

Tweed Heads Public School Newsletter

Monday 25 August 2014 - Term 3 Week 7

Upcoming Events...

Mon 25 - Wed 28 Aug	Stage 3 Camp
Tues 26 Aug	K-4 Campout - THPS Playground
Wed 27 Aug	Bookclub Due
Mon 1 Sept	Gold Coast Eisteddfod
Wed 3 Sept	Currumbin Sanctuary - KF & KM
Thurs 4 Sept	Science Discovery Program K-6
Thursday 11 Sept	Public Speaking FNC Finals - Banora Point Public School
Fri 19 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
Mon 6 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
Tues 7 Oct	First Day of Term 4 for everyone - Staff & Students
Fri 10 Oct	Early Birds Program - Kinders 2015



What's happening in our school community...

We are up to Week 7 of Term 3 already!

In reality this means there are only 14 more weeks of the entire school year! There is absolutely no time to back off with students' learning, attendance and punctuality as there is still plenty to do for everyone to make sure the students are ready for the next step in 2015... Kindergarten to Year 1 so soon! Year 6 off to High School! Where has the 2014 year gone? Parents/carers please help us to keep your children focused on their learning by encouraging and supporting homework completion and also by making sure they are punctual and at school every day.

Enrolments still climbing

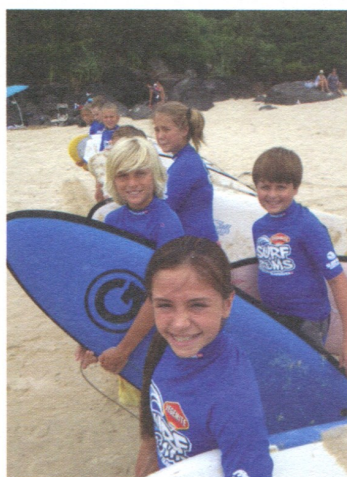
Last week the school resubmitted enrolment numbers to the Department of Education and Communities. Since the start of the school year our numbers have significantly increased from 219 at the start of Term 1 to 231 @ 21 August. We are one student (K-2) off an official entitlement of another classroom teacher appointment. The increasing enrolments are great news as it indicates that the wider Tweed community are hearing about our great school.

Early Bird Program

At this stage we have 40+ **Early Bird** enquiries for Kindergarten 2015. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our 2014 Early Birds and their parent/carers to the Early Bird Program which commences in Term 4 running every Friday afternoon from Week 1 – Week 6. If you know of any family with a child ready to start school in 2015 please let them know to make contact with the school to register for the Early Bird program.

Waste Watchers

The WW team at school have been doing a fantastic job each day. It's wonderful to see the students taking on their role with enthusiasm and attending to the assigned tasks so seriously and at the same time they are clearly enjoying keeping the school and local environment "green".





Good True Beautiful

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

The Waste Watchers' compost bin and worm farm are all ready to go into action too. Well done Waste Watchers! Keep up the good work!

Stage 3 Camp

This week Years 5 & 6, Miss Cutler and Mr Regan are off on their 3 day camp to Camp Maranatha in Queensland. They will experience 3 days of exciting challenges and I have no doubt they will return with many wonderful stories to tell. Have a great time Stage 3!

Camp Out for Kids

This is the first time this activity has been on the THPS school event calendar. The response has been very pleasing with 24 students from Kindergarten to Year 4 and 24 parents taking up this opportunity to camp out in the school grounds for one night. At the time of writing this newsletter it was raining cats and dogs and a continuing wet, wet, wet, weather was predicted for the next few days jeopardising the running of Tuesday's Camp Out for Kids. Everyone is really excited and looking forward to this special event, so if we have to call the Tuesday night Camp Out off because of inclement weather and poor ground conditions don't worry too much because the Camp Out will most definitely be rescheduled before the end of this term. Thank you to those parents/carers who have supported this event and also to the canteen crew for organising the catering.

Congratulations Hailey and Jayden!

