

Newsletter

2025: Term 3, Week 8



Principal's Report

Last week was School Support Recognition Week. Thank you to our amazing support staff for your care, commitment and hard work supporting our students and staff. You ensure that our school is clean, tidy and welcoming.

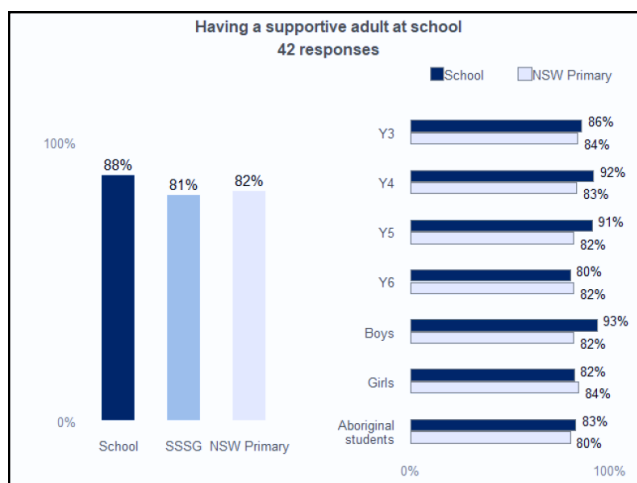
Your efforts are deeply valued by our staff, students and school community.

NSW Public Schools Survey

This newsletter coincides with Child Protection Week. As part of our Child Protection lessons, students are asked to identify five adults that they can talk to if needed. Teachers are often one of these adults. The NSW Public Schools Survey asked students if they have a 'supportive adult at school'.

Having a supportive adult at school is another key aspect of sense of belonging, reflecting whether students feel encouraged, known, valued and cared for by adults at their school. Supportive adults provide students with essential ongoing support, especially during periods of transitions.

The NSW Public Schools Survey results show that a higher percentage of our students 'have a supportive adult at school' than students in Statistically Similar Schools Group (SSSG) and all NSW Primary Schools as shown below.



Our aim this week is to ensure that every student in our care can name a supportive adult at school.

Di Murray
Executive Principal

Kindergarten 2026 Transition Sessions

It has been exciting welcoming our 2026 Kindergarten students during our weekly transition sessions. The students participate in sport with the K-2 students, have fruit break and listen to a story. There are two more transition sessions this term.

The dates for Term 4 transition will be sent out before the end of the term. Only students who have completed their enrolment are eligible to attend Term 4 transition.

If you know someone who lives in our zoned area and will be starting Kindergarten in 2026, please encourage them to visit or contact our school office at 6552 1233 to complete the enrolment paperwork.

Father's Day

We hope that all the amazing dads and cherished father figures had a fantastic day on Sunday.

A big shout-out to our fabulous staff and students for making the Father's Day stall a smashing success last week!

All money raised goes towards the fundraising for excursions.

Early Arrivers

We have noticed that a number of children are arriving at the school gate before 8.40am. We do understand that some of our students arrive by bus and this can not be helped. If you are a parent who starts work before 8.40am, please have a conversation with your child/ren about safety and respect while they are waiting for the gates to open. Running, chasing, yelling, riding bikes or scooters along the footpath are not safe or appropriate behaviours and reflect negatively on our school. I have spoken to the students and asked that they wait sensibly and safely at the gate, choosing to sit or stand quietly is the expectation.

If it is not necessary, please do not arrive at the gate before 8.40am, and please do not leave your children unattended at the gate.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Primary Aboriginal Dance Workshop

Students from our Djarri Dance group proudly represented Taree Public School at the Primary Aboriginal Dance Workshop at Bowraville on 19th August.

The students explored contemporary Indigenous dance and movement, thanks to a team of experienced First Nations dance tutors who work in collaboration with the NSW Department of Education Arts Unit.

It was an early start and a late finish, but that didn't deter the singing on the bus on the return trip.

Thanks Mr McLeod, Aunty Karen, Aunty Toni, Jack and Destination Dave for attending with the students.

AECG Combined Schools NAIDOC

Congratulations to the Taree Local AECG on their successful Combined Schools NAIDOC event that was held on Thursday 14th August at Chatham High School.

Our Djarri Dance group was part of the combined dance and they did an awesome job. It is great to see it all come together as a polished performance after many weeks of rehearsal.

All of our students attended the event and had a great time learning about local Aboriginal culture.

A big shout out to our staff members Aunty Karen, Aunty Toni and Jack for being part of the organisation and committee.

Promotional Photos

All NSW Public schools are undergoing website upgrades. Part of this process involves adding images and documents that are relevant to your particular school setting.

On Friday, we have a professional photographer coming in to take photos for the website. Only students who have Permission to Publish will be included. Students will also need to be in **full school uniform** if they would like to be considered for a photo. We hope to have as many students as possible included in the photos, but this may not be possible as we are capturing certain opportunities, activities, programs and events.

Attendance Reward

Congratulations to the 37 students who attended 90% and above for the first five weeks of this term.

A special mention to Chase, Paige, Addi, Jaxen, Eva & Beau who are in the 100% Club! Well done!!

The 90% and above reward was chocolate milk and cookies which brought a smile to a lot of faces.

The percentage of Taree PS students attending 90% and above is 42.9%, which is equal to the Department of Education schools' state percentage! Thank you parents and carers for valuing education and ensuring that students in your care attend every day that they are well.

Please remember that partial days (Late arrival, early leave) impact student's attendance percentage, and more importantly, their learning.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEEKS 8-10, TERM 3 2025

7th - 13th SEPTEMBER:

THU 11th SEPTEMBER:

FRI 12th SEPTEMBER:

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FRI 19th SEPTEMBER:

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WED 24th SEPTEMBER:

National Child Protection Week

R U OK Day?

School Assembly at 2:30pm

2026 Kinder Orientation 9:30am to 10:45am

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Netball Gala Day at Forster

Jump Rope for Heart "Jump Off"

