

TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events...

Monday 9 December 2013 - Term 4 Week 10

Thurs 12 Dec Talent Quest 1pm (hall)
 Fri 13 Dec Student Reports sent home
 Fri 13 Dec P&C Disco (6 - 7.30pm)
 Mon 16 Dec Presentation Day
 Tues 17 Dec Year 6 Farewell Evening Dinner
Wed 18 Dec Last day - Term 4 for Students
Thurs 19 Dec Staff Development Day (SDD)
Fri 20 Dec SDD/Last day - Term 4 for Staff

Mon 27 Jan 2014 Australia Day Holiday
Tues 28 Jan 2014 SDD/First day - Term 1 for Staff
Wed 29 Jan 2014 First day - Term 1 for Students
Kindergarten - Best Start Testing
Mon 3 Feb 2014 First day - Term 1 for Kindergarten

What's happening in our school community...

Volunteers Morning Tea

Last Thursday our Stage 3 students had the privilege of hosting the afternoon tea for our wonderful volunteers. We value and appreciate the work that our volunteers do for the students and the school so we wanted to say a special thank you to you all. For those volunteers who were unable to attend we say thank you for being available for the students of Tweed Heads Public School during 2013 and we hope to see you all again in 2014.

RSL Mural

Jorja and Cassidy proudly represented our school at last week's mural presentation to the RSL club. The girls spoke very well about the large painting that they had submitted on behalf of Tweed Heads Public School. The school's contribution to the commemorative mural will be put with other paintings to create a large piece of artwork made by the schools of the Tweed Area. The mural is soon to be on display in the RSL Anzac Room. Thank you to members of our school community, Stage 3 students and to Miss Cutler for taking on this challenging community project.

Breakfast Club 2014

Unfortunately due to lack of community support for this valuable program we are reluctantly having to close the kitchen for the Breakfast Club. It will no longer be operating in 2014. Our School Chaplain established the program at the start of this year and following her resignation, the program continued virtually as a solo operation by Ms Katrina Hayes with help in the last couple of weeks from Ms Melanie Frederickson. Thank you to those ladies and a special thanks to Katrina for her commitment to keep it operating through to the end of this year.

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We invite you to attend our Annual Presentation Day

Monday 16 December 2013
from 11:30am – 1:30pm (DST)

**All are welcome to attend the presentation
 being held in our school hall.**

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

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Presentation Day Next Monday

We hope to see our school hall full with parents/caregivers, friends, relatives next Monday morning at 11:30am as we all join together to celebrate the many student and school achievements of 2013.

Staff Development Days

All students conclude for the year on Wednesday 18 December. During the remaining two days of Term, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December, all staff including administration, will be participating in training and development.

Last newsletter for 2013.

Thank you parents/caregivers, grandparents and volunteers for helping to make 2013 another happy, productive year for all of the students of Tweed Heads Public School. A special thank you to my entire staff; teaching, administrative and supporting, for their tireless efforts and commitment to the students of this great school. Together we have all achieved many wonderful things during 2013. Farewell to the families who will be moving on in 2014 as their children start the next "Big School" and move on to High School. Good luck and best wishes for the future to all our exiting Year 6 students.

Merry Christmas. Happy and safe holidays to everyone!!

Jacquie McAllum

Principal

Amendment to Coffs Coast Year 5/6 Camp Video Link

www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0SOG_PCPs

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Annual School Presentation Day

Our Annual Presentation Day is next Monday 16th December. 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.

End of Term 4 - Reward Day

Mad Sports will be conducting a 'Water Fun' Reward Day on **Wednesday 11th December**. All children who have NOT reached Level 1 of the School Discipline System will be invited to attend. Cost for the day will be \$5.00 per student.

2014 Start Dates

Monday 27 January	Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday 28 January	First day/SDD - Term 1 for Staff
Wednesday 29 January	<u>First day - Term 1 for Students</u> <u>Kindergarten - Best Start Testing</u>
Monday 3 February	<u>First day - Term 1 for Kindergarten</u>

Red Day at the Canteen

Wednesday 11th December

Hot Dogs

Cost: \$2.50 each

Must be ordered at the canteen on the day.

Also treats are available for 50c to \$1.00.

