

# TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events...

Thurs 29 Aug	Oz Tag Gala Day - Yr 5/6
Mon 2 Sept	GC Eisteddfod - Dance Group
	AFL Coaching Clinic - Yr 3/4
Tues 3 Sept	Book Club Due
Mon 9 Sept	AFL Coaching Clinic - Yr 3/4

## Tuesday 27 August 2013 - Term 3 Week 7

Mon 16 Sept	AFL Coaching Clinic - Yr 3/4
Thurs 19 Sept	AFL Gala Day - Yr 3/4
<b>Fri 20 Sept</b>	<b>Last day - Term 3 for Students/Staff</b>
<b>Mon 7 Oct</b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b>
<b>Tues 8 Oct</b>	<b>First day - Term 4 for Students/Staff</b>

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

### THPS students perform at the Sydney Opera House!

Tweed Heads Public School is able to provide an incredible cultural and musical experience to our students as part of the school's music program. Our students pick up their recorder and begin to learn the basics of instrumental music in school music lessons from Year Three onwards.

Today Ms Cutler and 16 students will join hundreds of other public education students from across NSW to perform in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. Ms Cutler and the students have worked hard committing the extensive recorder repertoire to memory and at the recent North Coast Combined Schools' rehearsals for the Festival of Instrumental Music, our students were highly commended for their recorder playing skills. To be noticed and commended by the Festival's Ensemble Conductor is certainly something for our students and Ms Cutler to be very proud of. Congratulations Ms Cutler and students. We hope they had a fabulous performance last Friday night and I am sure they will all thoroughly enjoy their entire Sydney excursion experience.

### Live Streaming of the Festival of Instrumental Music

As an exciting extension of the Festival of Instrumental Music, The Arts Unit is pleased to announce the launching of a new initiative. The Mimosa Concert on Thursday August 29th 2013 will be broadcast online via the internet in real time. This is a free event as part of a trial program supported by The Arts Unit.

Friends and family are invited to view a live stream of the Festival of Instrumental Music's Mimosa Concert from the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 29th August 2013. The performance will be streamed online via YouTube and can be viewed at home, school or office. All that is required to stream online is an internet connection. The stream will begin at 7:00pm.

To register to view the live stream, please visit: <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/mimosa>

After the event we will require you to fill in a short survey. As this is a trial program, we will use this information to assist us in continuing to provide this service.



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



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### 2014 Kindergarten enrolments happening now!

Do you know someone who has not yet enrolled for Kindergarten next year? Our Early Bird Program commences at the start of next term 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.

### Pedestrian crossing in the school grounds

As you are aware bunting and bollards have needed to be placed at the driveway edge to prevent unaccompanied students crossing the driveway to access the office. Students are not permitted anywhere near the driveway or car park unless accompanied by a responsible adult. For the safety of all students we ask parents/caregivers to reinforce and model this expected behaviour. Unaccompanied students must take the route via the covered walkways around the school buildings to reach the office. Recently a pedestrian crossing has been painted across the school driveway. This designated crossing is for the safety of our students. It is also clearly marked so any drivers entering the school grounds will observe and know to slow down. Students in the junior "Walkers" line will have reinforced pedestrian crossing road safety rules as they use this crossing each day.

### Brekkie Club volunteers

A note was sent home to all families last week explaining the current circumstances of the Monday and Thursday morning Brekkie Club. Unless volunteers are available the Brekkie Club will have to finish. This program has benefitted many students and families and we wish to keep it running. If you are able to volunteer in any way to keep the Brekkie Club operating please contact the school.

### 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.

**Jacquie McAllum**  
**Principal**

## Visit to Raffle Aged Care Facility

Bridging The Gap!!!!

Age is no Barrier when it comes to music!!!!

Students from Tweed Heads Public School recently paid a welcomed visit to Raffles Aged Care Facility located in Tweed Heads South. The students in Years 3 and 4 popped in to spend the morning with residents. Children led the singing whilst many residents joined in and all of them enjoyed a well-earned morning tea, provided by Raffles.

Our Year 3 Teacher and Music coordinator for Tweed Heads Primary School, Fiona Simpson said, 'Getting out into the community is a focus for our school and is a great chance for our students to showcase their musical skills. This event provided an opportunity for our students to connect with the senior citizen's in our local area and this is important for all involved. The kids get so much out of it. We are definitely coming back'.



*Photo From Left: Matthew, Ian Reed, Barbara Tsakmakis (Activities Therapist Supervisor), Michaela, Marion Bramwell, Denise Mortimer (Service Manager), Jedd, Joyce Stanley, Chloe.*

## Scarecrow Competition at Murwillumbah

As part of the ESL program, Shelly, Jun and Anna created a scarecrow at school that was entered into a Scarecrow Competition held at the Murwillumbah Farmers Markets on Wednesday 21st August. The Scarecrow we entered was a 'mermaid' that the students decided to create as they felt our school was special in its close proximity to the ocean. The competition was judged and hosted by Costa Geogios from the ABC Gardening Program and he commended the creativity of our scarecrow. The students had an excellent day at the Farmers Markets enjoying a variety of fresh, local produce, music and some face painting too.

**Written by Emily Carey**  
**ESL Teacher**



## **Term 3 Week 6 Awards**

### **Weekly Student Blue Awards**

KF	Greyson, Eliza, Neekah, Barkou
K/1M	Kiannah, Koral-Lee
3S	Bailee, Rory, Jedd
4M	Michaela, Zach, Sacha
5/6C	Zac, Lucas, Jasmine
5/6R	Jesse-Lee, Kai, Hirina

### **Bookwork Awards**

KM	AJ
3S	Oceania
4M	Raya
6/5C	Emily

### **Bronze Ripa Awards**

3S	April, Seth, Trey
6/5C	Chloe, Nicholas, Zachary
6/5R	Emily

### **Silver Ripa Awards**

KF	Archie, Greyson
3S	Naomi
4M	Lily, Emma
6/5C	Dan, Jasmine, Kassidy, Chloe, Angel-lee, Zac
6/5R	Harry



### **Welcome to Tweed Heads Public School**

2C	Ricco
3S	Bailee
6/5R	Hirina

### **Gold Ripa Awards**

6/5C	Mika
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### **Visit to Brisbane Science Centre**

On Tuesday 20th August, Years 1 and 2 went on the bus to Brisbane to visit the Science Centre. We saw a lot of things. I liked the Cyclone, it was amazing and it was very cool. We saw a big Dinosaur Statue. My favourite bit was the spiders, because the spiders were big.

**Written by Ethan 2/1W**

On Tuesday 20th August, Years 1 and 2 went on the bus to Brisbane to visit the Science Centre. We went to have recess and then we went into the games and I went on a spinning thing. My favourite part was when I went on the spinning chair because it went fast.

**Written by Chloe 2/1W**



### **Reminder - Premier Reading Challenge**

This is a reminder to all the students that are participating in the Premier Reading Challenge. This reading program has to be completed by Friday 30th August. Thank you.

**Kerry Underwood**

**Librarian**

### **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.

**Book  
Club  
Due  
Date**

**Tuesday  
3rd  
September**