

Welcome back to Taree Public School for the 2011 school year!

We have started the year with 5 classes:

K/1/2 with Mrs Cortaville Smith as the class teacher

Years 2/3 with Mrs Tsembis as the class teacher

Year 4 with Mrs Madden as the class teacher

Years 5/6 with Mr Mawby as the class teacher

Library will be on Tuesday (except for K/1/2) Mr Mondy is the library teacher. Children will need a bag for borrowing books.

It has been a very positive beginning with the children quickly settling down to the new school year.

We are lucky to have 5 Kindergarten students: Jemiica Baxter, Pepper Hamilton, Bailey Gardner, Lachlan Noble and Bree Zammit. All five are loving school already!

On Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at 4pm all parents and care givers are invited to a parent/teacher afternoon. We will meet in the staffroom for some afternoon tea followed by an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet the teacher. All parents who attend will be given a \$50 target voucher to spend on uniforms, stationery and other back to school items.

The vouchers have been donated by ..... Please sign the slip below for catering purposes.

This year the newsletter will be published weekly on a Friday. It is then posted onto the school website: [www.taree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.taree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Coming up on Thursday is the Years 3-6 swimming carnival at the Taree Aquatic Centre. A separate note will be coming home about the swimming carnival and also the 2 week intensive swimming program which begins in week 10. Please contact the school if you need student assistance funds to assist with the cost of swimming or school uniforms.

Breakfast will again be available for children who have not eaten at home. Also, we know that occasionally children forget their lunches, or perhaps you have run out of food for lunches. In such cases, children can tell the breakfast room supervisor and some lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Later in the term we will have a visit from the Life Education Van. The Warners Bay and Belmont High school bands (120 students!) will be performing for us on a different occasion this term. The concert will be in the High School hall.

Please feel free to make an appointment to see me anytime you need to discuss your child at school. Our targets this year are simple and achievable:

For every child to improve reading levels

For all children in Year 2-6 to improve their knowledge of times table facts

For more children to come to school all the time and less

children to be suspended from school. Student engagement.

Performing arts groups will be on Thursdays again from 12.30 – 1.30.

I am looking forward to a positive learning year for all students. Our classes are small and all supported with School learning Support Officers. We are putting in lots of great teaching and learning programs to make school a fun learning environment.

Children in Years 3-6 need a pencil case with HB pencils, eraser, sharpener and some coloured pencils. Those in Year 5 and 6 will need blue or black and red pens.

Have a wonderful year everyone!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 10 Feb | Swimming Carnival                | Years 3—6    |
| 18 Feb | Book Club orders due back        | Mrs Raymond  |
| 21 Feb | Parent/Teacher afternoon tea 4pm | In staffroom |
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Parents are always welcome as helpers in the classroom. Have a yarn with the class teacher or with me if you have some spare time for reading, maths groups or helping in other ways.



## 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.



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Does your child have:

- ☐ A sore gum or tooth?
- ☐ Pain in their mouth?
- ☐ Swelling in their mouth?
- ☐ A hole in their tooth?
- ☐ A brown or white mark on a tooth?
- ☐ Drink sweet drinks often between meals?
- ☐ Problems cleaning their teeth?
- ☐ Bleeding gums?

If you answered YES to any of these, then your child might be at a higher risk to decay. You should arrange for a check up for your child.

Contact:

- Hunter New England Oral Health on **1300 651 625** or
- Your own private dental practice

We recommend an annual check-up for all children.

### Catering Slip

I \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending on Monday 21 February 2011 for the parent/teacher afternoon tea.