

TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events...

Monday 10 February 2014 - Term 1 Week 3

Wed 12 Feb	Twilight Swimming Carnival (8-12yrs)	Fri 4 April	Billy Tea Bush Dance - for students
Thurs 13 Feb	Toonschool Workshops (K - Year 6)		Community Bush Dance - Evening
Wed 19 Feb	Bookclub Due		(For parents & students)
Wed 19 March	National Ride 2 School Day		
	Senior Citizens' Concert		

What's happening in our school community...

Across the school, K-6, the students have quickly settled into their class groups and routines. It's very pleasing to wander through the classrooms and see how easily the students have adjusted to their 2014 classroom environment and their new teacher. It's also pleasing to see that new friendships are beginning to form within year groups and across year groups. The Stage 3 students are doing an excellent job with their allocated Kindergarten Buddy. Well done Stage 3 for helping Kindergarten students feel comfortable in the classroom and the playground.

Homework Policy

Now that final classes are formed and routines are being firmly established it's time to think about homework. The school is guided by the DEC Homework Policy Guidelines where homework is defined as any task given by teachers for students to carry out during non-school hours designed to meet specific learning goals.

The quantity of homework given will consider students' outside of school hours commitments ie sport, cultural activities, it will take into account students' access to resources and technology beyond the school and it will be manageable to ensure quality.

Kindergarten – In general, students are not expected to complete formal homework in Kindergarten. Students may be given books to read at home as appropriate.

Years 1 and 2 – Some formal homework may be set. For example, students might be asked to read, write and learn words for spelling and complete some mathematical activities.

Years 3 -6 - Homework may be varied and students may be expected to work more independently as they are encouraged to read and practise mathematical concepts learnt at school. Other homework may also be set across areas of the curriculum.

At Tweed Heads Public School we encourage students to complete and submit their homework on time. Homework in the stages outlined above may help students to develop effective study habits

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

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and broaden their understandings and skill across the curriculum.

The school is able to provide some flexibility and options to allow for different student circumstances. If you have any concerns regarding your child's homework please contact the classroom teacher.

ToonSchool performance

On Thursday of this week we will have our first visiting performance for the year for all students K-6. Thank you for the response so far. The program is a perfect program to begin the year, as in an entertaining and creative way, the performers present and reinforce the important messages about being resilient, being a good friend and the importance and value of looking after each other. If you have not yet given your note and \$5 to the office can you please do so by Wednesday. We would be disappointed for any student to miss out on this opportunity.

Twilight Swimming Carnival

Students 8 years + who are able to swim independently are encouraged to participate in the Wednesday evening's Twilight Swimming Carnival. Permission notes were distributed last week to students who were eligible to attend. Please note an adult must accompany the student to the pool and remain at the pool during the carnival. Mr McNamara and staff look forward to seeing as many students and parents attend the carnival as possible. Parents are always welcome to assist with various aspects of the carnival. See Mr McNamara if you can help out in any way.

Jacquie McAllum
Principal

Titans Visit

Last Tuesday 4th February, three Titans football players, Mark Minichello, Sam Irwin and Sam Swift (Under 20's), attended a special assembly at Tweed Heads Public School. The purpose of the visit was to chat to the pupils about the effects of bullying and how to deal with it if it occurs. A short DVD was presented followed by some words of wisdom from the players. To end the assembly a short question and answer session about the players and their careers was held.



House Captains & Vice Captains

Last Wednesday the students voted in our new House Captains and Vice Captains for 2014. They are as follows:

	<u>Captains</u>	<u>Vice Captains</u>
Bradman	Hirina Tahnica	Lachlan Holly
Fraser	Kai Mika	Kyle Emily
Freeman	Kirra Sarada	Teme Chloe
Perkins	Joe Jorja	Dan Sheridan

Scripture

Scripture will be commencing in Week 4 of Term 1.

Absences

When a child is absent from school, the school needs notification by phone, a written note or you can come into the school to notify the office staff.

Late Arrivals / Early Leavers

Students who arrive at school after 9am must report **with a parent** to the school office for a late arrival note. This note must be presented to the class teacher upon reaching the classroom.

For early leavers parents must first come to the school office to receive a note which must be presented to the class teacher before a student may depart.

All parents are reminded that they must sign in at the school office after 9am. This procedure is for the protection of students, staff and volunteers.

P&C News

Welcome to the 2014 new school year and a very big welcome to all the new parents of our kindergarten kids.

We are desperately seeking a uniform coordinator for a couple of hours per week. Anyone who thinks they can help out please phone Leanne Treloar (P&C Secretary) for more details
0439 702 383.

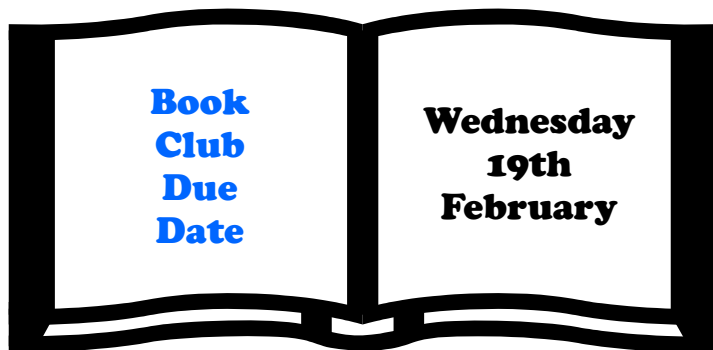
We also require some more help in the canteen if anyone can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday or Friday. Please see Fine' in the canteen.

