

TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events...

Monday 3 March 2014 - Term 1 Week 6

Wed 5 March

Responsible Pet Visit - K to Year 2

Fri 21 March

Cricket - Years 2 & 3

Fri 7 March

Croquet - 4M (1 - 2.30pm)

Mon 24 March

P&C Meeting at 6pm (library)

Cricket - Years 2 & 3

Thurs 27 March

TRHS Visit - Stage 3

Fri 14 March

Croquet - 4M (1 - 2.30pm)

Fri 4 April

Billy Tea Bush Dance - for students

Cricket - Years 2 & 3

Community Bush Dance - Evening

Mon 17 March

Bike Safety Visit

(For parents & students)

Wed 19 March

National Ride2School Day

Senior Citizens' Concert

What's happening in our school community...

Peer Support K-6

The Peer Support Program has commenced across the whole school. The program will run for 8 weeks and will roll over into Term Two. The program provides opportunities for students across the school to build relationships that contribute to the positive culture of our school. The school values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Friendship and Caring underpin the weekly lessons. This is how the program operates at Tweed Heads Public School.

- Senior students take part in a training program where they are taught the skills of leading a small group in discussions, games and creative activities.
- The groups meet once a week for 30 minutes.
- The small discussion groups are made up of students from Kindergarten – Year 5.
- Each weekly lesson that is delivered by the Senior Students will be part of a unit of work that focuses on a particular value. The module being delivered at the moment will focus on relationships/friendships.
- A teacher is assigned to each group for supervision and to provide developmental feedback to the group leaders.

The program delivered across the school nurtures an environment where all students are encouraged and taught to care for and look after each other.

Is your child coming to school too early?

It has been observed that a significant number of students are arriving at school in the morning far too early. It is great that our students are keen to be at school however, the morning school bell does not ring until 8:30am. Students who arrive at school before this time are not supervised as teachers

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

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are not required to be on duty until 8:30am. Students should not be on the school site before this time. Some students have been known to be at school at 7:50am! Students who arrive too early are at risk when they are in the school grounds alone without adult supervision.

It is understood that some students do arrive on a school bus at approximately 8:25am. This is out of the control of the school and the parents/caregivers. However, these students know that as a group they are to enter the school grounds and go directly to the top playground to sit down until the school bell rings at 8:30am. Students arriving before 8:30am are not permitted to have free play until the teacher begins playground duty at 8:30am. This school rule is for the wellbeing and safety of all students. Parents/caregivers are requested not to drop children off at school before 8:30am. Alternate before school child care arrangements should be made until 8:30am. Students walking or riding to school independently should not leave home too early causing them to be on site before 8:30am.

This request is made in your child's best interest for their safety and wellbeing. We would ask parent/caregivers to please assist with this request. Please inform the school if any unforeseen variation to routine does occur requiring your child to be at school before 8:30am.

Tree Maintenance in NSW Schools

For the information of the Tweed Heads Public School community, the DEC is currently in the process of organising a Tree Hazard Assessment to be completed in all schools. This will be conducted as a state wide assessment involving professional, qualified arborists coordinated by the Asset Management Unit. The assessment is first and foremost about the safety of students and staff. The focus of the review will be on trees that are overhanging school buildings and playgrounds and any other area used by staff and students. Priority will be given to tall trees and gum trees.

National Ride2 School Day

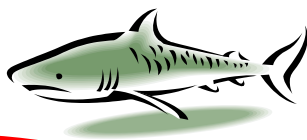
Are you all getting your wheels ready for our Ride2 School morning on Wednesday 19 March? How are you joining in? Bike, trike, scooter or skateboard? We're looking forward to the fun. We hope you can come and join us.

Jacquie McAllum
Principal

Kindergarten Photos

We have recently been notified that the Kindergarten Photos for the Daily News newspaper will be taken on **Tuesday 4 March**. Could all students please return the Permission to Publish form to the office as soon as possible.

Stories by 3/2F



I saw the shark swim after its prey with its tiny eyes looking at the fish. Its huge fin was showing in the wavy water. His tummy was getting hungry. I saw his wide mouth and his big sharp teeth.

