

Parents and Care Givers

Welcome to a new school year at Taree Public School. My name is Peter Johnson and I will be filling in as principal of this wonderful school whilst Mrs Ford is on leave.

Can I say from the outset at what a wonderful school you have here and I am really looking forward to working with you and your children. One thing that really struck me is the way that almost all the children here wear their school uniforms with pride and that they appear to be neat and tidy all the time.

The class structure for 2012 will be as follows

K/1/2R with Mrs Raymond
3/4A with Mrs Andrews
5/6M with Mr Mawby
2-6C with Mrs Clapsom

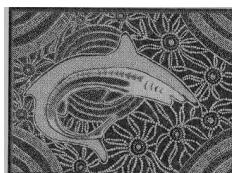
One initiative that we have started this year is a positive behaviour reward system. All children have been given a passport to success and are working towards goals to ensure they are making the most of their time at school. Your children will be able to explain how they receive their rewards and how, if they do the right thing in the classroom and concentrate on getting their school-work done, that it will be of great benefit to them.



Peter Johnson

"Our School's a Great School"

A reminder to all families that the school has a policy of "No Hat—No Play" so please ensure you child brings a hat everyday.



Design: Kathleen Morcome

Swimming Carnival

Taree Public School's annual swimming carnival will be held next Thursday (23rd February) A separate note will go home about that.

NOTES

Last week some pink notes went home that required you to sign several times. If you have not already done so can you please return them as soon as possible.

Late / Early

If your child arrives at school late or needs to leave early can you please go straight to the front office so they can mark the school rolls as soon as possible. It is vital that we know who is at school and who is not at all times.

Summer water safety

Being in, on or around the water is an enjoyable part of living in Australia. However, drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable death and permanent brain injury in children under five years of age, with more than 50 children between one and 15 drowning every year. Drowning is tragic and preventable.

If your children are not water confident or are not able to swim, consider enrolling in certified swimming classes held throughout the year in public pools around the state. Sport and Recreation offers Swim and Survive courses in the summer months.

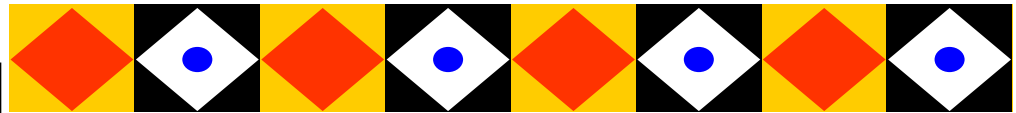
<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/>

Royal Lifesaving Society Australia offers valuable courses in resuscitation and rescue as well as fact sheets on water and pool safety, and translated resources.

If you live near the coast, contact your local Surf Lifesaving club for healthy and fun water activities such as Nippers: www.sls.com.au/

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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

23 Feb	Swimming Carnival	Aquatic Centre
1 March	Basketball trials	School
6 March	Australian Rugby Union day	Martin Oval
7 March	Rugby League trials	School

School hours: From 8.30 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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