

Tweed Heads Public School Newsletter

Monday 19 May 2014 - Term 2 Week 4

Upcoming Events...

Mon 19 May	P&C Meeting - 6pm in the library
Tues 20 May	UNSW Computer Studies Competition
Fri 23 May	KM & K/1F Circus Day
Tues 3 June	FNC Dance Festival
Wed 4 June	UNSW Science Competition
Mon 9 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Mon 16 June	UNSW Writing Competition
Tues 17 June	UNSW Spelling Competition
Tues 24 June	School Photos
Wed 25 June	THPS Athletics Carnival
Fri 27 June	NAIDOC Day
	Last Day of Term 2

What's happening in our school community...

The SRC Biggest Morning Tea

The School Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group of students elected by their fellow students within each class. Kindergarten students are included from Term 3 onwards. SRC members represent all students in the school and organise ways for students to participate in school life. The SRC elected students work together, with help from a staff member, to improve school life and to contribute students' ideas. SRC and broader school student leadership activities link strongly with learning about citizenship and the processes involved in a democracy.

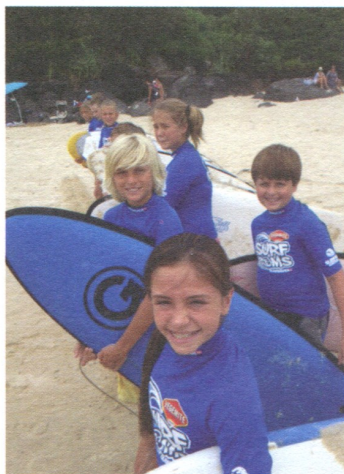
The SRC will be organising different activities during the school year that will engage the whole school. On Thursday 22 May the SRC is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea at recess. With the help of the whole school they aim to raise funds for cancer research.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability.

The Australian Government is changing the way information is collected about students with a disability. Tweed Heads Public School and hundreds of other schools across Australia are taking part in a national data collection process about student learning and the level of support that students are being provided with to help them engage in the curriculum, their lessons and their learning.

In Australia there is a law that says people with a disability must be treated fairly. The law is called the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. Under this law students with disability have the right to take part in their education, just like other students. For some students the school may need to make "adjustments" that are reasonable, balanced and fair to ensure all students can engage with the curriculum. Some examples of reasonable adjustments include:

- Providing school work in more than one way – ie large print, braille or audio form
- Extra time to complete work
- Small group or one to one learning support
- Help with getting around.



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

Very soon the school will be contacting parents/caregivers to gain permission to include students receiving support in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for school students with Disability.

The information provided is kept private and safe. This information will help the Government understand how many students with disability go to school in Australia and also what is being done in the school to support the students with disability.

Jacquie McAllum

Principal

P&C News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held TONIGHT, **Monday 19 May at 6pm** in the library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

'Our Local Area' Walk: Kinder - Year 1

Apologies for incorrect dates given out this week on the original note. The correct dates are:

Tuesday 20 May

Tuesday 3 June

Tuesday 17 June

Indiana - State Swimming in Sydney

At the end of last term I travelled to Sydney for the State Swimming Titles. It was very exciting to be in a place where all my surroundings were different. I competed in five events which were 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m freestyle and 200m medley. I did my personal best times in everything. My best race was the 200m medley which I placed third in against my 11 year age group. This year my medley was against 12 year old girls so hopefully next year I will have a better chance.

I would like to thank the school for raising money so that I could accomplish my dream.

Written by Indiana - 6/5R



District Cross Country

On Thursday 8 May, thirty-nine students from THPS participated in the District Cross Country at Jack Bayliss Park in Kingscliff. Students 11 years and under ran 2kms around the park. Our school ran extremely well and sixteen students got into the top 25 with 6 students advancing to the Far North Coast Cross Country which will be held in Bangalow.

Congratulations to Moana, Alida, Holly, Jedd and Hirina.

A special congratulations to one of our students for placing first in their age group at the carnival.



Leadership Event

On Friday 9 May our school leaders, Zetah, Syllas, Kyra and Jarrah went to a conference about leadership at Twin Towns. The first activity we did was called 'Guess Who', where you had to walk around the conference and find people with the abilities and features shown on an activity book which was given to us. Kyra was the first person out of the 500-600 crowd to find their person.

Our favourite part of the day by far was the 'Loud Noise Boys'. In the middle of every session we would do a 10 minute activity making really loud noises.

After that we watched short snippets of popular movies. We had to work out who the helper, encourager, the role model and the organiser were in the movie.

Overall we had a great day and we would love to do it again!!

