

TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events...

Monday 22 July 2013 - Term 3 Week 2

Mon 22 July	P&C Meeting - 6pm TONIGHT	Tues 6 Aug	ASPIRE Careers Day - Stage 3
Mon 29 July - Fri 2 Aug	Education Week	Sat 24 to	Recorder Group (Opera House)
	Book Fair - Library	Tues 29 Aug	
Fri 2 Aug	Peace Torch Run (9.15—10am)	Wed 28 Aug	Dance Group Eisteddfod

What's happening in our school community...

Minds At Work for 21st Century Learners

We all know that times are changing quite quickly in the world around us and technology has a large role to play in these changes. It is important for educators to understand how these changes affect what we teach our students. Gone are the days where people have one job and stay in that position for their entire careers, as are the days where we need to remember a whole ream of facts as we have access to so much information at our finger tips electronically. Experts are saying that our students of the future will need different skills and knowledge. They will need to know how to think critically, problem solve, collaborate and work as part of a team, think creatively and imaginatively, be flexible and adaptable and be confident and resilient in our changing world. This is not to say that students will not need to know the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic but it is that they will need to be dynamic in the ways that they use this knowledge.

Recently at our school's Staff Development Day we attended a Tweed Learning Community Conference that explored 21st Century Learners. Schools from the local Tweed area such as Bilambil, Tweed Heads South, Banora Point and Tweed River High joined forces to strengthen our understanding of the needs of our students as we rocket into this new era. We will be transferring our learning from the conference into the classroom over the next few terms and beyond.

Healthy Harold Life Education Van

Last week we had a special visitor at our school.....Healthy Harold. Harold is always a big hit with the students who look forward to dressing up and visiting the special van! Students have covered topics such as safety in public places, being scared or pressured to do things and the different ways of coping, health issues such as pollution and passive smoking, issues around litter and used syringes and alcohol use and abuse and how it affects our health and relationships. Students will also have follow up sessions in their classes where they can ask further questions and talk about things that they didn't understand.



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

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Education Week

Education Week is coming up in Week 3 starting on Monday 29th July. During this week we will be celebrating with two major events:

Art Show Opening Ceremony

Our biannual Art Show will be opened on Tuesday 30th July. This afternoon celebration will begin with a family picnic where parents are invited to come and join their children for a picnic lunch that they will prepare and bring from home. The lunch will be followed by a 1:30pm presentation of Education Week Awards and Art Show Awards, class performances and special guests. The ceremony will conclude at 2:30 at which time parents will be invited to take their children on a special viewing of the displayed artworks. All parents and community members are welcome to come and celebrate Education Week with us.

Book Fair

We will be running a Book Fair in the Library in Education Week also. This will be open from 3:30pm – 4:00pm Monday 29th July till Friday 2nd August. Parents and students are invited to come and purchase books during these times.

Alicia Sibly

Relieving Principal

6/5R Story Writing

'The Strange Thing'

It was just another ordinary day, like any other in the park. I enjoyed coming here, even though no trees grew and the grass was always brown. It gave me that feeling of peace in this dark gloomy city where the sky was never blue. Enough about this though, I can hardly remember, but one day this park changed my life for the better. This was the day I found the strange thing.

Well, it all started as I was feeding the mechanical birds, they weren't as good as real birds, but they were all extinct. I missed the way they tugged on my yellow and blue clothes. As I was thinking about this gloomy area, I gazed across the hill to see a bright, strange thing that didn't quite fit. I decided I should probably check it out but then I had second thoughts, it could hurt me but then I saw that it was quite scared, so I walked slowly, cautious of the creature. I came closer and realised that it was some sort of half creature half machine thing, it was bright green and its face was sad, it also had a tentacle with a light on the end. "What's up?" I said, it suddenly sprung to life, lighting up, it contracted its tentacle and zoomed off into the bushes to hide and quaver. At first I didn't know if I should follow it, but something inside told me this 'thing' was good so I followed.

I got closer and threw a stick nearby to it. All of a sudden it glowed with happiness and jolted after it as if it were a dog, but I knew they were extinct as well. Feeling happy I headed home, but the thing followed me. I was about to tell it to go away, but something made me stop, "fine" I sighed.

We walked home through the gloomy streets of dark vehicles and people. It seemed as though no one noticed it. "Hello!?" I yelled but no one moved, they just kept walking. As we walked home I wondered, I turned to see the thing flashing its light happily as it rolled.

When we got home I led it to the shed. I made a little bed for the thing, I shut the door and went into my house. I thought and I knew I couldn't keep it forever, I had to do something.

