Term 1 – Week 4

Student of the Week
Rosie Williamson

Reader of the Week
Ben Johnson

Merit Awards
Jessica Walker – Neat mapwork.
Bella Allen – Improved attitude and helping others.
Sam Johnson – Great gardening.
Tristan Cross
Tristan Fernance
Rosie Williamson
Jackson Stapleton

Dynamite job in gym

Coming Events for Term 1

Week 4
Feb 17 - Tue Pancake Day
Feb 18 – Wed P&C meeting – 6:00pm in school library
Feb 18 – Wed WaterWatch – year 3 - 6
Feb 19 – Thurs Bookclub due today
Feb 20 - Fri Gymnastics – 1:30pm

Week 5
Feb 27 – Fri Gymnastics – 1:30pm

Week 6
March 3 – Tue Living safely with dogs presentation 12:00

Week 10
April 2 – Thurs Last day Term 1

P & C
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18 February at 6:00pm in the school library. Babysitting services will be available, if required. We encourage everyone to join us to find out how you can support our school and our students.

Hepatitis A Alert
You may be aware that various types of frozen mixed berries have been removed from grocery shelves due to a concern about Hepatitis A. In order to reduce risk, everyone should always wash their hands thoroughly with soap and running water for at least 10 seconds and dry them with a clean towel:

- After going to the toilet
- Before eating
- Before preparing food or drink
- After handling objects such as nappies

If you need further information contact your health practitioner or view the School A-Z website and NSW Health website.

Swimming Carnival
Students in Years 3 to 6 were enthusiastic participants at the Swimming Carnival held at the Manning Aquatic Centre last Tuesday. They
should all be proud of their efforts. A special congratulations to Tristian Fernance, who placed runner up in the Senior Boys, and Aleeah Cox, who placed runner up in the Junior Girls. Students have shared their thoughts in the following acrostic poem:

Swimming carnival is cool
We did well in the carnival
I came first in freestyle
My day swimming was awesome
Making a collection of ribbons
I got runner up in junior girls
Near the end of the race I felt like stopping for a break
Good swimming freestyle

Cool and nice water
Awesome day at the carnival
Racing other schools at the Aquatic Centre
Nervous when racing
I was mad when my goggles filled up with water
Very big muscles to swim 50 metres
At the carnival I got water up my nose
Laps are very long

Above: Negotiating a slippery noodle.

Guitar and Music Lessons
We had a great response to the offer of guitar and music lessons. Unfortunately, the costing was incorrectly published. The correct costs are:
Guitar – one child - $10
Guitar – two children $17
Guitar – three children $20
Music only – one child $7
1child guitar, 1 child music - $15
If a child is taking guitar, there is no cost for the music lesson.
We apologise for the confusion.

Waterwatch
Students in Years 3 to 6 will be walking down to the creek with Wednesday morning to participate in Waterwatch activities with Kristy from MidCoast Water. We will also be identifying various bugs which live in our local waterways. A permission form is attached.

Volunteers
Parents, carers & community members assisting the school with any voluntary work are required by law to complete a ‘Working with Children Check, Declaration for volunteers’. A volunteer for roles such as reading, book covering, supervising sports, working in the school grounds or library are required to complete a declaration that they are not a disqualified person.
Forms are available in the school office. Please complete promptly and return to the office. Thank you
School Attendance
Our school is focussing on improving school attendance patterns and on time arrivals for our students. We will be including short excerpts in our newsletter to highlight the importance of regular school attendance.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children. If your child doesn't learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

School Contributions
The school seeks your support for school contributions. These funds are used for your child/children’s daily needs of text books, writing books, paper, pencils, art supplies etc. School contributions have been set for $15.00 per student or $30.00 per family.

Cooking
Today the students and Kylie were cooking carrot muffins and the smell was so good while they were cooking.

Garden Workers
The students work hard with Jenn potting up cuttings and being great helpers.
In the Classroom
The students have been producing acrostic poems about Upper Lansdowne.

Up on mountains there are lots of views
People are nice
Peaceful
Exploring
Rock ledges

Lots of land
Animals
Not many neighbours
Small trees
Dairy farms
Often lots of wild animals
We run on tank water
Not noisy around here
Eagles

by Seth, Year 4

Unbelievable sunsets
Peaceful
People are nice
Exploring
Rain forests

Lots of land
Amazing
Nice to live in
Small school
Don’t have any traffic
Old buildings
Wonderful views
Never busy
Eagles

by Ben, Year 6

Yours in education
Sheila Capperauld

Community News
Are you looking for a great team sport to play? Come to Taree Tigers Hockey Club & give Hockey a go. There is a free starters pack for all new junior players.

It is a great team sport for boys and girls of all ages from 5 years of age and Taree Tigers Hockey Club is looking for players in 2015 for both Junior & Senior competitions. No matter what your age or ability we have the junior Boys or Girls or senior team just for you.

Registration days are Tuesday's February 10th & 17th from 4.30pm at the Taree Hockey Centre, or you can simply come and try hockey on one of those afternoons as all equipment will be supplied. For more information contact Karl Williams on 0413333383 or Tony Lewis on 0418510986 for more information. So come on, give hockey a go in 2015.

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