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Farewell
Mrs Narelle Howell

Tweed River High School

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Open Every Tuesday & Thursday 8.00am—11am (Located Next to the Canteen)

Co-ordinator - Kerry Lee

Meeting will normally be held on the third Thursday of the month in the Staff Common room.

Next meeting is Thu 17th May, 7pm

Please come along and be part of our P&C.

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As this is my first column as Principal of Tweed River High School, I would like to briefly introduce myself. As most of you would know, prior to my appointment to this position I was Deputy Principal at Banora Point High School for four years. During this time I relieved as Principal for extended periods of time. Prior to that position I was Deputy Principal at Gwyra Central School and prior to that Head Teacher English and History at Canowindra High School, having held classroom teaching positions at Toormina High School, in Coffs Harbour and Wilcannia Central School.

As Principal of Tweed River High School my focus is on nurturing the many high quality educational programs on offer at the school, whilst working to initiate additional programs to effectively meet the needs of our diverse cohort of students.

I am committed to strengthening the relationships with our primary schools in the Tweed Learning Community to ensure a smooth and educationally effective transition to High School for all students. To this end we will enhance educational partnerships between the schools, particularly focussing on the development of literacy and numeracy skills across the middle years of schooling. The staff development day held last week focussed on the explicit teaching of literacy, digital literacy and numeracy across the school, along with a focus on curriculum modification; ensuring appropriate and effective learning for all students.

I look forward to speaking to many parents over the coming weeks and months, so that we can develop a partnership which will ensure an even greater range of opportunities for our students. To this end I encourage all parents to attend our P&C meetings, which are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7pm in the staff common room. The next meeting will be held on the 17th of May and I look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to thank the staff and students who attended the ANZAC Day march last Wednesday. You make the community proud of our young people.

Leisa Conroy, Principal

Welcome
I would like to welcome Ms Conroy as Principal to Tweed River. She brings passion and a wealth of experience to the position and I look forward to working with her.

Uniform
Winter is upon us and I have immediately noticed the change in uniform. The Uniform Shop has the full range of winter uniforms and is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8.00am to 11am. The main problems in winter are boys wearing the wrong jumper and girls wearing tights. Neither is acceptable and students will be sent home if they wear this attire.

Term 2 is a busy term.
• Tuesday Week 3, (8/5/12) there is a Year 8, 9 and 10 Parent Teacher Afternoon from 4pm – 6 pm. In the past we have run this meeting when students received their half yearly reports. This year, however, we are running them beforehand to give parents and staff the opportunity to discuss any areas of concern leading up to their major assessment period. We encourage all parents to attend. Students should have a booking sheet.
• Year 11 exams begin Week 4 (14/5/12).
• NAPLAN will be held in Week 4 (15/5 – 17/5). NAPLAN will be for both Years 7 and 9. All students are expected to sit for the exams. More information about NAPLAN will be sent home at a later date.

Craig Clement, Deputy Principal

Uniform and Winter
Every year, as winter approaches, students suddenly start turning up to school out of uniform. The school understands that students get cold at school and that they may not have a proper school jumper to wear. However, just because the weather has changed does not mean that the uniform policy has changed along with it. We would ask all parents to make efforts to ensure that their children have access to the full school uniform and, possibly even more important, that their children are encouraged to wear it. Black jeans, tights/leggings, “Hoodies” and coloured jumpers are not part of the school uniform. Uniform notes can be provided once for such attire but this is only a temporary measure.

Student Safety
Some parents may have seen the local news story of a teenage girl who managed to escape from a potentially serious abduction last week. This incident did not involve one of our students, however it is a timely reminder that “stranger danger” does not end when students move from primary into high school. Last week’s story emphasises again that there are some dangerous situations out there and that parents are right to be concerned about their adolescent’s safety.

In my experience children will always downplay the possible dangers and overestimate their ability to cope. Knowing when and how much to let go of the reins is always a fine balancing act but my advice, especially in this day and age, is to always remain “alert but not alarmed”.

Trevor Hodges, Deputy Principal

ANZAC Day is a day where all Australians can reflect on the many meanings of war and why we live with such freedoms today. To pay tribute to those who lost their lives in all wars in which Australia has been involved 35 students and 6 teachers attended a march and service at Coolangatta/Tweed Heads. At the service we listened to veterans and community members speak about the significance of ANZAC Day and what it means to them. Staff, students and family members are all encouraged to attend next year.

The SRC would like to welcome Ms Conroy to our school as the new Principal. We look forward to working with her in the future on a variety of SRC and community based events.

Michael Watt, SRC Publicity Officer
**Diary Dates**

**TERM 2 WEEK 3A**

Monday 7 May
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Tuesday 8 May
- Yr 8, 9 & 10 Parent/Teacher Afternoon (4-6pm)
- Touch – Open Boys & Girls KO comp

Wednesday 9 May
- School Cross Country (competitors only)

Thursday 10 May
- Gold Coast Careers Expo – Yr10

Friday 11 May
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**TERM 2 WEEK 4B**

Monday 14 May
- Yr11 Half Yearly Exams (14-25May)

Tuesday 15 May
- **NAPLAN assessment** (Language & Writing) – Yrs 7 & 9

Wednesday 16 May
- **NAPLAN assessment** (Reading)
  - Yrs 7 & 9
- Yr12 Chemistry Excursion

