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## Upcoming Events

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August** – Science Week

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August** – Mad Food Science Incursion \$7 due tomorrow and Parent Info Night

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August** – Science Fair

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August** – Headstart Stem Day  
Yr 5/6 Lake Mac High - Assembly Science Fair Prizes 2.30pm

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** – Assembly 2.30pm

**19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August** – Book Week

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** – Book Week Parade  
9.15am

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August** – Civic Theatre excursion Yr K-2 – payment due 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** – Father's Day BBQ  
Breakfast and stall

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** – P&C School Fun Run

## Monday 12th August 2019 Term 3 Week 4

### PRINCIPAL REPORT

What a week we had last week. Celebrating Education Week and meeting with so many families at our free BBQ was amazing. Education Week gives us the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful things that happen in Public Schools across NSW and in particular at Teralba Public School. Although it was very cold we had a great turn out to our assembly. This year the theme was 'Every Student Every Voice'. This theme captures the spirit of Teralba Public School in that we focus on the needs of each individual child. Children at Teralba feel safe and secure at school and in that safety, they strive to achieve their very best. The results from recent assessments are a testament to that hard work. I look forward to seeing that ongoing growth and success into the future.

This year Teralba Public School presented a number of awards, below are the recipients;

**Outstanding effort towards education** - Tayte (K-1), Harriet (K-1), Kalani (1-2), Archie (1-2), Marni (2-3-4), Lola (2-3-4), Jay B (5-6), Lara S (5-6)

**Education Week Principal Awards** - Kush (K-1), Sebastian (1-2), Huey (2-3-4), Sharlee (5-6)

**Education Week Community Awards** - Mrs Denise Hodgson and Kiwanis International

**Education Week Staff Award** - Mrs Amy Maytom

I wish to congratulate all recipients and thank them for their efforts to make Teralba Public School the best school in all of Lake Macquarie.

### SCIENCE WEEK

This week is National Science Week. As Teralba Public School has a major focus on STEM education and Future Focused Education Science week is a very important week in the calendar. This year we are teaching students the science of food. Each class will participate in a workshop on 'Mad Food Science' learning the importance of nutrition and other interesting food facts. Parents are also invite to a FREE PARENT WORKSHOP on Tuesday 5pm in the library.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Good luck to all our Zone Public Speakers who will be competing this week across the Zone. The competition is always fierce but I am sure that all our competitors will do well. Representing Teralba will be Ben, Marni, Reese, Baylee, Will, Rocco and Lara S

## QUALITY WORK

As part of Education Week, students were asked to write about Teralba Public School, below is a sample of the work completed.

“What I love about Teralba Public School”

I came to this wonderful school at the beginning of 2019 and so far on my big long journey this has been marvellous. I have been supported and surrounded by wonderfully magnificent people who always have my back every single step of the way. The nice, understanding teachers here are able to have a really special relationship with many, many cool wonderful students which I find very important and unique. As soon as I came to this great school, everyone was friendly and welcomed me with open arms. I got to have the most exciting excursions with all my friends. This was Murrook for NAIDOC week and I am helped by the great captains during sport when I am doubting myself. I love the very unique close community and I love the beautiful light blue and navy uniform. It is very comfortable compared to other schools. I love Teralba Public School and I am proud to say it's the best.

By Sharlee Gilbert Year 5

## DEBATING

On Wednesday the 29th the Teralba Public School debating team competed in the 4th round of the Premiers Debating competition against Booragul Public School. The debate was held at Teralba Public School library, the two teams decided on the topic 'All kids under the age of 18 should not be allowed to buy junk food, chips, ice creams, chocolates.'

After the topic was agreed on there was a coin flip to decide who was negative and who was affirmative. The coin toss ended with Booragul as affirmative and Teralba as negative.

Next was the prep room where both teams have an hour to come up with arguments and ideas to back those arguments up.

The long stressful hour finally came to an end, we set up the debate and got ready to begin. The debate was judged by Joy Tromans, our time keeper was Jasmin Hicks and the Chairman was Sharlee Gilbert.

The affirmative team which was Booragul opened the debate with an excellent argument and Teralba fired back with another spectacular one. This pattern went on for the whole debate! It was so close and almost impossible to tell the teams apart. But the decision was made by the judge and at the end of the day it turned out that we, Teralba beat Booragul.

Although we won, Booragul provided us with exceptional competition. It was a tight debate and a fun day.

