

# TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events...

**Monday 4 November 2013 - Term 4 Week 5**

Mon 4 - Fri 15 Nov	Intensive Swimming	Fri 13 Dec	P&C Disco
Tues 12 - Thurs 14 Nov	Yrs 5/6 Camp	Mon 16 Dec	Presentation Day
Wed 4 Dec	Yr 6 H/S Orientation Day (all High Schools)	Tues 17 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Thurs 5 Dec	Scripture Christmas Assembly	<b>Wed 18 Dec</b>	<b>Last day - Term 4 for Students</b>
Thurs 12 Dec	Talent Quest 1pm (hall)	<b>Thurs 19 Dec</b>	<b>Staff Development Day (SDD)</b>
Fri 13 Dec	Student Reports sent home	<b>Fri 20 Dec</b>	<b>SDD/Last day - Term 4 for Staff</b>

## What's happening in our school community...

### Positive reports about THPS in the community

Once again we are receiving very positive reports about our students "out and about" as they participate in various excursions, sport and school representative activities. We are even receiving phone calls from prospective families who wish to secure an enrolment of their children here at THPS in 2015 because they have heard so many good reports about the school. Word of mouth is very powerful. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who are promoting our school to the wider community and thank you to all of the students for being great ambassadors for their school as they demonstrate publicly our values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Friendship and Caring.

### 2013 Parent Satisfaction / Feedback Survey

Surveys have been sent home with students of Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6.

It is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to provide the school with valuable information that will contribute to our data that guides future planning. The information also contributes to the Annual School Report which is published on the school website.

We have distributed 100+ surveys and only 10 have been returned. If you have a survey at home please complete and send it to school as soon as possible. Your views and feedback are very important. Thank you for your assistance with this.

### 28 School Days Left!

We are half way through the term and have only 28 school days left for the 2013 school year. We may be at the tail end of the school year but there is much to do in this final part of 2013. Semester two assessments and school reports are currently underway. Please make sure your child attends school and is punctual each day bringing with them any equipment they need for the classroom.

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 School P&C Association meets monthly. Please refer to our school calendar.



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### Attendance at special events on the calendar

There are a number of variations to our normal school routine during this term with so much going on in the way of excursions, sports, swimming, surfing, high school transition activities, special assemblies, special Year 6 events, a P&C disco and incentive reward days. Students are aware of the stated School Code of Conduct requirements to be able to participate in events such as these.

### Back to School Days for Rabbit!

Thank you Kel Andersen (father of Ryan, Year 4 ) for organising a visit by Wayne "Rabbit" Bartholomew last week. Rabbit, a well known local surfer, came to this school 47 years ago and it was an absolute pleasure to have him return to talk to our students. The students responded well and many took away an autographed souvenir from "Rabbit".

**Jacquie McAllum**  
Principal



### 'Music: Count Us In'

Music education has benefits beyond teaching children to play instruments and sing – helping their academic achievement, sharpening their attentiveness and creativity and enhancing memory and fine motor skills.

On Thursday as 500,000 students nationwide simultaneously sang the same song for the Music: Count Us In initiative. Tweed Heads Public School was among 2150 schools registered for the program, which promotes the importance of music education and delivers music professional development to more than 2000 classroom teachers. This year's song, *Keep On*, was written by four students mentored by singer/songwriter Katie Noonan.

Music: Count Us In is probably the biggest singing event in the world, certainly the biggest school music event in the world.



### Learning to Surf

The 'Learning to Surf' Program has started and the students are all having a fantastic time. They are learning heaps and some students have even got up and ridden some waves.

Surfing will be held on the following dates: Friday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November, Friday 6th and 13th December.

### Annual School Presentation Day

Please make a note of the date Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December on your calendar. This is our annual day of acknowledgement and celebration of the achievements and efforts of our students during the 2013 school year. We look forward to sharing this celebration with you.

**Let's Get Ridiculous!!**



**Mufti Day**

**Come dressed in something  
crazy!!**

**Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Gold Coin Donation - money towards Yr 6  
Farewell**

## **Term 4 Week 4 Awards**

### **Weekly Student Blue Awards**

KF	Natalya, Jun
K/1M	Madison, Floyd
1F	Sophie, Sam, Blake
2/1W	McKenna, Charlie
2C	Abigail, Angelina
3S	Jacinta, Gurmanjot, Jade
4M	Chloe, Baily, Sacha
5/6C	Rhiana, James, Sylls
5/6R	Trinity, Sunni, Harry, Kyra



### **Bookwork Awards**

KF	Kobi, Archie
K/1M	Ethan
1F	Celine
2/1W	Annabelle
2C	Zane
3S	Jacinta
4M	Jackson
6/5C	Holly
6/5R	Zetah



### **Bronze Ripa Awards**

2C	Ricco
6/5R	Jayda, Hirina

### **Gold Ripa Awards**

2C	Zane, Auburn, Lilly
3S	Gianah, Gurmanjot, Taj, Sharmily, Jade
6/5C	Lucas, Dan
6/5R	Kyra

### **Moving on, changing address, changing jobs**

It is the time of the year where we begin our planning for the next school year. If you know there are circumstances that will require your child to leave our school at the end of this school year we would ask that you let the office know ASAP, as this information will assist us with our planning. Any change of personal details will also need to be communicated to the office to ensure our records are current. Thank you for your assistance with this.

### **P&C News**

#### **P&C Uniform Coordinator Needed**

The P&C Association is looking for a new Uniform Coordinator, If you or anyone you know can help out for a couple of hours a week please contact the P&C Association through the school office.

### **Community News**

#### **WOODENBONG PRE-CHRISTMAS 'YOWIE COUNTRY' MARKETS**

**When:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**Where:** Woodenbong Hall & Grounds

**Time:** 8am-3pm

Variety of indoor/outdoor stalls. All weather event. Hot food. Children's Playground. Wheelchair access & Amenities. Insured stall site \$12. For more information call Carey on **02 6635 1176**.

**Markets are held the last Saturday of every month** (the following market will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December).

#### **TWO ARMS, ONE HEART PROJECT**

Empowering our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Parents and Community. Grandfathers, Dads, Male Carers and Community Members are all welcome to attend yarning session aboard a BBQ pontoon whilst cruising on the Tweed River.

*Discussions on the following:*

- Positive Parenting
- Roadblocks to Communication
- Managing emotions
- Schooling issues that affect you as a parent/carer and your children

**Where:** Departs from Tweed Heads Boat Wharf  
– where the Trawlers dock

**When:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**Time:** 10:00am to 2:00pm (Daylight Saving Time)

**Guest Speaker:** Jack O'Leary - The Family Centre

To register please call Peter Coombes **040 188 2554** or Lynette Larcombe **047 870 4202**. Please **RSVP by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** to allow for catering arrangements for lunch.

### **Helpful Kindergarten Tips**

[www.kidsmatter.edu.au/starting school](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/starting school)