

Taree Public School Newsletter

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Bilinga Term 1 - Week 3 Monday 10th February 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

It is great to be back and see all our wonderful students here safe and sound after the summer break. All the staff are looking refreshed and ready for a big year ahead.

We are all looking forward to a busy but great year of learning.

Meet & Greet BBQ

We will be having our 'Meet & Greet' BBQ on Monday 17th February from 4.00pm.

We would love to see all of our parent/ carers come along. More detail on page 5.

Variation of Routine

Parents are to provide the school with any changes of afternoon routines by 2.45pm at the very latest otherwise existing arrangements will be followed.

These changes must be in writing or verbally from the parent/carers only.

Changes will not be accepted by students.

Attendance

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- ◆ being sick or having an infectious disease
- ◆ having an unavoidable medical appointment
- ◆ being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- ◆ exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

If your child is absent from school, you will receive an SMS from the school asking for a reason of absence. Please reply to this message as soon as possible and make sure your mobile number is up to date at all times.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time ensures that:

- ◆ students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- ◆ helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ◆ gives students time to greet their friends before class
- ◆ reduces classroom disruption.
- ◆ Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

More information about regular school attendance is attached to this newsletter.

2020 Staff

I would like to welcome our new Deputy Principal Mr Mark Taylor who is taking over from Mr Roberts, and our year 5-6 teacher Mr Jeremy Smith.

Executive Principal

Karen Clark

Deputy Principal

Mark Taylor

Community Engagement Leader

Karen Bradley

Aboriginal Education Officer

Geoff Dumas

School Administrative Manager

Melissa McLeod

School Administrative Officer

Olivia Muir & Marianne Reeves

Instructional Leader

Tamie Mitchell

Learning & Support Teacher

Gai Hickson

Intervention Teacher

Tamie Mitchell

Release Teacher

Narelle Clapson

Classes for 2019

KG Teacher

Alice Green

KG SLSO

Kylie Turner

1-2H Teacher

Linda Hook

1-2H SLSO

Julie Atkins

Sarah Fleming

3-4V Teacher

Ashley Visser

3-4V SLSO

Josh McLeod

5-6S Teacher

Jeremy Smith

5-6S SLSO

Hannah Grimley

2-6R Teacher

Melissa Raymond

2-6R SLSO

Paul Murray

Mrs Karen Clark

Principal

Class KG

We have had a fantastic start to Kindergarten so far. We spent the first couple of weeks settling in and getting to know one another. We are all looking forward to seeing what the year has to bring and to learn about lots of new things.

Miss Green

Class 1-2H

Wow! Week 3 already. 1-2H have had a busy start to 2020. We have been learning about capital letters in writing and doing lots of work on 2D shapes in Mathematics.

Home reading starts this week and books will be sent home most days with your child with a reading log to complete.

Our library day is Thursday, can you please provide your child with a library bag if you wish for your child to bring their books home.

Miss Hook

Class 3-4V

Welcome back to all students for another exciting and busy year! I hope you all had a lovely holiday.

We have had a great start back to school. Students in 3-4V have settled in nicely to their new classroom. We have started exploring our topics for the term.

In writing we are learning about persuasive writing. In PDHPE we are exploring Personal Safety and how we can keep ourselves and others safe.

This week in maths we are learning to use the split strategy method. During History this term we are exploring the history of Australia. Students are also very excited to be learning about Claude Monet during art and making their own interpretations of his artworks.

This year in 3-4V, I will be using *Seesaw* to communicate with parents for any upcoming information and also to show off the amazing work that students are doing in class.

I have sent home notes for *Seesaw*, please let me know if you require another note.

I am looking forward to another great year.

Miss Visser



Class 5-6S

Welcome to the new school year. It has been a busy start to the school term getting to know all the students and settling into new routines. Each morning we have been starting off with some yoga and mindfulness.

This week all students will be assessed on their reading to determine their reading levels. Once this has been completed students will be taking home readers home regularly as their home work.

For literacy we are reading the Australian children's classic 'Storm Boy'. In Maths we have started learning about whole numbers and 2D shapes.

For History we are looking at 'Australia as a Nation' and in Science our topic is 'bushfires' and 'drought'.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Mr Smith

Class 2-6R

Welcome everyone to what is already turning out to be an action-packed start to 2020 in 2-6R. All students have settled well into new routines and it has been pleasing to see learning challenges being tackled with enthusiasm. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone living by our class motto, 'Have a go!'.

Our class has joined the Green Leaders which is supported by MIDWASTE and your local Council and delivered through Sustainable Schools NSW. Reducing the environmental footprint of your school **including improving our waste management is an ongoing journey**. This is a great opportunity to be supporting our students to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to make real changes to work with this amazing planet of which we are all part.

Our class will also be running Earth Hour (27th March), and Clean Up Australia Day (6th March), all these things are aimed at caring for our country.

I have also registered our class for 'Get Hooked' which addresses the Australian Curriculum.

During the course of this program, the students are introduced to freshwater and marine fishing and aims to:

- introduce primary schools to the concept of sustaining quality aquatic habitats by practicing safe and responsible fishing.
- Foster an interest in recreational fishing as a healthy, outdoor pastime.
- Equip primary age students with the basic skills necessary for recreational fishing with the view that it will become a lifelong interest.

