Core Values
- Teamwork
- Respect
- Excellence
- Opportunity
- Safety

Purpose
- Provide an innovative, safe learning environment which promotes excellence through opportunity, teamwork and respect

Vision
- TRHS is recognised within our community for excellence in education.
- Students are willingly engaged in a wide range of innovative learning programs.
- Students value learning and achieve their personal best.
- Staff embrace innovative quality teaching methods that focus on 21st century learners.
- Staff work cohesively in a highly professional manner to achieve the school purpose.
- Strong relationships enhance our links to the community and provide a sense of belonging for students, staff and community members.
- Success is recognised and celebrated in our school community.

Tweed River High School NewsLetter
13th November 2014 (Term 4 Week 6)
Last week I received a beautiful thank you card from two community members; the sentiments of which I would like to share.

The letter thanked a group of Year 10 boys for their assistance in teaching a group of local senior citizens how to use technology to simplify a range of tasks within their daily life. Mrs Sinclair and Jarod Thomas, Alex Hardcastle, Judge Toia, Tyson Duroux, Kayden Warrender, Aaron Pickering-Wong, Jack Oakshott and Brayden Togo have been regular mentors at the Health and Community Centre throughout the year and it is wonderful to see how their work has enhanced the lives of others. I regularly talk to students at formal events and informally about the importance of respect for yourself and others and the need to ensure that our actions make our community a better place. Many of our students live this message in their daily lives and it is wonderful when their actions are acknowledged by the wider community.

Students and staff will be raising money for Kids in Need through the annual Dragon Boat Racing fundraiser and our SRC are also planning a range of fundraisers to support Movember. I urge all community members to commend students on the contributions they make to our local area and I greatly appreciate any letters of acknowledgement I receive.

Last week our Year 12 students completed their final HSC exams. The examination supervisors asked me to pass on their thanks to Year 12 for their beautiful manners and mature behaviour. The HSC exams are a difficult time for students and I am extremely proud of their commitment to their studies and the manner in which they have conducted themselves and I look forward to sharing in their formal celebration this Wednesday. I would also like to publicly acknowledge Mr Mark Wiggins, who has worked tirelessly as Year Advisor to nurture and support these students for the last six years.

It has been a pleasure to write this column and I thank all the wonderful students who make us proud.

Leisa Conroy

NSW Public School terms and holidays

For a snapshot of NSW public school Terms and holidays for 2015-2016. Go to:


Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the coast can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:


Principal’s Quality Work Award

Year 10
Applied Technology – Mrs Mackney
Georgia SAUNDERS

Year 11
Principal’s Office – Mrs Conroy – Head-Start : Southern Cross University
Teagan JEFFERIES; Dylan LODER; Christopher OPFER; Dylan LODER
Hello, we hope everyone is having a good start to Week 6. The SRC has 2 big events coming up this Term, ‘Movember’ and Dragon Boat Racing.

The SRC is starting fundraising for ‘Movember’ and will be running stalls and events soon, so everyone bring in money and start growing those moustaches.

**Dragon Boat racing** is also coming up. It’s an extremely fun day and as Tweed River High won last year we would like to see everyone down there helping us hold our title. See Mrs Cunningham for details.

Jordan Carroll, SRC Publicity Officer

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**KYDD FOOD AT THE CANTEEN**

**Term 4**

**Week 7**
- **Monday** - pasta carbonara $4.00
- **Tuesday** - cottage pie topped with mashed potato $4.00
- **Wednesday** - meal deal - a burger & a juice poppa $5.00
- **Thursday** - RED DAY - fish n gems $4.50, potato scallop $1.00
  - healthy options available
- **Friday** - lasagne $4.00

**Week 8**
- **Monday** - wedges with salsa, sour cream and cheese $3.50
- **Tuesday** - pasta bolognaise or veg $4.00
- **Wednesday** - meal deal - a focaccia & a paddle pop $5.00
- **Thursday** - beef or bean burritos $4.50
- **Friday** - butter chicken & rice $4.50

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Tweed River High School would like to thank Hoyts Cinemas and Dreamworld for their support of our Annual Presentation Ceremony and prize givings.
Year 7/8 Girls & Boys teams

