GREAT START FOR OUR YEAR SEVENS
A warm welcome to our Year Seven students. It’s always an exciting time (and let’s face it a little nerve-wracking) when you begin a new challenge and for our Year Seven students - everything is new. New school, new teachers, new uniforms, books, timetables - and as you can clearly see from our photos - most importantly, new friends!

YR 7 DISCO ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY - DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE VILLAIN OR HERO!

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SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

I would like to welcome our new students and their families to the Tweed River High School community. I’m sure that you will find our school community friendly and welcoming.

YOU ARE INVITED

Our year 7 students have settled in nicely over the last week and are now able to find their way around the school. On Monday the 15th we will formally welcome the parents of our year 7 students with our annual meet the teachers and P&C evening. I urge you all to come along and meet the teachers who will be working with your children over the coming year. You will also have a chance to meet some of the parents who support the school through our P&C. Our hospitality students will provide some refreshments and our Student Representative Council will entertain the year 7 students in the hall with a disco.

WE VALUE YOUR OPINION

As many parents would be aware, the school’s improvement initiatives are guided by the research findings of Dr Robert Marzano; an expert in identifying strategies that have the greatest effect on student learning. We have now spent our first full year working within this framework, so we will be evaluating our progress. One measure we will use are surveys of parents, students and staff. I urge you to use the link below and complete a survey to assist us in this evaluation.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J9RKDYF

Your opinions are important to us as the best results will be achieved for all students when parents and teachers work in partnership.

I look forward to meeting the parents of our new year 7 students next week and recommend all parents attend the many opportunities we have throughout the year to meet with the teachers of your children.

Together, we will ensure that every child has an exceptional year of learning in 2016.

Ms L Conroy - Principal
VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

All Year 9 and 10 students are automatically registered for the DEC student volunteering awards program. This is a state-wide program that recognises all of the non-paid work that students complete in and outside of school. It assists students in gaining employment. Some of our Year 10 students are off to a great start, supporting our Year 7 enrolments. Year 9 will receive their volunteering booklet in roll call and Year 10 received theirs last year. Students need to see Ms Cowan if they did not receive a booklet or if they have any other questions.

Volunteers make a difference! Ms Cowan, Volunteering Coordinator.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

There is an opportunity for a student in Year 10 or 11 to receive a scholarship grant from Seagulls to participate in the Max Potential Leadership Coaching Program. The scholarship is valued at $600!

Participants will gain a nationally recognised Certificate 1 in Active Volunteering, which increases their acceptance into a number of courses and increases their employability. Return your application form to Ms Cowan by 14 February. If you need any help completing your application please see Ms Cowan.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The SDP is open to all students and will run on Tuesday afternoons with qualified coaches. The sports on offer are dance, netball, rugby league, surfing, tennis and touch. The SDP is largely responsible for Tweed River High School’s success in sport across the state.

Students will need to register their name. Trials commenced on Tweed River High School grounds on Tuesday 9th February until Tuesday 23rd February from 1:40-3:00pm. Brochures can be obtained from the office counter.

Yours in sport, Ms Cowan, SDP Coordinator.

P&C WELCOME TO PARENTS TO MEET TEACHERS

The Welcome to Parents Meeting introduces Year 7 parents to the Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Adviser, Teachers and members of the P&C Association. Light refreshments will be provided with the emphasis on parents socialising and talking with teachers and other parents. This session will be held in the SEC.

We highly recommend the night for Year 7 to have fun and for parents to meet your child’s teachers and find out more about the school. We also encourage parents to become actively involved in their child’s education. We look forward to seeing you there!

Monday 15th February at 6:30pm in the SEC

YEAR 7 DISCO MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY AT 6.00PM IN THE HALL CALLING ALL HEROES VS VILLAINS!

All Year 7 students are invited to attend our Term 1 Disco, organised by our Student Representative Council (SRC) and supervised by teachers. The Year 7 Disco provides the opportunity for Year 7 to socialise together, have fun and meet our Student Representative Council members, while your parents meet the staff.

Cost: $3.00 admission (including an icy pole) Theme: Dress as your favourite Hero or Villain.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open Every Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am—11am
(Located Next to the Canteen)
Co-ordinator - Kerry Lee

P&C ASSOCIATION DATES
Monday 15 February 6.30pm
Monday 14 March 7pm
Please come along and be part of our P&C.
SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday the 10th of February the school swimming carnival will be held at Banora Oasis Pools. All students are expected to attend and be at the pool by 8:30am. This is a fantastic day for students to swim for their house, and have fun with friends. A shuttle bus will be run from school to the pool in the morning and afternoon to connect with Surfside Buses at a cost of $5.

