Year 7 Disco & Year 7 Camp

Tweed River High School Year 7 Students started Term 1 with some exciting activities!

On Monday February 15 the Student Representative Council organised a disco welcoming our new Year 7 cohort. There were some fabulous villain and hero costumes along with some great dance moves! The parents enjoyed food prepared by our hospitality students and had a great opportunity to meet the teachers.

On Wednesday February 17 Year 7’s went to the Gold Coast Recreation Centre for three days camp. Swimming, archery, high ropes and fun team building exercises were just a few of the wonderful activities that our Year 7 students enjoyed.

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SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

Opportunity to find out more about Tweed River High School

Tweed River High School is part of the Tweed Learning Community and can offer your child a seamless transition from Primary School to High School. There are number of events taking place over the next few weeks which provide a wonderful opportunity to find out more about the school.

Primary School Visits

The Principal, Ms Conroy, Deputy Principal Ms Taylor and Year 7 Advisor 2017 Mr Fugar have been visiting primary schools along with some of our talented students to showcase just what Tweed River High School can offer your child. Tweed River High School students led primary school students in sporting challenges, guitar recitals and dance performances. Our Scientists and Mathematicians led by Mr. Hayward (HT Science) and Mr Topper (HT Maths) have also been visiting primary schools to prepare them for the Tweed Learning Community STEM Olympiad on Monday 9 May 2016 where teams will compete for the TLC STEM title.

Information Evening

On Monday 14 March at 6pm there will be an Information Evening for any new parents and students for 2017. This will be held in the Schools Sport and Entertainment Centre. A sausage sizzle and refreshments will be provided prior to the program, which will commence at 7pm. There will be interesting activities for students and small group workshops for parents to meet teachers with an opportunity to ask lots of questions about what the school can offer. For further information about the comprehensive and outstanding programs available at Tweed River High School please contact us on 07 55243007.

With Kind Regards

Ms Kim Taylor, Deputy Principal

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

TRHS CANTEEN
Check out the daily menu on the canteen window for some great meal deals.
Eftpos available. Open for Breakfast Recess Lunch

NEXT P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING
Monday 14 March 6pm
Sausage Sizzle & Refreshments
Please come along and be part of our P&C.
Enrolling Now

You're invited to attend a Year 6 to 7 2017 Information Evening. Open to anyone wishing to enrol their child and find out more about Tweed River High School.

We offer:
• Academic Talent Pathway Program
• Sport Development Program
• School Band/Music Tuition
• Agricultural Studies with a School Farm
• Marine & Aquatic Facilities
• Extensive Range of Subjects
• Brand new Trade Skills Centre

Sausage sizzle and refreshments provided

Innovation Opportunity Success

Monday 14 March at 6pm
Email us with any questions you may have
RSVP: jacqueline.kyle@det.nsw.edu.au
Heffron Street Tweed Heads South NSW 2486
P: 07 5524 3007 E: tweedriver-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.tweedriver-h.school.nsw.edu.au

PRINCIPAL’S QUALITY WORK AWARDS

Year 7
English – Mrs Cunningham
Jackson MANSFIELD
Ella MORICE-BARKER
Macy SMIDT

YEAR 12 MATHS T5 STUDY DAY

On Friday 26 February Year 12 Maths students took part in a T5 Study Day at South Tweed Sports Club. Students from our T5 Schools, Banora Point High School, Wollumbin High School, Murwillumbah High School, Kingscliff High School and Tweed River High School enjoyed a day together focusing on Mathematics and Extension 2 Mathematics. Students were also fortunate to watch presentations by experienced HSC Teachers from the region and this also gave an opportunity for teachers to learn these new areas of maths.
TRHS SPORT REPORT

Junior State Cup Touch Football
Well done to our girls who went to Sydney to represent the Murwillumbah Mavericks at the Junior State Cup Touch Football Competition. The girls made it through to the finals but were pipped to the post by Manly. Congratulations to Jesse Curtis who represented the boys side of the Murwillumbah Mavericks. The team won the Crown Junior State Champions.

U15 Netball North Coast Final
On Wednesday the 24th of February the U15 Tweed River netball team travelled to Port Macquarie to play Wauchope High School in the North Coast netball final. The girls played their hearts out against a quality side. The girls never gave up, winning the last quarter 11-3, but unfortunately losing the game. Thank you to the team for a great trip and a special thank you to Mrs Sharon Martin and Mrs Lou Smith for travelling down with the team and supporting the girls, it was very much appreciated.

