Tweed River High School

NEWSLETTER
17 June 2014 (Term 2 Week 8)

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.

Hope Road’
Walk for South Sudan
TRHS was the start point for Zacharia Machiek, a former refugee, as he commenced his walk to Sydney to raise funds to build a school in South Sudan.

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

Co-ordinator - Kerry Lee
**Principal’s Report**

**Far North Coast Dance Festival**
I was again privileged to attend the Far North Coast Dance Festival to see our girls perform. I would like to commend the girls on a fabulous performance and thank their teachers, Kerry Pope, Erin Forbes and Merran Marriott, for the countless hours they have spent preparing the girls for this event.

The Far North Coast Dance Festival is a fabulous show case of the talent of students from Kindergarten to Year 12 in our wonderful Public schools. If you have yet to experience an evening of dance with our students I would recommend you purchase tickets early for next years event.

However, you won’t have to wait that long to see the TRHS dancers perform. Please come along to Ed Vu next term, where you can see not only our dancers, but student talent across the Creative and Performing Arts areas as well as displays of exemplary work across all subject areas.

Congratulations to the many students who have shown the local community the standard of education and extra-curricular activities on offer at TRHS during the course of this year so far.

**2015 and beyond**
I have spent the last week attending the Secondary Principal’s Council annual conference in Bathurst.

During the week I have had the opportunity to hear from leaders in education and educational research from across the world, including Canadian Lee Crockett and Simon Breakspear, an Australian who has been working and researching in Europe for the last 5 years. Equally important, local schools showcased their programs of excellence and shared a range of ideas with participants.

Over the last two years TRHS staff have spent considerable time learning about the strategies used by the most successful educators in the world in order to best meet the needs of our students. Rather than the traditional “one size fits all” model that may have been the norm when I attended school we use a range of assessment data to look at the strengths and weaknesses of our students and design specific programs to meet their needs. This year we have re-structured a number of classes on the basis of a range of internal and external test data in order to ensure that we can target our teaching to the specific needs of the children in each class. Classroom teachers are utilising the specialist skills of Learning and Support staff to ensure that they are catering to specific student needs in the junior school, while teachers of our senior classes are analysing HSC data in a detailed fashion to continually improve the opportunities for our students. We also have senior teachers on BOSTES examination committees, meaning that our staff have input into the examinations undertaken by students statewide.

We have also implemented targeted writing programs, including the ‘7 steps to writing success’, which have enhanced student outcomes and we are currently implementing QuickStart literacy and Focus on Reading to ensure that students are well equipped to meet the ever increasing comprehension demands as they progress through school.

This year we have also worked with the research of Robert Marzano, with a particular focus on providing quality student feedback, with a team of executive teachers recently attending a two day course exploring Marzano’s High Reliability Schools and identifying the journey required for Tweed River High School to be recognised at this level.

I am extremely proud of the initiatives that staff have undertaken as we strive to make our great school even better; and all this while implementing new syllabus documents in a number of faculties.

Now we will move into a new planning cycle where we will be setting our goals for the next three years. I will be asking for your assistance in this process as the feedback from parents and students is vital to ensure that we move in the right direction. I thank you in advance for undertaking the surveys that will be sent home.

As this is the last newsletter for the Term, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work. I would particularly like to thank Ian Hayward for his tireless work as relieving Deputy Principal. He will be returning to his position as Head Teacher Science next week as Craig Clement returns from leave.

Leisa Conroy, Principal

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**Deputy Principal’s Report**

I have been Relieving Deputy since Week 5 Term 1, however, as of Week 9 this Term Mr Clement will be returning as Deputy Principal and I will be resuming my position as Head Teacher Science.

I would like to thank parents/carers, school staff and most of all the students for their support. We have an amazing cohort of students who are polite, courteous and respectful and their eagerness to learn is inspiring. I would also like to thank Mr Betts who was Relieving Head Teacher of Science. If parents/carers feel the need to continue any contact on matters I have been addressing please contact me during school hours.

Welcome back Mr Clement.