NSW State Touch finals

Year 9/10 Girls & Boys teams

Preparing you for your Ps

TAFE NSW - WSI is now a provider of Safer Driver courses for young learner drivers.
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On **Tuesday 18th November** Tweed River High School’s CAPA department will be running a performance extravaganza. This extravaganza will consist of the musical theatre piece “The Dream” which involves dance, drama and music students, as well as the end of year dance showcase. The dance showcase will involve different dance styles, performed as dance groups, solos and duos. It will take place at the **Tweed Civic Centre**, doors will open at 6.45pm and the show will begin at **7pm**. The cost of the ticket will be **$7**. Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office from Monday 20th October (Money to be paid at the Front Office then tickets to be collected from Miss Pope). Refreshments will be available to purchase on the night. So come down and support all these talented students who will put on a show like no other.
Far North Coast Beach Volleyball Knockout
On Friday 31st October Tweed River High had 4 teams compete at Clarke’s Beach, Byron Bay, in the FNC Beach Volleyball competition. All students competed in a fantastic manner with great sportsmanship. Our junior boys’ team made it to the FNC final but unfortunately went down. All other teams lost in very close matches. I would like to thank all of the students who came down on the day for your fantastic behaviour and representation of the school. Also a big thank you to Mr Dwyer, who once again helped with coaching, refereeing and driving the bus.

North Coast Surf Life Saving Carnival
On Friday 7th November seven students from our school competed at Byron Bay in the NC Surf Life Saving Carnival. Well done to the following students who competed: Tahnie Lipponen, Zac King, Cody Rogers, Tayla Rogers, Sophie Watson, Kara Pease and Tyson King. More detailed results will be put into the next newsletter. Thank you to Mr Betts for accompanying the students and to Mrs Danyelle Lipponen for volunteering as the schools water safety person.

NSW Touch State Finals
On Thursday 6th to Friday 7th November Tweed River High had 4 teams travel to Sydney for the state finals of the NSW Touch competition. We had boys and girls Year 7/8 teams and boys and girls 9/10 teams compete which is a fantastic effort. All results will be put into the next newsletter. Thank you to Mr Swaddle, Mr Winter and Ms Pope for coaching the teams at the event and particularly to Mr Swaddle for all his organisation to allow this excursion to happen.

U15 Netball Far North Coast Gala Day
Coming up on Friday 21st November is the U15 FNC netball gala day at Arkinstall Park. All students have been involved in training for the gala day, which we have won the past 2 years. A reminder to students to bring their note to Miss Alford asap and to have $5 cash on the day for the umpire fee.

North Coast Futsal Semi-Final
Well done to our 16 girl’s Futsal team who travelled to Grafton on Tuesday 28th October for the North Coast semi-final. The girls displayed a valiant effort; it was 6-6 at full time so the game had to go into extra time. Unfortunately the girls went down 8-6 in the end with some bad luck. Thank you to Mr Fugar and Miss Cowan for coaching the team.

Sport Choices Term 1 2015
In Week 6 students in Years 8 & 9 will be provided with an information sheet on the Wednesday sports they can select for Term 1 2015. Students will be required to make a choice on the schools Moodle site from Weeks 7 to Week 9 this Term. All students are to think carefully about their choice to ensure they don’t have to make a change next year.

Yours in Sport

Miss Jennifer Alford
Sports Organiser 2014
Tweed River High School
WORKSHOP 7 - RESUME WRITING & INTERVIEW SKILLS

Titans 4 Tomorrow Girls’ Academy students attended Workshop 7 – Resume Writing & Interview Skills at Murwillumbah High School.

This workshop was established through partnerships in the local community to allow students to experience an authentic job search process and improve their own skills as potential jobseekers.

The Girls’ Academy students actively participated in a wide range of activities before selecting an unofficial advertised job, and working through the process of preparing a resume from scratch.

T4T staff evaluated the applications and all students were invited to an interview. Following the interviews each student received personal feedback on all aspects of their applications. This feedback has given the students valuable insight into what they can do to improve their chances in the search for employment.

