

# TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events...

Mon 3 Feb First day - Term 1 for Kindergarten  
Tues 4 Feb Titans visit at 2pm  
Wed 12 Feb Twilight Swimming Carnival (8-12yrs)  
Thurs 13 Feb Toonschool Workshops: K - Year 6  
Wed 19 Feb Bookclub Due

## Monday 3 February 2014 - Term 1 Week 2

Wed 19 March National Ride 2 School Day  
Senior Citizens' Concert  
Fri 4 April Billy Tea Bush Dance - for students  
Community Bush Dance - Evening  
(For parents & students)

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

Welcome to the 2014 school year everyone! It's great to see everyone back at school ready to begin the 2014 school year at Tweed Heads Public School.

The big day finally arrived today for the new Kindergarten to start "big school". A very exciting time for families. I know after the Early Birds Program there were many excited little people very keen to get to school full time and we are happy to welcome them all today. Welcome to all of our new students and their families and also welcome back to those families who have had time away from us but have chosen to return to Tweed Heads Public School. It's good to have you back here with us!

### Class Organisation

We begin the school year with the current class groups initially regarded as temporary until all students return, all new Kindergarten enrolments are received and the Term 1 enrolment numbers are finally settled.

Our student numbers have increased making some class groups very large. All year groups from Kindergarten to Year 3 currently have numbers above the advised cap level. This means we will have to restructure our classes to accommodate the recommended class sizes. This restructure will include some multi-age class groupings. An information sheet was sent home last week explaining multi-age classes and Kindergarten parents will receive this information once the Kindergarten class groupings are finalised.

The aim is to provide the best learning environment for every student to maximise their overall performance and progress. Whatever decision made related to your child's class allocation will be made using information the school has collected and collated based on student learning abilities and their individual learning needs. Consideration is also given to students' social needs to support their learning. All decisions regarding student placement are made with their best personal interests in mind and we trust that parents/caregivers understand and respect the decisions that are made.

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



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**Class groups for 2014 are:**

1 x Kindergarten

1 x Kindergarten / Year 1

1 x Year 1

1 x Year 2

1x Year 2 / Year 3

1 x Year 3

1 x Year 4

2 x Year 5 / Year 6

It is envisaged that the class groups will be finalised by Wednesday afternoon and students' informed ready to commence on Thursday morning. Please feel free to talk with your child's classroom teacher if you have anything you would like to have answered or clarified in regard to your child's class placement.

**Jacquie McAllum**  
**Principal**

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***Tweed Heads Public School - 2014 staff***

Mrs Jacquie McAllum – Principal

Mr Michael McNamara – Year 4 teacher – Assistant Principal

Mrs Jenny Wetherall – Year 2 teacher – Relieving Assistant Principal

Ms Sophie Cutler – Year 6 / 5 teacher

Mr Tim Regan – Year 6 / 5 teacher

Mrs Fiona Simpson – Year 3 teacher

Mrs Paula French – Year 3 / 2 teacher

Mrs Marilyn Coverdale – Year 2 teacher – Reading Recovery teacher

Mrs Kelly McCabe – Year 1 teacher

Mrs Jocelyn Fraser / Ms Chantelle Hayes – Kindergarten / Year 1 teacher

Miss Cathy Mitchell – Kindergarten teacher

Mrs Kerry Underwood – Teacher / Librarian

Mrs Sandra Jorritsma – Learning and Support Teacher

Mrs Gail Dixon – School Learning Support Officer

Ms Naomi Walker – School Learning Support Officer

Ms Siobhan Atkins – English Second Language teacher

Mr Craig Underwood – School Chaplain

Mrs Carol Ball – School Admin Manager

Ms Yvonne Stephen – School Admin Officer

Mr Jim Dwyer – General Assistant

***Introducing our School Chaplain...***

Craig Underwood has joined us in 2014 as our School Chaplain. Craig is a Community Support Worker, having worked in family support and counselling, as well as over 15 years experience in various local churches working as a Youth Pastor and children's team leader.

Craig will be available two days a week to meet with students and other members of the school community to provide support and guidance regarding relationships, life choices, values, and spiritual matters, following written permission from a parent or guardian. Referral forms are available from the school office if you or your child would like to access the chaplaincy

service.

To find out more, please contact Craig on the school phone number, in person or by email. All children and their families from Tweed Heads Public School are welcome to make an appointment at any time during the school term.

***Craig Underwood - School Chaplain***

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## **2013 - Term 4 Week 10 Awards**

### **Weekly Student Blue Awards**

KF	Nicole, Hailey
K/1M	Kailash, Sara
1F	Stevie-Lee, Bella, Clarence
2/1W	Skyla, Ameira
2C	Luka, Jack
3S	Molly, Jade, Samantha
4M	Ryan, Moana, Laela
6/5C	Beauden, Zachary, Crystal
6/5R	Hirina, Jarrah, Dana

### **Bookwork Awards**

KF	Archie
K/1M	Floyd
1F	Karin
2/1W	Charlie
2C	Skye
3S	Rory
4M	Sheridan
6/5C	Dan
6/5R	Paris

### **Silver Rippa Awards**

1F	Rhyken, Harmonie, Callum
3S	Bailee, Molly
6/5R	Sunni, Jarrah
6/5C	Zachary

### **Gold Rippa Awards**

1F	Kaylee, Karin, Bella, Clarence, Sam, Celine
2C	Micah, Skye, Jalamari, Alabama
3S	Samba, Mya, Rory, Seth, Jacinta
6/5C	Lachlan
6/5R	Zetah, Harry, Corey

### **Rainbow Rippa Awards**

3S	Jade, Gurmanjot
6/5C	Lachlan

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

K/1M	Robert
K/1M	Jypzy
6/5R	Jenifer

### **Enrolment changes in 2014**

If for any reason there may be a change in family circumstances and/or your child's enrolment here at Tweed Heads Public School in 2014, could you please advise the school office. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

### **Message for Newly Enrolled Kindergarten Students**

Would all new Kindergarten parents please call at the office this week to check that all the required enrolment information has been submitted. Each student should have presented Proof of Identity and Date of Birth (eg. Birth Certificate), Australian Immunisation Register Certificate (from Medicare) and Proof of Address if in area.

### **Spare uniforms needed**

We are in desperate need of any spare clothing for the pool in the office. We are mainly looking for bigger sizes from size 8 to size 16. If you have any old school shirts, shorts, skirts or skorts please send them into the office.

If your child comes home wearing a borrowed item of clothing please wash and return it to the office as soon as possible.

**Thank you**

### **School Zone Offences**

Law Rule 167: Disobey no stopping sign (school zone)  
Fine: **\$304 and 2 demerit points**

Law Rule 172 (1): Stop on/near pedestrian crossing (school zone)  
Fine: **\$405 and 2 demerit points**

Law Rule 183 (1): Stop in bus zone (school zone)  
Fine: **\$304 and 2 demerit points**

### **The Smith Family—Saver Plus**

Is your child at school or starting this year? Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500. The Smith Family is now offering the Saver Plus Program in your area.

To find out more, phone 1300 610 355 or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)  
Conditions apply. If you would like more information a pamphlet is available at the office.