Tweed River High School

28th April 2015 (Term 2 Week 2)

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.
ANZAC Day

I would like to thank the students and staff who represented the school last Saturday at the Tweed Heads/Coolangatta ANZAC Day ceremony. I am proud of the respect that our students displayed in honouring those who have fought for our country during the last century. I would like to acknowledge the students who participated in the essay writing competition to commemorate the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli. I would particularly like to acknowledge Rachel Loder who read her essay at the Tweed Heads/Coolangatta service and Erin Butler who was also selected to read her essay, but was unable to as she was attending a school excursion.

I would also like to acknowledge the students who led our school ANZAC ceremony last Friday. Their leadership was appreciated by all present.

The 2015-2017 school plan

Our school plan has been completed after an extensive process of collaboration and we expect this to be available for your information on the school website by next week. I thank everyone for their input into the development process of the plan and I look forward to working with you to achieve our goals.

New staff

I would like to welcome Mr Troy Williams to Tweed River High School. Mr Williams began work this week as our new Careers Advisor. He is an experienced Careers Advisor who has taught at Mullumbimby High School for the last 9 years. I know the Year 12 students are excited about having a new advisor to assist them with their career planning.

I have also received permission to advertise for a Deputy Principal to fill the vacancy left by Mr Craig Clement’s retirement. I hope to have this position filled for Term 3. However, I know our students are in the very capable hands of Relieving Deputy Principal, Mr Ian Hayward, until then.

Ms Leisa Conroy

Deputy Principal’s Report

Term 2 is now well underway with significant events approaching very quickly for a number of Year groups.

Year 12 students can expect to have their personalised HSC Exam Timetables available in the next week or two. These can be accessed through their school email account where they are asked to set up a login on the BOSTES website. This will provide a direct link to the BOSTES for each student with personalised information about their HSC this year. It is important to set this up as soon as possible to ensure that information is received in a timely manner.

Year 11 students face their first round of examinations in the next two weeks. Students should be following a clear revision program at this point so that they can demonstrate their true ability in each of their courses. These results will provide students with a good indicator of where they need to dig a little deeper into study, or perhaps which subjects they should carry through to the HSC. Alternatively, these results should encourage some students to seriously consider leaving school altogether to pursue an alternative path. A number of Year 11 students still seem to think they can complete a HSC without participating in class in a diligent and sustained manner and that homework and associated study are not a necessary element for HSC success. In the next month the results will determine if their approach works.

Parents are reminded of the requirements of the Education Act regarding the options for students following the completion of Stage 5. A student is expected to remain at school until their 17th birthday unless they are employed for at least 25hrs per week and/or are undertaking training to at least Certificate 2 level. During this Term, Year 10 students will be presented with a range of information about study options for Years 11 and 12 commencing with a compulsory evening meeting on June 1st to outline the expectations, the options, the requirements and the processes for HSC study in the senior school at Tweed River HS in 2016. Before the end of this Term, Year 10 students will be required to submit their first round of subject choices for next year. Students will be interviewed by Executive staff in relation to those selections. Work will then begin to determine which subjects have enough students to form a class and the combinations of those subjects that will form the 2016 timetable matrix. Staff look forward to assisting students through this selection process.

Mr B Mackney
**Diary Dates**

**TERM 2**

**WEEK 3A**

**Monday 4 May**
- Whitehouse Fashion Workshop (Yr11 & 12 Textiles)
- U14s Rugby League @ BPHS

**Tuesday 5 May**
- Luca Lesson Poetry Workshop
- Whitehouse Fashion Workshop (Yr11 & 12 Textiles)
- AIME Excursion

**Wednesday 6 May**
- TRHS Athletics Carnival

**Thursday 7 May**
- Yr9 & 10 Boys & Girls Touch State Finals @ Sydney

**Friday 8 May**
- Yr9 & 10 Boys & Girls Touch State Finals @ Sydney

**WEEK 4B**

**Monday 11 May**
- Yr11 Half Yearly Exams
- Yr12 Exit Plan Interviews
- FNC Dance Auditions (8-9.30am)

**Tuesday 12 May**
- NAPLAN Testing Yr 7 & 9
- Yr11 Half Yearly Exams
- Yr12 Exit Plan Interviews
- Yr12 Parent/Teacher Afternoon, 3.30-6.00pm @ Hall

