

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday	13 May	NAPLAN
Friday	9 May	Assembly 2.00pm-2.30pm

Principal's Report

Community Walks

Taree Public School staff are conducting community walks twice weekly in an effort to improve student attendance. Parents and community members may have noticed our staff out and about. Feel free to stop for a chat when you see us.

Local businesses have also been asked to contact the school if TPS students are seen in uniform unaccompanied during school hours. Please speak to your child about the importance of attending school regularly. For students whose attendance is of concern staff will meet with parents personally in the near future.

Point Wolstoncroft Camp

Primary students will have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Point Wolstoncroft this year. Ms Tamzine Budge is the excursion co-ordinator. Details will be sent home in the near future, a non refundable deposit will need to be paid by week 5 in order for students to secure their position on the excursion.

PSSA Knock Out

Taree Public School students played a PSSA Knockout Soccer game against Old Bar Public School yesterday. Whilst we did not emerge victorious on the score board our school community should be extremely proud of the

way our boys conducted themselves throughout the game. The high level of sportsmanship and exemplary conduct made me very proud to be a staff member at Taree Public School.

Parents should be very impressed with our soccer players; they were a pleasure to take out of the school. Our return journey consisted of a brief session of whale spotting and an ice cream. Thank you to Ms Tamzine Budge for taking on the role of coach and Mr Geoff Dumas for driving the bus on the day.

Regards,
Matthew Royan
Deputy Principal

Assembly

The weekly assembly is presented by the Student Leaders at Taree Public School. Week 2 assembly will consist of 5/6 Gukandi showing their item. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Making our School A Better Place

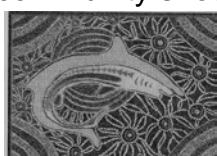
Please note the changes due to the construction process currently happening at our school. Morning access-is through the gate on the Taree High School side of the administration area. This gate will be opened from 8.30am - 9.10am. If access is needed outside these times, normal entry into the office is needed.

Afternoon access-all students will exit the school through the gate on the Taree High School side of the administration area. This gate will be opened at 3.10pm – 3.30pm.

The purpose of these arrangements is to limit the congestion at the front of the school and to limit the risk of injury to students whilst construction is occurring.

Point Wolstoncroft Excursion

Please find attached to the newsletter a payment plan for the 2014 school camp. This plan shows the



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.

spread of the cost across the year. A \$50 deposit is required for the bus booking which is non-refundable. Please contact Mr Royan if you have any questions.

School Outings

Please speak with your child/ren about school expectations and the need to follow school rules. Students who have not been complying with school rules will not be attending school outings. A warning letter will be sent home to advise parents that their child has not been following the school rules. If this is ongoing, the child will be excluded from school outings. Such students will be expected to attend school while the outing is occurring.

Hats

Students are required to wear a hat at all times whilst playing in the playground. Students without a hat will be required to play in the shade. Please ensure that your child brings a hat to school daily. School hats are available for purchase at the office.

Unnecessary Items At School

Recently students have been bringing unnecessary items to school. Toy cars, phones, balls and footballs are causing concern and should be left at home. Thank you to the parents and carers who have reinforced this with their child. Please ensure that your child only brings essential items to school.

Uniforms

The school stocks the Taree Public School uniform. Uniforms can be purchased through the office. Good quality school jumpers, tracksuit pants and jackets are available at a reasonable price.

Emergency Details

The attached form is vital in the case of an emergency. Please ensure this is returned to the school ASAP.

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 impact 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.

Our core school values for **all** students are **Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Proud**. These core values are taught in **all** school settings by **all** staff at **all** times.

NAPLAN 2014

Below is a time table for the NAPLAN Testing 2014. Attached to this newsletter is more information for the parents to read.

NAPLAN 2014 tests timetable

	Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
Year 3	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy Calculator 40 minutes Non-calculator 40 minutes
Year 9	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy Calculator 40 minutes Non-calculator 40 minutes

