

Newsletter

2025: Term 4, Week 3

Principal's Report

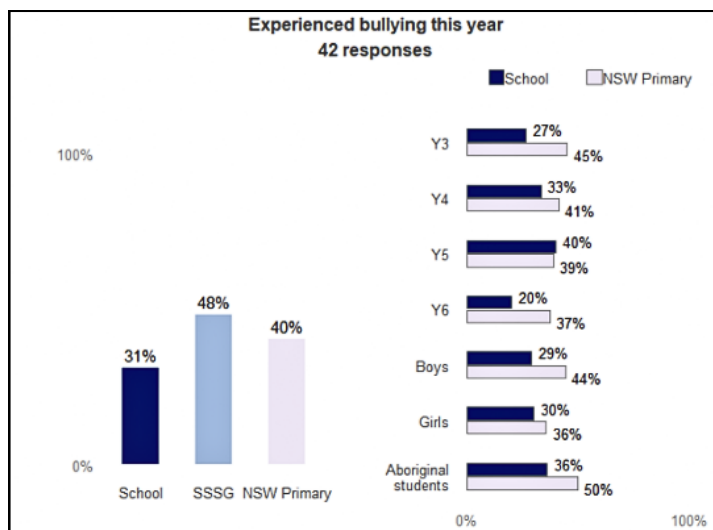
On Friday we celebrate **World Teachers' Day** in NSW schools. I would like to acknowledge our dedicated teachers who go above and beyond to create learning environments that enable students to be healthy, happy, engaged and successful.

Please 'add a gem' to acknowledge your favourite teacher - the instructions are on page 2.

NSW Public Schools Survey

Bullying at school has been in the media recently. The NSW Public Schools Survey asked students if they have 'experienced bullying at school this year'. It explains bullying as 'an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause harm. It can occur face-to-face, online, or on social media'.

The NSW Public Schools Survey results show that a lower percentage of our students have experienced bullying at school this year than students in Statistically Similar Schools Group (SSSG) and all NSW Primary Schools as shown below.



Pleasingly, our students also had a higher percentage of students that know where to get support when bullied, and a higher percentage that believe that the school deals fairly with bullying.

Di Murray
Executive Principal

Kindergarten 2026 Transition Sessions

We currently have ten kindergarten students enrolled for 2026. They have had many visits to our school and have enjoyed spending time in the kindergarten room with Miss M.

We have 8 transition sessions scheduled for this term. They started last week and will run every Tuesday and Friday from 10:30am to 11:40am until Friday 14th November 2025.

A Parent Information session will be held this Friday, 31st October 2025, from 10:30am to 11:40am. This session will provide important information for parents to help their child prepare for school in 2026.

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 on 6552 1233 to complete the enrolment paperwork.

Halloween Disco

Our Halloween Disco is on **this Thursday** (30th October) in the Early Learning room.

TIME: **4:30pm to 6:00pm**

COST: **\$5.00** payable via School Bytes or to the school office with signed permission NO LATER than Wednesday 29th October.

Students will receive a sausage sandwich, popper and 'Trick or Treat' bag.

Students may come dressed in their Halloween costumes, scary, spooky, fun, or fabulous; however, please ensure that **NO** costume props such as swords, guns or lightsabers etc are brought along.

Please arrive at 5:50pm ready to collect your child at 6:00pm



Gymnastics

Gymnastic sessions at Taree PCYC started last week and will be on every Friday for the next three weeks. The students had a lot of fun last Friday and were complimented on their behaviour.

Please ensure that you have completed the permission note online via School Bytes.

Student participation each week is dependent on school behaviour.

School Photo Day

School Photos - Wednesday, 29th October 2025

Please ensure your child arrives on time and is ready with their brightest smile!

Order forms will be sent home with families shortly.

World Teachers' Day

On Friday 31st October we will celebrate the amazing teachers of Taree Public School. Please remind your children to say a special "Thank you" to their teacher on this day to let them know just how much they are appreciated.