The next day I was about to take thing to see if we could find answers when I found a parcel at the front door, labels *To: The Thing*. I was startled to find this package. I went back inside with the thing eagerly wanting to see what was in the package. The thing looked excited. I ripped it open to find a map leading to somewhere. The thing and I followed the map all day. It was

tiring but I was determined. We finally reached this huge door. I pressed a small button with an arrow symbol on it. The door shot open. I saw an amazing city of wonderful colours and strange things, the thing smiled. We said our goodbyes and the thing was gone, maybe forever. Some days I think of going there myself, some days I wonder where the thing is now, sometimes I stop and think. Some days are ordinary days, some days are different.

But no day is like the day I found 'The Thing'.

Written by Sylas - 5/6C

Griffith University Visit

Last term Year 6 students Sunni, Nicolette, Jesse-Lee, Dana, Lucas and Cassidy went to Griffith Uni Open Day for Primary School students with Miss Cutler. We started off the day with a talk from some motivational speakers who worked at the Uni, who spoke about how Uni is open to anyone of any age, background or income. We then went to do some activities around the grounds. The uni grounds were really modern and well set out, with lots of big open spaces and great classrooms. We went and played a new version of bull rush with some students doing sports degrees, which was really fun. They also played for footy teams along the coast and were really good. Then we went and did an acting class with some students who were studying Drama - they really know how to put on a show! We had lunch outside in the sun, and saw there were about 24 other schools there. They were all having a great day too.

After lunch we went into a Science lab and got a taste for a Science degree with an experiment using dry ice. It was really cool. Last of all we learnt about germs and heard about how you can become a Doctor or other health professionals through the Uni with a Medical Degree. The Uni staff even gave us a goodie bag at the end of the day. We sure are inspired to carry on learning and get into Uni one day!



Term 2 Week 9 Awards

Weekly Student Blue Awards

KF	Barkou, Hailey
K/1M	Mitchell, Madison
1F	Bella, Ethan, Callum
2/1W	Chloe
2C	Abigail, Luka, Lilly
3S	Chelsea, Mya
4M	Ava, Teme Para
5/6C	Allie, Zac
5/6R	Trinity, Sarada, Tahnier

Bookwork Awards

KF	Archie
1F	Sam
2C	Kobi
3S	Molly
4M	Moana
6/5C	Alida
6/5R	Jesse-Lee

Welcome to Tweed Heads Public School

K/1M	Kiannah
2/1W	Annabelle
2C	Kaiahn
3S	Jedd
4M	Atakan
6/5R	Moewai, Kai



Bronze Ripa Awards

K/1M	Madison, Ethan, Zane, Kona, Alexander, Mitchell
2C	Micah, Lilly, Luka, Liam, Kohan, Jack
6/5R	Tahnier, Sarada, Dana, Jarrah, Corey

Silver Ripa Awards

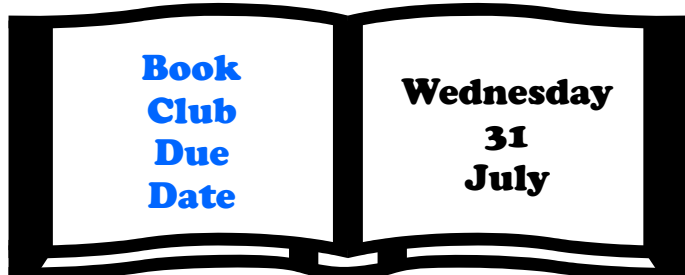
1F	Harmonie, Jayden, Lily, Tyla
6/5C	Holly, Gracey, Mika

P&C News

Facebook is now connecting us at THPS. Your P&C has initiated its own Facebook Page to keep the school community in contact with what's happening with the P&C and events in the school and community. We would like to use this medium to help build our school community – not just for doing well for the school but also to help each other as we parent our children and juggle the commitments we all have. We look forward to sharing with you all through our Page 'Tweed Heads Public School P&C Association'. Everyone is invited to join.

Uniform Shop

If anyone is interested in learning how to become the Uniform Coordinator on Friday mornings from 8.30-10.00am. Please contact Susanne on Friday mornings in the canteen or at the school office anytime.



New at our Canteen - Sushi

On our Canteen days (Wed & Fri) you can now order Sushi. Sushi needs to be ordered that morning as it is made fresh. **Cost: \$2.50**

Range of Sushi:

- Chicken Teriyaki Roll
- Crumbed Chicken with Curry Roll
- Tuna & Avocado Roll
- Tuna & Cucumber Roll
- Prawn Tempura Roll
- Prawn Tempura Sweet Chilli Roll
- Salmon & Avocado Roll
- Salmon & Cream Cheese Roll
- California Roll
- Vegetable Tempura Roll
- Vegetarian Roll