“Making Career decisions is a complex process and it is hardly surprising that many teenagers find it challenging.” Clinton Toopi – T4T Program Facilitator

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WHAT’S ON FOR T4T IN TERM 4

Tuesday 11th November  
Tweed River High School

Thursday 20th November  
Murwillumbah Civic Centre

Friday 21st November  
Murwillumbah Civic Centre

Friday 28th November 
Banora Point High School

Tuesday 2nd December  
Fingal Headland

Academy Advisory Meeting
ECOMAN Deadly Business
ECOMAN Deadly Business
Boys Emotional Health & Well-Being Workshop
Workshop 8 – Celebration & Graduation
Head Start and Access 4U are Southern Cross University programs that senior students can engage in whilst completing their HSC. To successfully study at university and high school is a major achievement. Among the many students from the region, Tweed River students excelled. Under the guidance of Caitlin Burcher from SCU, Dylan Loder, Christopher Opfer, Teagan Jefferies and Jazzie Payne did themselves and the school proud. They were presented with certificates at the SCU completion ceremony at the Gold Coast Campus on Friday 24th October 2014. Teagan was one of only two in the programs to receive a distinction for her work. Congratulations to you all!

After winning the Senior School’s Jazz Section at this year’s Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts, Tweed River’s Jazz Ensemble was invited to perform at the Tweed Valley Jazz Club’s annual Award Winner’s night, held on October 31st. Led by Mr Jesse Edwards the band was the highlight of the night, receiving boisterous applause and a riotous call for encores. This was by far their most polished and invigorating performance yet, testament to the talent of the students and to the inspired leadership of Jesse Edwards.

The band is comprised of students ranging from Year 7 to Year 12, the majority having performed at the three preceding annual award nights to celebrate their previous triumphant wins. This was a band at the top of its game, both with inspired individual highlights and the cohesion of a single entity.

Although music is transitory by nature, the showmanship and brilliance of this performance will remain in the hearts of the Tweed Valley Jazz community for many years to come, setting a standard for future winners to be compared to.

You can witness the brilliance of our school band when they perform at the Performance Extravaganza, starting at 7pm on Tuesday 18th November and held at the Tweed Civic Centre, Brett Street, Tweed Heads. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the school office, cost is $7.

(L-R)2xJazz Club reps, Jesse Edwards, Katie Watson, Georgie McGlinn, Brayden Clark, Simone Ogg, Owen Green, Lucas Catel, Millie Green, Bronte Faux, Chris Sorensen, Brayden Small and Joel Schramm-Eyre.
Rhiana Perkins Yr 7, Hadassah Paulson Yr 10, Riley Muldoon Yr 8, Angel Kearney Yr 8, Lilli Merlehan Yr 8, Bronte Faux Yr 8, Katie Watson Yr 7, Shiana Lewis Yr 7, Amy King Yr 7, Lucas Catel Yr 11, Maddi Lake Yr 11, Megan Edwards Yr 11, Alyssa Chorlton Yr 8, Natalie Freeman Yr 8, Sophie Oakshott Yr 8 formed a small choir with Mr Mitchell, to participate in Music Count Us In 2014.

"Music Count Us In" is the Music Council of Australia’s national campaign to celebrate the value of music education. This year more than 600,000 students and teachers from all over Australia signed up to learn, rehearse and perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time - Thursday 30th October at 12.30 p.m.

Tweed River High School has participated in this event every year since 2008.

SRC 2015 are sworn in

Maths and Science competition winners
The following students have been awarded certificates for excellent reading during class time in the library over the past two weeks.

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Christmas Dinner

December 4th, 2014
6.30pm - $27 (per head)
Danny’s Family Buffett
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ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS:
what people working with adolescents need to know

FREE PRESENTATION

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for 25 years and works with young people across the country. Paul is the keynote speaker at the 2014 RRISK seminars. In this free presentation for parents, health workers, teachers and anyone who works with young people, Paul will share information on:

> Alcohol related violence
> Changes in attitudes towards cannabis
> Novel ways of smoking – sheesha and e-cigarettes
> Methamphetamine
> Changes in the way people are purchasing drugs

LISMORE:
Where: Southern Cross Uni, Whitebrook Theatre (Y block)
Date: Tuesday 25 November 2014
Time: 4.00pm—6.00pm

TWEED HEADS
Where: Tweed Civic Centre, Brett St,
Date: Thursday 4 December 2014
Time: 4.00pm—6.00pm

RSVPs not required

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Learner drivers under 25
• Must have at least 120 hours of supervised on-road driving experience, including 20 hours at night time;
• One hour of structured driving tuition by a professional driving instructor will count as 3 hours in the Learner Driver Log Book to a maximum of 10 hours counting as 30 log book hours;
• Must hold an L licence for at least 12 months;
• For L and P1 drivers mobile phone use is prohibited, even hands-free or loudspeaker;
• Learner drivers are now allowed to travel up to 90km/h instead of 80km/h.