Ms Raymond



Intensive Swimming Program

Notes were sent home last week for the 10 day Intensive Swimming Program. The swimming lessons and bus are free, but you will need the \$40.00 to cover the cost of the pool entry.

It is for students in Years 2 to 6 who are unable to swim 25m confidently. Please return your notes and money as soon as possible as we only have 30 positions to offer. **It will run from Monday 24th February to Friday the 6th of March 2020.**

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will take place on **Thursday 13th February**, at Wingham Memorial Pool. We have Milly, Abby and Kallista representing Taree Public School on the day. They will be competing against Mitchells Island, Elands, Bobin, Mt George, Manning Gardens.

PSSA Zone Swimming

The Zone Carnival will be held at Taree Aquatic Centre on **Thursday 20th February** for those who qualify. It will start at 9:30am Sharp.

Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 6th March our school will be participating in 'Clean up Australia Day', which will take place at 1:40pm in and around the school grounds.

Ms Raymond

2020

KINDERGARTEN

Jaxen Cowie
Tyler Elsley
Cooper Hamilton-Riley
Clayton Low
Evelyn Mars
Frankie Nowlan
Adrian Parsons
Gypsy-Rose Ridgeway
La'koda Trindall
Jaiden Wilkinson



TAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

MEET AND GREET BBQ

WHEN: MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY

TIME: 4:00pm — 6.00pm

WHERE: Taree Public School

Come along and meet your child/ren's classroom teacher and discuss their PLP for 2020.

Students will be watching a movie supervised by staff to allow parent/carer to meet with teachers.

ALL parents, carers and families are welcome to come along and enjoy the FREE BBQ.

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PACKING AN EVERYDAY LUNCHBOX

Packing an everyday lunchbox does not have to contain fancy ingredients.

Make packing an everyday lunchbox easy by adding:

- **Crunch and Sip®:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables
- **Recess:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables + 1-2 everyday snacks e.g. rice crackers, yoghurt
- **Lunch:** Sandwich/wrap/roll or leftovers containing everyday ingredients e.g. pasta, fried rice
- **Drink:** Water and/or reduced fat plain milk
- Don't forget to add an **ice brick** to keep the food cool and safe

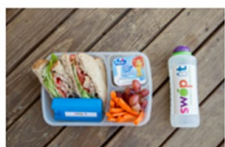
See our everyday lunchboxes below for ideas.



Crunch & Sip®: Capsicum sticks
Recess: Mini rice cakes, banana
Lunch: Multigrain wrap with chicken, cheese, carrot and lettuce
Drink: Water



Crunch & Sip®: Cherry tomatoes
Recess: Rice crackers, cucumber sticks and hummus
Lunch: Raisin bread sandwich with banana
Drink: Water, reduced fat plain milk



Crunch & Sip®: Carrot sticks
Recess: Yoghurt, grapes
Lunch: Whole meal sandwich with tuna, tomato and lettuce
Drink: Water

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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- School newsletters
- Notices
- Events
- Cancellations
- Reminders
- ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR CHILD'S
UPDATED INFORMATION
FOR 2020 FORMS
TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. **NSW** public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

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Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.



My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences
- You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.
- Application to the Children's Court - Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court
- School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services
T 131 536
Learning and Engagement
Student Engagement and
Interagency Partnerships
T 9244 5356
www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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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



Design: Kathleen Morcome

TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

<u>Week 3</u>	Thursday 13th February Friday 14th February	Small Schools Swimming Carnival @ Wingham Culture & Caring
<u>Week 4</u>	Monday 17th February Tuesday 18th February Thursday 20th February Friday 21st February	'Meet & Greet' BBQ @ 4.00pm—6.00pm 'Green Leaders' by MIDWASTE - All Classes ZONE PSSA Swimming Carnival @ Taree Assembly @ 2.30pm
<u>Week 5</u>	Monday 24th February Friday 28th February	Intensive Swimming Program—All Week Culture & Caring
<u>Week 6</u>	Monday 2nd March Friday 6th March Friday 6th March Friday 6th March	Intensive Swimming Program—All Week Intensive Swimming Program Ends Clean Up Australia Day Assembly @ 2.30pm
<u>Week 7</u>	Monday 8th March Friday 13th March	Issue 2 Newsletter Culture & Caring School Cross Country— <i>Date to be confirmed</i>
<u>Week 8</u>	Friday 20th March	Assembly @ 2.30pm— Book Giving Assembly
<u>Week 9</u>	Monday 23rd March Friday 27th March Friday 27th March	Harmony Day/ Anti Bullying Day — <i>Date to be confirmed</i> Small Schools Cross Country — <i>Date to be confirmed</i> Earth Hour Culture & Caring
<u>Week 10</u>	Friday 3rd April	Assembly @ 2.30pm
<u>Week 11</u>	Monday 6th April Thursday 9th April Friday 10th April	Issue 3 Newsletter Easter Hat Parade / Easter Raffle Drawn Last Day Term 4 Good Friday — Public Holiday

Term 2

<u>Holidays</u>	Saturday 25th April	ANZAC DAY MARCH
<u>Week 1</u>	Tuesday 28th April Tuesday 28th April Wednesday 29th April Friday 1st May	First Day Term 2 Life Education Visit Life Education Visit PSSA Zone Cross Country @ Wingham