

Tweed Heads Public School Newsletter

Monday 5th February 2018 - Term 1 Week 2

Upcoming Events...

Term 1

Week 1

Mon 5th Feb

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students on their First Day of School

Week 2

Fri 9th Feb

Annual Swimming Carnival at Club Banora Pool (Years 1 - 6)

Week 3

Fri 16th Feb

Surfing - Stage 3

Week 4

Tues 20th Feb

District Swimming Carnival - Club Banora Pool at 9:30am

Fri 23rd Feb

Surfing - Stage 3

Week 5

Fri 2nd March

Surfing - Stage 3

Week 6

Fri 9th March

Surfing - Stage 3

Week 7

Fri 16th March

Surfing - Stage 3

Week 8

Fri 23rd March

Surfing - Stage 3

Week 9

Fri 30th March

Good Friday

Week 10

Mon 2nd April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Wed 4th April

School Photos

Fri 6th April

Surfing - Stage 3

Week 11

Fri 13th April

Surfing - Stage 3
Last day of Term 1



What's happening in our school community...

Welcome back students and staff

Hello everyone. It is a great honour and immense privilege to have been appointed as Principal of Tweed Heads Public School. I have been very impressed so far by the commitment and professionalism of our staff and the enthusiasm and friendliness of our students. It has also been nice to meet many of our parents throughout my first week and I look forward to meeting more as the year progresses.

My door is always open. If parents have an issue that needs discussion feel free to drop in or call at any time. Alternatively to avoid the disappointment of me being unavailable please contact the school to make an appointment. I will also endeavour to be out at the gate at the end of each school day and am also happy to talk there to parents then who may have questions or just want to say hello.

Previously I was the Principal at Tullamore Central School from 2013-2017 and Deputy Principal at Walgett

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



Good True Beautiful

Community College (both in western NSW) from 2008-2012. Although my background is in Secondary I have worked with Primary students and teachers extensively over this period and have enjoyed it so much I'm now 'converted'. It is essential that I thank Mrs Jackie Nilon for all of her work as the relieving Principal in 2017. She was very helpful in the transition process and I wish her all the best for 2018 back at her substantive school. I look forward to working with everyone in 2018 in the pursuit of continual school improvement to make Tweed Heads Public School an even better place for our students.



Our School Captains will lead the way in 2018

Staff changes

Congratulations to Mr Mitch Armour who over the holidays was permanently appointed to Terranora Public School. We wish him all the best for the future and thank him for all his work at THPS. This has necessitated some minor adjustments to our staffing arrangements for 2018 and we are currently conducting an internal process to have a teacher placed on our 1/2 class for 2018. This will be finalised by the end of next week and the new teacher will commence with this class on Monday of week 3.

Voluntary Contributions

Courtesy reminder that these are set as follows - \$45 for one child, \$80 for 2 children, \$100 for 3 children. Of course these contributions are voluntary, however they are greatly appreciated by our school and go towards purchasing additional resources for our classes. A note will be coming home this week.

Parent Online Payments (POP)

POP can be accessed via the school website. Payment for excursions, voluntary contributions, school activities, etc. **School uniform payments cannot be paid for with POP or EFTPOS.**

Canteen

Unfortunately our canteen will not operate during week 2. If anyone is interested in being the Canteen Coordinator, we would love to hear from you!

Composite classes

I have received a number of parental enquiries relating to our class structures in 2018 which contains a number of composite classes. I would like to reassure parents that composite classes are a very normal arrangement in many schools. Students in composite classes will be working on stage and age appropriate curriculum, just as they would in straight year groups and are not disadvantaged in any way. Composite classes allow schools greater flexibility in class placements and options for supporting students, ultimately benefitting all students.

Mr Peter Nichols - Principal

Annual Swimming Carnival

Tweed Heads Public School will be holding an 'all day' Swimming Carnival this year for Years 1 - 6. It will take place on **Friday 9th February at Club Banora Pool**. Students will be transported to Club Banora by bus. The combined cost for the bus and pool entry is only **\$5.00** per student.

Parents/Carers who wish to come must pay the pool entry fee of **\$4.00**. **Please indicate on permission note if you are able to assist with time keeping/marshalling at this school event.**

Stage 2 and 3 will travel by bus leaving at 9.30am. Stage 1 will be leaving at 11.30am for their novelty carnival which will involve structured water activities.

There will be an early lunch at approximately 12.00pm. All students must provide their own lunch. The Pool Canteen will also be operational and students will be permitted to

purchase goods under staff direction.

Please ensure your child has appropriate food and drinks. A hat, towel and shirt for sun protection when not competing is essential. It is suggested that sun screen be applied prior to students arriving at school.