Written by Zetah and Kyra



Smoothie Club News

This week at Smoothie Club we had banana, mango and passionfruit. So far over the two weeks we have raised \$150.15. All money raised will go towards new sports equipment. Next week's flavour will be banana and honey. If you or your business would like to support the THPS Smoothie Club we are accepting gift cards at either Woolworths or Coles. This will help the Smoothie Club buy more frozen fruit, cups and milk for our smoothies. THPS would like to thank all our sponsors so far. Greenmount Beach Club, Tweed Growers Fruit & Veg, Tweed Discount Fruit & Veg and Woolworths Tweed Centro.

See you next Thursday morning (before school) for your \$1 fruit smoothie!!



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

The SRC at THPS will be hosting the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for the students on **Thursday 22 May** during recess. We are asking for all students in Years 3-6 to donate cakes, slices, biscuits, etc to be sold to the students for morning tea. All cakes, slices, biscuits, etc can be left in the library on the morning of Thursday 22 May.

The cost of the goodies will be **50c - \$1.00**. So bring some coins and come along and buy some scrumptious goodies to fill those empty tummies.

All money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council.



School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 24 June. A form will be sent out closer to the time with information and payment for the photos. Prices are below:

Packages - \$31 to \$36	Group Only - \$18
Portrait Only - \$20	Mouse Mat \$15
Mug - \$18	Keyring \$6
Magnet - \$6	

School Banking

This year the Commonwealth Bank has introduced the students to the Lost City of Savings. Dollarmites have found sunken treasure in the underwater city and they want to share it with the students in the form of amazing prizes. To be in the running, students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value. They will then be automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes.

Enrolments for 2015

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2015. If you have or know of an eligible child (who must turn 5 by 30 July 2015) please contact the school office for an enrolment package. Our school is looking forward to welcoming new students to our Early Bird Program which commences in the first week of Term 4 (10 October 2014).

Community News

MINIATURE STEAM TRAIN EXHIBITION DAY

Tweed Valley Miniature Steam Railway Club invites you to a fun family day of rides and live steaming displays.

Where: Tropical Fruit World, Duranbah Road, Duranbah

When: Sunday 25th May

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$10 entry includes train and tractor ride
Entry free for children under 6 years

Refreshments and raffle prizes. Gold coin for additional steam train rides. **Enclosed shoes required.**

NSW HEALTH DENTAL SERVICES

Children between 0-18 years who have a Medicare card are eligible for **FREE dental services** at any of the NSW Health public dental clinics located at the Tweed Hospital, Pottsville Health One and East Murwillumbah Public School.

Please phone **1300 651 625** to register for an appointment.

SOCCER X

Soccer X will be running a 3 Day Soccer Clinic during the forthcoming school holidays. Each day the players will learn new skills, play small sided games in a positive learning environment.

Where: Arkinstall Park, Tweed Heads

When: Tuesday 22 - Thursday 24 April

Time: 9am – 1pm each day

For more information and online registrations are available at www.soccer-x.com. If you have any queries please contact **Justyn** on **0451 162346**.

GO4FUN

Starting Term 2 at Banora Point, a free healthy lifestyle program for kids 6-7 to 14 years. The program will help kids reach a healthy weight, play fun games and exercise, and it builds self-esteem and motivation.

Please call **1800 780 900** for more information.



The Unusual Day

Written by Sacha - 6/5C

Up until now, nobody knew that Mirrabelle had been sneaking out of the farm and eating special blueberries that made her sing at 10 at night. Mirrabelle loved to sing, she thought she sounded like the cries of an elegant swan. But what she hadn't realised was that blueberries are blue and they would make her milk blue. She started to panic, "I'll be sent away, I'll be taken to Who knows where! Everyone will think I'm useless!" she wailed.

She dashed back to the farm as fast as galloping lightning. Mirrabelle only had so much time before the first sun comes up and the farmer comes to milk her. She stumbled around gathering all her little, tinkety things up, but it was too late the new golden sun had risen and the farmer had already grabbed her and guided her into the barn. He pulled her into position and started to milk. He saw the milk and shrieked, "Aaah, the milk is blue, the milk is blue!". "Moooo", cried Mirrabelle, she kicked the pail and stampeded out of the barn and groggily stamped off to the old rusty shed. Out of sheer terror Mirrabelle flung open the creaky door and jumped on the rusty run-down bicycle. She pedalled as fast as she could out of the farm gates and up the countryside road. As she cycled along the rolling, lush green hill with the wind behind her she thought to herself, 'I should do this more often, I could stay out here forever and eat all the grass and berries without anyone milking or bothering me!'

She stopped to eat some fresh, moist grass. It was the best she'd ever had. But after a while Mirrabelle felt lonely. She was so lonely. She missed everyone at the farm. She wanted to go back. In the distance she heard the rumble of an old ute just like the one the farmer drove. It made her feel even more homesick. The car pulled over next to her.

A familiar face emerged from the car. It was the farmer. She was overflowing with joy. He came over and gave her a warm hug. He then helped her up into the trailer of the ute with the grace of a lady and they drove off into the sunset together.

