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.

P&C Association

President: Margaret Taylor
Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month in Staff Common Room at 7pm.

Next event:
Christmas Dinner
4th December 2014 @ 6.30pm
All welcome
See ad for more details.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open
Every Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am – 11.00am
(Located next to the Canteen)

Co-ordinator - Kerry Lee
Principal’s Report

Congratulations to the class of 2014

Last week Year 12 attended their last school event as a Year group. This year the formal was held at Palazzo Versace; an outstanding venue selected by the students.

I believe that I speak for every member of staff in attendance in stating that the conduct of Year 12 made us inordinately proud. This group has been an exceptional year group on many levels and they have brought great pride to their teachers, in particular their Year Advisor Mr Mark Wiggins. They have been involved in supporting a range of community events during their time at the school, as well as representing us in a wide range of sporting and cultural events. They have continued to excel throughout their secondary schooling and 64 students have been rewarded through early offers of University places at Southern Cross and Griffith Universities. Forty students have been offered places at Southern Cross University and 24 have been offered places at Griffith University.

This is certainly testament to the intelligence and work ethic of the students, but also to the hard work and commitment of their teachers. Some of these deserving students have regularly attended free tutorial sessions provided by their teachers; many of these taking place at 7am, before school, or until 5pm in the afternoon, as well as holidays and weekends. I congratulate these students on their commitment to study and the wonderful teachers involved for their commitment to our students. It is our passion for teaching and learning that makes Tweed River such an outstanding school. I wish every one of our students every success and happiness for the future.

Performance Extravaganza

Congratulations to the students and staff involved in last week’s performance. I’m sure that everyone in the audience would agree that it was a wonderful night and provided an opportunity for our students to showcase their diverse talents. Special thanks to Kerry Pope, Peter Walker, Marian McNaught, Amber Blair and Mandy Alsop for their co-ordination.

Executive changes

Mr Craig Clement and Mrs Jan Amos will be taking a year of much deserved leave in 2015. The Relieving Deputy Principal will be announced in the near future and Mrs Kay Gordon will be relieving as Head Teacher of Applied Technology for 2015.

Mr Mark Wiggins will be relieving as Head Teacher TAS for 2015.

Ms Kim Taylor will be returning to her substantive position as Head Teacher Mathematics at Banora Point High School. Ms Taylor has implemented a range of outstanding initiatives to support students and teachers during the 18 months she has been at the school. I thank her for her contribution to Tweed River.

Farewell

It is with great sadness that I announce the departure of Miss Cass Wenham from the Maths faculty. Miss Wenham has been appointed to Merewether High School where I am sure she will continue to inspire students. We wish Miss Wenham every happiness as she moves to be nearer to her family and thank her for her contribution to Tweed River.

Leisa Conroy

Principal

Deputy Principals’ Reports

As the school year draws to a close, students begin to get restless and teacher’s frantically work on planning for the coming year and completing all the tasks required before years end. There is still much to do. Survival camps, achievement excursions, portfolios, work experience and the annual awards presentation. The range of activities available to students in the coming weeks is quite broad and at times the activities will be a variation to regular classes. However they are activities with an educational benefit which students should be participating in.

Year 10 students have the opportunity to participate in work experience. For those not attending the Geography camp at Mulligans Hut they are able to participate for an extended period, perhaps “trying out” more than one career before commencing their HSC studies in 2015. Every effort should be made by these students to connect with the “world of work” during this time in order to clarify their thoughts about their interests after school.

A number of students have found themselves in breach of school rules in the past few weeks through irresponsible and at times dangerous behaviour with significant consequences. Parents are encouraged to remind their children of the importance of remaining focused for the remaining weeks of the Term, to attend all classes, consolidate their efforts and to enjoy the rewards resulting from those efforts. Here at the school we want students to finish the year positively.

Breen Mackney

Deputy Principal

I wish to congratulate the students who performed, and the staff involved, for the awesome night of singing and dancing on Tuesday. It was certainly a showcase of the talent we have at TRHS.

Yes Christmas is closing in and the festive season is upon us. However, students must realise that it is school ‘as normal’ right up to the last day of Term. Too many students are dawdling to class and using the time between classes as a social occasion. Students must remember the first two school rules: 1. Be in class on time with all their equipment, and 2. Follow their teacher’s instructions. When they do this almost everything else falls into place.

