

Newsletter

2025: Term 2, Week 9



Principal's Report

Our little school continues to be in the spotlight for all the good reasons.

We recently hosted a visit from Murat Dizdar, Secretary, Department of Education, Kathy Powzun and Lisa Muir, Executive Directors, Ben Smith and Matt Royan Directors Educational Leadership to our amazing little school as part of their visit to flood affected communities.

Our Djarri Dance group performed the Cleansing and Welcome dances and then our visitors had a tour of the area that will be transformed into our new preschool.



Mr Dizdar was so impressed with our attendance that he wrote an article for his newsletter highlighting our achievements!

Stronger connections, higher attendance – Taree Public School's success story

Taree Public School (Biripi Country) is building strong foundations through a culturally grounded approach to education. With more than half of its students identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, the school has proudly been part of the [Connected Communities Strategy](#) since 2014.

Central to its success is the school's Culture and Caring program, which embraces Biripi culture and includes Gathang language lessons for all students. This commitment to cultural connection is underpinned by the values of safety, respect and engagement.

The results speak for themselves. In Term 1 2025, overall student attendance was 89.1% – and that of Aboriginal students reached 89.6%.

Strong culture and community are helping to drive better engagement across the board, with students showing growth in reading and numeracy, expectations for success and sense of belonging.

Congratulations students and thank you to our parents/carers, teachers and all staff for prioritising attendance!

Di Murray Executive Principal

PLP and Report Meetings

Thank you to the parents who have returned their note regarding times for the Personalised Learning Pathway and Semester 1 Report meetings. The meetings are scheduled from Thursday 26th June to Tuesday 1st July. If you have not returned your note please phone the school so that a timeslot can be secured for you to meet with your child's teacher. Thank you for supporting your child's learning and development.

Soccer & Netball Knockout Events

Congratulations to the students chosen to represent Taree Public School at the upcoming Small Schools' Soccer and Netball knockout events.

Soccer Knockout: Tuesday, 24th June, students will travel to Gloucester to compete against Stroud Public School.

Netball Knockout: Friday, 27th June, students will head to the Taree Netball courts to play against Mount George Public School.

Best of luck to all our talented athletes!

Manning Zone Athletics Carnival

Due to the cancellation of the combined small schools event, time trials took place at school. Students who qualified from this event will receive invitations through School Bytes to participate in the Manning PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival scheduled for Friday, August 1st at Tuncurry.

Small Schools Public Speaking Finals

On Wednesday 25th June, we will be hosting students and teachers from Mitchells Island, Mount George, Comboyne, Elands, Bobin, Lansdowne and Upper Lansdowne for the finals of the Small Schools Public Speaking competition. This exciting event will take place in the school hall. Chrysi and Mia will be representing Taree Public School and we wish them the best of luck in this competition!

NAIDOC Celebrations

Students and staff will attend the NAIDOC Celebrations at Saltwater Reserve on Friday 4th July (last day of term).

This is a **WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT** with NO Supervision being provided at school on this day. It is important that all students arrive at school **NO LATER** than 9:10am to ensure they do not miss the bus to the special event. There is no cost for the bus. A note will be emailed/sent home this week. Parents/carers are most welcome to attend.

Beanies for Brain Cancer

This Friday 27th June we are going to

HOST A BEANIE DAY

to support the Mark Hughes Foundation's Beanie for Brain Cancer. Students may wear a beanie of their choice. We will donate the money from our ice cream sales on Friday to support this worthy cause.

So wear a beanie and buy an ice cream this Friday!



Talent Quest

The Talent Show extravaganza, hosted by Jack, has become a highlight of every fortnight, captivating both teachers and students with an impressive display of talent. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for students who might not typically have the chance to showcase their remarkable abilities. Additionally, we were thrilled to have a special guest appearance from Mrs. Murray playing Mary Had A Little Lamb on the recorder!



SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEEKS 9-10, TERM 2 2025

TUE 24th JUNE:	Small Schools Soccer Knockout at Gloucester for selected students
WED 25th JUNE:	Small Schools Public Speaking Finals
THU 26th JUNE to	Personalised Learning Plan Meetings with parents
TUES 1st JULY:	(Times for meetings have been sent out)
FRI 27th JUNE:	Small Schools Netball Knockout at Taree for selected students
FRI 4th JULY:	NAIDOC Celebrations @ Saltwater - WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT
FRI 4th JULY:	Last Day Term 2

WEEKS 1-3, TERM 3 2025

MON 21st JULY:	Staff Development Day - This is a "Pupil Free Day"
TUES 22nd JULY:	STUDENTS RETURN - Term 3
FRI 1st AUGUST:	Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry - selected students
FRI 1st AUGUST:	School Assembly at 2:30pm
MON 4th to FRI 9th AUG:	Education and Book Week Celebrations