**Wednesday 13 May**
- NAPLAN Testing Yr 7 & 9
- Yr11 Half Yearly Exams
- Yr12 Exit Plan Interviews

**Thursday 14 May**
- NAPLAN Testing Yr 7 & 9
- Yr11 Half Yearly Exams
- Yr12 Exit Plan Interviews

**Friday 15 May**
- Yr11 Half Yearly Exams (Wk4&5)
- Yr12 Exit Plan Interviews
- FNC Cross Country

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**Principal's Quality Work Award**

**Year 8**
**Science – Ms Blair**
Erin BUTLER; Mia DION; Anna MORRIS

**Principal's Office – Mrs Conroy**
Brooke STODDART, Erin BUTLER

**Year 9**
**Science – Mr Rigby**
Maddison BARK; Yasmin HOLLOWAY-BLACKER; Bailey RICHARDSON

**Principal's Office – Mrs Conroy**
Rachel LODER

**Year 10**
**HSIE – Mrs Ryan**
Samantha JOINER

**Year 11**
**MUSIC – Ms Alsop**
Emily WOOD

**Year 12**
**HSIE – Ms Wolthers**
Erin HICKEY; Lachlan MISON

**Visual Art – Mrs Smith**
Kayla CHANDLER; Sam HARDING

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**KYDD FOOD AT THE CANTEEN**

**Term 2**

**Week 3**
- Monday  - Bucket of wedges with salsa, sour cream and cheese  $3.50
- Tuesday - Pasta carbonara or veggie  $4.00
- Wednesday - Athletics carnival - a canteen will be opened at the carnival
- Thursday - Lasagne  $4.00
- Friday  - Beef or bean burritos with rice, salsa and cheese  $4.50

**Week 4**
- Monday  - Pasta with a tomato herb and bacon sauce or veggie  $4.00
- Tuesday - Butter chicken and rice  $4.50
- Wednesday - Meal Deal - a focaccia and a paddle pop  $5.00
- Thursday - Stir fry noodles  $4.50
- Friday  - Mild chilli con carne and rice  $4.50
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- Presentations
- Workshops
- Local Entertainment
- Sausage Sizzle

Kingscliff TAFE Campus
Cudgen Road Kingscliff
Wednesday 27 May 2015
3.30pm—7.00pm

Dream Bigger Reach Higher
Everyone Welcome
Enquiries: Sylvia Roylance 0420 961 622

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**ThemeParks.com.au**
Ticket Sale

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC014” to gain access to these ticket offers.

*Terms & conditions apply, offer valid for a limited time.

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From the Library....

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015**

Premier’s Reading Challenge: This Term it is important for students to continue listing each and every book they read to ensure they are on track to complete the challenge by end of August 2015.

Our reading challenges have been generously supported by local businesses in 2015

Thank you to Hoyts Cinemas Tweed City

Congratulations to our senior students!
It is wonderful to see so many of our senior students working in the library during their study periods.
Hard work and effort is always rewarded.
Keep up the good work!

Mr Whitehead
Ms Monniot
Mrs James
**School Carnivals**
We have our last two school sports carnivals coming up this Term, and we are looking forward to seeing many of our students getting involved in these events. Students can get sponsored and win prizes for themselves for participation and gain equipment for the school, if interested students should see Ms Cowan or Ms Alford.

**Cross Country** – Tuesday Week 2 Term 2 (28th April) – students must put their name down to enter

**Athletics** – Wednesday Week 3 Term 2 (6th May)

**NSW Touch 9/10s Touch Football Championships**
Good luck to our Year 9/10 boys and girls touch teams who are travelling to Penrith for the NSW Touch School Championships on Friday 8th May. Mr Swaddle and Mr Wood are coaching the teams and are looking forward to taking the students down for a tough couple of days of competition. Good luck!

**North Coast Open Netball Trials**
Congratulations to all of the girls who trialled for the NC Open Netball team this year. Well done to the following students who trialled: Kate Marshall, Olivia Attenborough-Doyle, Dakota Rowles, Nikaila Hartley and Hine-Rei Berryman. Nikaila and Kate both made the North Coast team and will now compete at the NSWCHS Championships in Berkeley! Excellent result girls!

**NSWCHS State U15 Netball Knockout**
For the third year running we have our U15 Netball team who have qualified for the State Knockout Finals to be held in Berkeley, near Wollongong from the 19th - 20th May. The team have shown great skill and determination to qualify for the state finals and we wish them all the best in Week 5!