Students are reminded that throwing objects anywhere in the school is considered aggressive and dangerous behaviour. The practice has the potential to lead to serious injury and will not be tolerated in any form. Students are also reminded not to leave the school grounds during the day. It is imperative that we know where students are at all times. For their safety and continued education, students must be in class at all times.

Ian Hayward

Relieving Deputy Principal
**Diary Dates**

**TERM 4 WEEK 9A**

**Monday 1 December**
- Yr10 Work Experience (all week)

**Tuesday 2 December**
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**Wednesday 3 December**
- Year 6 Orientation Day

**Thursday 4 December**
- Yr 11 all students attending
  RRISK program - Twin Towns Services Club

**Friday 5 December**
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**TERM 4 WEEK 10B**

**Monday 8 December**
- Yr10 Survival Camp @ Mulligans Hut

**Tuesday 9 December**
- Yr10 Survival Camp
  Achievement Excursion @ Dreamworld

**Wednesday 10 December**
- Yr10 Survival Camp

**Thursday 11 December**
- Yr10 Survival Camp
  Yr9 Marine Studies excursion to Cook Island

**Friday 12 December**
- Annual Presentation Ceremony – 8.30-10.15am in the SEC

**SRC Report**

Movember is this Thursday (27th November). There are a number of ways you can get behind this great cause, including paint-on Mo’s, Mo stickers and a photo booth set up in the Hall with polaroids and props available on the day.

The SRC would also like to encourage you all to get behind the Dragon Boat Racing to support Kids in Need this Sunday 30th November. Even if you aren’t rowing you’re more than welcome to come and support our student team ‘the Rainbow Ninjas’.

Jordan Carroll, SRC Publicity Officer

**Principal's Quality Work Award**

Year 7
Science – Ms Blair
Gracey OAKES

English – Mrs Cunningham
Anna MORRIS; Simone OGG

Year 9
HSIE – Mrs Wolthers
Keeley PERANDIS; Holly SORENSEN

Year 10
English – Mr Buchanan
Connor BULLUSS; Jayden WOOD

Industrial Technology Electronics – Mrs Conroy
Tyler GASCOYNE; Sam TAYLOR

**KYDD Food At The Canteen**

**Term 4**

**Week 9**
- Monday - Pasta Carbonara $4.00
- Tuesday - Chilli con carne and rice $4.50
- Wednesday - Meal Deal - a burger & a juice poppa $5.00
- Thursday - Stir fry chicken noodles or vego noodles $4.50
- Friday - Stuffed potato with bolognaise sauce or vego $4.00

**Week 10**
- Monday - Wedges with salsa, sour cream and cheese $3.50
- Tuesday - Sweet & sour chicken and rice $4.50
- Wednesday - Meal Deal - a focaccia & a paddle pop $5.00
- Thursday - Pasta Bolognaise $4.00
- Friday - Lasagne $4.00

**Tweed Youth Times**

Make sure you check this magazine on a regular basis. It is all about our community kids and regularly features photos and articles on our students. Issued monthly.

www.facebook.com/tweedyouthtimes1
Preparin you for your Ps

TAFE NSW - WSI is now a provider of Safer Driver courses for young learner drivers.
The Safer Drivers Course is available to learner drivers under the age of 25 who have completed at least 50 log book driving hours.
Earn 20 hours of bonus log book credit by completing a Safer Drivers Course.

Enrol in a Safer Drivers Course:

- www.tafesafedrivers.com
- (02) 9208 0164

ENROL NOW
Murringumbah
Thu 27 November 2014
5:30 - 8:30 pm

HAVE YOUR PET’S PHOTO TAKEN WITH SANTA!

Friends of the Pound @ 100% Pets
Harvey Norman Complex, Greenway Drive, South Tweed Heads
6 - 7 December / 13 - 14 December
10am - 2pm

$15

www.friendsofthepound.com
On Assembly

Contact Simon Beck
0412 367 222
simon.beck@freshestateagents.com.au
freshestateagents.com.au
Congratulations to the following Sports Development Program students who were awarded Premier’s Sporting Challenge Certificates by their coaches and mentors for their contribution to sport.