Children may wear their house colours or their school uniform.

Buses will depart the pool at approximately 2.00pm from Club Banora to return to school.

Notes were sent home last week, please complete the permission slip and return with money to the school office **before Thursday 8 February 2018.**

Surfing - Stage 3 Only

As part of Sport for **Term 1** the school has organised a surfing program for students in Years 5 and 6. The program, run by 'Walkin' On Water' Surf School at

Greenmount Beach, will run **each Friday for 8 weeks commencing on 16th February**.

This program is only able to cater for a maximum of 30 students, therefore the **first 30** Year 5/6 students to return the permission note with a \$50.00 deposit or full payment will be able to participate. (The remaining \$45 will be due prior to commencement of the program on the 16th February). All participants must be 'Sun Safe' as per Departmental policy.

*"Students are to be instructed to use adequate sun protection, eg. as a **minimum a SPF15+**, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen reapplied regularly and a hat when not in the water."*

Canteen News

The canteen needs a canteen co-ordinator and more volunteers to continue to open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Please see the office for more information.

**The Canteen will be
CLOSED
until further notice.**

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open every Friday morning from 8:30 - 9:30am.

We apologise for any inconvenience to parents that our size 6 & 8 shirt order has not arrived yet. If you would like to buy size 6 & 8 shirts, please pre-order at the school office. When the order arrives we will inform you and your order can then be paid for and picked up from the office. Year 6 shirts are also available to buy at the Uniform Shop for 2018.

Lost Property

The school lost property is located outside the library next to the sink in a white basket.

All lost property from 2017 (food & drink containers) are in the office to be collected. If they are not collected by the end of Week 3 they will be disposed of.

New envelopes for excursions

The school has purchased payment envelopes for your convenience. These will be given out by class teachers and are also available at the front office. Please use these when making any payment for excursions or activities. Thank you.

Moved, changing address/phone number?

If you have moved house over the holidays or you have changed personal details (eg. address, phone numbers, emergency contact people, etc) please communicate this to the office to ensure our records are current.

Thank you for your assistance.

Surfside Buslines Changes for 2018

From the commencement of 2018, PM Bus 1226 to Oyster Point will be replaced by Bus 1209 departing 15mins later than currently. The new departure times from our school will be 3:18pm. Note: Bus 1209 will NOT operate to Tralee Drive, Banora Point.

PM Bus 1226 to Tralee Drive, Banora Point will be replaced by Bus 1230 with the departure time of 3:08pm. Bus 1230 will travel via South Tweed and Flame Tree Park to Lochlond Drive corner Tralee Drive (arriving at

3:48pm).

For revised route and times please refer to the Surfside website which will be updated early January 2018.

www.surfside.com.au

School Banking Day - Wednesdays

The CommBank School Banking Program is available at our school. To be involved, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. They can then make regular deposits at school on banking day (Wednesdays) and will even be rewarded along the way. Please drop the bank books off to the front office and our School Banking Coordinator will process them and give them to the class teacher to deliver to the students on Thursday. To find out more about our program, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking Click on - Register Interest, and the Commonwealth bank will contact you.

Absences

When a child is absent from school, the school office must be notified as a **priority**. This notification can be by phone, written note or by attending the school office. All absences are recorded and written notifications are required to be filed for two years.

Late Arrivals/Early Leavers

All parents are reminded that they must sign their child/ren in at the school office if they arrive after 9am. This procedure is for the protection of students, staff and volunteers.

Students who arrive at school after 9am must report with a parent to the school office for a late arrival note. If you are unable to attend please ring or send a note with the student. This note must be presented to the class teacher upon reaching the classroom.

For early leavers parents **must first come to the school office** to receive a note which must be presented to the class teacher before a student may depart.

IMPORTANT - STUDENT HEALTH

It is imperative that you keep the school informed about your child's health condition and health needs. Please contact the school with any information regarding changes relating to your child.

If your child has a health care plan supplied by your doctor please send us a copy and if the support for your child requires the school to administer medication. The medication must be bought to school in its original packaging with clear directions regarding dosage. All medications must also have a clear indication of expiry date.

Without a signed request on file, we are unable to administer any medications (excluding the need for EpiPen in undiagnosed allergies) as it would be without consent. Your child's health is important to us.

School App

It has been great to see that a number of our parents /carers have taken advantage of this new method of communication in the school community. We are looking forward to more people getting on board.

Schoolstream is free to download from your iTunes/Google Play store. When downloaded, search for Tweed Heads Public School. Current events are already there and information will be continually updated.



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