

Tweed Heads Public School Newsletter

Monday 31 March 2014 - Term 1 Week 10

Upcoming Events...

Wed 2 April	Next School Assembly - 2pm
Fri 4 April	Billy Tea Bush Dance - for students Community Bush Dance - Evening Begins at 6pm - For parents & students
Sun 6 April	End of Daylight Saving
Fri 11 April	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 28 April	SDD - First Day of Term 2 for Staff Only
Term 2	
Tues 29 April	First Day of Term 2 for Students
Tues 13 May	NAPLAN - Language Conventions and Writing
Wed 14 May	NAPLAN - Reading
Thurs 15 May	NAPLAN - Numeracy

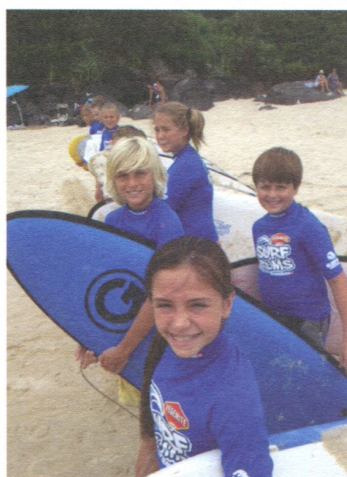
What's happening in our school community...

We are at the tail end of Term 1 already! During this term our enrolments have continued to steadily increase as more families hear of our school's positive reputation. Well done to everyone for continuing to spread the good word about our great little school hidden behind the Tweed high rise buildings!

Come and join in the fun and build on our school community spirit!

Our school's positive reputation is built on many great things that we do well here at Tweed Heads Public School. One of these things we do well is making sure there is a provision for a diverse range of learning experiences for all students that are about fun and about involving the parent/carers and the school community. Our recent Senior Citizens' Concert and Ride2School Day events both involved the participation of our school community members. By all accounts from participants both events were a lot of fun and were both very successful.

Now it's time for the parent/carers and school community to come together again for the school community Bush Dance which is to be held next Friday evening 4 April. The P&C have endorsed this school activity and evening program by subsidising the cost @ 50% of the total cost per student. The cost of \$6 per student covers the whole family attendance at the evening's community Bush Dance. The Billy Tea Bush Band will be visiting us for the third time providing us with toe tapping music for students to learn the dances by during the day and in the evening the Billy Tea Bush Band entertainment will be for the whole family. Come on and join us for an evening of toe tapping fun on Friday 4 April.



Good True Beautiful

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

Parent/Teacher interviews and Student Reports

Remember to book your time to meet your child's classroom teacher. During the interview you will be provided with the Term 1 report and you will have the opportunity to discuss ways we can work together to support your child's learning. It's not too late to choose your preferred time. Please contact the school if you require another note with information on parent/teacher interviews.

Volunteers Extraordinaire!

At Tweed Heads Public School we are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of ladies who come to our school each week to support students with their learning. Our Helping Hands Program continues to support a number of students with reading, spelling, writing and number work. What makes the program even more amazing is that fact that our Helping Hands are ladies from the Tweed Community with no connection to our school who choose to come to our school to help make a difference. This group of ladies receive training from Mrs Jorritsma and then they work with individual students on their specific learning needs. Thank you ladies! Your work and commitment to THPS is truly helping to make a difference to our students.

The Holyoake Drumbeat Program comes to THPS

In Term 2 a new and exciting program will be coming to our school. It is the Holyoake Drumbeat Program. The Drumbeat Program has been operating in Australian schools, youth centres and various other community forums for around 10 years. It combines drumming, fun, social learning theory and behaviour theory to build social skills, self-esteem, strong relationships and an increased sense of community belonging. The program will target Years 4-6 and will consist of 10 weekly 1 hour sessions which will be run by trained Drumbeat facilitators who are volunteers from our community. Drums will be provided for the duration of the course. The program will be limited to 10 students per term. This is an exciting opportunity for our students and we look forward to seeing this program operating at Tweed Heads Public School. More information will be provided at the start of Term 2. We look forward to seeing our students' Drumbeat performance sometime in the future.

