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.

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

TRHS staff gather for fundraising at our Morning Tea

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)

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I would like to thank Mr Kirk and Mr Moffitt for their contribution to Public Education and, particularly to Tweed River High School. I wish them a very long and fun filled retirement. They deserve it!

Ms Leisa Conroy

Recent research by the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) indicates that students whose attendance in school is compromised by repeated lateness, absence and truancy, perform at significantly lower levels in testing. In Mathematics this deficit can be as much as 40 points.

It is logical isn’t it... if you hope to understand the concepts presented in a course you need to be in class to learn about it, to practice them, to discuss your understanding with others in order to improve clarity - understanding.

Parents will shortly be receiving advice from the school about updated requirements for school attendance as they relate to the Education Act and DEC Policy. The aim is to improve school attendance. They will make clear to parents their legal responsibilities in regard to ensuring their children are in school when school is open. Schools have stricter obligations to report to government on the attendance levels of students. It is very important that parents are aware of the following key points:

- The school cannot accept explanations for lateness or absence from students. Therefore parents can expect to be contacted by the school requesting explanations for lateness and absences. It is further expected that explanations are provided in person or in writing, either by note, email or text.
- The Principal does not have to accept the explanation given by a parent to justify lateness or an absence. While morning glitches do happen, it is not acceptable for example to repeatedly try to explain away lateness as “slept in” or “missed the bus.”
- Schools cannot retrospectively amend attendance records such as lateness, absence or leave more than seven days after the event. After seven days an unexplained and unjustified absence will always remain an unjustified absence. This means that explanations and documentation such as medical certificates must be provided to the school promptly.
- Students and their parents must have an exceptional reason, eg. specialist medical appointment, for leaving school during the day, including leaving during sport, and being absent for carnivals etc. The government expects that such appointments are ordinarily made for outside of school hours. Birthdays, family outings, trips to the airport are not considered to be exceptional reasons and would be registered as unjustified on the school roll.
- Parents must request leave for a student during the school day. This is done by a note, email or a text message.
- In line with the schools child protection obligations, parents may also be advised by the school of a students’ truancy during the day. The school is unable to fulfil its duty of care to a student when they take themselves off the campus without any permissions. When the school becomes aware of a student doing this that duty of care must then be returned to the parent. Parents may be advised either by phone or text.

Parents are asked to do their part in supporting the efforts of the school to ensure that each of our students have the best opportunity to succeed at their studies and are prepared for making a positive contribution to our community.

Mr B Mackney
Terminology

Week 5

Monday 18 May
- Yr11 Exams
- Yr7 Camp @ Tallebudgera
- U15 State Netball KO finals
- NSW CHS Girls KO Touch @ TRHS

Tuesday 19 May
- Yr11 Exams
- Yr7 Camp @ Tallebudgera
- U15 State Netball KO finals
- ICAS Digital Technologies Exam

Wednesday 20 May
- Yr 11 Exams finish
- Yr7 Camp @ Tallebudgera
- U15 State Netball KO finals

Thursday 21 May
- U13 & U15 KO Rugby League

Friday 22 May
- Yr12 English Std – Speech Day
- Yr12 English Adv – Writing/Poetry incursion
- Yr12 English Studies – Assess 3

Week 6B

Monday 25 May
- Yr7-10 assessment period
- NSW CHS Netball in Sydney (Mon-Thu)
- U15 NSW CHS Rugby League in Newcastle (Mon-Thu)

Tuesday 26 May
- Yr7-10 assessment period

Wednesday 27 May
- Yr7-10 assessment period
- Yr12 Drama excursion to Sydney

Thursday 28 May
- Yr7-10 assessment period
- Yr12 Drama excursion to Sydney

Friday 29 May
- Yr7-10 assessment period

Winter is coming and the mornings are getting cooler. As such, students are beginning to wear a variety of jumpers to keep warm. Please remember that the school junior jumper is bottle green and the senior jumper is plain black. These jumpers are available from the school’s Uniform Shop. Students who are out of uniform will be asked to change into appropriate clothing from the uniform pool. Hoodies of any form are not acceptable.

