UPCOMING EVENTS
Friday 26th June
NAIDOC Day
Friday 26th June
Last Day Term 2
Tuesday 14th July
First Day Term 3
Friday 17th July
Athletics Carnival
Monday 27th July
Education Week
Friday 7th August
ZONE Athletics

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Once again a very busy term with lots of activities to support the learning of all students. A BIG thank you to all staff, parents and community for their support of our school.
Thank you to Mr Stephen Bromhead, our local Member of Parliament for our new State flag.
I wish everyone a safe, happy holiday break.
School resumes for students on Tuesday, 14th July.

Mrs Karen Clark
School Principal

NAIDOC
Our school will celebrate NAIDOC tomorrow, the last day of term. All children will travel to Saltwater to participate in activities such as Mathematics with an Aboriginal perspective, painting, making damper, bushwalking and sand art.
Children may come out of uniform and wear red, black and yellow. The bus will leave school at 9.30am and return by 2.45pm (approximately).
Children will need to bring their recess and a drink. A sausage sandwich will be provided for lunch. If your child does not eat sausages, please send along their lunch. Permission notes were sent home on Monday and have been returned to school by today. Please note that there will be NO SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY as all teachers will be at Saltwater. Please come along and enjoy the day with us!

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.

Design: Kathleen Morcome
BOOK GIVING ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, we had our very first Book Giving Assembly as part of the 'Books in Homes' program. Each child received three quality books, for free, thanks to our sponsor The Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation.

Our special guests at the assembly were Mr Jason Bourke, CEO of The Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation, Vanessa and Craig representing the Taree branch of the Newcastle Permanent Building Society, and Mr Stephen Michael King who is an author and illustrator of many children’s books.

Mr King spoke to the assembly about how he remembered that his parents always read great books to him when he was a child. And then ..... he read his new book “My Dad is a Giraffe”. This book has not been seen by anyone else as it is only just being published. We are the first children in the world to see this book and hear the story! How exciting! But that’s not all! Then, he drew a picture from the book! His drawing skills are amazing and everyone was mesmerised as they watched him draw two circles and then turn them into a giraffe. There was total silence in the hall the entire time and everyone watched in awe as the marks that he put on the page were transformed into an illustration of the characters from the book. Wow! The finished piece will be framed and hung in the school.

Mr Bourke spoke about the importance of reading and he encouraged the children to take the books home and add them to, or start, their personal library. The books were then handed out by

Mr Bourke, Vanessa and Craig There was a lot of excitement. It has been six weeks since the children chose their books and to actually finally receive them was a bit like Christmas! All of the children picked their favourite book and held it up for everyone to see. There were big smiles all around!

Congratulations to our leaders who ran the assembly in a very professional and polished manner, to Serge Morcome, who performed the Acknowledgement of Country for the first time and did a fantastic job, and to all of our students, who displayed the best manners that I have ever seen. Well done!

Many thanks to Leanne Davey for sorting and labelling the books. This was a big job, with over 200 books to label and place in bags. Also to Miss Hook, who ran the Role Model Competition associated with the Books in Homes and familiarised the children with the books and took the orders.

Our next Books in Homes order and assembly will be in Term Four.

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**TERM 2 WEEK 9 AWARDS**

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| IMPROVEMENT IN CLASSROOM       |
| Reading Awards                 |
| Abby Ellis,                    |
| Tykia Cochrane-Paulson         |
| Charlie Baxter                 |
| Cody Nowlan                    |
| Lamar Dumas                    |
| Clayton Thorpe                 |
SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Taree Public School will join other small schools in the area for the small schools athletics carnival.

WHERE: Taree Rec Grounds
WHEN: Friday 17th July (Week 1 Term 3)
TIME: 9:00am—2:30pm approx.
TRANSPORT: By bus

Parents/ Carers are more than welcome to come along to support our students on the day.

Burrang
We have been investigating, predicting, analysing data and suggesting explanations for their findings on what happens when you put celery into two different coloured waters.

We have been learning the needs of plants and how they interact with the environment. This improved our knowledge on why plants need water to produce food and grow. Plants make their own food through complex, sunlight-power called photosynthesis. Water helps transport nutrients throughout all parts of the plant.

ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO READ. AN IDEA TO TRY.
Message jar
- Record jobs that you would like your child to do. Have them choose one from the jar as their job for the day, or
- Put some fun instructions in e.g. 'Go and look under the pillow on your bed' or "if you read this note to me you can choose which video we are going to watch.'
- Word object matching. Display some interesting toys, items on the table and in the jar place some instructions e.g. put the green car next to the television.'

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA
School Students with Disability
Taree public School is currently collecting data for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data [NCCD]. The information gathered will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families better support students with disabilities by reviewing learning and support systems.

All schools across Australia will be implementing the same methods to collect the data. Only students who have a diagnosed disability will be included in the collection of data. Their names and personal details will not be provided to local or federal education authorities. Parents whose child/ren are included will be provided with an information pamphlet that gives detailed information about the process. If you have any questions or queries you can contact the Learning and Support Teacher, Gai Hickson by calling the front office. Further information can also be accessed through www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

FOYER DISPLAY & ASSEMBLY ITEMS
Week 1 & 2 Foyer Display - 2-3V Guppar
Week 1 Assembly - Leaders
Week 2 Assembly - 3-6R Burrang

TAREE PUBLIC 150th ANNIVERSARY
This year is Taree Public's 150th Anniversary. We would like to invite all ex pupils/staff who have photos, memorabilia, or good stories to tell, to contact the school office on 65521233 and we will arrange to meet with you. The date for celebrations is the 18th September. Further news about this event will be in our newsletters.
WILL YOU BE CHANGING YOUR DETAILS DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

Please notify the school office as soon as possible if your child’s details have changed. This includes address, phone numbers, health related matters and emergency contacts.

It is vital that this information is kept up to date for your child’s well being and safety.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Sunday the 21st June the staff at TPS organised a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings and I am really happy to say we raised $429.29, which was a fantastic team effort.

I would like to make a special thanks to Alice for ordering all the food! A big thanks also to Mrs Hickson, Hannah, Miss Hook, Mrs Clapson, Mrs Deer, Mrs Kelly!

This money will go towards an excursion or a camp. We have another one organised for the 18th July (Saturday).

Please let me know if you are interested in helping on the day.

Mrs Raymond

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.

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BANANAS IN PYJAMAS
These Bananas in Pyjamas are frozen bananas on pop sticks that have been dipped in chocolate and then rolled in your favourite coatings.

INGREDIENTS
• 4 large, firm bananas, peeled and cut in half
• 8 popsicle sticks
• 2 x 400g block dark cooking chocolate
• crushed nuts
• sprinkles
• desiccated coconut

METHOD
1. Line baking tray with baking paper and set aside.
2. Push a pop stick into the thickest end of the banana halves. Lay out on tray and freeze for 2 hours or overnight if you can.
3. Melt the chocolate in a glass bowl, in the microwave. Give it a 1 minute heat on HIGH and then stir. Microwave at 20 second intervals, stirring in between until all is melted.
4. Set out coatings on plates, such as the sprinkles, nuts and coconut.
5. Remove bananas from the freezer and dip in chocolate mixture. Roll in coating and place back on the tray to store in the freezer until required.

NOTES
• You need to make sure that you have all the preparation done for this recipe. One you dip the bananas into the chocolate you need work quickly so the extra coatings will adhere.
• You can swap the dark chocolate for white chocolate for something different.

CHICKEN AND CORN SOUP
Ingredients:      Makes 10 cups
• 4 chicken breast fillets
• 1 1/2 litres water
• 750ml reduced salt chicken stock
• 2 tblsp. olive oil
• 2 medium onions, finely chopped
• 2 garlic cloves, crushed
• 4 celery stalks, finely chopped
• 2 medium carrots, finely chopped
• 200g wholemeal pasta (penne or spirals)
• 2 x 310g can creamed corn
• 2 tblsp. chopped parsley
• 2 tsp. black pepper, ground

Method:
1. Place chicken, stock and water in a large pot and bring to the boil. Simmer for 10 minutes over medium-low heat and then transfer chicken to a bowl and leave to cool.
2. Strain stock into a jug or bowl.
3. Heat the oil in a clean pot over medium-low heat and add the onion, garlic, celery and carrot. Stirring occasionally, cook until onions are soft (approx. 5 mins) then add the strained stock and bring to the boil.
4. Cut the chicken into small pieces, add to the soup with the pasta and creamed corn and return to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until the pasta is al dente (approx. 12 mins). If the soup becomes too thick, add a little extra water.
5. Season with black pepper and parsley.