



Principal's Report

Curriculum

The NSW Education system is currently reforming the curriculum which is being taught in all classrooms from Kindergarten to Year 12. The new curriculum is designed to give students more time to focus on key learning areas, so they develop a deeper understanding of the core concepts.

Last year our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers began teaching the new K-2 English and Mathematics curriculum. This year our Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5/6 teachers have begun to teach the new 3-6 English and Mathematics curriculums.

In our newsletters throughout this year, we will be adding some pieces of information about these new curriculums, explaining some of the terminology we are teaching your children and sharing some ideas for ways in which you can support your child at home.

PSSA Zone Swimming

Congratulations to Sharni, Kallista, Evelyn and La'koda who represented our school and the Lower Manning Small Schools at the Zone swimming carnival held on Wednesday 28th February at Manning Aquatic Centre.

Meet & Greet

A big thank you to the parents who came to our Meet and Greet last week. I hope that you spent some quality time with the teachers and also got to join in some activities with the students.

A big shout out to the agencies that attended and provided engaging activities for the students. Thank you all for supporting our school.

Aboriginal Dance Group

Our Aboriginal Dance Group has been invited to dance on **Tuesday 5th March** at First Steps Count opening of the stage 2 building. Permission notes were sent home last week.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 & 5 will begin their NAPLAN testing on **Wednesday 13th March** starting with writing, followed by reading on Thursday 14th, language conventions on Monday 18th March and numeracy on Tuesday 19th March. If your child is absent on any of these days we will have catch up days so they don't miss out.

Responsible Pet Visit

Years K-2 will learn all about living safely with pets on **Friday 15th March**. This is a local government education program targeting responsible pet ownership and safe pet interaction.

Harmony Day

On **Thursday 21st March** students will participate in Harmony Day activities

Harmony Day is a celebration that recognises diversity and aims to bring together people from all different backgrounds.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. **On 21st March, students are invited to wear something orange to school** to show their support for cultural diversity and inclusiveness.

Easter Raffle Tickets

If you would like to buy or sell raffles tickets for our Easter raffle please complete the slip attached to the newsletter and return it to the school office.

Tickets are to be returned sold or unsold by **Tuesday 26th March**.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March after the Easter Hat Parade.

Soccer Gala Day

Students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to compete at the Soccer Gala Day held in Cundletown on **Tuesday 26th March**.

Students who have been selected will receive the permission note by email in the coming weeks.

Easter Hat Parade

We will be celebrating Easter on **Thursday 28th March** with fun activities and an Easter Hat Parade. Parents, carers and family members are welcome to come along and join us. More details will be sent home closer to the day.

Attendance

Thank you for ensuring that our students are attending school regularly. The Department's 'Our Plan for NSW Public Education' commits to strengthening student wellbeing and development so that every student is known, valued and cared for. From 2024, all schools will be asked to include attendance improvement measures in their Strategic Improvement Plans. At Taree Public School, we

have had an attendance improvement measure for the past four years, and we are definitely seeing the benefits socially and academically.

Research conducted by the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) reliably shows that **'positive school attendance benefits students' academic achievement, engagement and wellbeing. Students who attend school regularly are also more likely to experience positive health, social and economic outcomes after leaving school'.**

Attendance percentage letters will be sent home next week.

Di Murray
Executive Principal

Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 1st March 2024



EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

I would like a book of 10 raffle tickets to sell. I understand that I need to return money, ticket butts and/or any unsold tickets to school by **Tuesday 26th March 2024**.

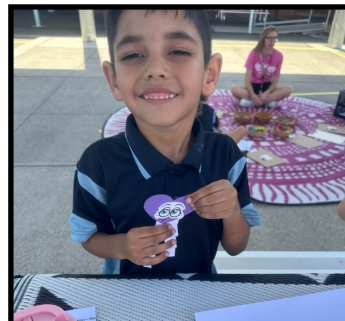
Students name/s: _____

Parents name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Meet & Greet

Wednesday 28th February 2024



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.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1 2024

<u>Week 6</u>	Tuesday 5th March	Aboriginal Dance Group—First Steps Count
<u>Week 6</u>	Friday 8th March	Assembly @ 2.30pm (5/6S Presenting)
<u>Week 7</u>	Wednesday 13th March	NAPLAN Begins for Year 3 & 5
<u>Week 7</u>	Friday 15th March	Responsible Pet Visit — K-2
<u>Week 8</u>	Monday 18th March	NAPLAN Continues for Year 3 & 5
<u>Week 8</u>	Thursday 21st March	Harmony Day - Please wear orange
<u>Week 8</u>	Friday 22nd March	Assembly @ 2.30pm (3M Presenting)
<u>Week 9</u>	Tuesday 26th March	Easter Raffle Tickets Due
<u>Week 9</u>	Tuesday 26th March	Soccer Gala Day @ Cundletown
<u>Week 9</u>	Thursday 28th March	Easter Hat Parade & Raffle Drawn
<u>Week 9</u>	Friday 29th March	Good Friday — PUBLIC HOLIDAY
<u>Week 10</u>	Monday 1st April	Easter Monday — PUBLIC HOLIDAY
<u>Week 10</u>	Friday 5th April	Small Schools Cross Country at Mount George
<u>Week 10</u>	Friday 5th April	NO Assembly
<u>Week 11</u>	Friday 12th April	ANZAC Assembly
<u>Week 11</u>	Friday 12th April	Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2 2024

<u>Week 1</u>	Tuesday 30th April	First Day of Term 2 for all Students
<u>Week 2</u>	Friday 10th May	PSSA Zone Cross Country



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