

## Principal News : Tweed Heads Public School : Term 3, Week 9, 2018



*Nothing better than learning in the great outdoors !*

### MUFTI Fundraiser “S” theme

Next Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> we are having a MUFTI fundraiser to support 2 students who have done exceptionally well in recent times. Starbella (state spelling bee finals) and Calais (multiple sports events) have represented our school with distinction and incurred significant costs to do this. Student are invited to wear something with an “S” theme – sportsperson / surfer / superhero etc. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

### Beach safety visit

Next Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> our school will be receiving a visit from Australian Lifeguard Service. They will do presentations for all our students K-6 about beach and water safety. This will be very timely leading into the warmer months.

### Fair Funding

School funding will no doubt be a contentious issue leading into future elections. As a school principal I am always an advocate of ensuring our schools are as well-resourced as possible in terms of teaching and support staff as well as physical infrastructure, facilities and resources. Further information can be found at [www.fairfundingnow.org.au](http://www.fairfundingnow.org.au)

### NAPLAN

Parent copies of NAPLAN results for years 3 and 5 students have been sent home with students today. These results provide a point in time snapshot of limited aspects of a child’s achievement using a blunt diagnostic tool. Your child’s educational success should not be solely defined by their NAPLAN result.

### Aurora College

Aurora College is NSW’s first virtual selective school, offering classes in English, Maths and Science for gifted and talented year 7-10 students. Parents of current year 5 students please note that applications for entry into Year 7 (2020) open on 9 October 2018 and close on 12 November 2018. For more information [www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au)

### Ethics

We have received information brochures from ‘Primary Ethics’. This is a secular alternative to Special Religious Education. If parents would like a copy of this brochure they are available at the front office.

### CWA grants

The Country Women’s Association are inviting grant applications (\$500 grants) from Year 6 students who are financially disadvantaged who travel ‘great distances’ for extracurricular activities. If you would like an application form, please contact me as soon as possible and we can confidentially arrange for one to be sent home or emailed.

### A great end of term !

It is an action packed end of term, with events include various reward days, a 3 day camp for years 5 & 6, a visit from guest speaker Andy Saunders plus another dance event this Friday. Time flies when you’re having fun!

**Canteen helpers always needed!**

*Our canteen operates from 8:30-1:30 Wednesday and Friday and any help is appreciated. If you are interested you can call Robyn Kuhr on 0415550223. A huge thank you to those who have volunteered.*

**Yours in education      Peter Nichols – Principal**

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