Tweed River High School

Innovation, Opportunity and Success

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, where:
- 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 focused on the needs of 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 by our school community.
- Students develop and are recognised for positive citizenship within the school and wider community.

Mrs Ryan is presented with her DEC Recognition of Excellence in the teaching of Stage 6 Aboriginal Studies Award

Tweed River High School has something to say about bullying

Rachel Loder’s ‘before’ photo for Shave for a Cure.

P&C Association

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

Next meeting: Thursday 21st May
All welcome

Uniform Shop

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

Co-ordinator - Kerry Lee
As the Term draws to a close I would like to congratulate the many students who have produced outstanding work. On Tuesday we formally congratulated students on their achievements this Term at their Year Assemblies. I would like to thank Mrs Mackney and the Year Advisors for ensuring that student success is celebrated every Term at these events. Not only are these events a chance to congratulate students, it also provides our Creative and Performing Arts students with a forum to showcase their talents and perform for their peers. Once again, Mr Walker and the music students have delighted their audiences.

At Tweed River High School we believe that the celebration of success is a vital component of school life and it is particularly wonderful that Mrs Jan Ryan has been recognised by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for her outstanding contribution to teaching. Mrs Ryan has received the ‘Recognition of Excellence in the Teaching of Stage 6 Aboriginal Studies Award’ which was recently presented at the NSW State Aboriginal Education Consultative Group’s AGM in Dubbo. Mrs Ryan is a most deserving recipient of this award and we are privileged to have her teaching our children. While Mrs Ryan is an outstanding teacher across a range of subjects, her ongoing commitment to Aboriginal Studies over many years has seen outstanding outcomes for students.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Mark Green for relieving as Deputy Principal this Term. It has been a privilege to work closely with Mr Green and I appreciate his focus on the support and wellbeing of our students. I would also like to thank Mr Chris Swaddle for his work as Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE. It has been much appreciated.

Ms Leisa Conroy

In the past few days there has been a noticeable change in the temperature, especially first thing in the morning. A number of our students are already looking for their pullovers so it is an ideal opportunity to remind our students and parents of the winter uniform options.

Firstly, “hoodies” are not part of the Tweed River uniform and in all their forms are not permitted on site. Just as it is in many shopping centres and public areas, this is simply a matter of maintaining a secure environment for your child’s safety. Staff must be able to quickly identify any person on campus. Hoodies prevent this from occurring.

The winter options consist of a green pullover with the school logo for Years 7 – 10; and a Black pullover with the school logo for our seniors. Both these items are available from the uniform shop run by our P&C. The shop is open between 8 and 11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school expects that its students carry and wear the appropriate uniform items to ensure they are warm over the cooler months.

While on uniform matters; parents will shortly be canvassed about the changes being proposed to the school uniform. To date the P&C has been working with suppliers and members of our Student Representative Council to address a number of concerns around parts of the current uniform. They have presented a range of options to staff for comment and in the near future parents will be asked for their contribution to the changes being considered. Please take this opportunity to respond to the recommendations which may shape the public image of our school for the next few years.

Thank you to those parents who attended the recent Parent Teacher Interviews. Reports are that it was a positive occasion which is very helpful for staff in supporting your child’s educational experiences at this school.

Good luck to Year 12 who will no doubt appear a little stressed and short tempered over the next few days during their examination period. This is the second last exam practice for these students before the real event in November.

Mr B Mackney
**TERM 1 WEEK 10B**

**Monday 30 March**
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**Tuesday 31 March**
- NC Open Touch @ Ballina

**Wednesday 1 April**
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**Thursday 2 April**
- Last day Term 1

**Friday 3 April**
- GOOD FRIDAY

**TERM 2 WEEK 1A**

**Monday 20 April**
- Staff Development Day – staff only

**Tuesday 21 April**
- All students return to school

**Wednesday 22 April**
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**Thursday 23 April**
- NC Open Netball @ Goonellabah

**Friday 24 April**
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**Saturday 25 April – ANZAC Day**

**TERM 2 WEEK 2B**

**Monday 27 April**
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**Tuesday 28 April**
- School Cross Country

**Wednesday 29 April**
- Open Boys & Girls Knockout Touch

**Thursday 30 April**
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**Friday 1 May**
- NSWCHS U15 Touch @ Mudgee

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**SRC Report**

The SRC would like to thank everybody who got involved in the Teacher’s vs Students Basketball game, although next time I think the students will need some more support as once again the teachers won, making the victory look easy.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all those who supported Harmony Day by either donating or wearing orange on Friday, and to remember that no matter what day it is bullying should never be tolerated.