Students of our school are exceptionally well behaved. However, there is on occasions, times when bullying occurs. Tweed River High has zero tolerance to bullying. Year 7 students are currently undertaking an anti-bullying program in mentoring which outlines the types of bullying, the effects on those that it is directed at and the consequences for those that do it. Students have also received information on Cyber Safety and Social Media to take home. One of the biggest difficulties that we face with bullying is that we are not told about it when it first happens. If we do not know about the bullying we cannot address it. Having an environment where students feel safe, respected and eager to learn is paramount to Tweed River High.

The Year 7 camp is in Week 5 and this will provide a great opportunity for the students to form new bonds with both their peers and their teachers. It is always a great event and I look forward to being a part of the camp.

Mr I Hayward, Relieving Deputy Principal

Hello all,

Coming up on 4th June we have Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. We would love to have everybody involved, so if you think you would be interested in bringing in something on the day please see an SRC representative or Mr Wood as soon as possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

KYDD FOOD AT THE CANTEEN

**Term 2**

**Week 5**
- Monday – Bucket of wedges with salsa, sour cream and cheese $3.50
- Tuesday – Pasta bolognaise or veggo $4.00
- Wednesday - Meal Deal - a burger and a juice poppa $5.00
- Thursday - Beef or bean burritos with rice salsa and cheese $4.50
- Friday - Stir fry noodles $4.50

**Week 6**
- Monday – Pasta carbonara or veggo $4.00
- Tuesday – Hot potato with topping and cheese $4.00
- Wednesday - Meal Deal - a focaccia and a paddle pop $5.00
- Thursday - Mild chilli con carne and rice $4.50
- Friday - Lasagne $4.00
TWEED HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Tweed Hospital Auxiliary’s Annual Fashion Parade will be held at Tweed Civic Centre, Cnr Wharf & Brett Streets, on Friday 29 May 2015 commencing at 10.00 am. The doors will open at 9.30 am. Tickets are $15.00 per person and can be purchased at the Tweed Hospital Auxiliary Gift shop, at various venues around the Tweed where our raffle tickets are on sale or at the door.

Many local fashion houses will be supplying fashions and there will be a delicious morning tea. There will also be lucky door prizes and the raffle will be drawn on the day.

All proceeds go to purchase equipment for the Tweed Hospital.

For more information contact 0421 930 069 or 0409 358 060.

SMOKEHOUSE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

is held at the
Coolangatta & Tweed Heads
Auditorium
on the fourth Sundays
from February to November
commencing at 1:00pm
For further information
contact Lyn or Col on
0755904465

Principal’s Quality Work Award

Year 8
English – Mrs Cunningham
Anna MORRIS

Year 10
Applied Technology – Mrs Marriott
Gemma BORRA; Ava CRANDON-DOWNES; Soul NAYLOR;
Keeley PERANDIS

Year 11
Applied Technology – Mrs Marriott
Megan GRIBBLE; Michaela THOMAS; Melanie WHITE;
Faith WILLIAMSON
Design & Technology – Mrs Conroy
Emma GEARON

CONNECT to your FUTURE career expo

• TAFE • Universities
• Defence Force • Centrelink
• Apprenticeships • Youth Services
• Training Organisations • Employers
• Career Advisers • Try-a-trade
• Employment Services • Campus Tours
• 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
WOW! WOW! WOW!

What a great two days of workshops we have had. Our Year 11 & 12 Textiles and Design students and a small number of Year 10 Textiles students combined with other Textile students in the district and were involved in workshops with The Whitehouse Institute of Design in Sydney. Over the two days the students learnt to draw fashion figures, render their images and create inspiration mood boards for their folios.

This was an amazing opportunity for these students to have such an organisation as Whitehouse come to us and spend two days developing and improving their skills, which will assist them in their HSC work and in their future work in Textiles. We have some incredibly talented students and it was wonderful to see them exploring their creativity.

Congratulations to Megan Gribble who won a week of workshops in the next school holidays at the Whitehouse Institute in Sydney.

