Week 9 is almost over and the end of the year is approaching fast. Students in years 3-6 have been learning about drumming and have all enjoyed a beginner’s lesson on both the Cajon drum and a standard drum kit. They have discovered it is not as easy as it looks and that you need to be able to do up to 4 things at once. We will have some more fun next week when Tim returns to give us another lesson.

**Presentation Night**

Next **Wednesday night the 9th December at 6.30pm** is our presentation night.

We ask that all students arrive in school uniform for the night. We will change into costumes after our more formal ceremonies and whole school performance.

All students are involved in short performances and/or demonstrations on the night. If for any reason your child cannot attend please let us know as soon as possible to avoid performance cancellations and disappointment on the night.

**Assembly Of Excellence**

Our final assembly will be held on Friday 11th of December at 2pm. Please come along and celebrate our students achievements. Kindergarten will be graduating on this day and many of our students will receive special awards.

Kind Regards

Tania Gilchrist

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**Important Upcoming Dates**

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**Great Fun Learning how to play the Drums**

Nicholas Harper getting the beat going
Bridie Wallace looking relaxed and happy with the Drum sticks in hand

Even Mrs Clare got into the swing of things with the guidance of Tim, our experienced Drum teacher

WEEK 8 ASSEMBLY

Larissa, Patrick and William with their well deserved merit awards

Merit awards for week 8 were Jack Ashcroft, Braydon Hammond, Lilly Souter, Ruby Stewart and India Robertson

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will continue on a MONDAY next year. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth School Bank account, please see Mrs Clare in the office or call into the local Taree branch and they will organise it for you. There are great rewards if you consistently bank every week.
Green card book awards went to Zariah Lawrie, Ty Wallace and Jack Ashcroft

Madie Gill and Sasha Jackson with their Green card Book awards

Mrs Sy and the K-2 class have been learning about health and nutrition. This week they looked at sugar and the amount contained in the everyday drinks that we all enjoy. It was a surprise to see just how many teaspoons of sugar were in each drink!

**Emergency Contact Phone Numbers**

If you change any of your contact details, whether it be your mobile phone number, your landline or emergency contacts can you please let the school know ASAP. It can be sometimes difficult to get in touch with parents if a child is unwell and we don’t have the correct information on file.

**Caterpillar Christmas Party**

If you have enjoyed coming along to Caterpillars this year you don’t want to miss the last day for 2015 (Thursday 10th December) as it’s our Caterpillar Christmas Party. Just come along for some festive fun.
**Carols In the Park**

19th December 2015

6pm – 8:30pm

Coopernook Park

Bring a picnic tea or buy a Sausage Sizzle!

Bring chairs or rugs to sit on and personal insect repellent

Club Taree Concert Band, Santa, Christmas message, live tableau, carols and songs to sing

Fireworks to end!

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**P & C News**

We will be selling raffle tickets at the Taree Fisherman’s Co-op on Friday and Saturday morning. If anyone would like to help sell tickets please let me know.

Please drop all sold tickets to the school office or leave with a P&C member. If you need more tickets please see Mrs Clare in the office or I have them with me in the mornings and afternoons.

1st prize - A custom made esky, which was constructed and donated by Mr Frank Lee. The materials donated by C&S Coolrooms and Mark Lee. The esky will be filled with all the goodies that have been donated.

Many thanks

2nd prize - A Seafood voucher donated by Adam and Louise Pickford, redeemable at Taree Co-op.

3rd prize - Abu Garcia Fishing Rod and reel, valued at $70 donated by Mrs Gilchrist

The raffle will be drawn on Presentation night on Wed 9th December.

Louise