This is an IMPORTANT message for EVERY parent/carer!

It's only administration stuff but we need it because it affects our funding for 2015!

Please help us to ensure we receive the correct funding entitlement that our students need at Tweed Heads Public School. Parents/carers we **NEED** to know the current and accurate information about your employment /your occupation /and your education level. It is needed **NOW....this week!** This information is vitally important to the school as the information is used by the Department of Education and Communities to determine the funding that is to be assigned to the school each year.

The information for next year's funding, 2015 is being gathered now. The final date to update our information on our system is Friday 11 April. ***Please help by updating your information and returning the form sent home to each family earlier. Please make sure ALL areas of the form are completed accurately. Do not leave blank spaces as the information you leave out will impact on the school's funding allocation for 2015.***

Jacquie McAllum

Principal

Voluntary School Contribution 2014

Our school needs to be supported and encouraged by parental commitment to paying their 2014 Voluntary School Contribution. It is stressed that payment is a matter of decision by individual parents/guardians and is entirely voluntary. We truly value your support and encourage you to support our school through the payment of this small fee.

\$45 - one child \$80 - two children
\$100 - for a family of three or more

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 - K-2

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.

Leaving School at 3pm

The number of students using the Stuart Street pedestrian crossing has increased significantly. Parents and students are kindly reminded to exercise care and common sense when crossing the road especially in the rain. Students should hold hands with an accompanying adult, bikes and scooters should be walked across the crossing and older students should ensure that cars have seen them and are ready to stop.

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.

'Closing the Gap' Event Excursion

Last Thursday 20 March myself and five Indigenous students went along to the Tweed Heads Civic Centre to a 'Close the Gap' Event. There were lots of community organisations representing their workplace with information and free give-aways for the students. The students participated in workshops and fun activities throughout the morning. There were also local entertainment by other school students and community artists such as; dancing, singing, guitar and didgeridoo playing. The students enjoyed the morning and gained understanding of how important it is to 'Close the Gap' not only in health but in education as well.

Mrs French - Teacher



Fundraising for Indiana

THPS are raising money to help Indiana make her way to Sydney for State Swimming. Last week we had a competition to guess how many lollies are in the jar. The winner was *Kyra* guessing 333 lollies in the jar. We raised \$97.00 to help Indiana on her way. Thank you to all those who participated.

Hannah Robinson - Teacher



2C - I love learning about

I love learning about insects. Insects have three body parts. Insects have six legs and they can run. - **Karin**

I love learning about the world. The world is cool because the earth spins around. I like the sun because it is hot. I like aliens because they have three eyeballs and they are green.

- **Kona**

I love learning about Dr Seuss. I love learning about Dr Seuss because he is funny. He writes funny stories for kids. I love Dr Seuss. - **Skylla**

I love learning about eagles. They are so pretty. I love eagles because they are big birds. I love their big wings. - **Anna**

We have been learning about fractions and how to find a half and a quarter. We cut up oranges and ate them. They were juicy. - **Alyssa**



Anzac Day 2014

Anzac Day is on Friday 25 April. All students are welcome to participate in the March. Students will meet on Chalk Street, Coolangatta by 10am. Students must wear full school uniform which includes the school hat and black shoes or plain joggers. It might be advisable to wear sunscreen. Ms Cutler and Mr Regan and other teachers will be marching with the children to the Cenotaph in Wharf Street for the main service.

At the conclusion of the main service all children attending are invited to have a light snack and soft drink in the Twin Towns car park courtesy of the Twin Towns RSL. Please fill out a form at the office if students are attending.

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Wednesday Volunteers

Fine Lukuvesi
Aloha Badger
Renee Glazebrook
Carol Royan
Sarah Dux

Friday Volunteers

Fine Lukuvesi
Ruth Wright
Sarah Dux
Carol Royan

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.**

