Tweed River High School

NEWSLETTER

1 April 2014 (Term 1 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.

Marine Studies

Snorkelling

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
15th May 2014

UNIFORM SHOP

Open
Every Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am - 11am
(Located next to the Canteen)

Co-ordinator - Kerry Lee

Open Every Tuesday & Thursday 8.00am - 11am (Located next to the Canteen)
**Principal’s Report**

**Traffic Safety**

The new morning drop off zone is proving extremely helpful in easing traffic congestion and providing a safe drop off area for students. Unfortunately, a small number of parents are putting themselves, their children and our staff at risk by using the staff car park as a drop off point. On Friday last week there were 3 near misses in a period of a few minutes. The staff car park is not to be used as a drop off or collection area for students. The only exception to this is for parents dropping students off to dance practice at 7am, when there is very little traffic in the car park.

**Year Assemblies**

Term 1 Year Assemblies were held last week to celebrate the achievements of students throughout the term. Large numbers of students were recognised for their academic achievements as well as their contributions to the school and wider community.

Please talk to your children about their achievements this Term and discuss their goals for Term 2. Planning for achievement is an important step in reaching your goals.

I would like to thank Mrs Mackney and our Year Advisors for their work in supporting students to do their best and in recognising their achievements. Congratulations to all award recipients.

**Year 7 Camp**

Year 7 students are currently at Tallebudgera on their annual camp. Mrs Mackney and Mr Gennari have an exciting three days organised and the students were certainly excited to head off on their first camp together. These students will be working together for the next six years and this camp plays an important part in their development as a cohesive group. Strong peer relationships help our students build their resilience as they go through adolescence. I will be visiting the campers Wednesday and look forward to the report of their adventures in an upcoming newsletter.

Leisa Conroy, Principal

**Deputy Principal’s Report**

It was pleasing to see all the parents at Tuesday night’s Parent/Teacher evening. It gave parents the opportunity of meeting their children’s teachers for the first time. If parents require any further information they can contact the students Year Adviser during school hours.

With the Year 7 camp happening in Week 10 it was good to see the rain last week. At last report the weather has cleared, however, I am sure that the students will have a great time rain or shine. Parents are reminded to provide adequate clothing and protection from the elements. That is, slip, slop, slap, seek and slide.

There is a consistent trend amongst senior students that I talk to. Students, in general, state that they find it hard to keep up with the pressure of all the assignments and struggle to hand them in on time. On talking to the students further, I find that many of them are doing fifteen or more hours of employment each week. It is important that students identify the time needed to focus on the school work and achieve the required outcomes. A balance needs to be set between work and study if students are to meet the deadlines required in their subjects.

The Year 9 Jump Start class had their BBQ at Bunnings Hardware on Saturday. It was an enormous success which can be credited to the students and staff who gave their time. Patrons kept arriving all day which kept everyone on their toes and resulted in around 500 sausage sandwiches being sold. Well done team.

Ian Hayward, Relieving Deputy Principal
**Diary Dates**

**TERM 1 WEEK 11A**

- **Monday 7 April**
  - NSWCHS Swimming at Homebush Bay

- **Tuesday 8 April**
  - Yr7 Indigenous students & Yr 11 Aboriginal Studies to Pingal
  - Bangarra Dance Workshop Yr 7-11
  - NSWCHS Swimming at Homebush Bay
  - Rugby 7’s competition - Lismore

- **Wednesday 9 April**
  - Maths Olympiad
  - ASPIRE TLC Excursion to Griffiths Uni

- **Thursday 10 April**
  - Jump class to TAFE

**TERM 2 WEEK 1B**

- **Monday 28 April**
  - A bucket of wedges with salsa, sour cream & cheese $3.50

- **Tuesday 29 April**
  - Meal Deal - A Burger & a juice poppa $5.00

- **Wednesday 30 April**
  - Pasta with herb, tomato & bacon sauce or vego

- **Thursday 1 May**
  - Butter chicken with rice $4.50

- **Friday 2 May**
  - Jump class to TAFE
  - NSWCHS U15 Touch - Newcastle

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**KYDD Food at the Canteen**

Next week (week 11)

- **Monday**
  - Wedges with salsa, sour cream and cheese

- **Tuesday**
  - Butter chicken with rice

- **Wednesday**
  - Meal deal—A burger & a small water $5.00

- **Thursday**
  - Check canteen for specials

- **Friday**
  - Check canteen for end of term specials

**TERM 2 - Week 1**

- **Tuesday**
  - A bucket of wedges with salsa, sour cream & cheese

- **Wednesday**
  - Meal Deal - A Burger & a juice poppa $5.00

- **Thursday**
  - Pasta with herb, tomato & bacon sauce or vego

- **Friday**
  - Butter chicken with rice $4.50

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**Donations Required**

If anyone has any bird cages that they no longer require that can be used for transporting small animals and are in good condition can you please donate them to the Ag Farm.