Tips for Parents
• Safe driving takes time and practice – it is more than just operating a vehicle;
• Plan for a variety of driving experiences (e.g. different road conditions, weather conditions) and vary the time of day;
• Shorter drives can be useful early on;
• Reduce the risk of distraction (e.g. turn off mobile phones);
• Keep instructions short and clear;
• Be positive and acknowledge when your teenager does well rather than criticise;
• At the end of a drive reinforce achievements and discuss areas to work on;
• Real on-road driving experience is more beneficial than ‘advanced’ or ‘defensive’ off-road driver training;
• You and your young driver should read the Road Users Handbook (NSW road rules) and understand the licence conditions;
• For helpful information, attend a free ‘Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers Workshop’ in your local area. Contact the Roads and Maritime Services (replacing the RTA) on 13 22 13, visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au or visit your local Council’s website.

NEW Safer Driver Course for Young Drivers
The Safer Driver Course helps young drivers understand more about speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness, safe following distances as well as preparing them for their Ps. They will receive 20 hours log book credit once they have completed the course.

To attend the course drivers must have a learner’s license, be under 25 years old and have completed 50 log book driving hours (not including 3 for 1 structured professional instruction).

The Safer Driver Course costs $140. It comprises:
1. A 3 hour group discussion module with other learners about managing risks on the road and
2. A 2 hour in-vehicle session with a coach and another learner to learn a range of practical safe driving behaviours. For more information about the Safer Driver Course see www.saferdrivers.nsw.gov.au or call 13 22 13 to find out where the closest Course Provider is located. Also see promotion video on you tube.

For more information about the RRISK program and risk taking visit www.rrisk.com.au

Supporting Provisional Drivers (P1 & P2)

• A P1 licence must be held for at least 12 months;
• After passing a hazard perception test, drivers progress to the P2 licence for a minimum of 24 months;
• P1 drivers may drive up to 90km/h and for P2 drivers 100km/h;
• A zero blood alcohol limit applies to all L, P1 and P2 licence holders. This means NO ALCOHOL before driving;
• For P1 drivers mobile phone use is prohibited, even hands-free or loudspeaker. P2 drivers can only talk on a hands-free phone when driving; no text messaging;
• P1 drivers under the age of 25 can only carry one passenger under 21 between the hours of 11pm and 5am (some exemptions apply);
• From 1 August 2014, there are new rules allowing P-plate drivers to drive a wider range of turbo, supercharged or V8 vehicles. This means an extra 6500 vehicle models will be available. Some vehicles are still banned, but these are high performance and risky in the first few years of driving. For more information about the new rules for turbo, supercharged and V8 vehicles, see the Roads and Maritime Services website www.rms.nsw.gov.au

Tips for Parents
Remember your teenager is still very new to driving. Continue to encourage safe driving by:
• Ensuring they organise their time so they can stick to posted speed limits and adapt to driving conditions, such as rain;
• Getting them to plan their night before they leave;
• Ensuring they observe their license conditions;
• Slowly increasing the amount of independent night driving – this is a time when young drivers are more likely to crash;
• Gradually allowing them to increase the number of passengers in the car once they have progressed to the P2 stage.

Before your teenager goes out, particularly when partying, spend some time discussing options for getting home safely. Some ideas for young people to consider:
• Leave the car at home;
• Catch a bus – check timetables to avoid waiting times at bus stops;
• Catch a taxi: a shared max taxi is a cheaper option;
• Stay overnight with a friend;
• Arrange to be dropped off and picked up by a parent or other responsible adult.

Also discuss:
• Driving alcohol and drug free;
• Dealing with pressure from friends to drive in an unsafe manner;
• Being a responsible passenger.

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