**NSWCHS U15 Touch Football**
Good luck to our students including Isaac Moloney, Brodhi Avis, Tawana Togo and Hine-Rei Berryman who are representing the North Coast at the NSWCHS U15 Touch Championships in Mudgee on the 2nd & 3rd May. It is a fantastic achievement to be picked for a North Coast team and we wish them all the very best.

**U15 NSWCHS Rugby League**
Well done to Jalen Riley and Brenton Daley-Holten who made the North Coast side in the U15 Rugby League representative trials. They will be competing in the NSWCHS Championships on Wednesday 6th May. What a wonderful achievement to have made it so far! The furthest we have had students represent in a number of years, great work!

**Ryan Chilton – Inline Hockey**
Congratulations to Ryan Chilton (Year 12) who competed in Melbourne over the holidays in the U17 Australian Inline Hockey team, competing against New Zealand. His team won the gold medal, beating NZ in a best of 5 competition format. Well done on a great individual sporting achievement Ryan!

**Presley Johnson – Taekwondo**
Another great sporting result from Presley Johnson (Year 9), who travelled to Auckland, New Zealand, over the holidays to compete in the NZ Open, a WTA international event. Presley came home with a gold medal for his age and weight! Well done Presley on a fantastic achievement!

Yours in Sport,
Ms J Alford
Sports Organiser 2015
Miss Tweed Country Ball Series
This is a family night out for all ages. The dance steps are easy to follow, and each dance is repeated. Supper is included in entry fee and consists of tea or coffee with locally made sandwiches and a range of cakes and slices. Soft drinks can be purchased. The dress is semi-formal; the dance is social Ballroom. There are lucky spot prizes, raffles, and Monte Carlo.

It is a social evening of dance with partner dances, progressive dances, and a couple of favourite dances (not built, Macarena, etc.) No alcohol, with tickets available at the door.

For more information please google ‘Tweed Ball Series’ or call 0466763503

Tides to be awarded:
- Tiny Tots – up to 9 years
- Junior Miss & Boys - 10 to 14 years
- Miss - 15 years & up
- Matron & Senior Boys – Open age

*Winners are expected to be able to attend the final Miss Tweed Ball on the 8th of August.

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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

Packing in a bus zone
Minimum fine is $311 and 2 demerit points

Packing 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.
What has the Tweed River High School community been doing in Semester 1?

| YEAR 10 PEER SUPPORT OF YEAR 7 | VACCINATIONS |
| FRIENDS OF THE POUND MUTT STRUTT | RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK |
| ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY AND MARCH | SPORTS ADMINISTRATION/OFFICIALS |
| READER/WRITER FOR EXAMS | PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE |
| TWEED HAAC CENTRE | COLOR RUN |

Year 9 and 10 students record their volunteering activities in their log book and/or on-line if they can. They will receive state-wide certificates for their efforts, which enhances their employability. Happy volunteering!

Ms Cowan

DEC Student Volunteering Coordinator
ADIDAS FUNDRAISER

Year 7 and Year 8 students have been invited to participate in the Adidas School Fundraiser, which raises funds for school sporting equipment and gives participants the opportunity to earn prizes for themselves. Students are sponsored to participate in the School Athletics or Cross Country Carnivals. Participants will also receive Adidas certificates that contribute towards the School Achievement Program. Thank you to our sponsors.

PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE 2015

Students in Year 7 and our Sports Development Program have been invited to participate in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge, which assists the school in receiving Sporting grants. Students in Years 9 and 10 can claim this as a volunteering activity for supporting their school. Thank you to all participants. Get out and about and enjoy being active!

Ms Cowan

Sports Development Program Coordinator
CoolHeads
FREE BBQ & ACTIVITIES (for young people aged 12–18)

THURSDAYS
South Tweed Heads
APRIL 16, 4-6pm
BBQ & ACTIVITIES
Sumo Suits, Drums & Nature Collage
MAY 14, 4-6pm
BBQ & ACTIVITIES
Sumo Suits & Drums

FRIDAYS
Murwillumbah Community Centre
APRIL 17, 4-8pm
ACTIVITY
Lazer Tag & Clay Bake Jewellery
MAY 1, 4-8pm
ACTIVITY
Movie Night & Glass Painting for Mother’s Day
MAY 15, 4-8pm
ACTIVITY
Games Night & Nature Collage
MAY 29, 4-8pm
ACTIVITY
Pizza & Pasta Night
JUNE 12, 4-8pm
ACTIVITY
Winter Solace & Paint Blowing
JUNE 26, 4-8pm
ACTIVITY
Movie Night & Scratch Art

SATURDAY
Goodwin Park, Coolangatta
APRIL 11, 4-7pm
BBQ & ACTIVITY
Sumo Suits & Earring making

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WRITING PRIZE
2015

The Future Leaders Writing Prize is designed to recognise and reward talented young writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing.