Thank you.

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**Reminder**

**Daylight Saving Time** ends in NSW on **Sunday, 6 April 2014**, when clocks go back one hour at 3:00 am
The SRC would like to thank everyone who got involved in Harmony Day last Friday. We raised $205 on the day which is a great effort! The money raised will go to a charity supporting bullying. The SRC would like to thank Mrs Mackney for helping to organise the day, she put a lot of effort into this important cause.

Next term the SRC have many events organised... there will be a teacher’s vs. students game and the Biggest Morning Tea as well as many other events. Keep an eye out for further information. We would like to wish Year 12 good luck in their exams and everyone a safe and happy holiday.

ZOE BOXSELL, PUBLICITY OFFICER

Staff and Students were asked to wear something orange for Harmony Day.

Year 7
Welfare – Mrs Conroy
Amy KING

Year 8
Geography – Mrs Ryan
Blake ALBRECHT; Natalie FREEMAN; Sophie OAKSHOTT

Principal’s Office – Mrs Conroy
Brett VAN DER MEER

Year 9
Applied Technology – Mrs Simpson
Tarryn AIKEN; Emily ATkinson; Olivia ATTENBOROUGH-DOyle; Britanny MORABITO; Anna WOOD

Year 11
TAS: IT Timber – Mrs Conroy
Jay BORRA

Year 12
Applied Technology – Mrs Simpson
Karly BARTRIM; Danielle DAVISON; Micaela HAYES; Lucinda PETZER; Sommer NICHOLSON; Nikki STANTON;

Modern History - Mrs Wolthers
Micaela HAYES
The race is on! The team is formed! They have come from all walks of life, young and old, from Year 7 right up to Year 10. What is a Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) you might say? What is the HPV Competition? Take a look at the following ‘Youtube’ video and the official RACQ Technology Challenge Websites:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bv1dK9d2kjs

This year Tweed River High School is entering a team in the RACQ Technology Challenge. The event is held on the 13th and 14th September 2014 in Maryborough, Queensland. The challenge is a 24hr team race, where students design, make and race a human powered vehicle. The vehicle is commonly a recumbent bicycle (Lie down, 3 wheel bicycle, whereby the two front wheels have steering). The vehicle is typically enclosed within an aerodynamic shell to increase efficiency. The team consists of 8 riders and 2 pit crew. The race starts on the Saturday morning and goes until the same time on the Sunday morning.

The long road lies ahead for the team. We have 14 students who have already spent many hours designing the vehicle and training for the event. These students are all involved in some form or another and will all go to the event, where they will camp for the weekend. The team would like to thank Mrs Conroy for funding the special programs this year. The students would also like to recognise the following sponsors. Without the school support and the sponsors support this program would not exist.

HPV Sponsors

Thank you to:

- The Rotary Club, Tweed Heads South as a major sponsor kindly sponsoring $693 towards the cost of parts and materials.
- BCF, Tweed Heads South, kindly sponsoring 8 hydration packs ($320) for the riders.
- Coast Cyclery, 51 Wharf Street, Tweed Heads, kindly donating time to assist with the installation and fine tuning of mechanical components.
- Tweed Fitness Centre, 34 Machinery Drive, Tweed Heads South for kindly donating free training for the team and access to free spin lessons.
- Write On T Shirts, Unit 6/12 Tierney Place, Tweed Heads South, for kindly sponsoring team shirts.

Kind Regards
Mark Wiggins (Team Manager)
What, and how, do I study for English in Year 12?

English is different to the other subjects in the way that the content is put together and thus it can sometimes create uncertainty as to the best way to study for senior English. Senior English also has expectations that involve independent study. Thus, we have put together this handy guide to help you out.

