

TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events...

Monday 2 September 2013 - Term 3 Week 8

Tues 3 Sept	Book Club Due	Fri 20 Sept	Last day - Term 3 for Students/Staff
Mon 9 Sept	AFL Coaching Clinic - Yr 3/4	Mon 7 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
Mon 16 Sept	AFL Coaching Clinic - Yr 3/4	Tues 8 Oct	First day - Term 4 for Students/Staff
Thurs 19 Sept	AFL Gala Day - Yr 3/4	# Please note Tues 8 Oct is not a Pupil-Free Day	

What's happening in our school community...

Opera House Recorder Group

Congratulations to our recorder group on their performance and behaviour during their excursion to Sydney. What a great experience for the children. Thank you to Ms Cutler and Mrs Wetherall who accompanied the group.

Gold Coast Eisteddfod

Thirty seven THPS students will perform at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod today as part of our school dance group. I am sure they will represent our school with pride and produce a great performance. We will update you with their results in next week's newsletter.

North Coast Athletics

Three students from THPS competed at the North Coast Athletics Carnival on Friday 30th August at Lismore. Emily, Jasmine and Lachlan represented the Far North Coast Zone at the carnival. Emily ran 4th in the 800m final and did a PB time and she ran 5th in the 200m heat. Jasmine ran 4th in the 200m heat and Lachlan ran 4th in the 200m heat. Emily is the reserve for the 800m State team. Congratulations to these students for representing our school, district and zone. What a wonderful achievement!

Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Wednesday 4th September a group of students from Years 3-6 will be performing two songs at the Teddy Bears' Picnic at Recreation Oval. This is a community event run by the Family Centre to raise awareness of Child Protection Week. This will be a great opportunity for students to showcase their singing talents to the community.

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

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Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Big Brothers' Day

Last week all students were given a note in regards to this day. The day is an opportunity for students of our school to interact with positive male role models. If you know of a male who has a talent/skill and would be willing to share this with our students please encourage them to come along. For more information please contact me through the front office.

Have a great week.

Michael McNamara
Relieving Principal

Public Speaking Finals

On Thursday 22nd August, THPS held their Public Speaking Finals. These students represented their classes:

KF	Kobi, Neekah, Hailey
K/1M	Sara, Matilda, Floyd
1F	Kaylee, Nash, Ethan
2/1W	Reuben, Sophia, Skyla
2C	Isaac, Abigail, Liam
3S	Matthew, Rory, Seth
4M	Zach, Michaela, Indiana
6/5C	Emily, Jasmine, Holly
6/5R	Jarrah, Kyra, Tahlia

Well done to all the students who participated.

The students who have made it through to the District level are Isaac, Michaela and Jasmine. The District Public Speaking will be held at Banora Point Public School on Thursday 5 September. Good luck at District!!



Michaela and Jasmine (pictured), and Isaac - are into the next level, District Public Speaking.

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.

Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Big Brothers

Tweed Heads Public School is inviting Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Big Brothers to come and spend some time with us on **Friday 13th September**. We would like you to share your skills and special interests with the students.

If you can:

- play a musical instrument
- kick a ball
- shoot a basketball
- mend a bike puncture or do bike maintenance
- like to cook a special dish
- paint a picture of a mural
- build or carve something out of wood
- do some clay work or pottery
- share a traditional dance
- read a story

or you can have another wonderful activity you would like to share with the students of our school we would love to hear from you.

Program Outline:

12:30 - 1:00	Sausage Sizzle Lunch with the students
1:00 - 2:30	Activity Time
2:30 - 3:00	Sport and Games

Please fill out the bottom of the note or contact the office by **Thursday 5th September**.

