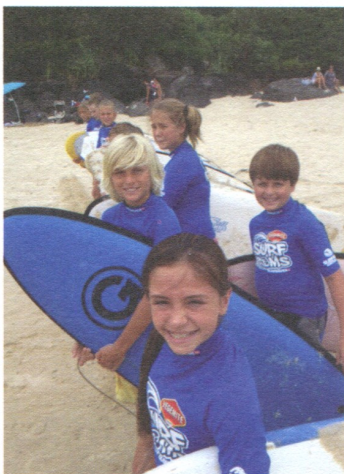


# Tweed Heads Public School Newsletter

Monday 28 July 2014 - Term 3 Week 3

## Upcoming Events...

Mon 28 July	Education Week Book Fair - in the library
Tues 29 July	UNSW English Competition Book Fair - in the library Year 6 Careers Day
Wed 30 Aug	Bookclub orders due Education Week Assembly - 9.30am
Mon 4 Aug	Author Visit - Phil Kettle
Wed 6 Aug	National Tree Day
Monday 11 Aug	P&C Meeting - 6pm in the library
Tues 12 Aug	UNSW Maths Competition
Wed 13 Aug	Next School Assembly - 2pm
Mon 25 - Wed 28 Aug	Stage 3 Camp
Tues 26 Aug	K-4 Campout



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

### Education Week 2014!

This week Education is being celebrated in schools everywhere because it's Education Week 2014. During Education Week we encourage and welcome members of our school community to take some time to visit their school. Our Open Day is on Wednesday 30 July which will provide you with a snapshot of school life that you can share with your child/children. At 9:30am you can join us as we begin with a celebration of the achievements of students in our Education Week Assembly and you can follow up with a visit to the Annual Book Fair, and then spend some time visiting your child's classroom followed by having a relaxing morning tea with your child/children. The program begins and 9:30am and concludes at 11:30am. Hopefully this timeframe will enable parents/carers to visit for all or part of the morning. We look forward to welcoming you to Education Week on Wednesday.

### Are you dropping your child/children off too early?

It is disturbing each school day to see an increasing number of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 being dropped off far too early! Some students are being dropped off as early as 8:00am! This is a breach of the duty of care for the child/children, it is not acceptable and should not happen.

The school does not provide supervision of students until 8:25am. Leaving your child at the gate to enter the school grounds before 8:25am puts your child/children at risk if they are in the playground playing before this time when there is no teacher supervision. Teachers enter on duty at 8:25am. If a teacher happens to be on site before this time they are not on duty and they are generally involved in preparation for their day in their own time. Teachers are not required or expected to be on duty to supervise until 8:25am.

Please do not drop your child off at school before 8:25am.

The school does not provide nor take responsibility for be-



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



fore school child care. Parents/carers should make alternate off school site arrangements to provide before school care and supervision for their child/children.

### **Camp Out with Kids**

Information on this new initiative for THPS is being sent home to students aged 6yrs up to Year 4. It is a structured program of activities for a one night campout on the school site. There must only be one parent/carer and one child in each tent as the program focuses on developing the parent/child relationship through the opportunity to take part in activities together as a pair. The program is limited to 40 pairs and we envisage the program will be popular so it definitely is a "First in Best Dressed" scenario. The interest for participation per pair will only be recorded if it comes with the signed registration form and includes the \$15 per pair. THPS staff involved in delivering this new program are looking forward to THPS' first Camp Out with Kids in Week 7 (26/8). If you're genuinely interested in being part of this with your child please act quickly because we cannot take any more than 40 pairs of parent and child.

**Jacque McAllum**  
**Principal**

### **Year 6 Careers Market Day Expo**

On **Tuesday 29 July** our Year 6 students will be participating in a Careers Market Day Expo at Tweed Heads South Public School. The day starts at 9.30am where students and parents are invited to attend an information session held in the hall. Students will be travelling by bus to the Tweed Heads South Public School. The bus will cost **\$6 per student**.

Please return the permission note and money to the office.

### **Author Visit - Phil Kettle**

To celebrate Book Week we will be having a special visit from renowned children's author, Phil Kettle. Phil will be conducting workshops and discussions on his books with all classes. The Author Visit be held on **Monday 4 August**. The cost to attend the workshops will be **\$3 per student**.

Please return the permission note and money to the office by Friday 1st August.

**Kerry Underwood**  
**Teacher Librarian**

### **MH 17 Disaster - Helpful Information for Parents**

Parenting Ideas has written a practical article advising parents on how they can assist their children to make sense of the MH 17 tragedy. For more information visit the Parenting Ideas Blog, <http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Blog/July-2014/Helping-kids-make-sense-of-the-MH-17-air-disaster>

### **Cooking Program - KF**

KF was our first class this term to enjoy our Cooking Program. They made 'Fruity Tooty Custard Cups' and all enjoyed both the cooking and eating of this delicious treat.



## **Education Week**

**Wednesday 30 July**

**9:30am**

*Special Assembly including:*

- *Education Week Awards*
- *Dance Performance*
- *Musical/Instrument Performance*
- *Drumbeat Performance*

**10:20am**

*Parents/Carers visit classrooms*

**11:00am**

*Morning Tea with students*

## Recycling at THPS

This week all the Waste Watchers got their special jackets to wear. Everyone in the school is now recycling paper into the blue bins. Later on this term there will be red bins for landfill rubbish, yellow bins for cardboard & recycle bottles and green bins for food scraps.

Written by

Jalamari & Sophia  
(3S Waste Watchers)



## 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).

## Canteen News

### Canteen Menu

A new canteen menu has been sent home today with the newsletter.

The canteen is now open **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**.

## P&C News

### P&C MEETING

Thank you to those who attended the P&C Meeting on Monday 23 June. The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 August at 6pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

### SUGGESTION BOX

Thank you to everyone who used the suggestion box, we had some great suggestions as seen below.

- Canteen Sample Food – Children have been able to sample new menu items in the canteen last term (the Canteen has been notified and will respond at a later date).
- Option of top gates opening up for drop off and pick up times – this has been previously discussed with the Council. Due to work needed to be done on the footpath outside this gate, the Council will not approve due to future development of the site.
- Dancing for Kindergarten – The dance group is currently working on the School Spectacular where we can only take Years 4 to 6. The younger dance children will be included in performances at the School Presentation Day.

## Community News

### THE SMITH FAMILY

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs? Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including school uniforms and text books, computers, laptops and tablets, excursions and camps, sports equipment, uniforms and lessons, music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

For more information please contact Jasmin Dorrington, your local Saver Plus Worker by phone **07 5536 5613** or **0417 485 477**, email [jasmin.dorrington@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:jasmin.dorrington@thesmithfamily.com.au)

### THE FAMILY CENTRE - Term 3

A brochure of courses on offer is available at the school office. Bookings are essential. For further information on any courses or workshops please call 07 5524 8711 (Mon - Fri 9am-12.30pm) or visit the website [www.thefamilycentre.org.au](http://www.thefamilycentre.org.au)

### NIPPERS SIGN-ON DAY

Nippers Sign-On Day for new and renewing members for the Tweed Heads & Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club - Greenmount Beach.

**Where:** Oasis Pool, Banora Point

**When:** Sunday 14 September

**Time:** 9am - 11am

Must be 5 years of age as at the 30 September 2014. Please remember to bring togs and goggles. Entry of \$3.50 applies for swimmers only at the pool.

### CRICKET

For more information go to [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