Hailey and Jayden are responsible and respectful citizens and are a credit to their parents and our school. They recently handed in two pieces of paper they found blown into the garden within the school grounds. These documents were very important to a person and organisation outside of the school and because of Hailey and Jayden's responsible attitude the documents were restored to where they belonged. In response to their good actions of being responsible and good citizens the owner of the documents contacted the school to say thank you to the staff and students for a job well done in encouraging and supporting good citizenship. Well done Hailey and Jayden! You are great ambassadors for Tweed Heads Public School.

Jacquie McAllum
Principal



Recent Enrolment Information Request

Information missing from K-6 enrolments has been requested recently. It is a legal requirement that all students have Proof of Birth, Medicare Immunisation status, proof of address/or 'out of area' forms in their record cards. Please ensure you comply with our request for any missing information. This is a time consuming process for the school office.

Spare uniforms needed

We are in desperate need of any spare clothing for the pool in the office. If you have any old school shirts, jumpers or jackets and boys shorts please send them into the office.

If your child comes home wearing a borrowed item of clothing please wash and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you

'Little Legs' Dance Tryouts - Kinder to Year 2

Auditions for the 'Little Legs' section of the Dance Group will be held at lunchtimes in the hall in Week 8 (commencing 1 September). 'Little Legs' caters for the rising stars in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2. Students need to come prepared with music and a routine, no longer than 2 minutes. This will be the only audition for the year, so get ready!!

Miss Cutler
Supervising Dance Teacher

Community News

The Tweed South Sea Islander Community invites you to attend local events that will mark the 20th Anniversary of the Commonwealth Government formally recognising Australian South Sea Islanders as a distinct community within Australia.

When: Tuesday 26 August
Time: 10am - 2pm & 4 - 7pm
Where: South Sea Island Room, Tweed Civic Centre
Event: Cultural Exhibition & Documentary
'Sugar Slaves' & 'Dark Cargoes'
(screenings at 11am, 1pm, 5pm & 6.30pm)

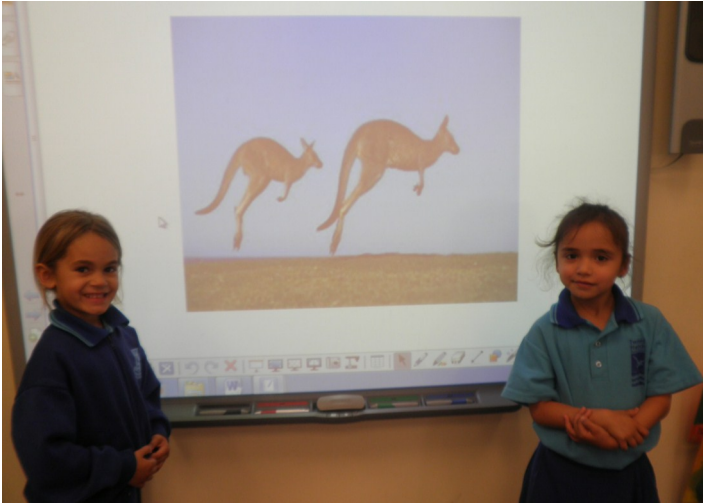
When: Saturday 30 August
Time: 6 - 9pm
Where: South Tweed Community Hall
Event: Tweed South Sea Recognition Kai/Hungi Night
Cost: \$10 per person, Kids Under 12 are Free

What's On in KM

KM are clever writers who look forward to writing stories every day. On the next page is the sequence we try to follow when writing our stories.

This week we have been busy writing information reports about the animals we will see on our excursion to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on Wednesday 3 September.

**"We talk about pictures to get ideas for our writing."
Jimara and Chanel**



**"We use the 'have a go' page to practise our words."
Tanya and Lucien**



**"We use the word wall to find words we need."
Zahlia**



**"We work together to write our stories."
Tanya, Lucien, Violet
and Connor**



**"We love writing."
KM Class**

**"We find the letters we need on the alphabet card."
Connor, James, Keiyan
and Willem**