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**Sign on Day for 2015 Netball Season:**

31st January & 7th February 2015 9am-1pm NSW Time

Chinderah Tavern, 66 Chinderah Bay Drive, Chinderah NSW

New players will need to bring Birth Certificate & Medicare Card to sign on.

KNC is offering members the opportunity to get a discount on their fees for 2015 Season. If you are able to help out with our fundraising raffles at Chinderah Tavern Fridays 3.30pm-4.45 we will offer $20 per afternoon discount from your fees. For full terms and conditions visit the Kingscliff Netball Website.

For more information relating to sign on please contact President Brooke Logan kingscliffpresident@gmail.com 0451833445 or Secretary Courtney Jones knccsecretary@gmail.com 0433332036.
At the time of publishing, TRHS had 50% of Year 10 students volunteering over the course of Years 9 and 10!

Volunteering challenges students, allows them to support a cause they are passionate about, helps develop new skills and a sense of satisfaction and purpose from helping others, builds networks and enhances employability.

Some examples of the external volunteering activities completed included surf life-saving, animal care, childcare, disaster/environmental clean-ups, fund-raising/sales, cadets, social committees, helping neighbours, group facilitator, Meals on Wheels etc.

Some examples of the internal volunteering activities completed included teaching technology to the elderly, peer support, camp leader, peer facilitator, fundraising for charities or the school, school performances, backstage support crew, leadership camps, sports coaching/refereeing/scoring, agriculture farm or marine studies support, administration, recycling, peer-reader, reader/writer for an exam, painting a mural, guest speaker at workshops, portfolio panelist etc.

Special mention to the following students who were awarded the highest level of Black Opal (150+ hours):

Tyler Bourke, Liam Boxsell, Layla McKenzie, Kate Marshall, Caitlin Mison, Emily Wood.

Ms Toni Cowan
(DEC student Volunteering Coordinator)
PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Our school plans to train 50 Year 9 students on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November.

The purpose of the Peer Support Program is to develop understandings, attitudes and skills necessary to help students:

- Enhance their self-esteem
- Be more resilient
- Cope with their changing environment
- Foster positive relationships with others
- Contribute to the wellbeing of the school community.

The Peer Support Program will be implemented in 2015 to further support Year 7 students in their transition into High School.

We look forward to working with our current Year 9 students and to provide an opportunity for them to develop their Leadership Skills.

Bronwyn Mackney
HT Welfare
Ms Cowan
PDHPE; Volunteer Coordinator

Mathers WILLIAMS
BACK TO SCHOOL

THE RIGHT FIT! EXCELLENT SERVICE! GREAT VALUE!

The school shoe specialists at Mathers and Williams aim to provide the best possible fitting service to our students. The local Mathers and Williams shoe stores have one of the most extensive ranges of school shoes in Australia covering all ages.

Please see the details at left for school shoe ranges that are suitable for our students in line with our uniform policy.
North Coast School Sports Awards
On Monday 1st December we will have a number of Tweed River High students who have won North Coast Sport Awards being presented with their respective awards at the South Grafton Bowling Club. It is a fantastic achievement to win awards at this ceremony, as you have had to have reached at least state level representation. Congratulations to the following students:

- Jacquie Soden – Honour Blue Award for Cross Country and Athletics, and she is also nominated for the Col Fisher award which is the most prestigious award on the day.
- Tarryn Aiken – Blue Award for NSW U15 Touch Football representation
- Presley Johnson – Sports Citation Award for National and International Taekwondo
- Cody Atkinson – Recognition Award for NSWCHS and North Coast Tennis representation

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. Our school had fantastic results and ended up 3rd overall of all the schools on the North Coast! Considering a number of schools had many more competitors than us, the students did so well. Our school also won the mixed Cameron relay race. Well done to the following students who competed, the results were as follows:

- Tahnie Lipponen – Joint Age Champion with 3 x 1st and 1 x 2nd
- Zac King – 3 x 1st, 2 x 2nd and 1 x 3rd
- Cody Rogers – 3 x 1st, 1 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd and 1 x 4th
- Tayla Rogers – 1 x 1st, 3 x 3rd and 1 x 4th
- Sophie Watson – 1 x 1st and 2 x 2nd
- Kara Pease – 1 x 3rd, 2 x 4th and 1 x 5th
- Tyson King – 1 x 1st and 1 x 2nd