Ian Hayward, Relieving Deputy Principal

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**Study help for high school**

It’s often quite difficult parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing).

www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.
**PRINCIPALS QUALITY WORK AWARDS**

**Year 8**  
**Science – Ms Andrews**  
Presley JOHNSON; Brayden JOHNSTON; Giorgia KARLOS; Matthew LEWIS; Gabbi McCLOY; Jordan PARSONS; Dakota ROWLES;

**Year 10**  
**Principal’s Office**  
Jordan CARROLL

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**SRC Report**

The SRC would like to thank everyone who helped raise money for Zac, a former South Sudan refugee. We sent him on his walk to Sydney yesterday and it was for a great cause. We will be continuing to raise money for him on Wednesday as we ask all students to show their support for their State of Origin team. Students will be able to wear their team’s jersey with an item of school clothing (for girls a skirt and boys the school shorts). If you do wear a jersey we ask that you bring a gold coin donation.

Zoe Boxsell, SRC Publicity Officer

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**KYDD Food at the Canteen**

**Next week (Week 9)**
- **Monday** - Butter chicken and rice $4.50  
- **Tuesday** - Pasta bolognaise or vego $4.00  
- **Wednesday** - Meal Deal - A burger and a small water $5.00  
- **Thursday** - Mild chili beef noodle box $4.50  
- **Friday** - Check for end of term specials, all toasted sandwiches $2.00

**Term 3 Week 1**
- **Monday** - [Staff Development Day]  
- **Tuesday** - A bucket of wedges with salsa, sour cream & cheese $3.50  
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**Diary Dates**

**TERM 2 WEEK 9B**

**Monday 23 Jun**  
- Yr9 Marine Studies Dreamworld Excursion  
- Open Boys Tennis NC Final – Grafton  
- NSWCHS Open Girls Touch Football round, TRHS

**Tuesday 24 Jun**  
- FNC Athletics Carnival, Walter Peate Oval, Kingscliff

**Wednesday 25 Jun**

**Thursday 26 Jun**

**Friday 27 Jun**  
- NSW Year 9/10 Touch Football, Murwillumbah  
- Last day of Term 2

**School Holidays**

**TERM 3 WEEK 1A**

**Monday 14 Jul**  
- Staff Development Day – Staff only

**Tuesday 15 Jul**  
- All students return to school

**Wednesday 16 Jul**

**Thursday 17 Jul**

**Friday 18 Jul**  
- Your Dream Seminar, Yr7&8 – P1/2, Yr9&10 – P3/4

**TERM 3 WEEK 2B**

**Monday 21 Jul**

**Tuesday 22 Jul**  
- NAIDOC Ceremony

**Wednesday 23 Jul**

**Thursday 24 Jul**  
- Semester One Presentation Ceremony, SEC, from 8.30am  
- Wollumbin Dreaming program

**Friday 25 Jul**

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Open Boys Touch Football Knockout

Congratulations to the Opens Boys Touch who defeated Kadina High School on Monday 2nd June by 5-0. The boys showed their class to Kadina after some contentious calls as a frustrated Kadina tried to put them off their normal game. The Opens Boys showed they’ve got plenty of skill when it comes to playing structured Touch and have even taught an “old dog” a few new tricks. Fingers crossed for the next Round game against a Hunter school which will see us make the top 10 finals with a win.

Thank you to the boys for their commitment this year and letting me be part of their challenge to push for success that will equal the girls’ success in the last few years.

Chris Swaddle, PDHPE Teacher

2014 BILAMBL JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

COMPETITION SIGN ON (See website for more information. Bilambil Junior Touch)

Teams Only: 8th August 2014 @ Bilambil Sports Club from 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Individual Only: 15th August 2013 @ Bilambil Sports Club from 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Cost $60 per player and MUST be PAID in FULL before the first game.

bilambiljuniortouch@hotmail.com or Tamara 0431141715

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO MEET THE COST OF DESEXING YOUR CAT?

LOW COST CAT DESEXING 7 - 10 JULY 2014

Friends of the Pound, with the support of the RSPCA and the Tweed Shire Council, are offering low cost cat desexing in the Tweed Shire, at the Murwillumbah Showgrounds, conditions apply.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: PHONE 0435 170 228

After 10 years, two un-desexed cats and their offspring can produce 90,362,780 cats 50 times per year, 28 surviving kittens per year, 10 year breeding life.
TRHS helps to launch Zac’s ‘Hope Road Walk for South Sudan’
FAR NORTH COAST DANCE FESTIVAL 2014
Far North Coast Athletics Carnival
The Far North Coast Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 24th June (Week 9) at Walter Peate Oval, Kingscliff. Students have received notes and these must be handed back as soon as possible. If the carnival happens to be cancelled due to wet weather, the back-up date is on Thursday 26th June, two days later. Please be aware of this quick turnaround. Students must be present at the ground by 8:30am if going by private transport. Students who are catching the bus must be at TRHS by 8am and must be picked up at TRHS at the end of the day around 3:30pm-4pm.

