Year 5 Sport Taster Day

On Friday 4 March Tweed River High School hosted a Year 5 Tweed Learning Community Primary School Sport Taster Day. The day was a huge success with approximately 200 students spending a day trying out a wide range of sporting activities. Primary School teachers who accompanied the students commented on how much they appreciated some valuable professional development observing Tweed River High teachers in action on the day.

International Woman’s Day Breakfast

Find out just what our female school leaders got up to at the International Woman’s Day Breakfast on Tuesday 8 March 2016 on page...8
SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

Excellence in persuasion and debating

Our year 12 team took out second place at the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) competition held by the Rotary clubs of Southern Queensland and Northern NSW last Saturday.

The team, consisting of Megan Gribble, Jessica-Rose Gorton and Victor Greenfield took on the role of the Egyptian delegation to the UN at this event.

The teams successfully argued from the perspective of Egypt for and against 5 resolutions put forward, including how countries within the UN would address the issue of violence against women.

Our year 11 team of Anna Wood, Celine Ogg and Joshua Freeman were also very successful in presenting arguments in their role as the delegation from Iraq.

Mrs Marriott and Mrs Cunningham supported the students and were extremely impressed with their ability to quote from the constitutions of the country they were representing in order to present arguments from the perspective of a country with some belief systems quite different to their own.

MUNA provides students with an excellent opportunity to develop their persuasive skills and to collaborate as part of a team in competition with 27 schools across the Gold Coast and Northern NSW.

Student as leaders and role models

Our senior students are excellent role models through their contribution to the wider community and through their participation in competitions such as MUNA. Their lead is certainly being followed by our younger students who are involved in a wide range of volunteering and community service activities.

Our year 10 students, as our aspiring school leaders, continue to support our new and future year 7 students through our peer support program; being involved in leading the year 5 sports taster day and leading activities after school last week for students who are considering enrolment at Tweed River High School for 2017.

We have also had year 7 student visiting their old primary schools to help students coming to the school in 2017 understand and become comfortable with the idea of coming to high school. Safety is one of our core values and the provision of quality transition programs ensures that students coming into the school feel safe and supported. Our teachers have a very strong focus on supporting our students to thrive by providing a safe and supportive learning environment and our student leaders play a pivotal role in supporting our incoming students.

Ms Conroy Principal

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

The second round of vaccinations will be held in Term 2 week 4. You will still be able to start the program, provided your forms have been submitted at the office. Spare envelopes can be obtained from the office.

Ms Cowan

HEADLICE ALERT

Please check your child’s hair as there have been reports of headlice.
CALLING ALL YOUNG ENGINEERS

High School is a time when your attention turns to deciding what career might be an option for you, but knowing what path to take can be confusing and confronting.

SCU Young Engineers is a one-day school holiday program developed to provide great insight into engineering as a career, and where you will be offered the opportunity to experience life as an SCU engineering student.

For more details about this FREE one-day event, please visit our website as follows:-


To secure your place, please complete and return the Registration Form available on the website.

Please note: the day is open to all students from Year 9 to Year 12 and is offered in the Term 1 school holiday period only. Girls are encouraged to attend.

ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL 2016

We would like all students to join Ms Conroy and our school leaders to recognise our Service Men and Women by marching in the ANZAC day parade. Please meet near the playground at Jack Evans Boat Harbour at 10.10am on 25 April. Year 9 & 10 Students - Claim volunteering hours for representing your school. Lest We Forget.

Ms Cowan

YEAR 10 STUDENTS

VOLUNTEERING: Students can claim volunteering hours for assisting at the Transition Evening. Thank you for your help.

Ms Cowan

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIGHT ISLANDER STUDENTS

Kalwun will be at our school on Tuesday 5th April. Ensure that you hand in your forms to the ATSI room. Forms can be obtained from the ATSI room or from Ms Cowan in J block.
TRHS SPORT REPORT

Open Touch Football Knockout and Far North Coast trials
Well done to the students who competed in the Far North Coast Open Touch Football knockout and trials on Monday Week 8 and South Tweed. Both teams came away with wins on the day, once again becoming the dual FNC champions! We had many of our students make up the majority of the FNC team who will compete at the NC trials on the 9th of May at Goonellabah. Thank you to Mr Swaddle for his organisation of the day.

