Tweed River High School
NEWSLETTER
10 December 2013 (Term 4 Week 10)

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.
- 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 focus on 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 in our school community.

Annual Presentation 2013

Tweed River High School
Innovation, Opportunity and Success

P&C Association
Meetings will normally be held on the third Thursday of the month in Staff Common Room at 7pm.

Next meeting
20th February 2014

UNIFORM SHOP
Open
Every Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am - 11am
(Located next to the Canteen)
Co-ordinator - Kerry Lee
As the year draws to a close we pause to celebrate the many achievements of students throughout 2013.

Last Thursday, we held our Annual School Presentation. The event was a resounding success and highlighted the academic, creative and sporting talents of our students past and present. I am extremely proud of the students and staff at Tweed River High School for their achievements in 2013.

Our special guest speaker was Mr Geoffrey Bonning, a graduate from the class of 2010, who has recently completed his Bachelor of Science degree. Mr Bonning is clearly a passionate scientist who eloquently described the positive impact experiences and teachers at Tweed River High School have had on his post school life.

Ms Tracey Apthorpe, who attended Tweed River High School from 1984-1987, was inducted into the Hall of Fame. After graduating from school, Tracey joined the NSW Police Force in which she served for 20 years, being stationed in various Sydney stations and later Tweed Heads. Tracey is also known for her sporting achievements, winning the Australian long course Outrigger Canoe Championship (OC2) in 2009 and the World Championship in this event in 2010. In 2011 Tracey won the Coolangatta Gold masters division and in 2012 she finished 2nd in the single Ocean Ski world championship. Tracey is committed to working in the local community and continues to support the community through learn to swim projects and as a volunteer lifesaver.

We are proud to display a summary of Tracey's achievements in our Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you to the students who entertained us with their musical talent throughout the presentation.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to another year of learning in 2014.

Leisa Conroy, Principal

The end of another year is closing on us fast. Plans for 2014 have already commenced to ensure the school is ready to exploit a new round of opportunities for the benefit of our students. I wish parents and students a safe and enjoyable holiday break, where we can all find time to catch up with family and do a few of those things that seem to get pushed aside in our busy daily lives, as well as reflect on 2013 and what we need to do to make 2014 even better.

I read a concerning article recently about the practice of "chroming". It seems bored teens are finding even more diverse ways of harming themselves and others with deodorant aerosols now being the preferred delivery vehicle. The practice is apparently quite wide spread and growing.

It is worth reminding parents and students of the school policy banning aerosol cans at school as a way of maintaining a safe environment for all our students.

During the holidays look for opportunities for your students to experiment with their learning, trying something new and challenging. Something where there is a real risk of failure, but where the rewards make the risk worth it. This is what real learning is about. Real learning is not about regurgitating information fed to us by teachers; it is about discovering real understanding in what we are doing. Doing it for the "doings sake", because we can. In addition to discovering real meaning and deeper understanding, students receive the added bonus of reflecting on failure. Of coming to understand that failure is another opportunity to grow as a person, to better understand their own strengths and weaknesses and through that process develop the resilience we all need to cope and thrive in the 21st century world.

Happy holidays.

Breen Mackney,
Relieving Deputy Principal

REMINDER
Attendance of Students in Term 4, 2013

ALL students in Years 7 to Year 11 will be required to attend school up until the last day of teaching, Wednesday 18th December 2013.
TERM 4  WEEK 11A
Monday 16 December
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Tuesday 17 December
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Wednesday 18 December
•  Students last day of Term
Thursday 19 December
•  Staff Development Day
Friday 20 December
•  Staff Development Day
  •  End Term 4

2014
TERM 1 WEEK 1A
Monday 27 January
•  Public Holiday
Tuesday 28 January
•  Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29 January
•  Yr 7, 11 & 12 students return to school
Thursday 30 January
•  Yr 8, 9 & 10 students return to school
Friday 31 January
•  New enrolment processing

TERM 1 WEEK 2B
Monday 3 February
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Tuesday 4 February
•  Yr11 Expo
Wednesday 5 February
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Thursday 6 February
•  Brainstorm Production – all years
Friday 7 February
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PRINCIPAL’S QUALITY WORK AWARDS

Year 7
HSIE – Mrs Wolthers
Alyssa CHORLTON; Sasha JARRETT; William KYLE; Sophie OAKSHOTT

Year 10
Principals’ Office – Mrs Conroy
Zoe BOXSELL

Welfare – Mrs Mackney
Lucas CATEL

Year 11
Food Technology – Mrs Simpson
Karly BARTTRIM; Micaela HAYES; Nikkii STANTON

KYDD FOOD AT THE CANTEEN

This week
Monday – Chicken, salad & avocado kebabs, or falafels $4.50
Tuesday – Pasta bake with bacon or vego $4.00
Wednesday – Meal Deal – a burger and a juice poppa $5.00
Thursday – Beef or bean burritos $4.50
Friday – Sheppards pie topped with mashed potato $4.00

Week 11
See the daily board for specials.
University Of Wollongong Year 9 & 10 Industrial Technology Competition

Tweed River High School wins again! Josh Gearon and Lucas Catel are to be congratulated for taking out major awards in the annual Year 9 & 10 New South Wales, Industrial Technology competition. Dr Bob Wheway recently visited the school and showed Mr Wiggins the high calibre of entries in this competition.

