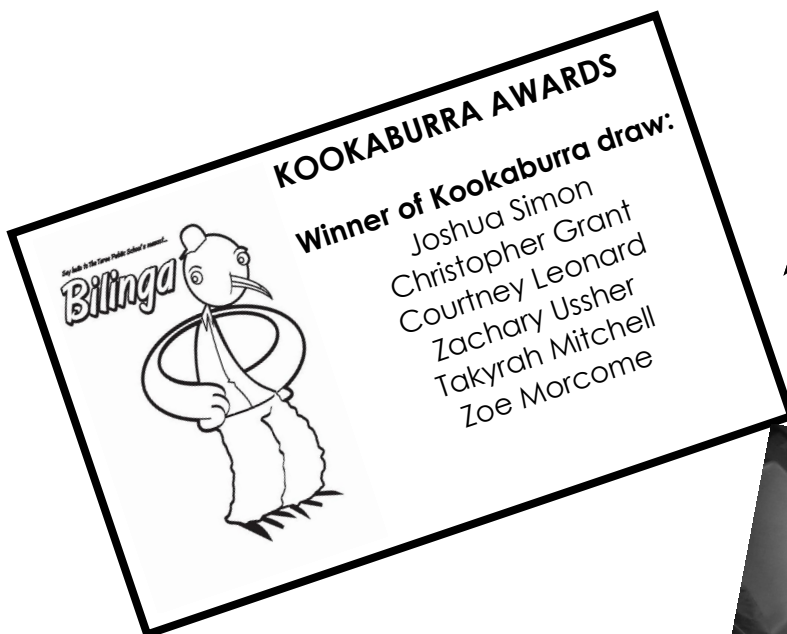
"Our School's a Great School"



Kane Benjamin

COMMENDATION AWARDS

Troy Wenzel
Kane Benjamin



Kasey Pender

CONGRATULATIONS

BRONZE AWARDS

Bradley Trafford
Joshua Simon
Lincoln Baxter
Trey Simon
Jye Brown
Zachary Ussher
Madison Anderson
Lachlan Simon
Zoe Ocon Torres
Mulry

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Taylah Pender

SILVER AWARDS

Tim Pettersen
Courtney Leonard
Rhain Davison
Tyson Tindall
Josh Simon
Kane Benjamin
Zoe Morcome