

TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events...

Monday 20 May 2013 - Term 2 Week 4

Fri 24 May	Tweed District Cross Country	Thurs 6 June	School Photos will be taken
Tues 4 June	Dance Performance - Assembly 2pm	Mon 10 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
27 May - 3 June	National Reconciliation Week	Tues 11 June	KF-K/1M Walk
Tues 28 May	KF-K/1M Walk	Tues 18 June	Multicultural Day
Mon 3 June	Netball Gala Day	Fri 21 June	Athletics Carnival
Wed 5 June	FNC Dance - Gold Coast Arts Centre		

What's happening in our school community...

At Tweed Heads Public School we make sure that our students are given every opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities and events. Last week was indeed a busy week across the school with a wide range of activities being made available to our students.

- Stage One students visited their local Community Library.
- The whole school (K-6) took part in the School's Cross Country event at Recreation Park.
- Students attended the Combined Schools' Rugby League Gala day.
- Our dance group of 44 students attended Kingscliff High School for the 4/6 Far North Coast Dance Festival rehearsal.
- "Primary Ethics, Just Think About It" lessons began for Stage Two students.
- Stage 3 Boys Transition Program began.

A school's core business as we all perceive it, is to teach the skills of literacy and numeracy and we know we do that well here at THPS. However, it is through student involvement and participation in such activities as mentioned above that the school becomes an engaging and exciting place for the students. Activities outside of the classroom not only focus on aspects of curriculum but they also go a long way towards developing a student's social skills, confidence, self-esteem, cooperative and team skills. They also build on the school values of respect, responsibility, honesty, caring and friendship. I am proud to say that our students here at Tweed Heads Public School are great ambassadors for our school when they are "out and about" in the local community. They consistently demonstrate exemplary behaviour, sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done to all of our students who were out and about last week!

Primary Ethics, Just Think About It

This program is now available to students in Stage 2 and Stage 3. It is offered to non-scripture students as it is presented in the scripture time slot on Thursday afternoons.

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

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The DEC SRE Policy states that no Board of Studies curriculum subject can be delivered by teachers during scripture time as those attending scripture would be disadvantaged. In the 30 minute non-teaching time whilst students are attending scripture, the non scripture students have 30 minutes of non productive time. It is for this reason we have established the Primary Ethics Program in our school.

Primary Ethics, Just Think About It, is delivered by trained volunteers (Scripture teachers are also trained volunteers). In ethics classes, children sit in a circle and learn how to think about ethical matters through give-and-take of reasoned argument using discussion. An example of a discussion topic is "Is it wrong or right to eat whale meat?" There is no indoctrination nor right or wrong answers in these lessons. Students are encouraged to think, organise, verbalise and justify their ideas and response through guided discussion. This is great training for high school and life where such conversations and opinions are often required. We encourage Stage Two and Stage 3 non-scripture students to take up this opportunity with the *Primary Ethics, Just Think About It* lessons.

Jacquie McAllum
Principal

Young Leaders' Day

Our School Captains, Rhiana and Lucas, and Vice Captain, Gracey attended the Young Leaders' Day Seminar at Twin Towns on Friday 10th May. The seminar was all about getting a grip on being a leader for our school. We had a book to do little quizzes and lots of writing down about different things. We played games like noughts and crosses in 40 seconds with a partner. I had a great time and it was fun.

School Vice Captain

Gracey - 6/5C



Book Club Competition Winner

WINNERS AT TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL!

Not only was one of our students a winner in a Scholastic Book Club Competition, but all of his class won a prize as well!

Zane in 2C won a book for every student in his class, as well as a \$20 voucher for himself and \$50 for the school. Zane entered the Look and Find Clifford competition back in February.

"I'd forgotten all about doing that," said an excited Zane, "I'll be the most popular boy in the class,"

School Librarian

Kerry Underwood



Stage 1 Library Visit May 15th 2013

When you are as close to the local library as Tweed Heads Public School is, it makes sense to visit the library for story time.

On Wednesday 15th May, Year 1 and Year 2 students donned their hats and set off to walk to their local library at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre. In a newly formed community partnership the students and the staff were immersed in the delights of storybook characters and events.

Skye, Keeley, Luka, Namika and Chloe are enjoying the library visit.

Jenny Wetherall said "the library is a valuable resource to complement our literacy skills and encourage a love of reading."



Sport News

Cross Country

Tweed Heads Public School held our Annual School Cross Country on Thursday 16th May at Recreation Oval. All classes attended with 5-7 year olds running on a shorter track.