Congratulations to both students on their outstanding efforts! Their awards and prizes will arrive shortly in the mail.

Mr Wiggins

University Of Wollongong Engineering Roadshow

Forget about Wincup, Lowndes and Winterbottom! Redbull who? Formulae SAE Wiggins and crew has arrived on the scene! A dedicated, committed team with a common goal in sight, engineering! What is it all about I hear you say? Read on and find out about the Engineering Roadshow!

Recently the University of Wollongong was invited to travel to Tweed River High School to display their Travelling Engineering Roadshow. Mr Wiggins discovered that they were travelling to Bellingen, just south of Coffs Harbour and convinced the key lecturer, Dr Bob Wheway to bring the roadshow to Tweed Heads. We were successful in the application!

Tweed River High hosted students from Kingscliff, Murwillumbah, Banora, St Josephs and St Patricks High Schools. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day, participating in a variety of experiments, including milkshake making with a bicycle, fluid dynamics, loaded beams, separating coal from water and the Formulae SAE race simulator training car. The students were able to examine and ask questions about the Formulae SAE Car that Mechanical Engineering students build and race against other universities.

Students were fascinated by the various fields of engineering. They were able to talk to university students and find out what was involved in the courses. Students asked questions about what they needed to study at school to enrol in the particular courses. They learnt that there is a huge shortage of engineers in Australia. Most importantly students had fun and learnt at the same time!

A huge thank you to the University of Wollongong for making this day happen!

Mr Wiggins
Year 12 Adviser
Engineering Studies Teacher

Friends of the Pound

"Santa is coming to ‘100% Pets’ over two fun-filled weekends. Have your photo taken with Santa and your furry best friend!

100% Pets, Greenway Drive, South Tweed Heads
Saturday-Sunday, 14-15 December, 10am-2pm;
Saturday-Sunday, 21-22 December, 10am-2pm."

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Annual Presentation Ceremony 2013
NORTH COAST SURF LIFESAVING RESULTS

I would like to congratulate the students who competed in the North Coast Surf Life Saving Carnival, including Tahnie Lipponen, Tayla Rogers, Cody Rogers, Tarryn Aiken and Zac King. This competition involved a number of events including Surf Board riding, Surf Swim race, board races, iron man/iron woman races, beach sprints and flag events to name a few. Our students excelled in this carnival, with all students receiving at least one placing. Tahnie was the 13 & Under North Coast Age Champion, winning the Surf Swim race, Long Board race and Long Board Ironpers. Tarryn won the Flags event and came second in the Beach Sprint. Zac won the Long Board race and Flags and placed second in the Beach Sprint. Cody placed second in the Flags, third in the Beach Sprint and fifth in the Long Board race. Tayla was second in the Long Board race and the Flags and fifth in the Beach Sprint. Congratulations also must go to our Cameron relay team consisting of Tahnie, Tarryn, Zac and Tayla as they placed second overall. These students were outstanding representatives of Tweed River High School and I would also like to thank Mr Betts once again for his aid on the day.

PRESENTATION DAY 2013

Congratulations to all of the students who received Sports Awards at the Presentation Day of 2013. It was a privilege to present the awards to students who are so dedicated to representing Tweed River High with commitment, sportsmanship and dignity. The award winners have achieved exceptional results in their sports this year and it was a pleasure to be able to publically recognise them. I am looking forward to seeing their further improvements in 2014!

THANK YOU’S!

Thank you to all of the teachers and students who have made my Sports Organiser role this year a pleasure. Thank you to the PDHPE staff of Mr Green, Mr Swaddle, Ms Pope, Ms Cowan and Mr McClure for their support of me during my first year in the role. Thank you to all of the office staff - Terese Walker for her dedication to making our school and sport events function, Kris Dinsey for her support in community relations and presenting our sporting students in the best way possible through newsletters and presentation days, to all of the lovely ladies who work on the administration side of sport: Rebecca Boxsell, Tanya Perandis, Tracey Kingi, Anita Waters and Jacqui Kyle. You are a pleasure to work with and always so helpful.

Thank you to all of the teachers who have put their hand up to take teams this year, taking time out of their own lives to help our students achieve their sporting goals. Thank you to the teachers who have helped with running sports carnivals and the weekly Wednesday sport. Lastly, thank you to the supportive parents who are always there to help out with sport, whether it is driving students to events, helping students reach their potential through competition or supporting their achievements at award ceremonies. The success of sport depends on all of these people and it is a credit to all of you that we have had fantastic sporting results at Tweed River High School this year.

