PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It is great to be back at Taree Public School and see all the smiling, happy faces.
Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication since I have been on leave.
A special thank you to Mr Roberts for an amazing job in my absence.

Mrs Karen Clark
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 11th March      Assembly @ 1.45pm in hall
Wednesday 16th March   THS Science Visit
Friday 18th March       Assembly @ 1.45pm in hall
                        Harmony Day / Anti Bullying Day
Thursday 24th March     Easter Hat Parade
Friday 25th March       Good Friday Public Holiday — NO SCHOOL!
Monday 28th March       Easter Monday Public Holiday — NO SCHOOL!

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

A BIG thanks to all the teachers and students for making cleaning up our school such a success!
It was great to see so many students dressed in green to reinforce this important event.

EGGS FOR SALE

TPS have fresh eggs for sale
1x Dozen for $5.00
HEALTHY HAROLD
Life Education has been empowering children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education for more than 35 years.
Our school was lucky enough to have a visit from Healthy Harold on Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd February.
All of our students enjoyed the visit and hope to see Harold again next year.

3/6R—Burrang
Over the past two weeks we have had plenty going on in 3/6 R. Last week we had the Life Education van in the school, and our class had a session in the van learning about different types of drugs and their effects. We also learnt the importance of being cyber-wise when having a presence online.

We also have our intensive swimming, which continues this week as well. I would like to thank the students for their beautiful behaviour and making it such a successful event.

Homework is now in full swing. Thanks to those who support their child to complete the tasks and remind them to hand it in on a Friday.

This term we are learning about family life in the past and present. As part of this unit we are hoping to make a diorama contrasting the difference between a bedroom now and 100 years ago. Could you please collect and send in a box for the children to begin construction and any small recyclables that can be used to make furniture?

Last week in literacy and history we focused on looking at life in the past, exploring memories through the story Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge. We wrote a persuasive paragraph on the topic do you prefer toys from ‘now’ or ‘then’. What an interesting read!

Also, in Literacy we have been enjoying the story “A Pet for Mrs Arbuckle”, and we have been doing a lot of persuasive writing around which animals would make great pets.

There have been a couple of student bringing phones and i-pods to school and these devises need to be left at home or taken straight to the office to be kept safe for the day.
Melissa Raymond

INTENSIVE SWIMMING
Last week students will have participated in the Intensive Swimming Program at the Manning Aquatic Centre. All students have been learning swimming skills to help them be confident in the water.

Each child has improved so much from Monday and all involved are looking forward to this week and the progress they will make.
**CLASS 1/2V**

It’s been a busy week in 1/2V with lots of different things happening. On Wednesday it was Dr Suess’s birthday so we have been reading some funny Dr Suess books looking at how he uses rhyme, rhythm and repetition. In art time we got to make the Cat in the Hat. Mrs Murray also came up after we read the book “The Lorax” and showed us how to make Traffula Trees.

1/2V has also done some creative writing about the Cat in the Hat that we are going to share at our assembly this week. Here is some examples of our great writing.

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**THE CAT IN THE HAT**

The Cat in the Hat was out in the pouring rain. He went to the door and went in. He juggled some things on his body and he brought two things out of the box. Out of the box came Thing One and Thing Two. They shook hands with them. They made a big mess. They had kites in the house on it was mothers dress and they took fishes pot. They saw mum at the door and they told Cat in the Hat to go away.

-Milly.

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**THE CAT IN THE HAT**

“I am the Cat in the Hat” said the cat. He came in the house. The Cat in the Hat balanced the fish, the rake, a cake, some books and a bowl. The fish fell in the pot. The cat in the hat bought a box inside. Thing 1 and Thing 2 just jumped out of the box. They brought a kite out of the box.

-Natika.

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**THE CAT IN THE HAT**

One day Sally and her brother were inside on a raining day doing nothing but sitting and watching the rain until a bang on the door. “It was a cat” said Sally. “In a hat” said her brother. “The Cat In the Hat” said the cat. “I know some tricks” he said.

The Cat in the Hat said “I can balance on a ball with a cake, toy boat, fish that was talking too much, books, milks, cake, umbrella, a toy, rake and a cup of tea. Then he fell down. I was a mess than he said “I have one more last thing”. Then he came back in with a red box with a hook. He opened it and in the box was two things. Thing 1 and Thing 2. They had kites that had their mum’s gown and the pot.

-Ava.
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.

HARMONY DAY

Taree Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 18th March.

It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is our diversity is our strength.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Taree Public School will also be taking part in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

This will also be held on Friday, 18 March 2016.

This annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond.

Taree Public School is helping to deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay!!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TAREE CITY NETBALL CLUB - New and existing members are welcome to register for the 2016 season. For more details please email tareecitynetballclub@hotmail.com OR find us on facebook OR you can contact Kelly on 0412 202 145

MANNING VALLEY BMX CLUB ‘COME AND TRY BMX DAY’. When: Sunday the 13th of March 2016, between 10.00am and 12.00pm. Where: Manning Valley BMX Club Racetrack, Urara Lane Taree. More info and updates: Follow us on Facebook by searching for ‘Manning Valley BMX Club’.

COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TUCKER TIME— Come along and learn new healthy recipes to feed your mob at home. Every Tuesday fortnight starting in February at 147 Cowper Street Taree, Inc. Rivercity. 1pm—2.30pm. FREE to attend—Transport available and children are welcome. Phone Jess Maher on 6552 5088 for info or bookings.