

# TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events...

**Monday 10 March 2014 - Term 1 Week 7**

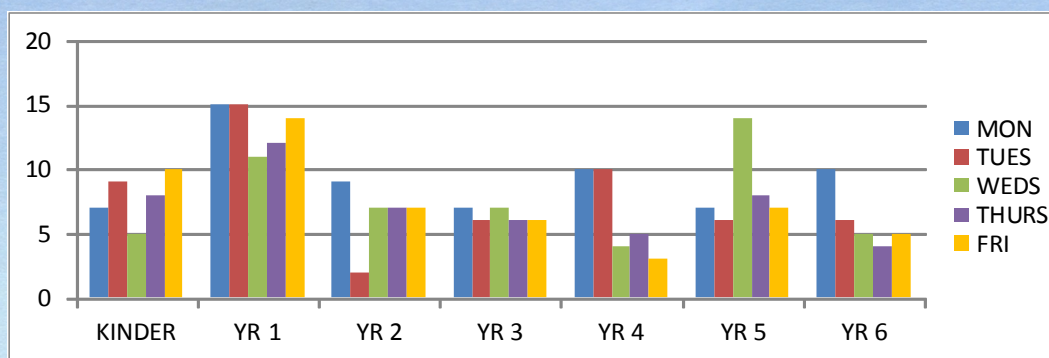
Fri 14 March	Croquet - 4M (1 - 2.30pm)	Mon 24 March	P&C Meeting at 6pm (library)
	Cricket - Years 2 & 3	Thurs 27 March	TRHS Visit - Stage 3
Mon 17 March	Bike Safety Visit	Fri 4 April	Billy Tea Bush Dance - for students
Wed 19 March	National Ride2School Day		Community Bush Dance - Evening (For parents & students)
	Senior Citizens' Concert	Sun 6 April	End of Daylight Saving
Fri 21 March	Book Club Due		
	Cricket - Years 2 & 3		

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

Attendance

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Attendance and punctuality at school is important for every student from Kindergarten through to Year 6 and beyond. Patterns of attendance are established in the early years of school. Show your child that you value their education by making sure they get to school on time and every day.

The school monitors attendance very closely by recording the individual student records and the year group's pattern of attendance across the school week. By the end of Week 6 a distinct pattern of attendance in each year group is very obvious.

This graph shows the number of whole day absences on each day of the week in each Year group.

**Kindergarten** – Remember attendance patterns and attitudes to school begin very early in your

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



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school life and the graph is showing that Friday absences are creeping up!

**Year 1** - A focus for overall improved attendance is required here. Wednesday is the best day of the week for attendance in Year 1 but the other four days are showing higher absences.

**Year 2** - Monday absences are creeping up so let's try and change that pattern. Tuesday attendance is very good, well done.

**Year 3** - Currently hold the best attendance record across the school. Congratulations Year 3.

**Year 4** - If this group could improve on the attendance for Monday and Tuesday then they would have the best attendance record in the school.

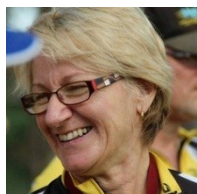
**Year 5** - Attendance on Wednesday is certainly an area for improvement.

**Year 6** - Much the same as Year 4! A few of you need to focus on getting rid of your long weekends and getting to school on Monday morning.

Overall the graph shows an emerging attendance pattern that we need to try and "nip in the bud". Monday and Friday are important school days with weekly learning concepts being introduced and assessed on these days. You can't catch up on the learning that occurs across a whole missed day of school! Regular attendance at school is essential to assist your child to maximise their potential.

### National Ride2School Day

I'm sure most of the Tweed Heads Public School community knows that I like to ride my bike. I encourage all of our students to be active as much as they possibly can. And getting on a bike, scooter, skateboard certainly gets you active! On Wednesday 19 March Tweed Heads Public School is taking part in a National Ride2School Day and our list of participants is growing steadily. Well done to all those parents and students who are encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle for their children. It's not too late to join in! Make it a community/family ride!



