From the Principal’s Desk
Welcome to Week 5 of term. Students are working well at this time and teachers are proud of their efforts. There are a number of exciting activities happening at our school over the next few weeks so we hope to see you soon!

Taree Eisteddfod
On Tuesday 2nd June, our school will once again compete in the small school choir section of the Taree Eisteddfod. We have been very busy learning our songs under the tutelage of Mrs Thora-Lou Smith and we are excited for the event ahead. We hope parents can once again attend this year and support our school. More information will follow in the coming weeks regarding transport and uniform requirements. Good luck students!

Aussie Bush Camp – 3-6 Excursion
During Term 3, students in our 3 to 6 class will join with students from Krambach Public School for their Aussie Bush Camp Excursion. It promises to be an exciting time for the students. The total cost for the excursion is $223. An expression of interest slip was sent home in the previous newsletter and was due last Friday. If you have not already done so, please return your slip to the school over the coming days to confirm your child’s attendance.

Walk to School Day
This Friday 22nd May, our school will join with many schools throughout Australia in participating in the National ‘Walk to School Day’. Students and teachers will assemble at 8.30am at the northern end of Lombard Street. We encourage parents to join us for the walk to school. The school bus will also drop off

CALENDAR

TERM 2 WEEK 5
Thursday 21st May
P&C Meeting 9.15am
Friday 22nd May
EnviroMentors visit

TERM 2 WEEK 6
Wednesday 27th May
Assembly 2pm

TERM 2 WEEK 7
Tuesday 2nd June
Taree Eisteddfod
Friday 5th June
Unknown Soldier Years 5 and 6 – Manning Entertainment Centre

TERM 2 WEEK 8
Wednesday 10th June
Small School’s Athletic Carnival Tuncurry

TERM 2 WEEK 9
Wednesday 17th June
Pyjama Day

TERM 2 WEEK 10
Wednesday 24th June
End of Term Assembly
Friday 26th June
Rewards Day
Last day of Term 2
students at this point to participate. School bags will be transported to school on the bus or in the teacher’s car. See you there!

NAPLAN
Last week, students in Year 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN tests. It was great to see all of our students so focused during each of the exams, giving their personal best. The completed assessment materials have now been posted away and results will return to the school later in Term 3.

National Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Week 6 Assembly
On Wednesday 27th May, the school will hold its next assembly. The assembly will once again be held in the 3-6 room at 2pm. At this assembly, we will present our class and group awards plus announce our next round of Bronze awards. We hope to see you there!

Canteen
Thank you to the many parents and carers who have supported our school by helping with the operation of the canteen. We are now currently seeking further volunteers to assist during Term 2. If you are able to help, please contact Amanda on 0418437618 or Casey on 0432504601.

P&C Meeting
Our next P and C meeting will be held this Thursday (21st May) at 9.15am. On the agenda will be Term 2 fundraising and a summary of our Mother’s Day stall. We hope to see you there!

A closer look at our 2015 Level System
In 2015, students will be given the challenge of attaining four differing levels at our school. By earning assembly, playground and homework points, students will each term climb our ladder of achievement. During Term 1, students needed to gain 20 points to earn their ‘Bronze’ award, with the same amount of points being required to earn their ‘Silver’ award in Term 2, ‘Gold’ award in Term 3 and their ‘Coolongolook’ award in Term 4. Students who didn’t receive their Bronze award during Term 1 will continue to work towards this goal during Term 2. After gaining the 20 points required to receive their Bronze award, students will then start working towards their Silver award.

To find out more, please visit the front office where additional information sheets can be found.

Head Lice and School Sores
Just a quick reminder to all parents and carers to check your child regularly for head lice and school sores and to take appropriate action if found. Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Impetigo (School sores)
Symptoms
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

School or home?
Keep home from school until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I help prevent spread?
Parents of children who may have had contact with impetigo should look for signs of infection and seek treatment if symptoms develop.

Jason Tindall Principal
Wow, Week 5 already! How fast this term and year are going. It has been a busy start to Term 2 in the 3-6 room. The students are working well at this time and continuing the quality work we saw in Term 1.

For parents who may be uncertain, I will continue to teach the class weekly on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with Mr De Rooy taking the class on Thursday and Friday. I’m enjoying working with the students at this time and look forward to the upcoming weeks and the activities we undertake.

Groups have been running smoothly with the students continuing to flourish in these smaller groups. In writing we will be starting our Accelerated Literacy unit in the coming weeks. Spending 15 minutes writing on Tuesdays has been extremely effective in our groups and the students are enjoying these activities. In maths this term I am seeing excellent results already. Students are beginning to use their strategies and are starting to solve problems mentally which is great to see.

Our H.S.I.E topic of ‘Being Australian’ has begun and I am already impressed with the students’ general knowledge and enthusiasm to learn. Students were involved in a video conference last week where other schools joined with our students in learning about ‘Biteslides’. We will display these completed projects at our upcoming assembly.

The Aussie Bush Camp Excursion is quickly approaching! Just a reminder to parents about payments, getting so close to the excursion it is important that we confirm numbers and payments ASAP. Thanks to all the parents and carers who have been getting in regular payments for what will be an amazing few days for the class.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to see me anytime. Thanks again for your ongoing support!

Jason Tindall