Sport Choices and Tweed Valley Term 3
Sport choices for Term 3 will be open on the TRHS Moodle site from Monday 2nd June to Wednesday 18th June. Students have been given a sheet in Rolls with the sports choices on it, so they need to think carefully about their choice. Please consider whether your child would like to compete in the Tweed Valley competition which is a local interschool competition between the local high schools. The cost of Tweed Valley this year is $50 for the Term to cover buses. Unfortunately as bus costs go up so must our fee for the competition. This must be paid by Week 3 of Term 3 or the student will forfeit their place in the team. If there are outstanding fees from previous years the student will not be able to play unless these fees are paid. There are a number of school sports available for those who are not participating in the competition.

NSWCHS Open Girls Touch Football
Tweed River High had a number of girls representing the North Coast at the Opens NSWCHS Touch Football competition which was played in Tomaree from Tuesday 3rd to Thursday 5th June. Congratulations to Sommer Nicholson, Grace Sleba, Olivia Attenborough-Doyle, Tarryn Aiken, Zoe Nuss, Alex Foltyn and Makayla Jennings who represented the school in an outstanding fashion. The North Coast team ended up 5th in the competition which is a great achievement. Well done.

NSWCHS Open Boys Touch Football
Tweed River High also has a number of boys representing the North Coast at the Opens NSWCHS Touch Football competition in Sydney from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th June. Mr Swaddle is the North Coast coach this year and will also be down at the event. Good luck to the following boys who are competing: Mitchell Lawrence, Daniel Wilmott, Jesse Curtis, Tim Warren, Andrew Scanes and Shaun Dinsey. Looking forward to hearing how you go!

U14 Buckley Shield and Opens University Shield Rugby League Knockout
Well done to Tweed River’s U14 Buckley Shield and Opens University Shield Rugby League teams who competed in the knockout competition against Ballina High School in Ballina on Tuesday 3rd June. The U14 team won their game and showed great commitment and determination to win. The Open Boys team were faced with a number of challenges on the day and I would like to thank every one of them for representing the school in great fashion. The result is still pending due to certain circumstances on the day. Thank you to Mr Winter and Mr Wood for coaching the boys and supporting our students.

North Coast Cross Country
Congratulations to the Tweed River High students who competed in the North Coast Cross Country competition on Friday 6th June in Kempsey. The following students represented the school: Jacquie Soden, Travis Coleman, Kitty Laemchalad, Sophie Watson and Tulloch Myrianthopoulos. Well done to Jacquie Soden who won her 18+ event and Travis Coleman who came second in his 18+ event. They are both moving onto the NSWCHS Cross Country event.

Open Girls Netball Far North Coast Champions
On Thursday 12th June Tweed River High School’s Open Netball team competed in the FNC Gala day at Arkinstall Park. The team showed a dominant performance on the day winning all their games and becoming the FNC Champions. Congratulations to the following students who competed on the day: Kate Marshall, Olivia Attenborough-Doyle, Brodhi Avis, Teagan Jefferies, Ally Sharp, Alex Foltyn, Grace Sleba and Zoe Nuss. A special thankyou to Heidi Moloney and Karen Jefferyes for helping to find umpires and helping out on the day where required. Your support is always appreciated.

Yours in Sport
Miss Jennifer Alford
Sports Organiser 2014
Tweed River High School
Some of the North Coast Boys Open Touch Football Representatives

Tarryn Aiken – NSWCHS Touch Football Representative

North Coast Girls Open Touch Football Representatives

2014 TRHS Athletics Age Champions
Year 10 Jumpstart boys participated in a 10 week TAFE course in wooden Surfboard making. The ‘final exam’ proved fun, cold and successful.
The first ever Tweed River High School Human Powered Vehicle is busily being built this Term to enter in the annual RACQ Technology Challenge. This week the team would like to recognise WriteOn Tshirts, Tweed Heads South for their kind sponsorship of the team. WriteOn Tshirts owners are Julian and Deirdre Miles.

