

TWEED HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events...

Monday 24 March 2014 - Term 1 Week 9

Mon 24 March	TONIGHT - P&C Meeting at 6pm (in the School Library)	Sun 6 April	End of Daylight Saving
Thurs 27 March	TRHS Visit - Stage 3	Fri 11 April	Last Day of Term 1
Fri 28 March	Croquet - 4M	Mon 28 April	SDD - First Day of Term 2 for Staff Only
Wed 2 April	Next School Assembly - 2pm	Tues 29 April	First Day of Term 2 for Students
Fri 4 April	Billy Tea Bush Dance - for students Community Bush Dance - Evening (For parents & students)		

What's happening in our school community...

Last week was a very busy week with some very special moments for students, parents/carers and visitors to our school.

Term One Student Reports

We believe our students, your children, are best supported in their learning through the establishment of positive teacher - parent/carer partnerships. These partnerships need to be established early in the school year as they will convey to your children, our students, that you value their learning and education. The Term One report will be succinct as it will provide a summary of how your child has started this school year. The content of the report is far more valuable when shared and discussed between the teacher and the parent/carer. It is for this reason that the school has determined that the Term One reports will not be sent home with students but will now be given to parents/carers during parent-teacher interviews to be held in Weeks 10 and 11 of this term. Please make sure you choose to return the note to indicate your preferred interview time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the report and your child's progress so far this year. If you cannot attend an interview during these weeks please return the note to let the teacher know and an alternative, mutually convenient time will be arranged.

National Ride2School Day

This was our best turn out ever! Congratulations to everyone, students, teachers, parents/carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles! There is no doubt about it on our "Enthusiasm Scale" we were running hot with 55 students taking part and a much larger number of parents/carers this time also getting out on their bikes, skateboards or walking alongside the students. What a colourful, happy spectacle

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it was as our convoy of kids and mums and dads on wheels travelled along the beach cycle track from Bilinga, past Coolangatta and Greenmount beaches then around through Jack Evans Boat Harbour and along the river side up past Tweed Heads Hospital. We had skateboards, bikes, scooters and even roller blades and babes in prams enjoying the morning ride. Well done to every single participant and supporter of the Ride2School Day.

Senior Citizens' Concert Successful Again

Each year the students of THPS love to get on stage and honour the Senior Citizens of our community by presenting a concert and morning tea to our special visitors. Our visitors thoroughly enjoyed their time with us. Not only did we have our own grandparents of THPS students but also a significant number of senior citizen visitors who came along because their own grandchildren are too far away. All comments made to me after the performance spoke very highly of our students' performances and behaviour and also commented upon the beautiful morning tea served to them. Many also assured us they would be back next year and would bring along their buddies. We look forward to welcoming them again in 2015. Thank you to the students, Mrs Simpson and to the parents/carers for providing the morning tea. Your enthusiasm always guarantees the success of our annual Senior Citizens' Concert.

The First of Four Generations of Students Visits THPS

We were very proud to have Mrs Lorna Boyd as a guest at our Senior Citizens' Concert on Wednesday. Mrs Boyd is the first generation of her family who attended this school. Her grandchildren, Sophia (Year 3) and Brooke-Lynn (Year 1) are 4th generation students to attend THPS.

As Mrs Boyd was sitting in the audience enjoying Wednesday's concert she spotted the old school bell hanging in the hall and spoke to me about it after the concert. Mrs Boyd told us where the old bell used to hang in the school yard and she told us of the times she used to ring the school bell when she was a pupil at the school. The school archives indicate that the old bell has been at the school for close on 100 years and was discovered buried under the school building during a clean-up when the new school hall was being built. The old school bell was duly resurrected for all to see and it now hangs in the new school hall. The bell today does not ring true as it has a large crack down one side but nevertheless Mrs Boyd couldn't resist the opportunity to ring the bell again. Thank you Mrs Boyd for being here with us at Wednesday's Senior Citizens' Concert and for helping to make the concert an even more important and special event on our 2014 school calendar.