NSW Touch State Finals
On the 6th & 7th November Tweed River High had 4 teams travel to Sydney for the state finals of the NSW Touch competition. We were the only school that had boys and girls Year 7/8 teams and boys and girls 9/10 teams compete which is a fantastic effort in itself. The Year 7/8 teams put in a determined effort, winning and losing games in their respective pools, while our Year 9/10 boys’ team ended up in the top 8 and Year 9/10 girls’ team were in the top 4, with a narrow loss in the semi-final. Thank you once again to Mr Swaddle, Mr Winter and Ms Pope for coaching the teams at the event and particularly to Mr Swaddle for his organisation of this trip, to allow this excursion to happen.

U15 Netball Far North Coast Gala Day
On Friday 21st November the U15 FNC Netball gala day was held at Arkinstall Park. Our team from Tweed River High played exceptionally well, and won the final on the day. The competition involved 8 different schools on the Far North Coast. The team are now moving on to play Alstonville High School in the semi-final of the North Coast section of the NSWCHS Knockout competition. Well done to the following girls who made up the team: Brodhi Avis, Hayley Jefferies, Dakota Rowles, Rachael Duroux, Rachel Loder, Hine-Rei Berryman, Paris Sinclair, Tayla Rogers and Lilee Attenborough-Doyle.

Sport Choices Term 1 2015
Starting from Week 7 students in Years 8 & 9 have been selecting Wednesday sport for Term 1 2015. Students will be required to make a choice on the schools Moodle site by 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
From the Library.....

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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Reading awards have been generously supported by

McDonald’s Restaurants
Tweed Heads
Mr J. Davis

Almost time for textbooks borrowed for use in 2014 to be returned to the library.
Check with your class teacher when your books are due for return.
ALL BOOKS ARE TO BE RETURNED THROUGH THE LIBRARY.
Not sure what you have out? Come and see library staff to check your loans.

Mr Spicer
Mr Whitehead
Mrs James
Also see article and photos in the final edition of the Tweed Youth Times e-zine at: www.facebook.com/tweedyouthtimes1
On Tuesday 18th November Mrs Jan Ryan and Aunty Chris Morgan accompanied 3 of our students to the North Coast Regional Aboriginal Education Awards at Southern Cross University in Lismore. Makayla Jennings (Yr12) received an Academic Excellence award and both Makayla and Jacob Paulson (Yr11) received an Encouragement award. Makayla Riley received a Student Leadership award. Congratulations to these students.
The Kokoda Challenge Youth Program is now seeking applications for 15 – 17 year old (you must be 16 by or 18 after the 30th of June 2015) NOW! Applications open until the end of February 2015.

What is the Kokoda Challenge Youth Program?

- It is a 14 month commitment which will see participants take on 20 weeks of group training
- Includes competing in the Brisbane Kokoda Challenge (30km) and the Kokoda Challenge (96km) on the Gold Coast.
- After successful completion of 20 weeks of training participants either complete the ‘real’ Kokoda track in PNG or take on the Track/village/cultural experience.
- On return to Australia the same group of young people give back to their local communities before a formal graduation.

It is fun, hard, challenging, rewarding and for anyone who is up for the challenge!

Best part is that it is FREE!

For more information go to www.kokodachallenge.com from the main page click on the youth program tab and choose details or apply.

Ms Mackney
HT WELFARE
Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers

A free 2 hour workshop provided by NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

The workshops provide practical advice about:
- The new changes to the Learner Driver Permit,
- The new Safer Drivers Course,
- How to use the Learner Driver Log Book,
- How to plan driving sessions,
- How to deal with difficulties that may arise during driving practice,
- The importance of giving the learner constructive feedback.

The workshops are designed to help learner driver supervisors plan the best on-road experience for learner drivers and include information about the current licence conditions for learner and provisional drivers, young driver safety issues and low risk driving.

Who should attend:
- Parents, friends or relatives who are/will be supervising drivers
- Learner drivers are welcome to attend if accompanied by their supervisor

The workshop will be presented by the Enterprise and Training Company (ETC) in partnership with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).
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 maxi 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.

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