You can also tell us who lights up your school community by adding a **NSW teaching gem to our interactive map**. (A gem is a teacher or educator who is important to you.)

Scan the barcode which will take you to the page and then then click on



[Add your gem to the Teaching Gems Map](#)

School Website

Our school website has been upgraded! Check out the fresh new look featuring wonderful photos and highlights showcasing the many great experiences available at Taree Public School. Visit the site to stay connected and see what's happening around our school!

2026 Captains Speeches

Students who have nominated to be a school captain in 2026 will present their speeches on Wednesday 12th November (Week 5) at 2.15pm in the hall. Parents and community are most welcome to come along.

Presentation Day & Concert

Our Presentation Day and Concert is scheduled for **Friday, 5th December 2025 at 10:00 am**.

Please save the date as we love to see all of our families and community come along and celebrate our achievements and performances.

Christmas Raffle

Our major fundraiser each year is our Christmas Raffle. There are always lots of prizes and this year is no different. If you would like to sell tickets please complete and return the slip attached to this newsletter.

If you would like to make a donation of non-perishable food or other items please leave them at the school office.

Stage 2 & 3 School Camp

Packing lists and information has been sent home with families of those students attending this year's Stage 2 & 3 school camp from Monday 8th December to Wednesday 10th December.

Please pay any outstanding money as soon as possible.

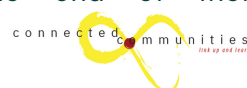
If you require any further information, please contact the school office on 6552 1233.

ACMF Rotary Benefit Concert

The Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF) provide music lessons to all of our students every Wednesday. We are really fortunate to have Matt Zarb come in and teach the students. His enthusiasm and positivity motivates our students to step out of their comfort zone and inspires them to have a love of music.

A benefit concert is being held at the Manning Entertainment Centre on Thursday 27th November starting at 6.30pm. Our students have been invited to perform the 'Biripi' song that the students have co-written with Matt. Some students will sing or play instruments, all others have been invited to dance. Please note that you will need to transport your child to and from the event and you will need to collect your child at the end of their performance.

A flyer is attached.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 4 2025

WEEK 3

TUE 28 th OCTOBER:	2026 Kinder Orientation 10:30am to 11:40am
WED 29 th OCTOBER:	School Photo Day
THU 30 th OCTOBER:	Halloween Disco - 4:30pm to 6:00pm
FRI 31 st OCTOBER:	World Teachers' Day
FRI 31 st OCTOBER:	2026 Kinder Orientation & Parent Information Session 10:30am to 11:40am
FRI 31 st OCTOBER:	PCYC Gymnastics

WEEK 4

TUE 4 th NOVEMBER:	2026 Kinder Orientation 10:30am to 11:40am
FRI 7 th NOVEMBER:	2026 Kinder Orientation 10:30am to 11:40am
FRI 7 th NOVEMBER:	Touch Football Gala Day - Selected students
FRI 7 th NOVEMBER:	PCYC Gymnastics
FRI 7 th NOVEMBER:	School Assembly at 2:30pm

WEEK 5

TUE 11 th NOVEMBER:	Remembrance Day
TUE 11 th NOVEMBER:	Oz-Tag Gala Day - selected students
TUE 11 th NOVEMBER:	2026 Kinder Orientation 9:30am to 10:45am
WED 12 th NOVEMBER:	2026 Captains Speeches @ 2:15pm
FRI 14 th NOVEMBER:	PCYC Gymnastics
FRI 14 th NOVEMBER:	2026 Kinder Orientation 10:30am to 11:40am

WEEK 6

FRI 19 th NOVEMBER:	School Assembly at 2:30pm
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WEEK 8

TUE 2 nd DECEMBER:	High School Orientation Day - Taree HS & Chatham HS
THU 4 th DECEMBER:	K-2 Excursion to Newcastle
FRI 5 th DECEMBER:	School Presentation Day

WEEK 9

MON 8 th DECEMBER - Wed 10 th DECEMBER:	Stage 3 School Camp
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WEEK 10

FRI 19 th DECEMBER:	Last day of School for 2025.
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