Check us out on Facebook for up to date information about the P&C and how you can get involved.

(Tweed Heads Public School P&C Association)

The first P&C Meeting for 2014 will be on Monday 24/2/14 at 6pm in the library.

Leanne Treloar
P&C Secretary



2/1W Stories from 2013

Mrs McAllum listens to some fabulous stories written by the students at THPS. We choose some stories throughout the year which we like to publish in our newsletter. In the last week of Term 4 2013, Mrs McAllum read three stories from students in 2/1W. Here are those stories:

Community News

JUNIOR INDOOR SOFTBALL - FREE 'Come n Try' Session

WHEN: Wednesday 12th February

TIME: 5pm - 6pm (NSW time)

WHERE: Chinderah Indoor Sports Complex, Chinderah Bay Dr, Chinderah

AGES: approx. 10yrs - Girls 16 / Boys 14

COST: \$60 per child

For further information contact Linda on **07 5523-2571** or **0409 27 99 34** or email tweedsoftball@iinet.net.au

KINGSCLIFF HOCKEY CLUB - SIGN ON DAY

When: Friday 14th February

Where: Merv Edwards Oval, Sand St, Kingscliff
(across the road from the Cudgen Leagues Club)

Time: 3 - 5pm

For any enquiries please contact Tim Prichard **0418 490 586**, Terri Felton **02 6674 0920**, Ross Salmon **07 5524 6204**.

BILAMBIL JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB - SIGN ON DAY

When: Saturday 15th February

Time: 2.30 - 4.30pm (NSW time)

Where: Bilambil Sports Club

Fees Cost: \$185 per player

Please bring Proof of Age (ie. Birth Certificate, if not previously registered) and Emergency Contact Details (for two alternate contacts if possible). For more information please contact Neil on **0490 200 611**.

NAB AFL AUSKICK - SIGN ON & 1ST SESSION

When: Friday 21st February

Time: 3.10 - 4.10pm

Where: Tweed Heads Public School - School Oval

Cost: \$65

Preferred option to register is online at www.aflauskick.com.au
Hand form with payment to your AFL Auskick co-ordinator at the first session. For more information contact Tim Searle on **07 5594 5722** or visit the website.

GREEK FESTIVAL

The Parish of St Therapon Greek Orthodox Church in association with the ESTIA Foundation of Australia will be holding their annual Greek Festival on **Sunday 23rd February** at Fagan Park from 11:00am to 7:00pm.

TWEED COAST PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

We are a community dance sport for girls and women aged from 3yrs to Adult. Dance, Fun, Fitness and Friendship.

For more information contact Tania on **0450 174 304**, email tweedcoastphysie@hotmail.com or look on the website www.tweedcoastphysie.com.au

Water Dragon Magic

Long ago in 1919 there was a Grandad Dragon. He had magic powers. He had a kid named Max. Grandad Dragon got sick of him being naughty so he turned him invisible because Grandad Dragon had magic to make him invisible.

Max had a friend and he was clever. They played soccer and his friend did not know he was at the goal. When he got home he wanted to be visible again. They went to Tweed and ate yummy delicious tim tams, in Brisbane they ate banana bread, in Coolangatta they had cold freezing cake and they went to Murwillumbah. They ate nice sweet mango. Then Max turned visible again and they had a party.

Written by Sophia

Water Dragon Magic

A long time ago Grandad Dragon could do magic and he taught his grand-daughter Heidi and now she can do magic. Heidi was doing a trick and she accidentally made herself invisible.

Heidi was playing with emu in the park when emu said to Heidi "do you want to play hide and seek in the park", Heidi said "sure". "It's your time to count Heidi!" shouted emu. Heidi counted to 10. "I am coming to find you", said Heidi. "I found you", said Heidi to emu. Now it was emu's turn to count. "I am coming to find you", said emu. Emu could not find Heidi. It took hours to find Heidi. But the problem was that Heidi could not be found. So Heidi thought that emu did not want to play anymore. Heidi got out of her hiding spot and asked Grandad Dragon, "I want to get visible again". So Grandad Dragon tried his best to get her visible with his magic but could not do it. So Grandad Dragon said "We could go to Tweed to eat tuna and at Coolangatta and then we can eat cookies and chocolate. Heidi said "Why?". Grandad Dragon said, "So you can get visible again". She did it with Grandad Dragon and Heidi turned visible again.

Written by Ameira

Water Dragon Magic

2000 Years ago there lived two water dragons, Grandad Dragon and Ben. Grandad Dragon got sick of Ben being naughty all the time so he turned him invisible. Ben was so cheeky that he scratched a giraffe on his back then he played hide and seek with a box jellyfish. He wondered why everyone was bored so he asked Grandad Dragon to make him visible again.

They travelled to Tweed Tuna Shop and found some yellow fine tuna. "mmmmm" said Ben, but they still had no luck. So the next day they mowed over a marshmallow with a motorbike on the way to Murwillumbah. That's where they found a marshmallow, mango, melon meat pie.

"Yaaaaaaay!!" said Grandad Dragon, 'your head is visible'. After that they went to Brisbane's Baker Shop where they found banana bread. "A tail! A tail! Yah!" they yelled. Then they went to Coolangatta where they found chocolate cookies. "Your body!", yelled Grandad Dragon.

Then Ben had heaps of fun with his friends again.

Written by Reuben