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<th>Writing</th>
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<td>Complete any homework assigned after a lesson.</td>
<td>Read over the notes from class that day.</td>
<td>Do further research on the composer being studied.</td>
<td>Write a minimum of one sustained piece of writing each week.</td>
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<td>Finish reading any handouts from class.</td>
<td>Read back over the last week’s notes.</td>
<td>Compile a set of study notes for the set texts, using a variety of sources to locate information.</td>
<td>Practise essay writing – work on the components (e.g. introduction, body, conclusion) as well as entire essays.</td>
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<td>Read the set text - before it needs to be read wherever possible.</td>
<td>Make summaries, charts or mind maps (etc.) of important information.</td>
<td>Find examples of good creative writing pieces that you can read to garner ideas.</td>
<td>Work on your creative writing – create characters, setting descriptions, think about possible plots for the concept of Belonging.</td>
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<td>Read the resource booklet provided by the teacher.</td>
<td>Note anything that you are unsure of so that you can seek additional help or clarification.</td>
<td>Work on increasing your academic vocabulary.</td>
<td>Submit drafts for all hand in assessment tasks and gain feedback before submitting the actual assessment task.</td>
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<td>Catch up any missed work.</td>
<td>Re-read or re-watch the set texts – you will need to read/view each set text a minimum of three times.</td>
<td>Find and read papers/essays pertaining to your concept, text or composer.</td>
<td>Work on writing within a time limit.</td>
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<td>Read the feedback you have received from returned work and make notes about areas to work on.</td>
<td>Read study guides and exemplar responses on your concept and/or text.</td>
<td>Practise planning before writing and practise planning within a very tight time limit.</td>
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<td>Continue to locate and read/view related material for your concept.</td>
<td>Build up the muscles in your writing hand. Write with a battery taped to your pen, or use a squeeze ball.</td>
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<td>Find out as much background knowledge as you can about the context of the composer and the context of the set text.</td>
<td>Use the past exam papers to complete practise responses.</td>
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<td>Go to BOS website to read past exam papers and marking criteria.</td>
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It’s easiest if you schedule these into a study timetable and plan what you will be covering during your dedicated English time. Your study schedule should incorporate study periods as well as time after school. You can use the above as a checklist to keep you on track. This will set you up for success in HSC English.
NSW All Schools Individual Tennis Championships
Cody Atkinson (Year 12) competed in the NSW All Schools Tennis Individual Championships from 24th to 25th March in Bathurst. Cody represented the NSWCHS team and had his best ever performance in the event, placing him in the top 16 at the Championships. This is a fantastic achievement and it is no wonder that he is leading our School’s Open Boy’s Knockout team through the North Coast knockout competition.

School Cross Country
Tweed River High School’s Cross Country was held on Friday 21st March. All students who competed did so with great sportsmanship and competed to the best of their ability. Congratulations to the following students who were age champions for 2014:

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<td>12 Years Age Champion</td>
<td>Kitty Laemchalad</td>
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<td>13 Years Age Champions</td>
<td>Isaac Moloney and Nevee Pearson</td>
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<td>14 Years Age Champions</td>
<td>Jesse Campbell and Tayla Rogers</td>
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<td>15 Years Age Champions</td>
<td>Elijah Gibbs and Olivia Attenborough-Doyle</td>
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<td>16 Years Age Champions</td>
<td>Liam Boxsell and Lili Greer</td>
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<td>17 Years Age Champions</td>
<td>Tulloch Myrianthopoulos and April Stoddart</td>
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<td>18+ Years Age Champions</td>
<td>Travis Coleman and Jacquie Soden</td>
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The race was finished with a sprint to the finish between Travis Coleman and Jacquie Soden, who ended up in a dead heat! Good luck to all of the students who will compete at the FNC Cross Country next term in Week 3.

North Coast Open Netball
Congratulations to Kate Marshall who made the North Coast Open Netball team after trialling at Byron Bay on 20th March. Kate was selected as the Goal Shooter of the team who will now travel to Coffs Harbour in Week 5 next Term to compete in the NSWCHS Championships. A mention also to Olivia Attenborough-Doyle who only just missed out on a position in the centre court. The possible and probable game lasted up to 2 hours because it was so hard to select players from such a skilled group! Well done to the two girls for representing the school so well.