U15 North Coast Touch Football
Congratulations to the students who made the U15 North Coast touch team at Bowraville on Thursday in Week 7. All of our male players made the team and four of the girls. These students are: Isaac Moloney, Lochlan Wolfe, Lachlan Hallard, Joshua Wilmott, Jonah Whitlam-Rose, Nevee Pearson, Hine-Rei Berryman, Kayla Harris and Emerson Sharp. This is a wonderful result!

North Coast Golf Championships
A huge congratulation goes to James Bramall (Year 11) for being selected in the North Coast Golf team. He competed at the Yamba Golf Course on Tuesday the 15th of March and placed third by the end of the day. He will now compete at the NSWCHS Championships; we haven’t had a student reach this level for a long time. Well done James!

Far North Coast and Richmond Rugby League
Well done to the students who trialled for the FNC/Richmond league teams in Week 8. We look forward to hearing how Drew McCullough, Hayden Tolland and Lochlan Wolfe went!

Open Hockey Far North Coast trials
Thank you to the students who trialled on Tuesday 15th March in Murwillumbah for the FNC open hockey teams. Jasmin Morrissey (Year 7) made the girls side which is a great result considering how young she is. Well done also to Matthew Lewis for being chosen as a shadow. Hopefully you get called up!

North Coast Swimming Carnival
Well done to the four students, Tahnie Lipponen, Amy Lipponen, Drew McCullough and Shayden Freer who competed in the North Coast Swimming Carnival in Kempsey in Week 7. All students represented the FNC and our school exceptionally well. Congratulations to Tahnie Lipponen and Amy Lipponen who reached state level this year. A fantastic achievement girls, well done!

Good Luck!!
Good luck to the following students and teams who are competing in the next two weeks:
• Year 9/10 touch teams in the NSW Touch competition in Ballina in Week 9
• U14 Buckley Shield knockout rugby league
• Open Netball students at the North Coast trials

Yours in sport,
Ms J Alford
TRHS Cross Country results 2016

The annual Tweed River High School cross country was held on Tuesday the 15 March. All students participating put in an exceptional effort in completing the event. Congratulations to all age champions. Age Group results:

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TAKE A STAND AGAINST BULLYING DAY

On Friday 18 March, Students and Staff took a STAND together wearing something orange in support of 2016 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Thank you TRHS Staff and students for your support of this initiative.

Mrs Bronwyn Mackney
Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Re: Adidas School Fundraiser**

To encourage students to be active and in support of the 2016 Olympic year, Year 7 and Year 8 students have been invited to participate in the Adidas School Fundraiser – an event held in conjunction with our School Athletics Carnival on Thursday 5th May, 2016 (Week 2, Term 2).

The athletics carnival is for the whole school and will consist of events such as long jump, high jump, shot put, javelin, discus, 100m, 200m, 400m, relays, novelty events etc. Both carnivals are held at school.

Students will be training for these carnivals in PE lessons and will select which events to participate in at the carnivals. **Every student who fundraises, regardless of how many events they enter or how well they perform in those events, will receive an Adidas Certificate, which contributes towards the School Achievement Program.**

Students can be sponsored for each event or for just one lump sum. The funds raised will be used to purchase sporting equipment for our school (The school appreciates all donations, large or small). **Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward of their own.** The more students fundraise, the better the prize (see the sponsorship booklet for prize information). Our highest fundraising student will also receive a Medallion.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise for this event. We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, please reiterate this at home. The best people to ask for sponsorship are people you know (e.g. friends, family, work colleagues, neighbours or sporting/cultural groups that you are a member of).

**Once fundraising is complete, students are to return their sponsorship booklet and money to the office by 20th May, 2016 in order to bank funds and order prizes.**

The Adidas School Fundraiser is a healthy and fun event that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Miss J Alford  
ADIDAS Fundraising Coordinator  
11 March, 2016

Mrs L Conroy  
PRINCIPAL
Aboriginal Studies Excursion
Preliminary Aboriginal Studies students attended their mandatory local community study on Tuesday, 15th March. Frank Krazna, an elder from the community, guided the students through the significant sites pointing out the bush tucker that is available and telling the stories that make our area unique. The Dreaming walkway and bush tucker/medicine garden at Fingal Primary School is an important, educational resource that we were fortunate to visit. A big thank you to Uncle Jim, who drove The Family Centre bus for us and added his knowledge and humour to our day.  

