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Upcoming Events...

Mon 1 Dec  Reports home
Mon 1 - Fri 5 Dec  Talent Quest - performers confirmed
Tues 2 Dec  Next Assembly - 2pm
Wed 3 Dec  Year 6 High School Orientation - TRHS
Fri 5 Dec  Surfing (Years 3-6)
Wed 10 Dec  Talent Quest - 1pm in the hall
Mon 15 Dec  Annual Presentation Day - 11.30am
Tues 16 Dec  Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Wednesday 17 Dec  Last Day of Term 4 for Students
Thurs 18 - Fri 19 Dec  Staff Development Days

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Annual Presentation Day
Monday 15 December 2014
from 11:30am – 1:30pm (DST)
All are welcome to attend the presentation
Term 4 and gives parents/caregivers and students a summary of the focus areas for these two terms. The report will provide you with information on what they have achieved and where they would benefit by focusing further effort for continuous improvement and growth. If you wish to discuss your child’s report with their classroom teacher please contact the school to make an appointment.

2015 Enrolments
The school is in the process of organising class groups for 2015 for Year 1-6. We are obviously working with current enrolment numbers. If you know that your child is not returning in 2015 please assist us by contacting the office and letting the school know as soon as possible. This early information will be very helpful for us in our task of preparing for 2015.

Jacquie McAllum
Principal

Year 6 Orientation Day
When: Wednesday 3 December
Time: 8.45am - 2.15pm
Where: Tweed River High School (Sports & Entertainment Centre)
Who: Year 6 Students - all day
Parents: 8.45 - 10.30am

Please feel free to contact TRHS on 07 5524 3007 for further information.

Mr Michael Betts
2015 Year 7 Year Advisor

T.H.P.S. WASTE WATCHERS
The school’s Waste Watchers’ Program for reducing, reusing & recycling our rubbish has been progressing extremely well with the Blue Paper bins in each classroom for photocopy paper, stencils and so on. The program took an upward turn during the week when the 3 Bins stations were introduced in the playground. The 3 bins being:
- **RED** for landfill rubbish such as plastic items, chip packets, plastic wrap etc;
- **YELLOW** for recyclables such as cardboard, milk & popper containers, magazines, newspapers etc.
- **GREEN** for organic waste such as food scraps, paper towel etc. which will be composted.

It is hoped that next year the school will be able to save lots of money by having an 8-10 bin pickup of red & yellow bins (like ordinary households) & that the green bins will go into the compost bays which are to be constructed.

Any VOLUNTEERS who would like to help our General Assistant, Jim Dwyer, with the construction of these compost bays, please come to the school on **Mondays or Fridays** when Jim is onsite. He will be more than happy for your help.

Our Waste Watcher student volunteers have done an extraordinary job this year & without their help the program would not succeed. **Well Done!!**

Kerry Underwood
Librarian

WANTED
Class 3/2F are making candles as part of our Science Unit on ‘Melting Objects’. We are in need of some old candles (preferably white) to use to make our candles in Week 9. If you have any at home it would be greatly appreciated if we could have them to use. Drop them in to the front office and 3/2F will pick them up. Thank you.

Mrs French

P&C News
THPS P&C invites everyone to a Family Picnic & Movie Night on **Friday 5 December** at 6.45pm (NSW time). Celebrate the end of another great school year with a picnic on the playground and an outdoor cinema screening the movie “How to Train Your Dragon 2”. Picnic starts at 6.45pm. Movie starts at 7.30pm. This is a free event. Popcorn, drinks and lollies will be available for sale. Everyone is welcome but all students must have adult supervision to attend.

Community News
TWEED SHIRE VACATION CARE
Junior and Senior Vacation Care bookings available.
Where: Tweed Heads South Primary School
When: December/January School Holidays
Times: 7.30am - 6pm
For more information please call 07 5523 3708 (8am - 6pm), fax 07 5523 3904 or email www.tweedshirevacationcare.com.au
Programs also can be picked up from the school office.

LITTLE GROMMETS HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Little Grommets Vacation Care is a Government approved centre and is open to all primary school aged children. Bookings are essential. Please contact Carol on 0411 199 049 or email littlegrommets@hotmail.com for new enrolments and bookings.
When: December/January holidays
Holiday times: 7am - 6pm
Programs also can be picked up from the school office.

GOLD COAST RECREATION CENTRE
The Gold Coast Recreation Centre will be running school holiday activities for children (+8) and families, starting at just **$25 per child** and **$30 per adult**. The starting date will be Monday 15 December. Activities include canoe to David Fleay Wildlife Park, giant swing, high ropes, learn to surf, rock climbing and stand up paddleboarding. For more information or register, go to www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/coastclub. Visit us on Facebook www.facebook/QLDrec.
What’s going on in Kinder
Mr Marty Dixon came to visit KF and KM on Friday 28 November to talk to us about Surf Safety. He was wearing his Surf Life Saving clothes so we know who to look for in case of an emergency at the beach. He gave us good advice about what we should do when we get into trouble in the surf whilst at the beach. We also got to look at some of the equipment he uses. We would like to thank Mr Dixon for visiting our class.

KF and KM students

What’s going on in 1M
1M have been exploring place value in maths by using 1 and 10 blocks to make two digit numbers.

Surf Safety
This is the safe thing to do. Stay near the flags and if you go in you are going to have to put your hand up.

Written by Matthew - KM

Spare uniforms needed
We are in desperate need of any spare clothing for the uniform pool in the office. We are looking for sizes ranging from size 4 to size 16. If you have any old school shirts or shorts please send them into the office.

If your child comes home wearing a borrowed item of clothing please wash and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you

The Burnt Stick
In the morning John Jagamarra and his son awoke to the sound of loud, black, squawking crows. John and his son got up and walked through the dry and dusty sand. He thought about the camp, his mother, and his family and friends. He wondered about the stories of the crow and the brown snake. He looked up at the light blue sky and thought about the fun times he had when he was a kid. He looked back behind him and saw the faint shadows of people talking. He instantly recognised the tone of the voices and stopped in his tracks. John grabbed his son and told him to come with him. He started running to these people and as soon as he got to them he saw and hugged his mum in joy. Then big fat tears started rolling down his cheeks. Finally they were together and would stay together forever.

Written by Lily - 6/5C