Thursday 17 May
- **NAPLAN assessment** (Numeracy)
  - Yrs 7 & 9
- P&C Meeting

Friday 18 May
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**Principal’s Quality Work Awards**

**Year 8**
- Applied Technology - Mrs Marriott
  Georgia ALDERTON; Emma GEARON; Chloe LODER; Bridee McCLOY

**HSIE - Ms Wolthers**
- Sierra MORABITO; Emily WOOD

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**KYDD FOOD AT THE CANTEEN**

**Week 1**
- Monday - Toasted chicken caesar wrap $4.00
- Tuesday - Pasta with a herb tomato sauce and meatballs or vego $4.00
- Wednesday - Meal Deal - A Foccacia and a paddle pop $5.00
- Thursday - Cottage pie, tasty mince topped with mashed potato $4.00
- Friday - Butter chicken and rice or vego curry $4.50

**Week 2**
- Monday - Wedges with salsa, sour cream and cheese $3.50
- Tuesday - Fried rice with chicken or vego $3.00
- Wednesday - Meal Deal - A burger and a juice poppa $5.00
- Thursday - Mild curry chicken or vego with rice $4.50
- Friday - Noodle box, stir fry noodles with beef and veges/or vego $4.50
ANZAC DAY

Loved ones fear for these courageous young men
Knowing for some this would be life’s journeys end
If they were spared from wars embracing arms of death
They were reminded of the trauma and horror with every breath

Our freedom they were fighting for
Australia and New Zealand’s Army Corp
Each April 25th we stop to reflect
To remember, honour and to pay our respects

The day we stop and honour the young lives lost
A time to ponder their service and the cost
To show reverence for their sacrifice
And remembering those still prepared to pay the ultimate price

May the ANZAC Spirit Endure

LEST WE FORGET

By Anna Wood, 7V

Thank you to local businesses

CONNECT Work Placement and this school would like to thank the following businesses for their ongoing support in taking vocational students to assist them in fulfilling the work placement component of their VET course.

McGrath Estate Agents
Harvey Norman Tweed Com Pty Ltd
Professionals Real Estate Banora Point
Coolangatta & Tweed Heads Golf Club
Seagulls
Centaur Primary School
DJ Stringer
Police & Community Youth Clubs NSW
KC’s Mobile Coffee
The Good Guys
Twin Towns Services Club
Noel R Box Services Pty Ltd
Battle of the Bands Safer Communities Alliance
Laptops2Go
LJ Hooker Kingscliff
Life Style Solutions

Friends of the Pound (Tweed) Inc.

Cat Adopt-a-thon

When: 5th & 6th May, 11am to 4pm.

Come and let your new cat choose you and enjoy a sausage sizzle while you are there.

Where: 100% Pet Store, Harvey Norman Complex, Greenway Dr, South Tweed Heads.

Harmony Day

On Tuesday 30th March students from TRHS joined together with our multicultural community to celebrate “Harmony Day”.

Mahlee Foster acknowledged Country and with the excellent illustrations of Jacob Paulson the Year 10 Aboriginal Studies class told “The Three Brothers Dreaming Story”. The story of how the Minjungbal people came to be located on the North Coast. Pam Sinclair’s ESL students did a wonderful job of making the community members feel welcome.

Thanks to Mei-Lin Marlin, the District Community Information Officer, for organising the day.

Aunty Chris Morgan and Jan Ryan
Anzac day is an important day
Never forget the soldiers who fought in the wars
Zones of war is never positive
All the people were fighting for the future
Commemorate the soldiers, never forget them

And thousands lie buried in Turkish ground,
Not many are left, and not many are sound,
Zipped off to Gallipoli, 17,000 strong,
Allied to the British
Campaign that went wrong.
Subject Selection Process for Year 10 into 11 2013

The following activities have been planned to assist Year 10 with their Subject Selection process for Year 11 2013.

1. **Monday 30 April**
   - Year 10 Meeting
     - "Beyond Year 10"

2. **Monday 7 – 21 May**
   - Year 10 class presentations – Careers Adviser

3. **Thursday 10 May**
   - Gold Coast Careers Expo

4. **Tuesday 22 May**
   - Head Teachers Senior Subject Presentation to Year 10

5. **Tuesday 29 May**
   - Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening

6. **Friday 1 June**
   - Preliminary Subject Selection forms to Mr Wiggins

7. **Tuesday 5 June – Thursday 7 June**
   - Individual student Subject Selection interviews

GOLD COAST CAREERS EXPO REMINDER!!!!

Who: Yr 10 students interested in researching their future career planning

What: Gold Coast Careers Expo

When: Thursday, 10th May 2012

Where: RACV Royal Pines Resort

Why: Broaden your understanding of potential career paths and their training requirements. This knowledge will better equip you to make your Subject Selections for Yr 11.

Cost: $8.00 to the school office and permission note to Mr Wiggins no later than Monday 7th May.

NR Careers Expo May 3rd & 4th

The Northern Rivers Careers Expo is a fantastic opportunity for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents to talk to Apprenticeship and Traineeship Providers, Employers, Tertiary Education Providers, Training Organisations and Universities.

When: 3rd May: 9.30am – 6pm and 4th May: 9.30am – 2 pm

Where: Lismore City Hall. Admission is Free.

New parent and students session from 3pm-6pm on Thursday 3rd May.

For more information go to [www.nrcareersexpo.com.au](http://www.nrcareersexpo.com.au)