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**Principal's Quality Work Award**

**Year 12**

**PD/H/PE – Ms Alford**
Dylan DAVIES; Nikaila HARTLEY

**PD/H/PE – Ms Cowan**
Jana CAPPER

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**KYDD FOOD AT THE CANTEEN**

**Term 1**

**Week 10**

- Monday  - Lasagne  $4.00
- Tuesday  - Pasta carbonara or vego  $4.00
- Wednesday  - Meal Deal - a focaccia and a paddle pop  $5.00
- Thursday  - Toasted sandwiches  $2.00

**Term 2**

**Week 1**

- Tuesday  - Bucket of wedges with salsa, sour cream and cheese  $3.50
- Wednesday  - Meal deal - a burger with a juice poppa  $5.00
- Thursday  - Pasta carbonara or vego  $4.00
- Friday  - Mild curried chicken and rice  $4.50

**Week 2**

- Monday  - Pasta bolognaise or vego  $4.00
- Tuesday  - Lasagne  $4.00
- Wednesday  - Meal deal - a focaccia and a paddle pop  $5.00
- Thursday  - Butter chicken and rice  $5.00
- Friday  - Fried rice  $3.00
Head Lice have been reported in the school

The facts
Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.
- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment
- daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
- school communities may need to hold 'check and treat' or Nitbuster days where everyone learns about and starts treatment on the same day.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice
As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time.
- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

Tips for tackling kids head lice
- Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.
- Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
- Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
- The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

For more information go to the "Nitbusters" website www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice

School traffic safety
Keeping our children safe

Traffic rules and regulations around schools are there for a very important reason... the safety of our children. Did you know?

Loss of demerit points apply when certain offences are committed in an operating school zone. For example, a minimum penalty of a $415 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points applies for stopping or parking a vehicle on or near:
- A pedestrian crossing
- A children's crossing
- A marked foot crossing

Double parking
Minimum fine is $311 and 2 demerit points
Parking in a bus zone
Minimum fine is $311 and 2 demerit points
Parking on the footpath
Minimum fine is $173 and 2 demerit points
Obstructing traffic
Minimum fine is $173

School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic outside the school. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all children.

Always drop-off and pick-up your children from your school's designated area, following your school's road safety procedures with care and courtesy.
The National Day of Action is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

Tweed River High School is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

We have a number of programs and initiatives in place to counter bullying. These include Brainstorm Productions – ‘The Hurting Game’ presented to Year 7 Students and ‘Cyberia’ presented to Year 9 Students. Mentoring each Wednesday morning encourages the development of ‘Positive Relationships’ through the presentation of relevant and age appropriate material. PDHPE curriculum further supports and reinforces the message of Bullying – NO WAY.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying, No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Thank you to Students and Staff for taking part in this year’s National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. On Friday 20th March both students and staff wore something ‘orange’ in support of this National Day of Action. Thank you to our SRC members for their support in the promotion of this initiative.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying, No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

Bronwyn Mackney
HT WELFARE
Lions Youth of the Year competition has begun for 2015. Three of our students have competed in the local rounds of the selection process.

Congratulations to Year 11 students Casey Lee, Matisse Valentino and Emily Wood who proudly represented the school.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is a Rotary District project designed to create an awareness of the role of the United Nations in mediating international issues. Teams of three students from years 11 or 12 select a country; research its history, politics, economics, peoples, international alignment and policies in current world affairs. Having chosen a country they then debate selected resolutions from each country’s point of view in a mock United Nations Assembly. Congratulations to the Tweed River High team.
LOOK OUT!
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*Terms & conditions apply, offer valid for a limited time. 
**Moodle Sport Choices for Term 2**
During Weeks 8 and 9 all students in Years 7 to 10 need to make their sport choice for Term 2 Wednesday sport online. Students do this using Moodle which can be accessed from the school website. Students log in using their normal computer log in and password. There is then a 'SPORT' folder where they then click on the link 'SPORT CHOICES TERM 2 2015'. Following the links they will be able to pick a sport out of about 17 choices.

Parents, please be aware that some sports require payment each week or each Term, and/or transport to and from a venue. Ensure your child picks a sport which is affordable and feasible for them to do. Any student who doesn’t make a choice by Friday 27th March at 2:30pm will be placed in a school sport and will not be allowed to change.