34 students in the 8-12 years age groups have qualified for the Tweed District Cross Country. This will be held on Friday 24th May at Jack Bayliss Park in Kingscliff.

Congratulations to all children who participated. Great enthusiasm and sportsmanship were shown with lots of cheering and clapping. Good luck to competitors at the District Carnival.

Sports Coordinator

Michael McNamara



School Photos - Thursday 6th June

White school photo envelopes for each student will be sent home tomorrow, Tuesday. Each student requires their own individual envelope on photo day. Payment may be included in one envelope for each family but must be accompanied by all student envelopes covered by the one payment.

Students are asked to wear full school uniform including black shoes on the day. If the weather is cool please include shorts under track pants just for the photo shoot.

As this is a very busy day for office staff it is important that all photo orders be returned to the office for recording by **Wednesday 5th June**.

If payment is not received by 5th June the ordering of school photos is to be negotiated by parents with the School Photographer. Every student will have their photo taken on the day. It is very important that students are at school by 8:55am as the timetable is mixed to ensure that all students attend music lessons at their allotted time. Class photos cannot be retaken if a student is late to school.

Yellow student **family photo** envelopes are available at the office for sibling groups. Please ensure the safe keeping of photo envelopes as additional envelopes are limited.

Far North Coast Dance



Last Friday 17th May the Dance group went to Kingscliff High School for a dress rehearsal in preparation for the Far North Coast Dance Festival on Wednesday 5th June. The organisers were incredibly impressed with our group's energy and how well they performed the dance. This year I had a huge amount of help to choreograph the dance from Kyra, Rhiana and Lily and I was very proud to be able to let the organisers know this as well! I was also super proud of the boys, who have had no prior dance experience and really did an amazing job with their section.

We had three soloists, Gracey, Mika and Kyra who all worked out their own choreography for their sections and performed beautifully as well. You can come and see the performance at the Gold Coast Arts Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 5th June.

All the students had a fantastic experience and that was just the rehearsal. Jorja said "We received many compliments from students from other schools and it was great to watch them too".

A huge thank you goes to the lovely Helping Hands ladies we have at our school, and our two Prac. Students Mrs Eastgate and Miss Petschler for all their work on the girls' skirts. They look wonderful!

Tickets are available by ringing the Gold Coast Arts Centre Booking Office on **07 5588 4000**.

Assembly for Dance - Week 6

The Far North Coast Dance Group will be performing their dance routine at the next assembly in Week 6, Tuesday 4 June. All parents/carers are welcome to come along and watch the dance group perform their full routine.



P&C News

Bunnings BBQ this Saturday/Cooly Rocks On in June

It's coming soon, the Bunnings BBQ and our school's major fundraising, Cooly Rocks On. We provide parking on Saturday and Sunday from 8am - 4pm and need as many volunteers as possible. Volunteering is in 2 hour time slots so if you are able to volunteer some time please fill in the note that went home last week and return it to the office ASAP.

Community News

GOLD COAST STARS JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB

The "Gold Coast Stars" is a non-profit junior sporting Club seeking new players. "Gold Coast Stars Junior Inline Hockey Club" seeking both new skaters and experienced skaters for ages 5 to 17 years. Come along to our SUPER Wednesday social "Drop-In" game! Any enquiries please call 07 5523 4114. **Cost is \$8.00.**

When: Every Wednesday at 5.30pm-7.00pm

Where: EPIC Skate Rink, 20 Enterprise Ave, Sth Tweed Heads

THE FAMILY CENTRE

Are there things you wanted to know about The Family Centre but were afraid to ask? All will be revealed - get the inside story at our special 25th Anniversary Community Information Session. Everyone is welcome.

Date: Thursday 23 May at 2 - 3.30pm

Venue: Murwillumbah Community Centre, Nullum Street

Location: 15-17 Rivendell Street, Tweed Heads South

Catering: Afternoon tea is provided

For more information about the session please call **07 5524 8711** or email info@thefamilycentre.org.au

MURWILLUMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL - 100 Years!

Celebrating 100 Years at Murwillumbah Public School, Prince Street, Murwillumbah on **Thursday 6 June to Sunday 9 June 2013**.

We warmly invite you and your school friends and family to join with us as together we celebrate 100 years at Prince Street, Murwillumbah. Celebrations will include a Musical Extravaganza, Official Opening and displays of photos and memorabilia, Dinner and Golf Day, MPS 100 yrs DVD for sale and also you can purchase a paver to have engraved as a memento for your families attendance at Murwillumbah Public School.

For information please contact: school office on **02 6672 1467**.