Jacquie McAllum
Principal

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held **TONIGHT Monday 24 March** at **6 pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

The Billy Tea Bush Band Workshop - Day

When: Friday 4 April

Cost: \$6.00 per student

This is a whole school participation event. All students are to attend. Please return permission note and \$6 to the front office by Tuesday 1 April.

Easter Raffle

We are kindly asking families in K-2 to donate an Easter egg or bunny to use as prizes in our Easter Raffle. All eggs and raffle tickets/money to be handed to the front office by **Tuesday 1 April**. Our raffle will be then **drawn** on **Friday 4 April** at our Billy Tea Bush Band Evening Dance.

Fundraising for Indiana

THPS are raising money to help Indiana make her way to Sydney for State Swimming. At lunch time on Wednesday 26 March and Friday 28 March you can bring 50c to guess how many lollies are in the jar. If you are correct, you win the jar of lollies. The winner will be announced on **Friday 28 March**.



Harmony Day

The SRC would like to thank everyone who participated in Harmony Day last Thursday 20 March. The school was alive with students and staff wearing orange. We are happy to announce that we raised \$200 which will help in purchasing new toys for the sandpit.



Kindergarten Photos - Daily News

Our Kindergarten Photos for the Daily News newspaper were recently taken. We have been informed that they will be in the newspaper on Saturday 29 March.

The Billy Tea Bush Band Evening Family Dance

Please join us on **Friday 4 April** for the Billy Tea Bush Band Family Dance and Picnic at 6.00pm in the school hall. Please bring along a rug, picnic tea and dancing shoes for a great evening. The Family Picnic Tea begins at 6pm (NSW time). Dancing begins at 6.45pm. The P&C will be supplying light refreshments to purchase during the bush dance.

National Ride2School Day

Last Wednesday 19 March we saw over 50 students riding to school for National Ride2School Day. Many students rode their bicycles while others chose to ride scooters or skateboards. We would like to thank all the students, parents, family members and teachers who participated in this event.



THPS Student at SLS State Titles

Written by Jorja - 6/5R

I wasn't at school on Friday 14 March because I competed in one of Australia's best nippers competitions. It was held at Kirra Beach and went from Friday to Sunday. Every morning at 4am we had to be at the Tugun SLSC to eat breakfast and then leave on a bus at about 5:30. I competed in the Cameron on Friday as the last runner and had to run with a broken arm.



On Saturday there were still a lot of events from the 11's to 14's. So as a club we all stayed and watched. The waves were really big and a lot of people in heats from different clubs got hit by the waves and none of them gave up. We were at Kirra on Friday and Saturday for 10-11 hours just sitting and watching members of our club compete in some of the hardest events.

On Sunday we found that none of our stuff was there and that there was water absolutely everywhere you walked and where you sat. The tables, chairs, water bottles and thongs were everywhere. We were only there for about an hour at the beach watching Rescue and Resuscitation and March Past. There were people playing the bagpipes and drums. The officials then decided to move the event to the pirate park in Currumbin.

There were 48 clubs from Queensland with Tugun managing to come tenth. As well as that we came first in the handicap points as the most improved over last year.

Senior Citizens' Concert

Last Wednesday 19 March our school hosted our yearly Senior Citizens' Concert. All our students asked their grandparents to come along and watch us perform our magnificent songs and dancing routines. We were glad our families came to watch us do our performance. The grandparents had a beautiful smile on their faces when they heard the singing and saw the dancers. I hope they enjoyed watching the concert as we enjoyed entertaining them. The grandparents stayed for a morning tea after the concert which Years 5 and 6 supplied. It looked delicious!

Written by Jalamari , Alabama and Taylia - 3S

Bees - 3/2F

3/2F have been learning about Insects this term in our Science and Technology Unit. We have been busy making bees using drink bottles and other materials.

Did you know that

- Honey bees are assigned jobs based on their age. For example when bees are 18 - 21 days old they perform guard duty protecting the hive entrance.
- Honey bees don't always die after stinging someone *and*
- Changing queens will change the personality and behaviour of bee colonies.

It has been interesting learning about bees and other insects in our world.



End Daylight Saving

Don't forget - Daylight saving ends on
Sunday 6 April 2014, at 3:00 am
when clocks will be put **back one hour.**