**School Carnivals**
A heads up that we have our last two school sport carnivals coming up:
Cross Country – Tuesday Week 2 Term 2 (28th April)
Athletics – Wednesday Week 3 Term 2 (6th May)

**Far North Coast Open Netball Trials**
Congratulations to all of the girls who trialled for the FNC Open Netball team this year. I am proud to say that half of the team are made up of Tweed River High students, which demonstrates the success of Netball at the school for the past few years. Congratulations to the following students who were selected: Kate Marshall, Olivia Attenborough-Doyle, Dakota Rowles, Nikaila Hartley and Hine-Rei Berryman.

**NSWCHS Swimming Carnival**
Good luck to Tahnie Lipponen (Year 10) and Brooklyn Freer (Year 7) who are both representing the North Coast at the NSWCHS Swimming Carnival in Sydney on the 27th - 29th March. Both are involved in a number of individual events and we wish them all the best!

**NC U15 Touch Football**
Congratulations to our students who were selected in the NCU15 Touch teams, including: Isaac Moloney, Brodhi Avis, Tawana Togo and Hine-Rei Berryman. These students and more, travelled to Coffs Harbour to represent the Far North Coast, with some of our students unlucky not to be picked. They will now represent the North Coast at the NSWCHS U15 Touch Championships in Mudgee next Term.

**U15 FNC and Northern Rivers Rugby League**
Well done to Jalen Riley and Brenton Daley-Holten who made the FNC and Northern Rivers side in the U15 Rugby League representative trials. They will be trialling for the North Coast team on Friday 20th March – good luck!

**Open Boys and Girls Soccer Knockout Gala Day**
Good luck to our Open boys and girls Soccer sides that are competing in the FNC gala day on the 24th March in Murwillumbah. A big thank you in advance to Ms Cowan and Mr McClure for coaching the teams.

Yours in Sport,
Ms J Alford
Sports Organiser 2015
YEARS 11 & 12 VACCINATIONS

Who?
Boys and girls

Why?
Each year NSW Health works in partnerships with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program. Vaccinations save lives and help to eradicate many diseases.
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella

When?
4th June, 2015

Where?
Students will attend school as normal, apart from their scheduled time to attend the school clinic.

Consenting to vaccination
Information kits will be distributed to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination:
- Read all of the information required
- Complete the consent form
- Return the completed form to the vaccination box at the office
- Ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the vaccination

Withdrawal from vaccination
Parents who wish to withdraw their consent may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The procedure for withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

Ms Cowan
(Vaccination Coordinator)
Tweed River High School community gets behind the No Bullying message of Harmony Day.
Volunteer Host Families Sought by WEP Australia

Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family!
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."
- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au
Mrs Ryan receives her 'Recognition of Excellence in the Teaching of Stage 6 Aboriginal Studies Award'

Year 11 Aboriginal Studies students along with students in the Indigenous Youth Careers Pathway Program enjoy the 'Keep your Culture' Fingal Head Excursion
Community leaders to ‘Do Time 4 Kids’

Tweed Deputy Mayor Phil Youngblutt is part of a group of prominent local identities, who will be ‘doing time to keep kids out of crime’.

Time 4 Kids is being organised by the Tweed Heads PCYC and involves a simulated jail being set up at Tweed Bunnings on Saturday 11th April and Community Business leaders will be locked up and calling on friends and other contacts to ‘bail them out’. The initiative, in its sixth year is a community awareness and fundraising scheme PCYCs are conducting across Australia during Youth Week.

Commented Tweed Heads PCYC Manager, Monique Pollock: “We greatly appreciate these prominent locals lending their support to what should be a fun few hours at Tweed Bunnings. The event allows us to draw people’s attention to the valuable work we do and assists us in generating funds to improve our services and facilities”.

“It costs us over $500,000 a year to operate and the bulk of funds are generated locally by our club through user fees, grants, our weekly markets and fundraising schemes such as this”.

The Tweed Heads PCYC conducts a range of sporting, recreational, child care, educational and crime prevention services and has over 1,500 registered members ranging in age from 2 to over 80 years of age.

“We encourage locals to visit Tweed Bunnings on 11th April from 8.30 am – 5.00 pm to see our special guest ‘detainees’ locked up and arranging ‘bail’.

A sausage sizzle information on PCYC activities will also be available during the morning. Individuals can make donations on the day, look up Tweed Heads PCYC through the time4kids.org.au website or can contact the PCYC on 07 5599 1714.
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