



Principal's Report

Easter Hat Parade

Please come along to our Easter Hat parade this **Thursday 28th March**. Parents, carers and family members are welcome to join us from 12.00pm—1.00pm.

The Easter raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the parade. There are more than a dozen prizes which have been donated by the Taree Public School staff and Mission Australia.

Thank you to all of the families who have sold tickets. The money raised goes towards the payment of costs associated with excursions and events, such as buses and entry fees.

Easter Raffle

Tickets must be returned sold or unsold tomorrow, **Tuesday 26th March**.

Soccer Gala Day

Our Years 3-6 soccer teams will compete at the Newcastle Permanent Soccer Gala Day held in Cundletown tomorrow, **Tuesday 26th March**. The students and staff are looking forward to a great day out. Please remember to send a refillable water bottle, hat and food for the day.

Small Schools Cross Country

Students who **turn 8 years and older** will compete at the Small Schools' Cross Country at Mount George Public School on **Friday 5th April**. Permission notes were emailed and sent home last week and need to be completed as soon as possible. There is **NO COST** for this event.

Students also received a \$5 Meal Deal order form for a sausage sizzle and drink. These must be returned with payment by this Thursday.

End of Term Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Rewards Day

This term the PBL Rewards Day will be Pizza and Play by the river. Students in K-2 will have their Reward Day on **Tuesday 9th April** and Years 3-6 will have theirs on **Thursday 11th April**.

Students who are eligible will receive an invitation at the end of Week 10. Students who have less than 80 points and are ineligible will receive a letter over the next few weeks.

Regional Sport

Congratulations to La'koda and Jahllae who have both been selected to compete at Regional level for the Manning PSSA.

Jahllae has been selected in the Rugby League team and will head to Newcastle on Wednesday 27th March to trial, and La'koda will head to Newcastle on Thursday 28th March as part of the Manning PSSA Basketball team.

We wish them well



Tigers in the Forest

1M made 'Tigers in the Forest' sandwiches last week. They must have known that they were my favourite and so brought some to share with me. 'Tigers in the Forest' has vegemite, cheese and alfalfa. Yum!!



New Curriculum - English

In the new English curriculum Taree PS teachers use and adapt units of work designed by the NSW department of education that meet the requirements of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

These units of work have two components A and B. In component A students are taught foundational literacy skills, such as phonics, spelling, handwriting and reading fluency and comprehension.

In component B students are taught about 'textual concepts' such as how a text is written, with a focus on vocabulary used and the structure and purpose of the writing for example in a narrative text students may learn about the creation of characters in the text.

Specific texts, often books are used for each unit. In K-2 a focus or 'mentor' text will be explored by the whole class and concepts taught over the two week unit.

In years 3-6 each student is given a copy of the text and concepts are taught over a five week unit. The texts are also used to develop writing skills where the students create their own texts.

Photos: Year 2 are currently using the narrative mentor text *Koala Ark* written and illustrated by Steven Michael King,



Years 3 and 4 have moved on from the narrative text *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl and are currently working with the texts *Iceberg* by Claire Saxby and *Earth's Incredible Oceans* by Jess French to learn about a different genre which is the 'category' of the text.



Thank you Bunnings

The lovely people from Bunnings at Taree have come into our school over the past few weeks and made an amazing car track for our students. The children love playing with it and it is great to see that cars have become popular again. Thank you Bunnings for all that you do for our community!



Year 6 Shirts

Our Year 6 are proudly wearing their shirts that they received last week.



Di Murray
Executive Principal

Aboriginal Dance Group

Friday 22nd March 2024

Taree Public School's Aboriginal Dance Group was invited to dance at Faith Family Early Learning Centre to celebrate Harmony Week.

This was another exciting opportunity for our Aboriginal students to perform on Country for our community, to strengthen their cultural identities and connection.

We would like to thank the Clontarf team at Chatham High School for transporting us to and from the venue on their bus.



Our Aboriginal Dance Group was also invited to dance at the opening of the Stage 2 building at First Steps Count on Tuesday 5th March 2024.



Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance

Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance (SWFW) will be running an Aboriginal Children's art book project during terms one and two in 2024. The project seeks to engage 20 schools, from within the SWFW region (Karuah to Corindi) with high Aboriginal student enrolments, to take part. We will be engaging with the school's AEOs, Aboriginal students across years 5 to 6 and local Aboriginal Elders who will provide the students with a Dreamtime story to paint.



HARMONY DAY

Thursday 21st March 2024



Facebook—Rules of Engagement

When participating on the NSW Department of Education's social media channels, you must follow the department's rules of engagement and the platforms' own community guidelines.

Social media platforms require users to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account, therefore, any users under the age of 13 would be banned and reported.

Photos/videos of students can only be published if the correct NSW Department of Education permission to publish forms have been completed by the student's parent or guardian.

For privacy and protection, please do not tag photos/videos of children, and please do not name them in your comments/replies, unless the previously mentioned permission is sought.

Tagging of parents or friends within comments/replies is permitted with the understanding that all other rules of engagement are followed.

The department encourages interaction from participants with the understanding that the department does not endorse comments/replies or wall postings made by social media users on the channel. We ask that users making comments/replies on the channel show respect for other users by ensuring discussions remain civil.

Personal attacks, trolling or spam will not be tolerated. We reserve the right to remove comments that do not adhere to the rules of engagement of our channels, including comments that: are deemed racist, sexist, abusive, profane, violent, obscene, spam; advocate illegal activity; are wildly off-topic; libel, incite, threaten or make personal character attacks.

Remember, your name and photo will be seen next to your comment, visible publicly.

We will not permit messages selling products or promoting commercial, political or other ventures.

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 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>	Tuesday 9th April	K-2 Rewards Day
<u>Week 11</u>	Thursday 11th April	3-6 Rewards Day
<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 1</u>	Friday 3rd May	Taree Eisteddfod
<u>Week 2</u>	Tuesday 8th May	Mother's Day Stall
<u>Week 2</u>	Wednesday 9th May	Mother's Day Stall
<u>Week 2</u>	Friday 10th May	PSSA Zone Cross Country
<u>Week 3</u>	Wednesday 15th May	Netball Gala Day
<u>Week 4</u>	Wednesday 22nd May	National Simultaneous Storytime
<u>Week 4</u>	Friday 24th May	National Sorry Day



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