

# TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events...

Wed 4 Dec	Year 6 H/S Orientation Day (all High Schools)
Thurs 5 Dec	Scripture Christmas Assembly
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

## Monday 2 December 2013 - Term 4 Week 9

<b>Wed 18 Dec</b>	<b>Last day - Term 4 for Students</b>
<b>Thurs 19 Dec</b>	<b>Staff Development Day (SDD)</b>
<b>Fri 20 Dec</b>	<b>SDD/Last day - Term 4 for Staff</b>
<b>Mon 27 Jan 2014</b>	<b>Australia Day Holiday</b>
<b>Tues 28 Jan 2014</b>	<b>SDD/First day - Term 1 for Staff</b>
<b>Wed 29 Jan 2014</b>	<b>First day - Term 1 for Students</b>
	<b>Kindergarten - Best Start Testing</b>
<b>Mon 3 Feb 2014</b>	<b>First day - Term 1 for Kindergarten</b>

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

### Industrial Action

Tomorrow Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, an Industrial Action Stop Work Meeting has been called by the NSW Teachers Federation. Information on the Industrial Action can be obtained from the NSW Teachers Federation website. Tweed Heads Public School will have sufficient staff on duty to provide supervision for the students. The School will have minimal interruption and will be operational.

### 12 School Day Left!

This is Week 9 and there are only 12 school days left in the 2013 school year for our students. Student Reports on individual progress and achievements for Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4) will be sent home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The next few weeks are going to be very busy with activities that are typical of the end of school year wind up. This week the Combined Scripture group's Christmas Assembly will be held on Thursday afternoon and will be followed by a special afternoon tea for our invited volunteers.

The afternoon tea, hosted by Stage 3 students, is a way for the students and the school to acknowledge the valuable work of the volunteers throughout this school year. The help and support of volunteers is invaluable and very much appreciated by staff and students. Thank you to all our volunteers for the great work you do for the students of Tweed Heads Public School.

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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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### Lunchtime safety

Parents/ caregivers please take note. In the interests of student safety **please do not send metal eating utensils to school** with your child.

Should your child require utensils to eat the food you provide for recess and/or lunch ie yoghurt, pasta, salad etc please provide them with PLASTIC eating utensils. A recent accident with a metal utensil left lying in the playground could have been avoided if a plastic fork had been provided.

### Emergency Procedures Drill

It is a mandatory requirement as part of the Work Place Health and Safety Act that the school conducts regular Emergency Procedure drills. Recently we conducted an "Emergency Lockdown" drill. It was conducted at a very busy part of the day when extra personnel were on site. If you happen to be on the THPS school site when an emergency drill occurs you must follow the directions of the Site Manager (Principal). If this interferes with your own personal schedule we apologise but it cannot be avoided. Thank you to those parents, visitors and visiting gym teachers on site last Friday who were all caught unawares and were very understanding and compliant in responding as requested. Once again, these drills are about the safety of our students and everyone else on site. I am happy to report that Friday's Emergency drill went very well.

**Jacquie McAllum**

**Principal**

### Croquet

2C were going to Tweed Heads Croquet Club on Fridays to learn to play croquet. Each time we had a lesson and enjoyed some delicious fruit. At our last lesson on Friday 22nd November, we enjoyed a sausage sizzle with our parents/carers and grandparents.

**Written by Isaac and Jalamari**

Croquet is fun and the volunteers helped us learn how to play.

– **Jack**

Croquet was lots of fun and competitive. Thank you to the Croquet Club. – **Lilly**

I learnt the jump technique at croquet. – **Zane**

At first croquet was hard but then I got better at it. – **Keeley**

### Year 6 Orientation Day

Orientation Day - Tweed River High School

**When:** Wednesday 4th December

**Where:** Tweed River High School

**Time:** 8.30am - 2.15pm

**Who:** Year 6 Students - all day

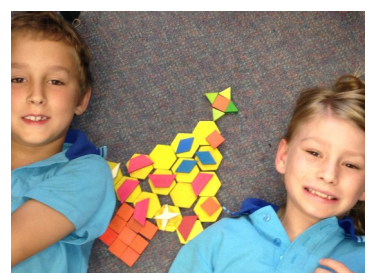
Parents: 8.30 - 10.30am

Please feel free to contact TRHS for further information.

Mr Joel Gennari - 2014 Year 7 Year Advisor.

### 2C - Learning about Fractions

Last week 2C were learning about fractions in maths. They had a great time with the pizza fractions and making Christmas trees with the shapes after they had done some maths.



### Community News

Walkin' On Water Surf School

Walkin' On Water Surf School is again very excited to be hosting the 2013 Girls Go Surfing Days at Greenmount Beach on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. They have sessions scheduled at both 9am and 11am (QLD time) on both days. All surfers will receive a FREE Girls Go Surfing show bag. It is a fantastic opportunity for girls of all ages and abilities to come and learn to surf and surf in a girls only environment.

It will be a super fun event and an excellent opportunity for girls to get into surfing at the beginning of summer. Spaces are very limited and bookings are required. To book and confirm a place, please call Walkin' On Water on **0418 780 311**.

### 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.

## **Term 4 Week 8 Awards**

### **Weekly Student Blue Awards**

KF	Eliza, Callais
K/1M	Mitchell, Robert
1F	Lilian, Bella
2/1W	Artin, Wade, Anna
2C	Shelly, Zane
3S	Zeke, Jessy, Trey
4M	Lily, Bayden, Jackson
6/5C	Dan, Crystal, Chloe
6/5R	Julian, Tahnle

### **Bookwork Awards**

KF	Nicole
K/1M	Zane
1F	Jayden
2/1W	Reuben
2C	Alabama
3S	Samantha
4M	Sacha
6/5C	Mika
6/5R	Kyra



### **Bronze Ripa Awards**

KF	Jun
2/1W	Kayden, Anna, Huntar, Artin, Wade, Allira
3S	Jessy
6/5R	Ahri, Shakira

### **Gold Ripa Awards**

KF	Nicole, Archie, Kally
2/1W	Sophia, Ameira, Chloe, Reuben, McKenna, Charlie, Skyla, Sienna
3S	Chelsea, Oceania

### **Silver Ripa Awards**

1F	Ethan, Jayden
3S	Trey
4M	Raya
6/5R	Mitchell, Lachlan, Jesse-Lee

### **Rainbow Ripa Awards**

3S	Samantha, Mary-Jane
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### **School Swimming Scheme Awards**

