

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Week 2 is shaping up to be another busy week at Taree Public School. Students have returned to school with zeal and enthusiasm and our teaching and learning programs are in full swing.

WELCOME

Welcome to Mrs Jenny Sortwell who will be joining our staff for Term 2. Jenny has extensive experience and comes to us from the New England region.

BROSPEAK

On Monday 9 students from stage 3 participated in the BroSpeak program at Saltwater reserve. The boys have reported that they thoroughly enjoyed learning how to make a didgeridoo and benefited from the mentoring of Aboriginal community leaders. BroSpeak will continue throughout the term. Mr Gerard Crowe and Mr Geoff Dumas will be working with students at school level. Mr Jay Davis is overseeing the program.

MUSIC

Mr Matt Zarb will be attending the school on Tuesdays this term to work with all students at different times throughout the day. Students are actively engaged in lessons and are improving their skill levels in how to play the drums and ukelele. The music program is highly valued by students, staff and parents.

SPORT

Sport will occur between 2-3pm on Friday afternoon. Students who have not attended the red room throughout the course of the week will be invited to come fishing during sport time. Students who have attended red room will complete school sport. Students will be accompanied by myself and Mrs Clapson, if numbers are high additional staff may accompany also. Fishing will occur in the vicinity of Taree Aquatic Club, parents and grandparents are invited to attend.

In order to attend students will need to return the permission note sent home today. Students may bring their rod or handline to school in on Friday morning but it will need to be stored in the interview room. The school will provide bait, students are reminded not to bring their fishing kit to school. The school has a fishing kit and limited handlines for use. Fishing knives are not to be brought to school, teachers will complete any potentially dangerous tasks associated with the activity.

Only year 2-6 students will participate this week, K/1 students may participate in future weeks with parent support if they wish. Parent/Grandparent helpers are welcome and encouraged. Please speak to Sherri, Narelle or myself if you have any questions.

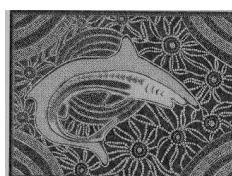
Students are very excited about this opportunity, I'm sure that our fishing expeditions will prove to be excellent fodder for many literacy activities in the classrooms.

GYM

On Thursday from 2-3pm year 3 and 4 students will be attending Gym at the PCYC. Mrs Clapson will discuss particulars with students this week. Notes will be sent home for Gym today.

Have a great week!

Matthew Royan
Relieving Principal



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.

Attendance

All children from six years of age are legally required to attend school.

If your child is away from school, the school needs to be provided with a reason for your child's absence. To help you there will be an Absent Note booklet going home with this newsletter.

Parents can also contact the school to provide a reason for their child's absence on 6552 1233.

If your child misses eight days of school each term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education.

Rosemarie Kelly

Bus Travel

Students are reminded that subsidised bus travel is bound by the NSW Transport Code of Conduct. Students who display inappropriate behaviour on the bus may be excluded from travelling on the bus.

Students are also reminded that travel to and from school is covered by our student welfare policy. This means that students may face disciplinary action at school for inappropriate behaviour on the way to or from school.

Further information in regards to student bus travel can be found by visiting the link below.
<http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/content/student-conduct-when-travelling#Code of conduct for school students on buses>

Please speak to your child about displaying appropriate behaviour whilst travelling on buses.

Thank You

Thank you to staff, students and parents for the warm welcome that was extended to me last week. I am thoroughly enjoying working with such dedicated, caring, talented staff, friendly inquisitive students and supportive parents.

Taree PS has a small school feel with a large school range of programs. Students attending Taree PS are definitely being provided with opportunity for excellence. I am very impressed with the Aboriginal, literacy and numeracy, music, technology and sport programs offered to our students.

I am equally impressed with the partnerships being formed between the school and community and I look forward to seeing these partnerships further enhanced over the course of this term. Mrs Sherry Smith will be talking to parents in coming weeks about activities planned for term 2.

Have a fabulous week!



"Our School's a Great School"

Around the Classrooms

Guparr – Dolphin

This week in Creative Arts, Guparr have been learning about Still Life paintings. They have looked at different examples of Still Life paintings and why artists choose to paint objects this way. The children observed a real life vase of flowers and compared it to the painting. They observed the vase of flowers and learnt that when you look at something from a different angle it looks different. The children then used crayons to draw the vase of flowers and a paint wash to colour the



Happy engaged learners!



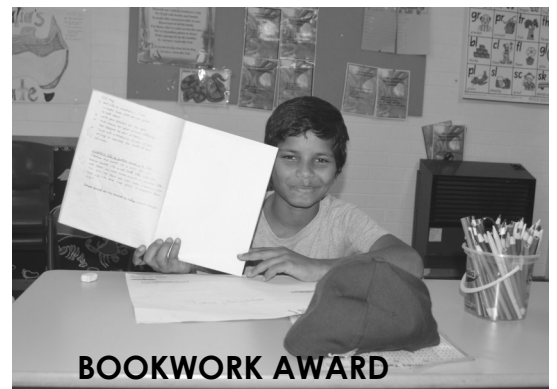
“Our School’s a Great School”

3-6 Literacy groups



**WELCOME
← MRS SORTWELL!**

LEARNING IS FUN



BOOKWORK AWARD



**MRS CLAPSON AND STUDENTS HARD AT
WORK!**



"Our School's a Great School"