Merran Marriott
School Carnivals
A big congratulations to all of the students and teachers who have been involved in the Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals over the past couple of weeks. There were many students who participated in events and achieved points for their houses. Well done to BOYD house who won the Athletics carnival! Age champions for both carnivals will be presented at the Semester 1 Sports Presentation at the end of the term. Thank you to all of the teachers who helped out at the events to make the running of the carnivals a great success.

U15 Greater Northern Rugby League Trials
Well done to Jalen Riley and Brenton Daley-Holten who trialled for the Greater Northern U15 rugby league side on the 6th of May. Jalen made the team and is now travelling to Toronto, south of Newcastle, to trial for the NSWCHS side. What an amazing achievement – one we haven’t seen for a number of years!

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 of May. The girls have been training hard and are looking forward to competing against the top 15 teams in the state. The team have shown great skill and determination to qualify for the state finals and we wish them all the best in Week 5!

Far North Coast Cross Country
Good luck to the students who qualified for the FNC Cross Country to be held on the 15th of May at Byron Bay High School. Thank you to Ms Pope for managing the team and for our other teachers being officials for the day.

Tweed Valley Competition 2015
In term 3 the annual Tweed Valley inter-school competition will be running again during Wednesday sport time, which involves a number of schools in the Tweed area; including TRHS, Banora Point HS, Kingscliff HS, Murwillumbah HS, Wollumbin HS and Mount St Patrick’s College. In Week 6 students will be asked to nominate whether they would like to be a part of the competition this year. Sports on offer will be touch football, rugby league, netball, soccer, surfing, basketball, tennis, volleyball and hockey.

Yours in Sport,
Ms J Alford
Sports Organiser 2015
From the Library....

Celebrating 100 years in commemoration of the ANZAC Landing
The Library has a display of posters, poems and books. Students have been showing great interest, and many have a family history of relatives who were a part in this campaign.

Merit Certificates awarded to the following students for:-
Enthusiastic participation in their reading class

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Nathaniel TOGO
William PAULSON
Ryan PUCKERIDGE
Brodie TOMLINSON

OUTSTANDING TEXTBOOKS/ LIBRARY RESOURCES from 2014

Unfortunately we have had to invoice individual students who have not returned textbooks or library resources due in 2014
We ask your co-operation in encouraging your student to return any outstanding textbooks or library resources to the library.
Once resources are returned, an invoice will be amended to reflect return of overdue resources.

Please contact library staff for information regarding student loans.
**What can students borrow?**

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**Borrow for how long?**

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**Overdue loan policy**

- Each week students may receive a reminder in Roll Call of an overdue resource.
- After 21 school days letters are sent to students home requesting return of resource.
- After 1 term overdue resources are invoiced to individual students for payment.

**Thank you to Best Friends Pets for their generous support of our Reading Programs, a local business supporting the youth of our area through Tweed River High School.**

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**Mad Hatters Tea Party**

*Help Us Raise Money For The Cancer Council at our Mad Hatters Tea Party*

*Saturday the 30th of May from 11am – 12pm*

*Pick up your free hat for your best friend and decorate it at home, or create your own from scratch. Bring your pooch in wearing their mad hat and for a minimum $5.00 donation, you can share a lovely morning tea together. There will also be a prize for the best hat!*

*We will also be selling cakes and other goodies in the store all day as a part of the Cancer Councils Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea event to raise much needed money for cancer research.*
Rock & Roll Disco

FRIDAY
29th May 2015
5-9 pm
@ Club latitude

FREE ENTRY
for members
(Non-members $10)

3/76 Minjungbal Drive
Tweed Heads South
Food and soft drinks
provided.

COME DRESSED IN ROCK & ROLL COSTUME!

Ph: Ella to register on:
07 5523 9122 by 22nd May
SENIOR WINTER COMPETITION

MIXED AND MENS WELCOME

SEASON STARTS 25TH MAY 2015 – MONDAY NIGHTS
ONLINE SIGN UP AVAILABLE 29/4/15 AT WWW.TWEEDCOASTOZTAG.COM
MINIMUM OF 11 PLAYERS/TEAM - $100/PLAYER ($8.30/GAME)

PLAYED AT
CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB

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