

# TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events...

**Monday 16 September 2013 - Term 3 Week 10**

Thurs 19 Sept AFL Gala Day - Yr 3/4

**Fri 20 Sept Last day - Term 3 for Students/Staff**

Sun 6 Oct Daylight Saving Start

Mon 7 Oct Labour Day Holiday

**Tues 8 Oct First day - Term 4 for Students/Staff**

**# Please note Tues 8 Oct is not a Pupil-Free Day**

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

### End of Term 3

Three Terms down, one to go! 2013 is certainly moving very quickly and Christmas will be here before we know it.

### Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Big Brothers Day

What a great afternoon of entertainment last Friday. The students of THPS certainly enjoyed the activities that were provided by our talented dads, groundsmen, Fire Brigade, Police and Gold Coast Titans. Thank you very much to all the dads who ran sessions for the students and also to the P&C ladies for their organisation and BBQ skills.

### Bilby Visit

Kyra and Sarada have won a Nationwide Competition to receive a visit from Frank "The Bilby Man" and a live bilby. The visit will be occurring tomorrow during our Tuesday afternoon assembly. Only 3 schools in Australia are lucky enough to receive a visit. Congratulations girls!

### School entry-Parents

Parents please remember if you are entering the school grounds for any reason you **must** sign in at the office. This helps to ensure the safety of our students and also negates disruptions to classrooms. If you need to speak to a teacher please make an appointment by ringing the office.

### NAPLAN

Naplan results for 2013 have been delayed due to an error in the Language Conventions section of the test. Hopefully this will be resolved quickly and student reports should be available in the early part of Term 4. More information is provided on the next page of this newsletter.

This is the last week of Term 3. Students return for Term 4 on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Have a safe, happy school holiday everyone.

**Michael McNamara**

**Relieving Principal**



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



## New Breakfast Club Program Coordinator

Welcome and Thank you to our new Breakfast Club Program Coordinator Ms Katrina Hay (mum of Anna-Lea in KF). Katrina has kindly volunteered to collect donated food each fortnight and keep our brekky pantry stocked.

## School Uniforms with new logo

Our new logo has been very well received and the process of transitioning from old to new has already commenced. As you are aware the logo is included on all items of our school uniform so this will be a major area for the logo transition to occur and will take considerable time. We do not expect an immediate logo changeover on our school uniform. Currently there is still considerable uniform stock available bearing the old logo. These old logo stock items must be sold first. New logo items will initially be available to 2014 Kindergarten students only. This will enable the Kindergarten students to commence school wearing uniforms with the new logo. As old logo uniform stocks are depleted in larger sizes the new items bearing the new logo will be ordered and made available for purchase. Thank you for supporting this transition process.

## 2014 Kindergarten Enrolments

Do you know someone who has not yet enrolled for Kindergarten next year? Our Early Bird Program commences at the start of Term 4 and we'd love all 2014 Kindergarten students to be part of this fantastic program. Please let your friends, neighbours, relatives know to contact the school office ASAP to register their child for Kindergarten next year. Please bring along a Birth Certificate, Immunisation Certificate and Proof of Address for your child to complete their enrolment. Thank you

## Visit by School Nurse -19th/20th September

The School Nurse will visit our school on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September. She will see students previously referred to her by parents and staff. The visit is not for general health checks but students may be referred if parents have any concerns about eye sight or hearing. Please call at the school office for a referral form.

## NAPLAN Testing

On Thursday 5th September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average marker on the Year 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

## Spring has sprung in KF

Last week in KF they made a fabulous artwork of hands. The students traced around their own hands on coloured paper, cut them out and arranged them around the bright SPRING sign.

Mrs Sibly helped put all the hands together on our 'Spring' sign which looks great. A fun and wonderful activity KF has completed for the start of a new season.



## "My Animal Report"

The animal I chose is a Bats.

**Where does it live?**

They live in the trees.

**What does it look like?**

It has sharp teeth.

**What does it eat?**

It eats meat.

**What is a baby one called?**

Pups

**Here are two fun facts about this animal...**

*They can fly and it has black skin.*

*Written by Lee - 1F*



The animal I chose is a Guinea Pig.

**Where does it live?**

They live in a cage.

**What does it look like?**

It has brown and white fur.

**What does it eat?**

Flakes, carrots, apples, oranges and fresh water.

**What is a baby one called?**

Pups

**Here are two fun facts about this animal...**

*It is cold and good to cuddle.*

*Written by Celine - 1F*



The animal I chose is a Fish.

**Where does it live?**

They live in the water.

**What does it look like?**

It has scales. It has gills that help it to breathe.

**What does it eat?**

Little fish and sea creatures.

**What is a baby one called?**

Fry

**Here are two fun facts about this animal...**

*They go in the rocks and swim all around the sea.*

*Written by Callum - 1F*



## Dad's, Grandads, Uncles & Big Brothers Day

Last **Friday 13th September** we celebrated Dad's Day and the special men in our students lives. The weather held out and the school was a hive of activity. The students' were given drills by some Titans players, a look at all the equipment and inside a fire engine, a talk from the Police and the students even got to try on a bulletproof vest. We had some dad's teach the students how to play the didgeridoo and the guitar and Jim (our School General Assistant) showed his skills on the drums. A good day was enjoyed by all the students, teachers and family members that attended.



## Community News

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS - SEPT/OCT

Tweed Shire Vacation Care and Little Gromets OOSHC programs are available at the school office.

You can visit the website for Tweed Shire Vacation Care

[www.tweedshirevacationcare.com.au](http://www.tweedshirevacationcare.com.au) or for Little Gromets OOSHC ring Carol 0411 199 049.

### Start Daylight Saving

Don't forget - Daylight saving starts on **Sunday 6 October 2013**, at **2:00 am** when clocks will be put **forward one hour**.