FNC Trials and Knockout Teams
Open Boys Soccer – Congratulations to the open boys’ soccer team who competed in the knockout competition in Murwillumbah in Week 5 and thank you to Mr Andrew for coaching the boys. A special mention to Nicholas Berry who made the Far North Coast team.

Open Boys Basketball – Congratulations to the open boys team who competed in Byron Bay on Thursday in Week 6, and to Mr Fugar for coaching the team.

U15 Touch Football – Congratulations to the 15 students who made the U15 Far North Coast touch team at Murwillumbah.

U15 and Opens Rugby League – Well done to the students who trialled for the FNC league teams in Week 6. Congratulations to Drew McCullough, Hayden Tolland and Lochlan Wolfe who made the Opens and U15 teams respectively.

GOOD LUCK!
On Monday the 14th March our Open Touch teams will be playing in the knockout and FNC trials at South Tweed. Good luck to all of our students.

Open Hockey FNC trials are on Tuesday 15th March in Murwillumbah. Good luck to the students trialling!

North Coast Swimming Carnival
Good luck to the four students, Tahnie Lipponen, Amy Lipponen, Drew McCullough and Shayden Freer who are competing in the North Coast Swimming Carnival in Kempsey this week.

Year 9/10 NSW Touch Football
Good luck to our boys and girls who are playing in the NSW Touch competition in Ballina. It has been postponed due to the wet weather so please be aware of the new date when it comes about.

School Cross Country
On Tuesday 15th March (Week 8) the school cross country will be held during Periods 1 and 2. Students need to make sure they have put their name down in the PE staffroom beforehand in order to run on the day.

Sport Coordinators, Ms J Alford & Mr T Fugar
THE ‘TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY’

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

Valuable Feedback
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

Confidentiality
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April.

Consent Forms
A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 11 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Ms P Sinclair, Head Teacher Student Teaching & Learning

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Year 7 have been enthusiastically using the library during their break-times.
Students across the years are enjoying the air-conditioning and making good use of the books, and computers, as well as UNO, Chess and Scrabble.
Each Monday, during periods 5 and 6 (Sport), senior students will be able to access the library to study.
Students will need to see library staff to register their interest in using the library during these periods.
Our reading programs in 2015 were generously supported by local companies, and, many parents were also extremely generous in their support of these programs.

Students were excited to receive prizes and awards.

Our results in 2015 far exceeded our expectations.

Again in 2016 we hope to build on this success by offering parents and local businesses the opportunity to support these outstanding programs.

Support Needed

Tweed River High School is looking to our community members who would like to support our school reading programs with incentive awards / prizes.

We would like to reward as many of our students as possible.

Across years 7, 8 & 9 we have almost 450 students currently taking part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge and the Principal’s Reading Awards programs.

If you are a business owner and have a son or daughter attending Tweed River High School and would like to support our reading programs, either by small monetary donations, or gift voucher, please contact Phil Whitehead Teacher-Librarian.

(07) 5524 3007 Tweed River High School
VISIT TO QPAC

This week the English faculty provided our fantastic Year 12 students with the opportunity to view *The Secret River* at QPAC; a production of Kate Grenville’s novel by the same name adapted for the stage by playwright Andrew Bovell.

The production was a sweeping tale of the founding of Australia and the moral choices that created a nation. It focuses on the early tensions between white colonialists and Indigenous peoples. The purpose of the excursion was to demonstrate to students how theatre can be an accessible mode through which stories can be told, and to compare the production of *The Secret River* to the play script being examined for Module B – *Namatjira*, by Scott Rankin.

Students who attended this production gained valuable insights into the historical issues that continue to affect modern Australians – both Indigenous and non-indigenous, and it also allowed them to better understand the way in which stories are told through theatre; for many of the students, this was their first time viewing a staged production and was understandably an exciting excursion.

The organising staff from the English faculty spent hours behind the scenes ensuring this opportunity would be a success for students. The English faculty would like to thank our senior students for acting responsibly and representing our school with pride, but more importantly, for seizing an opportunity to enhance their learning experience. We would like to extend our appreciation to Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Malcolm-Bourke and Mr Troy Williams for their support, dedication and commitment to quality teaching; opportunities such as these would not happen without your perseverance.

S. Smith

HT English
Both Students and Staff are invited to wear something ORANGE
In support of
2016 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Being held nationwide on
Friday 18 March 2016
Thank you TRHS STAFF for your support of this initiative
Join the photo to be taken Friday lunchtime on the steps near Admin
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

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| Language Conventions  
(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) | Reading | Numeracy |
| Writing | | |

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 13 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.