RSL Commemorative Art Project

Our school was asked to join in a Commemorative Art Project with other schools in the district. We were given the Korean War as our project area.

'Just Passing By' is an art work that was painted by Stage 3 students, with a little help from a couple of Stage 2 students. Our teacher Miss Cutler, came up with the idea from a photograph taken in Korea during the war. She liked the simplicity of the shot, how the soldiers are getting on with their duties, and the civilians are just living their lives as normally as possible. It is almost like they are trying to pretend it is not happening.

We had some help getting started from a well known local artist, Shelena Russell. We helped out with the painting and built up the layers.

Later in the project our teacher added details with Stage 2 students such as the silk fabric cut-outs and the writing. They looked up the translation for 'Just Passing By' in Korean and it is written down the side.

This famous quote about the Korean War on the side is from General Omar Bradley, the last of only nine people to hold a five star ranking in the United States Army. He oversaw the policy making for the Korean War. It says 'The wrong war, at the wrong place, at the wrong time and with the wrong people.'

The colours we used for each side of the artwork are significant. On the left are the darker military colours, signifying the war. On the right are the pink palette colours and flowers, signifying peace. The resident RSL artist will fill in the rest of the soldiers for us, as they were very fiddly.

We are immensely proud of our artwork and were pleased to present it to the RSL last Wednesday.

Written by Stage 3

Enrolment changes in 2014

If for any reason there may be a change in family circumstances and/or your child's enrolment here at Tweed Heads Public School in 2014, can you please let the office know before the end of this school term. This information will impact on staffing allocations and class organisation for 2014.

Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Spare uniforms needed

We are in desperate need of any spare clothing for the pool in the office. We are mainly looking for bigger sizes from size 8 to size 16. If you have any old school shirts, shorts, skirts or skorts please send them into the office.

If your child comes home wearing a borrowed item of clothing please wash and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Community News

LITTLE GROMETS - 2013/2014 School Holidays

Where: 97 Pioneer Parade, Banora Point Primary School

Opening Times: 7am - 6pm, Monday - Friday

(Excluding some Christmas, New Year & Public Holidays)

Limited places are available so *bookings are essential*. Phone **02 6676 4901** or **0411 199 049**. Programs are also available at the office.

PCYC KIDZCARE PROGRAM - 2013/2014 School Holidays

Where: Cnr Florence St & Adelaide St, Tweed Heads

Opening Times: 8.30am - 5.30pm, Monday - Friday

Email tweedheads@pcycnsw.org.au, phone **07 5599 1714** or fax **07 5599 5738**. Programs are also available at the office.

TWEED HEADS PCYC OPEN DAY

When: Saturday 1st February

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

A day of free activities and fun for people of all ages. For more information please phone **07 5599 1714**.

TWEED SHIRE VACATION CARE

Where: Heffron St, Tweed Heads South Primary School

Time: 7.30am - 6pm (6.30pm in Daylight Saving Time)

Bookings are essential. Please phone **07 5523 3708**, fax **07 5523 3904** or email tw51203@bigpond.net.au

Programs available for collection at the office. Programs are also available for download from the website

www.tweedshirevacationcare.com.au

SANTA IS COMING TO 100% PETS

Santa is coming to '100% Pets over two fun-filled weekends.

Have your photo taken with Santa and your furry best friend!

Where: 100% Pets, Greenway Drive, South Tweed Heads

When: Saturday-Sunday, 14-15 December

Saturday-Sunday, 21-22 December

Time: 10am-2pm.

SISTAGURL

Sistagurl are an all female hip hop crew based in the Northern Rivers who will soon be performing at Woodford Folk Festival and the Falls Festival, Byron. Sistagurl have an all ages EP launch on 20th December in Byron Bay which is fundraising for mentoring and workshop programs for young women.

Tickets for the event are \$10 or \$15 with the EP. For more information and to stay updated check out

www.facebook.com.au/sistagurlcrew

When: Friday 20th December

Time: 6 - 11pm

Where: Kulchajam, 1 Acacia St,

Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate

Contact: Nadine Smith by email nadinetahia@gmail.com or phone **0421 731 642**.



Scripture - Christmas Nativity Play

Tweed Heads Public School would like to thank all the Scripture Teachers who volunteer their time to come into our school each Thursday afternoon.