Community News

Sth Tweed Heads Colts Junior Cricket Club - Sign On Day

Age groups: in2Cricket, u10's, u11's, u12's, u13's, u14's, u15's & u17's

Where: Ben Wilkinson Field, Cnr Leisure & Fraser Dr, Banora Pt

When: Sunday 8th September

Time: 10am - 2pm

Enquiries and/or registrations to Monica Brooks **0438 741 701**, Jackie Whitney **0409 190 468** or email **sthjcc@clubsqldcricket.com.au**

Recorder Group -Sydney Opera House

This year's trip to Sydney for the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House was an amazing experience for our talented Recorder group. Mrs Wetherall and I flew down on Saturday 24 August with the group and stayed in the heart of the city, quickly getting a taste for how busy and exciting it all was. The students were amazed at the number of people we saw, and how busy it was in spaces such as parks, on foot-paths and in shopping centres.

The first afternoon we went down to Darling Harbour and enjoyed the huge playground there. We then went to the Chinatown area for a yummy dinner. The next day we headed down to Circular Quay to catch a ferry over to Taronga Zoo. It was a beautiful day in Sydney and everyone seemed to have the same idea! All the animals were really active and putting on a great show for us, especially the chimpanzees who were screeching and chasing each other all over their enclosure. We then walked across the Harbour Bridge and climbed the pylon, which gave us an amazing view of the Harbour. It was spectacular, and we could see a huge cruise ship that pulled in from an International Port. In the afternoon we managed to fit in a spot of shopping at Paddy's Markets. These kids are great at haggling! They all came away with either a onesie or a new phone case or a pair of sunnies - all very necessary purchases I'm sure! That night we ate at the Great Southern Hotel and they spoiled us by giving the students free red lemonade and extra smiley face pizzas after their dinner! They were so full!

The next morning we headed to Martin Place where 'Sunrise' is filmed. Kochie, Sam, Nat and Berretts were outside chatting to the crowd while the ad breaks were on. Next thing, Kochie turned to me and asked which school our students were from. 'Tweed Heads Public School' I proudly replied. Then he asked what song they played and if they could play it for the cameras - in 10 seconds! Luckily the students were well prepared and held it together to close the show for Kochie in true, superstar form - I was so impressed! It was a real highlight of the trip.

We then went and treated ourselves to hot chocolates at the Lindt shop, seeing as it was my birthday after all! Next we walked across to the Art Gallery and admired some very famous artworks, before heading into the lovely Botanical Gardens. It was the nicest playground duty Mrs Wetherall and I

have ever done, sitting in the sun by the harbour, watching the students play stuck in the mud on the gloriously landscaped grounds with the Opera House in the background, and a sky writer drawing in the sky above us!



At 12:30 it was time for the Festival Rehearsal. All the Recorder players and String players had to assemble and take their seats in the Opera House. The students were quite amazed by the size of the organ, and the light show that the tech crew put on. They rehearsed for a few hours and I was very impressed that our group had no problems remembering the repertoire and showed perfect manners.

That night we arrived at the Opera House ready to perform at 6:45pm. It was quite different for the students to see the Opera House full with an audience. We could see Mrs Wetherall waving at us too! We had to perform three songs, Galliard Irregular, Mango Walk and Rocky Hammond. We were accompanied by strings, brass and percussion, which sounded amazing. Other groups also performed and the concert went for 2 and a half hours. It was great to hear so many talented musicians coming from Public Schools, just like ours.

Next year we will be auditioning for a place in the School's Spectacular Dance performance, held in November. We will again play at the Opera House in 2015.

Thanks to Mrs Wetherall for coming along, and thank you to all the parents and children who have been helping out with fundraising by selling chocolates. It is greatly appreciated.

I have made an iMovie of the trip which you can watch by typing the following link into your browser:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgzLY7jC_o

I hope you enjoy it. **Miss Cutler**

Thank you from the Recorder Group

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Miss Cutler for all the time and effort she has put into the Recorder group this year. We have been practising with her since April, and have learnt a lot. She put a lot of work into the trip and it was amazing. Thank you thank you thank you Miss Cutler! From the Recorder Group.