The cost for the pool is $4 which is to be paid at the entry to the pool. Students should dress in their house colours (Boyd – Yellow, Burgess – Orange, Morgan – Blue and McGregor – Red) and get involved the novelty activities we also have planned for the day. Make sure all students are prepared with hats, sunscreen, food and plenty of water. There is also a canteen open on the day.

Students who place in the top two in each event (but top 4 in the 100m) will be asked whether they would like to go to the Far North Coast Swimming Carnival. This will be held on Tuesday of Week 4 (16/2/16) in Mullumbimby. It is essential that students who receive a note for the FNC carnival tell Ms Alford whether they are going or not. Money for FNC must be handed to the Front Office and the note given to Ms Alford in the PDHPE staffroom no later than FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY. Money will NOT be accepted any later.

FNC TRIALS AND KNOCKOUT TEAMS

There are plenty of opportunities for students to trial for FNC sporting teams and school knockout teams coming up, including:

- Open Boys and Girls Soccer – Murwillumbah on Friday 26/2/16
- Open Boys and Girls Basketball – Byron Bay on Thursday 3/3/16
- U15 AFL – Byron Bay on Friday 19/2/16
- U15 Touch Football – Murwillumbah on Thursday 25/2/16
- U15 and Opens Rugby League – Kingscliff HS on Tuesday 1/3/16

If you are interested in any of the above teams you need to see Ms Alford ASAP in the PDHPE Staffroom. A reminder that students have to stay above 85% attendance, have no outstanding BOS letters and not be on the exclusion list if they are to attend any events outside of school.

U15 NETBALL NORTH COAST FINAL

On Wednesday the 24th of February our U15 Netball team will be playing in the North Coast Final in Wauchope. This team played last year in the FNC gala day which they won, and then went on to win the semi-final. We wish the girls all the very best for the game. If they win, it will be the 4th year in a row that Tweed River High will make the state finals in this sport. What a great achievement!

KINGSCLIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Hockey is an exciting sport to get into and in preparation for the winter sporting season the Kingscliff Hockey Club is looking for new and old playing members (Juniors up to 17 years old).

The hockey season starts in late March.

Please see the noticeboard at J106 for more information and dates regarding sign on.

PLAY RUGBY IN 2016
CASUARINA BEACH RUGBY UNION CLUB
REGISTRATION DAYS
@ Casuarina Rugby Fields, Tweed Coast Way, Casuarina
SUNDAY 7th Feb & SUNDAY 21st Feb
11.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
U/6 through to U16’s
Modified rules for different age groups
For further details go to: www.casuarinarugby.com
THE HURTING GAME...
Brainstorm Production

WHEN: Tuesday 23rd February
WHO: All Year 7 Students
COST: Gold coin donation - contribute to the cost of this production.

A live performance that takes a daring look at the hurtful games we play at school and in cyber space, to give ourselves a false sense of power and belonging.


Bronwyn Mackney, Head Teacher Welfare

VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program. Year 7 students will have:

1. dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
2. varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
3. human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

THE YEAR 7 VACCINATION DATES ARE:

- 10th March, 2016
- 19th May, 2016
- 15th September, 2016

WE LOVE OUR LIBRARY

Welcome Year 7, we hope you have the chance to pop into the library over the next few weeks to come and meet the library staff.

- We have a wonderful collection of reading materials and books helpful for assignments.
- Year 7 students are able to borrow two fiction books and two non-fiction books.
- Loans are for a two (2) week period.
- Until student photo ID cards are issued Year 7 can use their student timetable as ID to borrow resources.
- We participate in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge from March through to August in 2016. Students are required to read 20 books over this time to complete the challenge.
- You might like to play a game during your break. We have UNO, Chess and Scrabble.

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Tips that will help you stay ‘Cyber Healthy’; it is very easy to lose yourself in Cyberspace.

- Set aside time for off line activities with family and friends that include exercise and sharing conversations.
- Don’t put things on the net about yourself that you wouldn’t be prepared to put on the fridge at home.
- Keep your user name and password to yourself, don’t share them even with friends.
- Avoid sharing personal details on line such as phone numbers, addresses, your school, sport team, other extra activities you are part of.
- If you receive suggestive, bullying or harassing messages, don’t reply. Tell your parents and teachers.

Be AWARE of the warning signs........ It is easy to lose balance,

- You are not mixing away from the net with your real life friends.
- Your relationships are based around the net.
- You are over the top in terms of your time spent on the net.
- You are becoming secretive about who you are chatting with on the net.
- You are surfing the net just for the sake of it; you really have no purpose.

Seek assistance, consider the warning signs,

Watch for these things in yourself and

STAY SAFE

www.cybersmart.gov.au

www.cybersafetysolutions.com

Internet Safety Tips for Parents, for Kids, for Schools. Widely known as the ‘cyber cop’, Susan McLean is Australia’s foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years.