By Rocco Goodbun



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## SOCCKER

On Thursday, the school soccer team had to travel to Wyong to play two soccer games. Fortunately we won both games.

The first game we played we won 13-0 against Jillaby. We had a referee that refs the Barclays Premier League. Our first half goals were: Brodie- 1-0, Huey- 2-0, Rocco-3-0, Jay W-4-0, Rocco-5-0 and then it was half time. We freshened up feeling confident and ready for the next 25 minutes. The second half goals were: Oliver-6-0, Rocco-7-0, Rocco-8-0, Jay B-9-0, Tayla-10-0, Jay W-11-0, Jay W-12-0 and Tayla-13-0 which closed the scoring of the game. It was safe to say the thing that tired us the most was running back to kick off when we scored. Both Mr Toole and the team were happy with our performance in the first game.

We had a 20 minute rest and got back on the field to warm up again. The ref called us on and we nervously jogged on the field to play Wyong. We lined up and shook hands. At this point we knew it wasn't going to be as easy as the last game. It turned out that we were losing at half time 2-1. Rocco got our only first half goal. But we knew we could still win and there was more than enough time to do so. We came out as determined as ever and our hard work paid off. Huey opened the second half with a goal to make it 2-2. We all knew that we now have to keep the momentum going and not stop there. We definitely didn't stop when Jay B put us in front and made it 3-2. We were very happy and started to defend a bit more. But Jay W went to score so we were up by 2 goals. The score was 4-2. All we needed to do was hold on a little over 5 minutes. We played full defence to secure our lead. Then the whistle blew. We had done it, victory was ours! We had come back from 2-1 in 25 minutes to make it 4-2.

Now we enjoy the victory as we tightly prepare for our next hard battle.

By Jay-W

## BEAR COTTAGE CHARITY DAY

Holy fundraising, Batman! Thanks to all the superheroes and their families who raised \$200 last week. These funds will help to support families of terminally ill children at Bear Cottage and give them some much needed time to rest and relax.

Bear Cottage is the only children's hospice in NSW - a very special place that's dedicated to caring for children with life-limiting conditions. Families who care for a child with a life-limiting condition often do so around the clock for many years. Their vision is to be as far removed from a hospital environment as possible. They are set up to provide excellence in paediatric palliative care 24 hours a day, affiliated to The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network means they have access to some of the best medical resources in the world. Thank you for all those people who supported the charity last Friday.





## PARENT FORUM

Parents of children, particularly those who live at Billy's Lookout, are invited to come to a parent forum to discuss future enrolments for Teralba Public School. As a school we wish for all children in Teralba to attend our wonderful school and want to discuss strategies to increase enrolments and ensure that the community at Billy's Lookout know that this is their local school. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Day: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Time: 3:15

Where: Library

## EDUCATION WEEK BBQ



## SCHOOL WORKING BEE

Spring is coming and to make sure our wonderful gardens are ready for the spring the P&C will be holding a Working Bee on **Saturday 7th September from 8:00am till 10:00am**. Our main focus is to weed and clean up the gardens. Come along and bring your gloves and tools and help beautify the school.

## MAD FOOD SCIENCE PARENT INFO SESSION

Save Time, Save Money, and Get Healthier Kids Too

It's no secret that school lunchboxes can be a source of daily stress for many parents. However, it IS possible to create healthy, wholefood lunches in just a few minutes a day! The 5 Minute Healthy Lunchbox System is a proven, step by step way of packing real food lunchboxes every day. This system has helped parents like you save time AND save money.

With The 5 Minute Healthy Lunchbox System:

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Make sure you attend the Mad Science parent evening on 13/8/2019 5pm



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## ENVISION FOR HANDS - BOTTLE TOP RECYCLING

We are now a collection point for plastic bottle tops which will be sent to Envision for recycling and making into prosthetic hands, using a 3D printer - an amazing use of technology and recycling. Please drop your plastic bottle tops (water, milk, juice etc) into the office and help out with this great project. Larger tops, eg vegemite, peanut butter etc CANNOT be accepted. For more information check their website

<https://envision.org.au/envision-hands/>



## TERRACYCLE BREAD TAG RECYCLING

We are also now collecting bread tags for recycling. These often don't get recycled in your council recycling as they are quite small and fall through the machinery, so we are happy to be able to collect them through the Terracycle program. The bread tags are sent to Terracycle and will be melted and remoulded into new recycled plastic products.

