Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the Zone Cross Country last Friday at Wingham. Thank you to Miss Humphery and Dale Patterson for supporting the students.

On Tuesday we held our first Excellence Assembly for 2013. It was fantastic seeing so many students being recognised for their outstanding conduct, behaviour and commitment to our school beliefs. Special thanks to Ms Madden, Mr Beckton and Mr Stevens for coordinating the Term 1 Excellence Assembly. It was amazing!

Tomorrow, we will be holding our traditional Anzac Day ceremony out the front of the school.

Term 1 at Manning Gardens PS has been terrific! This school has to be the best public school in Taree! I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents, community and our wonderful school staff for making this term so rewarding.

Term 2 commences with two school development days for staff to undergo professional learning in the new English curriculum and to also update their training in CPR. School resumes for students on WEDNESDAY 1 May 2013. We will see you then! Have a happy and safe two week holiday!

Whole School Assembly Award Winners Term 1 Week 10
KT- Held over as Mrs Theo was away.
K/1S – Darryl, Shianne, Alicah, Jameica and Kaine.
SCG- Lillian and Bailey.
SCR- Damian, Taylor and Adrian.
1/2B- Wesley, Alannah, Tae, Kantarli, Tranae and Charli.
SCS- Latoya, Hazel and Adam.
2/3S – Connor Bell, Lakeesha, Hannah, Emily, Cassie and Shanara.
3/4M – Matthew and Tiara.
5/6C – Ebony, Miriam, Beau and Shakaya.
SCB – Nathan, Trevor, Sarah and Robert.
DA- Ethan and Reece.
Principal’s Privilege – Liam 1/2B and Shanara 2/3S.
On Friday the 5th of April, selected students represented our school at the Zone Cross Country. It was a fantastic and successful day. Well done to all the students who attended this event:

Dion McLeod – 2/3S
Hayden Patterson 2/3S
Caleb Mitchell 2/3S

Jackson Pett 3/6A
Caleb Byers 3/6A
Tamyka Walker 3/4M
Phoebe Shultz 3/4M
Shikira-Lee Anderson 3/4M
Caliaf Cameron 3/4M
Tasmin Jeffery-Oldfied 3/4M
Stephanie Bendall 3/4M

Janeeka Paulson 5/6C
Jade Hannaford 5/6C
Zane Bales 5/6C
Miriam Hopton 5/6C
Shayla Davis 5/6C
Ebony Hutton 5/6C
Brock Anderson 5/6C
Ethan Walker
Chris McLeod
Dylan Patterson

P&C News

The monthly Raffle for April is a gorgeous Hamper for Mum. Tickets are only $1 each.

The Mother’s Day Store will be held in the canteen all week from Tuesday 7th May, bring along some money and get a lovely gift for Mum’s special Day.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ BREAKFAST

DATE: Friday the 3rd of May (First Friday Next Term)
TIME: 9:30am after fitness
SCHEDULE: Informal chat with teachers followed by BBQ Breakfast.

Everyone is Welcome!

Lucky Number Club

Drawn at the Disco. Congratulations Winners!

1st Prize: Jo Stinson $50
2nd Prize: Lori Anderson $30
3rd Prize: Ian Davy $20

Thankyou to everyone for supporting MGPS P&C.
SCR - enjoyed their excursion to the Sale Yards and Old Bar Park on Monday. The children saw lots of different animals including cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, ducks and birds. Some found it all a bit smelly! The children also loved visiting the park and we all enjoyed the beautiful warm weather.

SCG - Had a pleasant day out to Foster and Tuncurry. They enjoyed a sausage sizzle at One Mile Beach before playing happily on the park equipment. Later they were challenged by some interesting climbing equipment at Tuncurry Park.

During Term 1, SCG have been learning about water safety. As part of the program the children have had great fun playing in the support unit playground therapy pool.
**Staff Profile - Kay Taylor - Learning and Support Teacher**

**Name:** Kay Taylor

**My Interests:**

My Love of travelling began when my parents took me to Japan when I was 18. At the age of 24 I travelled around Europe in a kombi van for 6 months. 5 Years ago I walked 500kms through Northern Spain over the Pyrenees from France. In 2012 I lived in a Villa in Tuscany, Italy for two months. One of the fascinating things about travelling is meeting interesting people and having amazing adventures. For eg. A hot air Balloon ride in Turkey, A walk through the Glaciers of Norway and meeting people with unusual surnames like Bott, Bowser and Wart.

As well as my love of travelling I love to build and renovate interesting homes. One of which was a Japanese House, with a Japanese Bath House. I have also lived in a Pole house. At the moment I am renovating another house. I also really love listening to music and I love going to the movies.

**Exciting News!**

I am going to be a grandma in September!

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**School Photos**

School Photos are coming up on the **22nd of May** 2013. More information will go out in Term 2, this is just a head’s up so that you are able to start saving for that precious memory of your children to keep forever.

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**ANZAC DAY PARADE**

The Taree District ANZAC DAY March is on the **25th of April (Thursday 2nd week of school holidays)**. All students are welcome to join us for the March in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM near Stacks Law Firm building by 10am on the Thursday Morning. We hope to see you all there!

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**$500 to Assist with Education Costs**

Many Taree families are already taking advantage of the **Saver Plus program** and are saving for their educational expenses.

**To be eligible you must:**

* be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself
* have a current health care card or pension card, and have some income from work. (even a few hrs will count)

For more information contact Mark Norris, Saver Plus Coordinator on 65578284 or 0429 820 9744