Written by Annabelle

This shark looks normal doesn't it but let's meet some of his friends. His teeth are so sharp he can bite your head off. His sharp fins, ooooh, that could slice in half. And his tail, well you better watch out that will whack you out of town.

Written by Sam

The freaky big shark was circling its prey and ready to strike. His big sharp pointy fins are helping it to move. His tiny beady eyes are staring at its prey waiting to strike.

Written by Zahra-Jane

School Leader Profile

Name: Jarrah

Position: School Vice Captain

Class: 6/5 C

Age turning this year: 12

House Group: Perkins

When started at Tweed Heads Public School:

2008 - Kindergarten

What I like doing best at school: Sport

What I like doing best at home: Skateboarding & Surfing

Favourite memory of Tweed Heads Public School so far:

When I went to camp last year we did a commando course. All the girls were scared to go in but all the boys dived in the mud and we were a mess afterwards.

What I have done to help the school as a leader so far:

I have tried to help the new students at our school and be buddies with the kindergarten classes.

What I would like to see change in our school:

I would like to see more sports equipment and more sports activities. But I like how the school is now.





TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT & MORNING TEA

**WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 2014
9:30AM**

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL

**All Grandparents and Senior Citizens
are welcome.**

**Morning tea will be served by the Year 6
children after the concert.**

Student Documentation

To assist us in the smooth running of our office procedures we are checking all our Student Record Cards by classes for correct documentation. We need all students to have **IN AREA** Proof of Address (some paperwork with a parent's address on it or photo copy of a parents licence if applicable), Immunisation History from Medicare, Birth Certificate/Passport, Medicare Number.

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who attended our 1st meeting of the year last Monday. We had some great new ideas to implement and were able to fill all the Executive positions for the year.

Congratulations to our 2014 P&C Executive:

President: Rachel Thompson

Treasurer: Melissa Morgan

Secretary: Rebecca Dawes

Fundraising & Uniform Coordinator: Donna Taylor

Canteen Coordinators: Fine Lukuvesi

Renee Glazebrook

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be **Monday 24 March at 6 pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of Canteen Volunteers on Wednesdays and Fridays. The canteen being open on both days is dependent on volunteer help so if you are able to help even just one or two days in the term please let Fine in the Canteen know.

'Live Life Well at School' Program

Helping the lunchbox keep its cool in Summer!

- Avoid packing warm food.
- Keep the packed lunch bag open in the fridge until your child needs to pack it in their bag, (but only if it won't be left behind).
- Wrap a small frozen water bottle in a hankie (to minimise condensation)
- Freeze a small yoghurt or
- Wrap a whole frozen orange cut into eighths and re-formed into a ball
- Remind your child to put their bag in the shade
- And eat the fresh things first while they're still cool!

Lost

A blue plastic skull type ring was lost last week. The ring was lost in the undercover area near the silver seats. If you found this ring could you please hand it to the office. It isn't valuable in a dollar's sense, but it is a treasure to a little boy.

Communtiy News

HEALTHY MUMMA HEALTHY BUBBA

Cookbook & Wellbeing Guide for Fussy Toddlers & Kids!
Go to the website www.healthybubba.com or Instagram: [healthymumma_healthybubba](https://www.instagram.com/healthymumma_healthybubba)

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM - WEP

Make Your Place Their Second Home. World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family. For more information please email info@wep.org.au or website www.wep.org.au

INTER-RELATE FAMILY CENTRES

Positive Parenting provides parents with strategies for positive communication and parenting techniques. Contact by phone on 02 6623 2750 or website www.interrelate.org.au

HEALTHY NORTH COAST

Do you need to find the latest health information on the North Coast? Healthy North Coast is the hub for all things health on the North Coast. Simply visit www.healthynorthcoast.org.au or check us out on Facebook, Twitter or Google.

NORTHERN RIVERS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

When: Sunday 30 March

Where: Tweed Heads Civic Centre, Brett Street, Tweed Heads

Time: 2.30pm (NSW time)

Cost: Adults - \$40

Concession - \$35

Students - \$15

School Children - Free

Purchase tickets online at www.nrso.com.au, Murwillumbah Music 02 6672 5404, Civic Centre Box Office (cash only) or phone 0466 819 154 and leave a message for them to call you back.