North Coast U15 Touch Football
Well done to the students who travelled to Goonellabah in Week 8 to trial for the North Coast U15 Touch Football team. Tweed River continues its fantastic touch representation at FNC and NC levels, with 9 girls selected in the North Coast team. They will now travel to Newcastle next term to compete in the NSWCHS Championships. Congratulations to the following students: Brodhie Avis, Olivia Attenborough-Doyle, Tarryn Aiken, Ally Sharp, Lilee Attenborough-Doyle, Sasha Jarrett, Keeley Perandis, Paris Sinclair and Alex Foltyn.

North Coast Rugby League
Congratulations to Joshua Fryer who was selected in the 15’s Northern North Coast Rugby League team last week and is now trialling for the North Coast league team on 4th April in Grafton. Unfortunately Marcus Reynolds was injured in a tackle during his game whilst trialling for the Opens team, there will always be next year!

Rugby 7’s Competition
Good luck to the boys and girls who are representing the school at the Rugby 7’s competition run by the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) at St John’s Woodlawn College, Lismore on 8th April. It is not often that we have students competing in this event so it is great to see something new happening thanks to Mr North, Mr Dwyer and Mr Wood.

Good luck to these students competing over the next two weeks...
- U14 Buckley Shield team competing in the first round of the North Coast knockout competition
- Open Touch football teams competing at the FNC Open Trials
- Our 9 students competing at the NSWCHS Swimming Championships at Homebush Bay
- Far North Coast U15 AFL team competing at North Coast trials – Nathan Geurens
- NSWCHS Open Basketball Championships – Kye Vrolyks

Also a heads up that the school’s Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday of Week 2 (6th May)

Yours in Sport
Miss Jennifer Alford
Sports Organiser 2014
Tweed River High School
Congratulations to the newly named "Tweed River Turtles" Mixed Touch Team who competed in the 2014 Casuarina Cup last weekend. Great spirit and fair play was again shown by our Touch players who made it through to the top four in the Shield competition of the carnival. The "Turtles" narrowly lost to a team from QUT in Brisbane in the semi-final but again showed we are a school with plenty of Touch talent. Finally a big thankyou to our support crew and fans at the carnival John and Lou Sleba, Judy Macarthy, and Tom and Donna Dinsey.

Congratulations to Kate Marshall and Olivia Attenborough-Doyle who represented the Far North Coast in Open Netball.

Nathan Geurens – AFL Team
Tarryn Aiken - NC Soccer
Kate Marshall – FNC Open Netball

NC Swimming Team
U15 North Coast Touch

Casuarina Cup
GOLD COAST CAREERS EXPO REMINDER!!!!

Who: Yr 10 students interested in researching their future career planning
What: Gold Coast Careers Expo
When: Thursday, 8th May 2014 9am – 7pm
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: **Bus cost to be confirmed** - paid to the school office and permission note to Mr Swaddle / Mrs Page-Thomas no later than Monday 5th May.

Visit the Careers Expo website at [www.gccareersexpo.com.au](http://www.gccareersexpo.com.au) to see full list of exhibitors. Meet with leading education providers, apprenticeship coordinators, and employment agencies; gather information on courses, employment, traineeships, up-skilling or recognition of prior learning.

**Year 11 and Year 12** are encouraged to attend the Expo after school hours – closes at 7pm!!!

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**CLOSING THE GAP**

On Thursday 20th March our Year 11 and Year 12 Aboriginal Studies classes attended a Close the Gap Event at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre. The students learnt about the health service and employment providers for the Minjungbal Community. We would like to thank The Family Centre and the PCYC for organising our transport and also for offering our students the opportunity to attend this very informative event.
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND MOBILITY PLAN SURVEY

Council is preparing a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) to improve the safety, convenience and connectivity of the Tweed’s highest pedestrian activity areas. The aim of the PAMP is to improve pedestrian access, safety and mobility with infrastructure catering to the needs of all pedestrians including older persons, pedestrians with mobility and vision impairments, school children, tourists, youth and recreational pedestrians.

Council has conducted a comprehensive audit of the existing path network and pedestrian facilities and has held workshops with representatives of pedestrian user groups. We now invite the wider community to provide input by completing a brief community survey.

The survey can be completed online or by collecting a paper copy from Council offices at Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah or Brett Street, Tweeds Heads.

We encourage you to share this information and survey link with your networks and communities, to ensure we address the needs and concerns of all pedestrian user groups.


Formal submissions are also invited and may be made to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au or via post to:

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY

Year 12 students have been learning the skill of performing a titration. The process of titration is used to determine the concentration of a substance in solution. The students approached the task with enthusiasm and performed exceptionally well.
ThinkUKnow…..

