

At Taree Public School we have three excellent school leaders! Rhain Davison, Courtney Leonard and Chloe Noble are developing important leadership skills. These girls are becoming more confident public speakers and are developing relationships with teachers and fellow students. In May, they will be attending the Impact leadership conference in Forster. Congratulations!

Yesterday, the School Education Director, John Williams, visited our school. He was very impressed with the work of all staff at Taree Public School in supporting and caring for our students. Mr Williams visited classrooms and found most children to be listening to the teacher and working well. Yippee!!!

Many children are enjoying the before school dance program on Thursday mornings. The session is from 8.30am – 9.30am. Tutor, Cassie Fenton, has developed some exciting activities.

Next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding the school cross country. This year it will be combined with a cultural day at Saltwater. Mr Mawby is organising this event. Parents are welcome and NEEDED to help out along the running route. We will be travelling by bus. Children from Kinder to Year 6 will be participating.

The Quicksmart program has started. Initially, this involves children from Years 5 and 6. Three times a week, they have an intensive 30 minute individual session that aims at improving speed and accuracy in basic maths facts. Cecil Dumas and Toni Hardes are the tutors for this program which is co-ordinated by Mrs Tsembis.

Parents, don't forget you are needed at the PCYC as part of the program. The children in Years 5 and 6 really enjoy the session at PCYC on Tuesdays. Contact me if you have any questions.

There are still a few notes to come in with final permission for the 10 day swim. Please get those notes in so arrangements can be finalised.

A reminder that we have a parent group meeting at 10am on Friday mornings in the Koori room. The small group who come along every week are working on a special project sorting and presenting old school photos. In just a few years, Taree Public School celebrates 150 years and the preparation of photos is in readiness for that huge event.

The first meeting for 2011 of the school Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be next Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, at 1.30pm in the Koori room. It is very important for parents to be a part of this group. NAIDOC day celebrations, Aboriginal programs and personal learning plans (PLPs) will all be discussed. **Parents, please come along.** Afternoon tea will be provided. The meeting will be no longer than an hour.

Coming up in the next few weeks:

Life Education Van: \$7 per student. Please see the office if you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like assistance for your child/children to attend this worthwhile program and meet Happy Healthy Harold!

Small Schools Basketball Day: Taree Public will be sending a team along for a fun day.

Cross Country at Saltwater

Intensive swimming

Regards

Vana



DATES TO REMEMBER		
18 March	Cross Country	
23 March	Life Education	
24 March	Life Education	
28 March—8 April	Intensive Swimming	



## 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

# CONGRATULATIONS

## COMMENDATION AWARDS

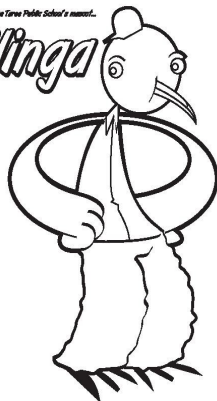
Michael Haley-Kent

### KOOKABURRA AWARDS

#### Winner of Kookaburra draw:

Say hello to The Tarves Public School's mascot...

**Bilinga**



Liam Noble  
Zoe Morcome  
Kayla Hills  
Dylan Austin



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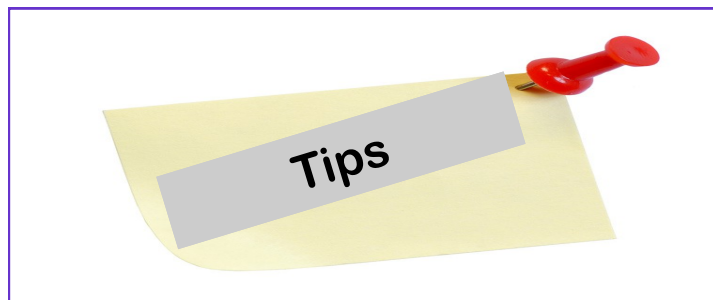


## BRONZE AWARDS

Michael Haley-Kent  
Takyrh Mitchell  
Kiralee Ridgeway  
Zoe Ocon Torres Mulry  
Sophie Noble

## Anti-bullying environment

Our school actively prevents bullying by having programs such as peer support to encourage appropriate behaviour and build self-esteem and respect for others. We also have plans in place to deal with bullying or harassment and staff are trained to deal with these situations. You can get a copy of our anti-bullying plan from the school office. If you think your child is being bullied, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the principal or the school office.



## Lost property

To prevent your child losing their property, use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels. Remember to go through your child's bag with them each night. If something doesn't come home, ask at the office and check the lost property area.



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## **Free coach training in Taree**

The Australian Sports Commission is offering free training to aspiring community coaches in the Taree region — including parents, members of sporting clubs, teachers, high school and university students, volunteers and sports lovers.

The Community Coach Training Program (CCTP) is part of the Australian Sports Commission's Active After-School Communities (AASC) program.

Community coaches have the opportunity to inspire Australian children to develop a life-long love of participating in sport by being part of the AASC program.

AASC Regional Coordinator for the Mid North Coast region, Jarrod Smith, said 'the CCTP course provides beginner and established coaches with the skills and resources to deliver sport and other physical activities using the Playing for Life approach to coaching, where children's skills are developed through the use of games.

'Prior coaching experience is not necessary, just a love and passion for delivering sport and other structured physical activity to children.

'Coaching in the AASC program is also a great way to promote your organisation to hundreds of children, if you are already affiliated with a club,' said Mr Smith.

Up to 190 000 children take part in the AASC program each term, and have access to fun, free and safe introductions to more than 70 sports and 20 structured physical activities. The AASC program is an Australian Government initiative delivered by the Australian Sports Commission.

For more information about the Community Coach Training Program, contact AASC Regional Coordinator, Jarrod Smith on 6584 6267 or [jarrodm.smith@ausport.gov.au](mailto:jarrodm.smith@ausport.gov.au)

For more information about the AASC program visit [ausport.gov.au/aasc](http://ausport.gov.au/aasc)

**What: Free Community Coach Training Program**

**When: 8.30am – 4.00pm 24 March 2011**

**Where: Taree PCYC**

**Media contact: Jarrod Smith, Australian Sports Commission. Phone: 6584 6267**



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# Please Note Changes to Bus Zone in Albert Street

## ■ BUS ZONE



This sign means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

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## ■ NO PARKING



You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.

Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to five minutes.



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