

# Newsletter

2025: Term 1, Week 11



## Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of Term One. Our school is such a busy place; there are always events, special days, sport and other activities happening. Please keep the calendar that is at the end of the newsletter in a handy place to ensure that you don't miss out on anything.

**Intensive Swimming** is in its final week. Our students are very fortunate to have had lessons at the end of last year and again at the start of this year. This was made possible as we used one of our own teachers, who is AUSTSWIM trained, to instruct last year. The School Swimming and Water Safety team from the School Sport Unit has assisted with instructors this year, allowing a lot of schools to participate. We live in an area that has many beautiful waterways and we prioritise the intensive swimming lessons as they teach water safety as well as swimming skills.

All of our students attended the **Life Education Van** and thoroughly enjoyed seeing Harold and Leanne. Once again, the lessons delivered around health and safety are something that we see as very important.

Congratulations to the 73 students who have consistently displayed our **Positive Behaviour for Learning** (PBL) core values of safety, respect and engagement this term and received an invitation to Pizza and Play on Friday.

Our **attendance** rate and the number of students attending 90% and above continues to improve. Our attendance rate of 89.5 is almost equal to the state attendance rate of 89.7! Thank you for ensuring that your child/ren attend school every day. Please remember to let us know the reason if your child is absent, and ensure that they only miss school if they are sick or have a valid reason.

**Thank you** for your continued support in all that we do; whether it be by attending meetings, returning our surveys, donating to our raffles, buying tickets or attending events; we are all working together to ensure that the students at Taree Public School students are receiving the best education.

Have a happy Easter and enjoy the break! **Students return on Wednesday 30th April.**

Di Murray Executive Principal

## Epilepsy Awareness Day

Thank you to all of our students, staff and families who supported Epilepsy Awareness Day on Wednesday 26th March. We donated \$93.00 to the Epilepsy Centre. Thank you to Miss Green for the crocheted purple hearts for every student and they wore them as necklaces or bracelets.

Congratulations to Oliver who was the lucky winner of the art set. (All students who donated went into the draw.) Leanne, our Life Education Van teacher, was on hand to do the draw and talk to the students about her friend who has epilepsy.



## ANZAC Assembly and March

Our school will be holding an ANZAC Commemorative Service this Friday, 11th April starting at 9.15am in the school hall. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

The school will also participate in the Taree 2025 ANZAC Day Commemoration Service on Friday 25th April. More information is attached to this newsletter. We would love to see as many children as possible marching with our school.

Thank you to Miss Green for organising these events.

## Child Protection Lessons

During Term 2, child protection lessons will be taught to all classes. It is mandatory to teach child protection education from Kindergarten to Year 10 as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) K-10 Syllabus.

The units are centred around the key themes of recognising abuse, power in relationships and protective strategies to provide the opportunity for students to revisit, consolidate and reinforce their learning and skills as they progress through stages. If you would like more information about the lessons, please contact your child's teacher.



## Harmony Day

Our students celebrated Harmony Day on 21st March by wearing orange and joining together for some fun activities. They were even treated to orange jelly made by Miss Y and Miss Mitchell!



## Sport Representation

Congratulations to La'koda who was selected to compete at Regional level as part of the Manning PSSA Basketball team. La'koda enjoyed playing with the representative team and we are very proud of her



## Measles Alert

NSW Health is advising people to be alert for signs and symptoms of measles after being notified of a confirmed case in Sydney. With the holidays approaching, and people visiting from all over the state, please be aware of the symptoms. More information can be found on the NSW Health website.

## Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our amazing Taree Public School students who took part in the Cross Country at Queen Elizabeth Park.

Everyone tried their hardest and a lot of students amazed themselves at how far they could run.

We have submitted the times and are hopeful that we will have a lot of students representing our school at zone. We should know this week!

Thank you to 5/6M for measuring the distances with the trundle wheels as part of their maths lesson. What a great way to demonstrate an understanding of what you are learning by applying it to real life situations.

Thank you to the parents and family members who came to support our students.





## PBL Rewards Day - Pizza and Play

Our end of Term One Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Rewards Day will be Pizza and Play. The Reward Day will be this Friday 11th April. Last year we went to the riverbank for this reward, but due to the late return of the students participating in intensive swimming, we have decided to remain at school this year.

Students who are eligible received an invitation on Monday. Students who have less than 80 points and are ineligible, received a letter.

Over the two years since starting PBL, we have seen a very noticeable improvement in behaviour. This is regularly commented on by visiting teachers and organisations and is reflected by the increased number of students participating in the rewards days each term.

## BUNNINGS EASTER FAMILY NIGHT

Bunnings are having an Easter Family Night on Thursday April 10th from 6-8pm.

There will be:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Hat Competition
- Kids DIY
- Face painting
- Lucky Door Prize
- BBQ

and lots of other activities and stalls.



*We thank Bunnings for the support that they give our school.*

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### WEEK 11, TERM 1 2025

**WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL:** Easter Hat Parade 10.30am - 11.40am

**FRIDAY 11TH APRIL:** School ANZAC Commemorative Service 9.15am

**FRIDAY 25TH APRIL:** Taree 2025 Anzac Day Commemoration Service 10.00am

(Please meet at Macquarie Street gate at 9.40am in full school uniform)

### WEEKS 1-6, TERM 2 2025

**WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL:** Students return to school

**FRIDAY 2ND MAY:** Zone Cross Country (for students who qualified)

**TUES & WED 6TH & 7TH MAY:** Mother's Day stall

**THURSDAY 8TH MAY:** Outdoor Classroom

**FRIDAY 9TH MAY:** Eisteddfod (Dance group performing)

**FRIDAY 9TH MAY:** Assembly 2.30pm

**SUNDAY 18TH MAY:** Bunnings BBQ to raise funds for Great Aussie Bush Camp

**WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY:** Simultaneous Storytime

**FRIDAY 23RD MAY:** Assembly 2.30pm

**MONDAY 26TH MAY:** Sorry Day & start of Reconciliation Week

**FRIDAY 30TH MAY:** Small Schools' Athletics carnival

**FRIDAY 6TH JUNE:** Assembly 2.30pm