- What’s COOL online?
- What can go wrong?
- Who can I tell?

**Internet Safety Program:**

Interactive training for Parents, Carers and Teachers.

ThinkUKnow is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia using a network of accredited trainers. This is a way to refresh your knowledge on internet safety and security.

ThinkUKnow Australia has been developed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia.

**AIM:**

- To protect OUR children & young people
- Protect their information
- Protect their reputation
- Support them
- Stand up for them
- Make OUR Community a SAFER place

*For more information: [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)*

Embrace Technology, be informed, Stay in Control, Report.

As part of our Term 1 Welfare Focus, Teacher’s delivered information in our Mentoring periods on Bullying, Cyber Safety, Positive Behaviours and ways to promote and maintain a positive and safe School Community. I would like to encourage you each one to continue the partnership with our School Community to embed and promote:

- **Responsible**
  - Respectful &
    - Safe Behaviours

Bronwyn Mackney
Head Teacher Welfare
Thank you to Students and Staff for taking part in this year’s National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. On Friday 21st March both students and staff wore something ‘orange’ in support of this National Day of Action. Thank you to our very active SRC members for their support in the promotion of this initiative.

The participation of OUR school has made the National Day of Action a major event for schools all across Australia.

The day was a huge success with almost one million students from 2,174 schools across Australia ‘taking a stand together’ to create a positive change in their school community.

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<td>The 2014 National Day of Action saw 962,333 students from 2,174 schools across Australia promote their anti-bullying messages to their community.</td>
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<td>That's an increase of almost 50 per cent in student participation, compared to 2013, and reflects just how important the day is to school communities everywhere.</td>
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Thank you Tweed River High School, School community for their ongoing support.

Bronwyn Mackney  
HT Welfare
FROM THE LIBRARY...

Commendable Awards have been issued to students who have made a very successful start to the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Year 7
Class: 7SEN - Rachel HUDSON
7AEN - Katie WATSON
7XEN - Zeke DUNCAN
7XEN - Amos HARDING
7XEN - Sam PURNELL
7XEN - Malakai TOGO
7XEN - Nicole TREDWELL
7XEN - Nicole WENT

Year 8
Class: 8EN1 - Chloe BARRETT
8EN1 - Amee ROSE
8EN2 - Kyra HALL

Year 9
Class: 9EN5 - Chloe ARDILL

Mr Spicer
Mr Whitehead
Mrs James
On Wednesday 19th March the Titans 4 Tomorrow team presented

Workshop 2 - “Above and Below the Line”

This workshop addressed areas including:

- Defining Above and Below the Line Behaviour
- Taking Responsibility for Behaviour
- Decision Making
- Guidelines for Safe Behaviour and Minimising Risk

We had a great turn out with 47 girls joining in from schools in the local area.

We look forward to the next workshop

‘Deadly Choices- Nutrition and Health’ which will be held at Tweed River High School.
FREE BBQ AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-18 DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENTS.

MURWILLUMBAH
@Murwillumbah Youth Centre, Nullum St from 4.00pm-8.00pm 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month

COOLANGATTA
@SKATE PARK, SCOTT ST, From 4.30pm -7.30pm (Qld Time) Saturdays fortnightly.

UPCOMING DATES;
28/03, 11/04, 25/04, 09/05, 23/05, 13/06 and 27/06

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05/04, 19/04, 03/05, 17/05, 31/05 14/06 and 28/06.

Look for our feet on Facebook like and share our posts. Contact Shelley if you have any questions on 0439009850
A FUNDRAISING EVENT
For
Tweed Heads Hospital Oncology Dept.
Patient Care

WE ARE AIMING TO RAISE
$5000
FOR AN E.C.G MACHINE

Date: Sat 26th April 2014
Time: 10am
Venue: Community Centre
       Heffron Street
       Tweed Heads South

St John Ambulance Display
SES Display with Mascot
Tweed Heads Fire Brigade

FAMILY FUN DAY
For All Ages

Live Entertainment
Sausage Sizzle by Terranora Lions
A Variety of Food Stalls
Morning & Afternoon Tea
A Variety of Stall Holders
Plants, Crafts, Information etc.
Jumping Castle
Face Painting
Fairy Floss & Snow Cone Machine
Lucky Dips
Raffles a Great Range of Prizes to be Won.
All Donated by Local Community.