

## WHAT'S ON

Monday	3 June	Touch trials- boys/girls
Wednesday	5 June	Parent Coffee Group Meeting – Koori room 2.30pm
Thursday	6 June	PCYC 2-3pm Yr 3 and 4
Friday	7 June	Assembly 1.00pm-1.30pm Parent/Carer BBQ 1.30pm in school grounds followed by fishing activity
Monday	10 June	Public Holiday
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

### WELL DONE

I would like to congratulate all students who have attended school activities in the last week. I have received numerous reports from other Principals commending the positive behaviour of our students at the Sorry Day Event, Science and Engineering Challenge and Touch Football trials. Our students are continuing to build upon their fine reputation of consistently displaying our school values of pride, respect and safety.

### PARENT/CARER BBQ

A parent/carers BBQ has been planned for this 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. Mr Geoff Dumas and Mrs Sherry Smith (Community Liaison Officer) will be co-ordinating the activity.

### INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER POSITION

Last Thursday an Expression of Interest was sent out via SchoolBiz (the DEC communication system) seeking an Instructional Leader for Taree PS.

The position will commence at the start of term 3. The Instructional Leader position will assist staff in further enhancing teaching and learning programs leading to improved results for our students. I will advise parents of the successful applicant once the information is available.

### COMMUNICATION

Thank you to all parents who have updated their contact details at the office. I know that teachers have enjoyed making their Good News Phone calls. I urge all parents to maintain contact with their child's teacher and to let the school know if there are any issues that we can help with.

It is extremely important that strong school/home partnerships are in place to ensure that we are successful in assisting students to reach their full potential.

### MARS BAR HANDBALL COMPETITION

**Rule Update -** After much deliberation and discussion with students, Mr Geoff Dumas (Chief Handball Umpire) and myself have decided that students can be the winner of the handball competition for up to a month before the cap will kick in. Good luck with the competition this week boys and girls!

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 1/2 (Mrs Hook) will be hosting the week 6 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

## The Science and Engineering Challenge

On Wednesday 29 May, Miss Littler and Geoff took ten of our year 5 & 6 students to the Science and Engineering Challenge held at Taree Racecourse.

We teamed up in groups of four with Nabic Public School. During the day for team points we invented bridges, catapults, mars buggy, baby highchairs and a hovercraft. During lunch break we all enjoyed a yummy sausage sandwich, and a tough game of handball against some of the other schools.

After lunch we all watched and were amazed by some fantastic science experiments with a piece of paper as heavy as a book, a balloon that didn't pop and a rocket ship tea bag!

Another highlight for many was our opportunity to be interviewed by NBN news! What an exciting day!

A big thanks to Taree racecourse and all the sponsors for helping to put on such an excellent day.

## Introducing Chanelle Littler, Mikiri Classroom

### Teacher

Chanelle Littler is the classroom teacher for Mikiri. Chanelle graduated from Newcastle University and currently teaches the 3/4/5 students. With a background in music, Chanelle is a valued teacher and staff member.



**Chanelle Littler**

## 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.

Our PBL rule for week 6 is 'I show respect as I move around my school'.

- \* Follow instructions
- \* Quiet talking
- \* Consider others

- \* Hands off display
- \* Keep personal space

Congratulations on our winners for week 5 PBL .The two winners were Valarie Whitaker, Ashton Matheson-Towers who won a book each at Fridays Assembly.

### **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 last week 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.

#### **Thank you Bohnock Bait and Tackle**

Bohnock Bait and Tackle sponsor our weekly fishing program by providing all bait and tackle used by our students. Thank you to Bohnock Bait and Tackle for their ongoing support of our school.

I encourage all parents and carers to support the businesses that support our school.

#### **Week 5 Bronze Award**

Lachlan Noble

#### **Science And Technology Day**



Tiana, Kaine and Latisha working as a team.



Kiralee, Talayah, Zoe and Leighton with their bridge.



Raymond concentrating on his task.



Dylan being interviewed for NBN television.

