

Dear Parents / CareGivers

Welcome back to what is promising to be a very busy end of year. Already we have had our first week of swimming scheme and judging from the coming events listed below the end of the year will be here before we know it.

A few reminders about bike safety at and around school. Children are not to be on their bikes whilst on school grounds. The busiest times are in the morning and afternoons when we have little children running around and the potential for an accident is significant. Also, the school expects that all children who are using their bike to come to school will have their helmet firmly attached to their head for the entire journey. This is also expected by police.

The PCYC are holding a disco tomorrow night with children from 10 to 17 years welcome. Kindergarten children began their orientation program today with their first visit to big school. If you know of any child who is at school age and they live in our area please come along. The orientation happens each Thursday from 9.30am to 11.00am in the school hall. Come and meet the teachers and lovely children at this school.

### Movies and books

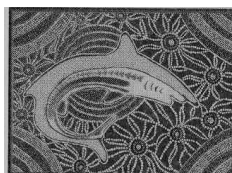
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination.

For tips and ideas: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/how-movies-can-inspire-kids-to-read>



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### COMING EVENTS

Well it's that time of year again already. Our Kinder transition program is on for all those children who will be starting Kinder in 2013. The program starts at 9:30am and ends at 11:00. During this time the children will participate in story time and craft activities. Fruit will be served at 10:30am 25th October to the 22nd November. Please contact the front office if you require more information about this program.

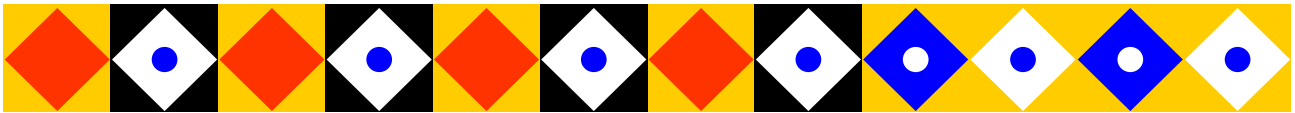
We have been lucky enough to borrow Taree High Schools bus for our end of year Principals Privilege - excursion to Darling Harbour. We will be visiting Sydney Aquarium, Australian Adventure Wildlife Park and the Madame Taussauds Waxworks. Cost of this excursion will be \$40. Permission note will be given to eligible children on 15th November. Due to seating numbers on bus it will be a case of first in gets a seat.

On this day at school there will be a reward water fun day and BBQ for other Award levels.

PCYC Disco..... Tomorrow night Friday 26th October, 6pm — 9pm. Entry free. Children 10years to 17years welcome. Dinner supplied and plenty of prizes. Come and have a great time.

### 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.



### Perfect punctuation

Want to help your child with their punctuation? Help them remember when to use a semicolon and when to use an apostrophe with a downloadable help sheet from the School A to Z web-site. The site also has a range of help sheets on English terms and usage.

Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/help-sheets>

**School hours:** From 8.40 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. every day the school is open.

**School uniform:** should be worn by all children during school times unless, at a special event, other arrangements are made.

As part of the school's personal health policy, there is a "No-hat-no-play" policy at the school. All children should wear a hat as part of their school uniform.

**Visits to the school:** parents and care-givers are welcome at the school at any time during normal school hours. It is advisable to make an appointment if you wish to talk to a specific staff member as the school day is a very busy time for everyone at the school.

**Children's Travel:** if normal travel arrangements to or from the school are to be changed in any way please let us know by at least 2.30 p.m., preferably in writing.

**Student Attendance:** all children should be at school every day the school is open. If your child is absent please forward an explanatory note to the school.

### Student Assistance

A limited amount of funds are available at the school to assist **any** family who may be experiencing difficulties in paying for school related expenses. An application form is available at the office if you wish to access this service.

### Head Lice

These little critters frequently visit schools. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair thoroughly. If there are any lice or eggs present please treat with lice solution from the chemist. There is a wide selection available. All eggs need to be removed to prevent infestation.



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