Yours in Sport
Ms Alford
Thanks to Connect and the Indigenous Youth Careers Pathway Program, Year 7 Indigenous students were invited to “Keep your Culture” Art and Dance Workshops. The students participated in art workshops led by Aunty Joyce and dance, led by the Kokerek Dancers from Kingscliff High School.

Thank you to Leanne O’Grady from Connect and our TRHS students, Makayla Riley, Taylah Hall and Nikeah Wyles-Togo who participated in a mentoring session in the morning.

**TRHS Uniform Shop**

**2014 Opening Dates**

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8am – 11am

Cash, Cheque accepted

NO EFTPOS until Office opens 28/1/14

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**If your child is going into Year 10, 11 or 12**

- you have a tough year ahead

**You can help!**

January Holiday 4-Day Seminars in

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How you will benefit: Students emerge from the seminar confident and motivated towards their studies and possessing powerful new strategies for speed reading, understanding, advanced summarizing, memorising and revision, essay planning, stress management, time management, goal setting and correct study methods.

This unique Australian 4-day program has been tried and proven over many years with a broad range of students. It is presented in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast every school holidays by qualified university lecturers and/or consultants in learning performance and student motivation. In a survey conducted on an average of six months after their child’s attendance, 93% of parent respondents said there had been a persistent positive change in their child’s actual school performance.

**What previous students have said:**

“A very worthwhile investment in my life.” C. Hewett

“I felt like I had really achieved something.” C. Chivers

“A powerful presentation – an educational must.” M. Burns

**4-Day Seminar (Year 10-12)**

- 9am - 3pm each day
- Fee: $445.00

**Dates:**

- 6-9 Jan Bond University
- 13-16 Jan QUT Gardens Point
- 20-23 Jan QUT Gardens Point

**2-Day Seminar (Year 7-9)**

- 9.30am - 3pm each day
- Fee: $245.00

**Dates:**

- 8-9 Jan Bond University
- 15-16 Jan QUT Gardens Point
- 22-23 Jan QUT Gardens Point

Visit www.learnperform.com.au or call: 07 3281 1400

Limited Places
FROM THE LIBRARY...

A busy term comes to an end, a special thanks goes to McDonalds Restaurant Tweed Heads South for their support of our Principal’s Reading Challenge Awards for 2013. Mrs Cunningham’s Year 7 & Year 8 English classes have taken part in this award – Well Done!

Students are able to borrow from the library for the holiday break. Remember to keep a record for the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014 enter them on your card in the New Year.

A REMINDER FOR TEXTBOOKS/ENGLISH NOVELS USED IN 2013

THESE ARE NOW TO BE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY IN PREPARATION FOR 2014

Best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS, have a safe and Happy New Year
Sistagurl

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FEEL DA VIBE ✭ EP LAUNCH

Fri 20th Dec

kulchajam 6pm ✭ 11pm

1 Acacia St, Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate

Featuring
Whiplash - Pyxidata - D.Ms.Defy - Jack n Pen
Siege A - Phoebe Mitai - Drow Smith - Ella PiNK

Sistagurl 8pm ✭ Live music jam & open mic 9pm
DJ Scotty Grimstone 10pm

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Supporting Provisional Drivers (P1 & P2)

- A P1 licence must be held for at least 12 months.
- After passing a hazard perception test, drivers progress to the P2 licence for a minimum of 24 months.
- Speed restrictions for P1 drivers is 90km/h and for P2 drivers 100km/h
- A zero blood alcohol limit applies to all L, P1 and P2 licence holders. This means NO ALCOHOL before driving.
- For P1 drivers mobile phone use is prohibited, even hands-free or loudspeaker. P2 drivers can only talk on a hands-free phone when driving; no text messaging.
- P1 drivers under the age of 25 can only carry one passenger under 21 between the hours of 11pm and 5am (some exemptions apply).

Tips for Parents

Remember your teenager is still very new to driving. Continue to encourage safe driving including:

- Ensuring they organise their time so they can stick to posted speed limits and adapt to driving conditions, such as rain.
- Get them to plan their night before they leave.
- Slowly increasing the amount of independent night driving – this is a time when young drivers are more likely to crash.
- Gradually allowing them to increase the number of passengers in the car once they have progressed to the P2 stage.

Before your teenager goes out, particularly when partying, spend some time discussing options for getting home safely. Some ideas for young people to consider:

- Leave the car at home.
- Catch a bus – check timetables to avoid waiting times at bus stops.
- Stay overnight with a friend.
- Arrange to be dropped off and picked up by a parent or other responsible adult.

Also discuss:

- Driving alcohol free.
- Dealing with pressure from friends to drive in an unsafe manner.
- Being a responsible passenger.

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