

## WHAT'S ON

Monday	27 May	Biripi Sorry Day Event
Wednesday	29 May	Parent Coffee Group Meeting – Koori room 2.30pm
Wednesday	29 May	Mid North Coast Science & Engineering Challenge – Stage 3 8.45am – 3.00pm
Friday	7 June	Parent/Carer BBQ 1.30pm in school grounds followed by fishing activity
Wednesday	12 June	Parent Coffee Group Meeting – Koori room 2.30pm
Wednesday	26 June	Naidoc Week Saltwater Excursion
Friday	28 June	Term 2 ends

### Principal's Report

**PARENT COFFEE GROUP** – Our first parent coffee group meeting will take place on Wednesday at 2.30pm in the Koori room. Discussion points will include our term 4 excursion, fundraising, possible flagpole modifications and strategies to enhance parent participation in school life.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

**SORRY DAY** – I have heard very positive reports from teachers about the behaviour of students who attended the Sorry Day event. Students have indicated that they are very keen to perform at next year's event. Well done to all students who attended the event.

**GOOD NEWS PHONECALLS** – Teachers are currently making good news phonecalls to all parents. If parents have not already updated their details at the office please do so as soon as possible.

### **STAGE 3 SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE DAY**

This Wednesday stage 3 students will be participating in the Science and Engineering challenge day at Taree Racecourse. Miss Chanelle Littler is co-ordinating the activity. Notes went home earlier this week.

### **PARENT/CARER BBQ**

A parent/carers BBQ has been planned for Friday 7 June at 1.30pm in the school grounds. It is anticipated that parents will join us for a sausage sizzle lunch prior to accompanying students and teachers on our weekly 'Fishing for Sport' activity. I encourage parents and carers to attend the activity and to get to know their child's teachers.

Teachers are currently in the process of writing student reports hence it will be a good opportunity for parents to touch base as to how students are progressing prior to reports going home.

Ms Sherry Bungie (Community Liaison Officer) is co-ordinating the activity.

### **STUDENT BEHAVIOUR**

I have been very impressed with the positive behaviour displayed by our students this term. Playground and classroom behaviour has been exemplary. I ask all parents to continue to encourage students to consistently display our school values of pride, safety and respect.

As a school community we are continuing to celebrate positive student behaviour through our assembly and class awards, 'Fishing for Sport' activities and playground seating rewards. Keep up the great work TPS students!

### **MARS BAR HANDBALL COMPETITION**

Our week 4 handball competition was hotly contested. For the second week in a row Joshua Cochrane emerged victorious. Mr Geoff Dumas (Head Umpire) and myself are currently in high level discussions as to whether there should be a cap on the number of weeks a player can be the winner. The result of the talks will appear in a future newsletter.

In other news our Assistant Principal Mrs Narelle Clapson has agreed to sponsor a spin off 'Crunchie Junior Handball competition' which will commence this week. Our Friday finals session will certainly be action packed.

Have a fabulous week!

Matthew Royan

Relieving Principal



Design: Kathleen Morcome

## 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.

## Assembly

Class 2-6R (Mrs Raymond) will be hosting the week 5 assembly. Parents are invited to attend our assembly on Friday at 1.00pm in the Koori room.

## Excursions

Our **Yr 3-6** camp has been booked and will take place from 18-22 November 2013. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit should now have been paid to confirm seats. Please refer to the payment plan sent home by Mrs Clapson in week 4.

Point Wolstoncroft Excursion Payment Plan \$355.00 per person

Month	Amount recommended you pay
May	\$55
June	\$50
July	\$50
August	\$50
September	\$50
October	\$50
Total payment	\$355.00

## Introducing our Learning and Support Teacher



Annette Gleeson

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Taree Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school. At Taree Public School we believe that PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is a school wide behaviour initiative. PBL employs a whole school systems approach to address problem behaviour and reduce its effects on student's outcomes. PBL encourages positive behaviours from all students, which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn. As part of the PBL program, we have established several clear rules for the behaviour we expect in all areas of our school. We will explicitly teach those expectations to our students. The expectations for all student behaviour will be made clear throughout our classrooms and playground areas.

Our core school values for **all** students are **Safe, Respect, Pride**.

These core values are taught in **all** school settings by **all** staff at **all** times.

The **Week 5** focus is '**I feel proud as I move around my school**'

- wait quietly for teachers
- make way for others
- right place, right time
- eat and drink on the silver seats

**Mrs Melissa Raymond**  
**PBL Co-ordinator**

## School Uniform

Just a reminder that the school is now stocking zip through fleecy school jackets that have the school emblem embroidered on them. These are for sale at the school office for \$30 each. We still have our winter uniform jumpers and tracksuit pants for \$20 each.

Please see Mrs Willett for all uniform purchases.

## Emergency Contact Form

An emergency contact form was sent home today with the newsletter. If parents haven't already updated their contact details please complete the form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