Mrs Ryan

MAX POTENTIAL LEADERSHIP COACHING PROGRAM
Congratulations to Rachel Loder and Zachary King of Year 10 who have been successful in gaining a $600 scholarship from Seagulls to participate in the Max Potential Leadership coaching Program.
Max Potential draws on leaders within the community, business, industry, schools and churches as coaches, equipping them with progressive coaching skills and tools that enable them to form a partnership with young adult leaders. Benefits:
• An action plan that focuses on your personal leadership
• Connecting with a coaching mentor
• Meeting and networking with other young adults
• An opportunity to give back to the community
• Gaining a Certificate 1 in Active Volunteering.
These volunteering hours can be logged in the DEC Student Volunteering Program, a state recognised award that is highly regarded amongst future employers and looks impressive at the Year 10 portfolio panels.
I am very proud of these young people and I look forward to hearing from them about their experiences. Thank you to Seagulls for the opportunity.

Ms Toni Cowan, Volunteering Coordinator
On International Women’s day, Layla McKenzie, Grace Smith and I were honoured to, not only be in a room full of inspirational women, but to be seated with Australia’s leading ladies and key-note speakers - Shannon Fentiman, Katarina Carroll and Charlie Brown...

Hon Shannon Fentiman (Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) spoke about growing up on the Gold Coast amongst inspiring women from all backgrounds, moving into law, working in a female majority Labor cabinet in an era when Australia welcomed our first female Governor-General, Prime Minister and Qld Premier. She spoke about sexism in politics and how she created a week-long celebration for Qld women.

Katarina Carroll (Qld Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner) spoke about English being her second language, her rise up the ranks of a male-dominated police force and the fact that she was the first ever female safety coordinator of the G20 summit for world leaders, receiving a personal thank you from President Obama in doing so.

Charlie Brown (one of Australia’s leading Fashion designers) spoke about her perseverance in establishing the label Charlie Brown, which she has recently sold. She now volunteers as an ambassador for RANZGOG raising awareness for gynaecological cancer research.

Carly Flood (former TRHS school captain) spoke about being a TRHS student, obtaining a Business degree in marketing, which led to her work with the Titans and now she is employed as a fire-fighter based at Southport on the Gold Coast. She says that although there are few female fire-fighters, there is a large recruitment drive currently in place and that she will be joined by former Ironwoman, Hayley Bate-up.

Grace Smith’s (TRHS Vice Captain) memorable moments:
“The passion that each woman (mentor) conveyed and the charities and foundations they were promoting.”

Layla McKenzie’s (TRHS School Captain) take-home messages:
“Take every opportunity given to you. Men and women have equal opportunities and abilities in the workforce. Do what you love.”

Ms Toni Cowan, Supervisor of Girls
LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

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Support Needed

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Principal’s Reading Challenge

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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

BILAMBIL JETS Under 15’s team need players to play this season 2016.
If you are interested in playing rugby league and meeting new friend or joining current friends Please contact Wade McGovern on 0434420835 or Greg Crowe on 0416144925

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.

TWEED HOSPITAL AUXILIARY IS HOLDING
MARKET DAY, NOBLE PARK LAKESIDE VILLAGE, MONARCH DRIVE, KINGSCIFF FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2016 8.30 AM TO 1.00 PM
Stalls will be: Babywear, Cakes, Craft, Jewellery, Trash & Treasure, Pre-loved Clothing and lots more
Plus Raffles (drawn on the day) Lucky Door Prize & Morning Tea will be Available.
Phone 0417139393 or 0408743276 for more information
Thanks to Noble Park Social Club for providing the morning tea.
All monies raised go towards purchasing equipment for the Tweed Hospital
Tweed Heads South Public School
Wednesday, 3 August 2016

“Dream Big”

Careers Market Day
CLAIM THE DATE
Wednesday, 3 August 2016
“Dream Big”

We would love your School to join us once again in attending this exciting initiative to be held during Education Week.

This annual event has been a huge event for the past 5 years, involving over 30 businesses/organisations from within our community. Feedback from students/teachers and parents has been overwhelming regarding the ongoing positive impact this has had with our students.

If your school would like to attend this exciting initiative once again please contact Ingrid by email or phone.

Tweed Heads South Public School
Wednesday, 3 August 2016
9:30am Students and Parents Information Session
10am-12pm students ‘Try-a-Trade’ 12-12:30pm Lunch Break, students bring their own. Light refreshments will be available from school canteen.

Careers Market Day Coordinator
Merryl Toop
Tweed Heads South Public School.
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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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.