The team is currently building the rear triangle section of the HPV (ie. the bicycle rear triangle) and it is proving to be very challenging. The team spent most of the last weekend toiling away here at school. Wow how keen is that!!!!! Mr Wiggins is still regularly heard mumbling “Measure twice, cut once!”

Tweed River High School would like to thank Julian and Deidre for kindly supporting the team. WriteOn Tshirts kindly donated the team shirts. So if you need screen printing of any sort (eg shirts, tshirts, caps, signage, stickers etc) lease support this local business.
INDIGENOUS YOUTH TRANSPORT PROGRAM

Kids, have you ever been frustrated trying to get somewhere outside of school hours, on the weekend? Or wish you could attend events and activities that are held in the area of the Tweed Shire, Byron Bay and the Gold Coast?

Parents, do you wish the kids would stop annoying you to take them somewhere when all you want to do after a hard week is relax??

Well now you can!

Our aim is to create new possibilities and options for youth transport that can be accessed outside school hours and that you and your friends can organise around events that you guys want to attend. Whether it is a trip to a theme park, Scream World, Shopping at Pac Fair, Music Festivals or simply a day at the beach, we can get you there. Youth Transport is a safe option for transport with door to door pick-ups and drop offs. All our drivers have a valid Working with Children check.

How it works...

Call Bilee, on 0423 739 757 or email her at bilee@community-transport.org.au to arrange transport assistance & have the following information ready:

- Where you want to go
- Full address of destination
- Pick up and drop off locations and times
- Number of passengers

PLEASE GIVE US AT LEAST ONE WEEKS NOTICE! THE EARLIER WE KNOW, THE MORE LIKELY YOU’LL GO!!

The sky is the limit so even if its not on our list, talk to us and we can try organise transport for your trip!!
This year Tweed River High School are fundraising again with The Entertainment Books! This year you have the option to purchase either the Entertainment Book, or a Digital Membership which is the whole book downloaded to a smart phone! Amazing! You will never forget your book again as it will be with you at all times on your phone! The memberships are still only $55 – and 20% of each sale goes towards the school fundraising! There is over $20,000 of savings in each book! Lots of great places to use it this year! Scales Fish N Chips, Kingscliff Surf Club, The Aztec, Coolangatta Sands Hotel, Babalou, 52 Marine, Subway, Red Rooster and so much more. To purchase either your book or the digital membership and support the P&C simply go online to:

Author Event: Jaclyn Moriarty

Come along to hear the mesmerising story of A Corner of White, a story of two worlds – Cambridge, England, and the Kingdom of Cello – the cracks between them, the science that binds them and the colours that infuse them. How did author Jaclyn Moriarty discover this parallel world? And what are the processes involved in researching and writing an award-winning novel?

About the author

Jaclyn Moriarty is the prize-winning, best-selling author of novels for young adults and adults including Feeling Sorry for Celia and The Year of Secret Assignments. Jaclyn grew up in Sydney’s north-west and studied Law and English at Sydney University, Yale and Cambridge. She spent four years working as a media and entertainment lawyer and now writes full-time so that she can sleep in each day.

About the book

Madeleine Tully lives in Cambridge, England, the World - a city of spires, Isaac Newton and Auntie’s Tea Shop. Elliot Baranski lives in Bonfire, the Farms, the Kingdom of Cello - where seasons roam, the Butterfly Child sleeps in a glass jar, and bells warn of attacks from dangerous Colours.

They are worlds apart - until a crack opens up between them, a corner of white - the slim seam of a letter. Elliot begins to write to Madeleine, the Girl-in-the-World - a most dangerous thing to do for suspected cracks must be reported and closed.

But Elliot’s father has disappeared and Madeleine’s mother is sick. Can a stranger from another world help to unravel the mysteries in your own? Can Madeleine and Elliot find the missing pieces of themselves before it is too late?

Date: 28 June, 2014
Time: 11am
Venue: Murwillumbah Library
Cost: Free
Bookings: 0266702427

Going Places – Authors on Tour is presented by the State Library of NSW and supported by the Copyright Agency.
Free BBQ and Activities for young people aged 12-18
COOLANGATTA SKATE PARK
4.30PM – 7.30PM Saturdays
the 14th & 28th of June
and 12th of July
Look for our feet on Facebook
like and share our posts.
Contact Shelley if you have any questions on
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