Year 11 and 12 students in Australian secondary schools are invited to submit a piece of writing (800 to 1,000 words).

The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic.

PRIZE
In 2015, the award winner will receive $1,000. Where there is more than one winner the prize money will be shared.

The winners of the Future Leaders Writing Prize will have their work published.

SUBMISSIONS
Please send all submissions electronically in a word document by 1 July 2015 to helen@futureleaders.com.au

"The Prize played a large role in the producer of the play entrusting me with the scriptwriting duties when I had never written a play before. So for me the Prize has gone a lot further than I could ever have imagined."

(previous winner of a Future Leaders Writing Prize).

Future Leaders is a philanthropic initiative about leadership and our future. It seeks to involve, inform and inspire. www.futureleaders.com.au
My First Lesson Submission Guidelines

Who’s eligible to enter?
Students in year 9 – year 12 within Australia.

Word count for submissions
1000 words

Competition dates
Competition opens Wednesday 22 April, 2015.
Competition closes Friday 18 September, 2015.

Competition instructions
Students read assigned chapters from Alice Pung’s new novel Laurinda and write a short story of no more than 1000 words on the theme of “My First Lesson”. The content and length has been designed to fit into creative writing units suited for middle and senior years.

Teachers send the three best stories from each class to Black Inc. and Alice Pung will select from these for a new book, which Black Inc. will publish in early 2016. Submissions need to be typed and submitted in hard copy by reply paid post (free postage within Australia) and students may also submit a story on their own via reply paid post.

Competition materials
Black Inc. will supply a complimentary classroom copy of Laurinda, teaching notes and Australian curriculum questions for Laurinda and copies of the assigned chapters from Laurinda for students. To request competition materials, please email education@blackincbooks.com by Friday 20 March, 2015. All competition materials are provided free of charge.

To download printable competition materials, please visit www.myfirstlesson.com.au

Formatting
Double-spaced, single-sided and stapled, with a completed entry form attached. Submissions will only be accepted in hardcopy. Please keep an electronic copy of your submission for your records.

Submissions mailing address
(No stamp required within Australia)
Schwartz Publishing – My First Lesson
Reply Paid 79448
Collingwood VIC 3066

Due to time constraints, Alice Pung will not be able to provide feedback on submissions. Only successful applicants will be notified.

Black Inc. will publish the student anthology My First Lesson in early 2016. All successful contributors will receive 3 free copies of the book and 50% off additional copies. All proceeds from the anthology will be donated to Room to Read, an innovative global non-profit which focuses on literacy and girls’ education. www.roomtoread.org

Questions regarding submissions for My First Lesson can be directed to education@blackincbooks.com
(Please note, submissions cannot be accepted by email.)

www.myfirstlesson.com.au

My First Lesson submission guidelines
MY FIRST LESSON: STORIES INSPIRED BY LAURINDA
A NEW ANTHOLOGY OF WRITING FROM YOUNG AUTHORS • SELECTED BY ALICE PUNG

COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

STUDENT’S NAME:

YEAR LEVEL:

SCHOOL:

SCHOOL POSTAL ADDRESS:

STUDENT’S EMAIL (IF STUDENT IS SUBMITTING A STORY INDEPENDENTLY):

TEACHER’S NAME:

TEACHER’S EMAIL:

Please complete this form and send it with a story of no more than 1000 words to
Schwartz Publishing (no stamp required if posted in Australia).
Only hardcopy submissions will be accepted.
Please keep an electronic copy of your submission for your records.

Schwartz Publishing – My First Lesson, Reply Paid 79448 Collingwood VIC 3066
To download My First Lesson submission guidelines please visit www.myfirstlesson.com.au

For more information, email education@blackincbooks.com

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