**Mrs McAllum is riding 500km to raise funds to support the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia.**

<https://lionsfunride2014.everydayhero.com/au/jacq-s-2014-ride-for>

On another note about bikes and being healthy ..... Since 2011 I have been riding my bike each year on a 200km endurance charity ride to raise funds for cancer research. Over the last 3 years I have raised approximately \$15,000 to be used for cancer research through the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. I have had the support of many, many people in raising these funds and I am very humbled by the encouragement and support that I have received over the last 3 years.

In 2014 I doing the same thing but a little differently! In April I am riding just a wee bit further. I will be on my bike riding 500km and this time it is to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia. The Children's Cancer Institute Australia for Medical Research (CCIA) is the only independent Medical Research Institute in Australia dedicated to research into the causes, prevention, better treatments and ultimately a cure for childhood cancer. The link above will show you where you can help if you wish to make a small donation to assist our fabulous researchers to help hundreds of sick children.

**Jacquie McAllum**  
**Principal**

### THPS Swimming Superstar

Congratulations to Indiana who represented Tweed District at the Far North Coast Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 4 March.

Indiana competed in the 11yrs girls events and despite being ill managed to come away with two wins, two seconds and two thirds. She will now compete at the North Coast Carnival on Wednesday 12 March in Lismore.  
**Good luck Indiana!**



### 4M - Haiku Poems

Haiku Poems follow a set structure based on the amount of syllables in each line.

*Line 1* - 5 syllables, *Line 2* - 7 syllables, *Line 3* - 5 syllables.

#### Summer

Ice cream so  
sweet and good.  
Have it on a Summer day.

**Written by Taj**



#### Spring

Green grass, flowers, plants.  
Flowers blossom, green grass grows.  
I love Spring time.

**Written by Jade**



#### Winter

I love snowboarding.  
In Winter you eat hot food.  
Winter time is fun

**Written by Matthew**



## 2014 - Term 1 Week 6 Awards

### Weekly Student Blue Awards

KM	Tanya, Riley
K/1F	Natalya, Ryan
1M	Kavya, Brooke, Moneekah
2C	Aalyrah, Harmonie
3/2F	Sam, Jye, Paieka
3S	Lachlan, Lilly, Liam
4M	Chelsea, Trey, Gurmanjot
6/5C	Lily, Harry, Kyra
6/5R	Emily, Kaden, Holly



### Bookwork Awards

KM	Connor
K/1F	Ziah
1M	Hailey
2C	Skyla
3/2F	Reuben
3S	Sophia
4M	Jedd
6/5C	Sacha
6/5R	Chloe



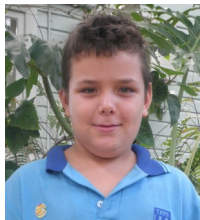
### Welcome to Tweed Heads Public School

K/1F	Miguel
4M	Madison
6/5R	Ryley

### Autumn

Leaves are falling now.  
Today it's very, very warm.  
Leaves are great fun.

**Written by Trey**



### School Library Bags

School library bags will no longer be available at the school office. In their current form the library bags have proved to be impractical for large library books. The current stock has been exhausted with only one bag remaining for sale. It is recommended that parents source a suitable replacement as all students require a library bag to borrow books.

### SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT & MORNING TEA

**When:** Wednesday 19 March

**Time:** 9:30am

**Where:** School Assembly Hall

All Grandparents and Senior Citizens are welcome. Morning tea will be served by the Year 6 children after the concert.

**Book  
Club  
Due  
Date**

**Wednesday  
19th  
March**

### School Leader Profile

**Name:** Kyra

**Position:** School Vice Captain

**Class:** 6/5 C

**Age turning this year:** 11

**House Group:** Freeman

**When started at Tweed Heads Public School:**

2008 - Kindergarten

**What I like doing best at school:** School dance (especially going to the Far North Coast Dance Festival)

**What I like doing best at home:** Dancing

**Favourite memory of Tweed Heads Public School so far:**

The thing I have enjoyed the most would be school camp in 2013.

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

Pick up the rolls every morning, unlock the front gates, take the recess/lunch orders to the canteen and raise the Australian and Aboriginal flags.

**What I would like to see change in our school:**

I don't think anything would have to change because THPS is already a terrific school.

