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What's on at The Gardens?

Week 6

Wednesday 29 February - AAS Golf
Thursday 1 March - AAS Tennis
Friday 2 March - School Assembly 9.30am

Week 7

Wednesday 7 March - AAS Golf
Thursday 8 March - AAS Tennis
Friday 9 March - SOLID STATE CIRCUS

PSP Survey

Next week all families with children in classes from Kinder to Year 6 will be asked to complete a very brief and important survey, for the Priority Schools Program. Staff from school including Aunty Karen and Melissa will be contacting families to assist with the survey. Our aim is to get a response from all families. Some families may wish the survey sent straight home with the children and returned the same way, others may like the survey dropped home whilst others may wish to complete it here at school. No matter what your preference is we really want to make sure you get involved.

The response from the survey is used to create the school list for the next four years of Priority Schools Program funding. This can bring to your children's school over \$100 000.00 of additional support for literacy, numeracy and community engagement programs each year.

SC4 News

A big thank you to Chris Taylor for the great work she has achieved with the boys and girls of SC4. Unfortunately for us Chris is heading to the Solomon Islands as part of an educational program. We look forward to hearing about the experience when Chris returns to Australia.

Starting tomorrow, we are pleased that Alex Webster will take up teaching duties with SC4. Alex and Chris have been working together to ensure there is a smooth transition. Julie continues as the SLSO for the class.

Support Unit Playground News

Momentum is gathering to build the funding available for a complete overhaul of the entire Support Unit playground. A fund is being established through the Variety Club to make tax deductible donations available. If you or any family and friends have contacts with business houses or philanthropic organisations we are keen to get in touch with them. Staff and parents are already busily seeking support. If you would like to get involved please contact any of the support unit staff or see Mr Reeson.

Active After School

Golf - Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.20pm
Tennis - Thursday 3.15pm - 4.30pm

These are FREE lessons that are available to students at our school. Please use them and attend regularly.

Miss Cattell wants to say well done to all the superstar tennis players participating in the Active After School program. What talent we have at MGPS!!!



SOLID STATE CIRCUS

Friday 9 March 2012

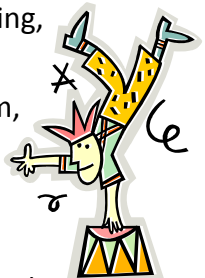
The Young Australia Workshop's Solid State Circus will be visiting our school on Friday 9 March 2012. They present a tightly packed comedy acrobatics show featuring the skills of knockabout, tumbling, acrobalance, vaulting, mini-tramp, hula hoops, juggling, unicycle and much more!

All students in Mainstream, Support Unit and Preschool are invited to attend.

Cost: \$5.00 per child

Please return your permission note and money to school by Tuesday 6 March.

DON'T MISS A GREAT SHOW!!!



Canteen

It is great to see a few new smiling faces working in our Canteen. Thank you for to **all** our volunteers for dedicating their time to supporting the students and the school. If you are interested in joining the happy canteen team, please contact the office.

**Canteen opening days are
MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**



School Banking

Commonwealth Bank Taree will be holding a School Banking Account opening day on Friday 9 March from 9.30am to 5.00pm.

The benefits are that students will receive their account number, deposit book/wallet and Play money box on the day so they can start banking at school the following week.

The School Banking Specialist, Theresa Ryan, will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. On the day there will also be other specialists available to help with any other banking enquiries.

Please ensure you have suitable identification for yourself AND your child's birth certificate to take with you as these will be needed to open an account for your child.



**DONT FORGET!!
SCHOOL BANKING IS
EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Year 6 to Year 7 2013 News

- Chatham High School invites all interested families to come to an Open Evening **TONIGHT** from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. This is a great chance to see their facilities, meet staff and discuss the opportunities for your child's success at Chatham High School.
- Expression of Interest forms were sent home last week for mainstream students going into Year 7 next year. Please return these forms to the school office **ASAP** but no later than 16th March.
- Two teachers, Mrs Humphries and Mr Presland, from Chatham High School came to visit students in Year 6 on Friday last week. They were very impressed with how welcoming and friendly the children were and also their good behaviour.

**Year 6 Farewell Fundraising
FRIDAY 2 MARCH**

**MINI HOT DOGS \$1.00 each
ICY POLES 50c and \$1.00**

Community News

Taree City Netball Club

Registration Days at Taree Netball Courts

Wednesday 29th February 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 3rd March 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Ages: 8 yrs - Seniors

For info please contact: 6553 9605 or 0427 832 401.

TAREE LIBRARY

Taree Library will be running an early literacy outreach program called 'Stories in the Park' for families with young children who live in and around Deakin Crescent starting **February 8th 2012**.

There will be a Storytime with stories, songs and rhymes for families with preschool children every Wednesday morning from 10-11am each week, and families will also be able to borrow picture books each week. Please contact Debbie at Taree Library on 6592 5298 for more information."

Communities for Children

Stories in the Park

Bushland Gardens
Spotted Gum, Bushland Drive & Denver Way

Children 0-6 grab Mum Dad Grand Pa
Come and join us in Deakin Crescent
Hear Stories, Borrow books, Have fun
Wednesdays 10 - 11 am

Greater Taree City Council

Please note:
All children to be accompanied by a parent or carer

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The Communities for Children Initiative is supported by the Australian Government