Welcome to Term 4.

Students and Staff have returned with enthusiasm and are anticipating a productive term. We welcome three new families to our school.

There are many activities being offered this term, a few to mention are:

- Year 5 & 6 Camp to Lake Ainsworth
- Surfing for Years 3-6
- Dance/Yoga for Years 3 & 4
- Gymnastics for K-2

Our Early Bird Program has commenced for our 2016 Kindergarten students. The program runs for another 5 weeks.

Students in Years 3-6 have been busy rehearsing lines and songs for our end of year Musical Performance to be showcased in early December.

Jenny Wetherall
Relieving Principal
P&C News

P&C Meeting - TONIGHT!
The P&C Meeting will be held TONIGHT at 6pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend including children.

P&C Coffee Catch-Up
Everyone is invited for a coffee and friendly chat this Friday 16 October at 9am NSW time at Bambi Deluxe Café, across the road from the school. There is always lots of laughs and it is a great way to meet other parents in the school and keep up-to-date with current events.

P&C Disco
The End of Term 3 Disco was enjoyed by all who attended. There was crazy hair, crazy dancing and lots of crazy smiles. Thank you to everyone who helped organise or volunteered their time to make the disco run smoothly. A big thank you to Earth & Sea Pizza & Pasta in Coolangatta who donated the delicious pizzas that the students couldn’t get enough of.

Office Hours
Parents and students are kindly reminded that the school office opens at 8.25am (after the first morning bell). We ask that you observe this opening time.

Spelling Bee Finalists
Tweed Heads Public School had two students, Maeve and Zachary, attend the Spelling Bee Finals at Fingal Heads Public School on Monday 7 September (Term 3). Zachary won the Spelling Bee Final for this region and will now be travelling to Sydney. Congratulations Maeve and Zachary on a great achievement and best of luck Zachary in Sydney.

University of NSW Competition
In Term 3 some of our students completed an English Competition for the University of NSW. Moneekah of Year 2 has achieved a Distinction Award. Well done Moneekah!

School Assembly
At our school assembly on Wednesday 14 October the Spelling Bee and Public Speaking Medals will be given out to those students who were finalists.

K-2 GYMNASTICS PROGRAM - TERM 4
Our school has outsourced Elite, a qualified provider of Gymnastics, to teach a gymnastics program as part of the PD/Health/PE curriculum. The program will run each Friday for 6 weeks starting on Friday 23 October.

Elite will be able to bring in more specialised equipment and experience than would normally be available to the students. Gymnastics is a way of exploring the different ways the body can move using specific equipment such as balance beam, bars, mini-tramp, air board, mats and assorted foam shapes to achieve certain skills.

The program will consist of 6 sessions, each lasting for 30mins. The cost for each student will be $20.00. This is at a reduced cost as it is being subsidised by the school. All students require a signed permission note to participate in the program. Please return permission notes and money to the office by Monday 19 October.

Kelly McCabe
Gymnastics Co-ordinator

Late Arrivals/Early Leavers
Students who arrive at school after 9am must report with a parent to the school office for a late arrival note. This note must be presented to the class teacher upon reaching the classroom.

For early leavers parents must first come to the school office to receive a note which must be presented to the class teacher before a student may depart.

All parents are reminded that they must sign in at the school office after 9am. This procedure is for the protection of students, staff and volunteers.

Absences
When a child is absent from school, the school office must be notified as a priority. This notification can be by phone, written note or by attending the school office. All absences are recorded and written notifications are required to be filed for two years.

Moving on, changing address/phone number
It is the time of the year where we begin our planning for the next school year. If you know there are circumstances that will require your child to leave our school at the end of this school year we would ask that you let the office know ASAP, as this information will assist us with our planning. Any change of personal details will also need to be communicated to the office to ensure our records are current. Thank you for your assistance.

Kinder Enrolments for 2016
We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2016. If you have or know of an eligible child (who must turn 5 by 30 July 2016) please contact the school office for an enrolment package. Our school welcomed new students to our Early Bird Program which commenced on 9 October 2015.

Want some great tips on starting school?
www.kidsmatter.edu.au/starting school
Tell Them From Me (School Survey)
Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:
1. Login in: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
2. Your School’s Parent Username = parent18290
3. Your School’s Parent Password = Twee3290

Students of Years 4, 5 and 6. The computer lab will be accessible at the following time:
Tuesday 13/10.  8:30 - 9:00am

How you help your child
You help your child learn in many ways during everyday life…. You help improve your child’s literacy skills when:
• you help your child to make a photo album or scrap book of special events and add captions,
• you involve your child in helping to complete forms.
You help to improve your child’s numeracy skills when:
• you play a wide variety of card games. This helps with understanding number patterns that go with number names,
• you play board games. It encourages your child to “count on”.
You help to improve your child’s social skills when:
• you plan household rules together and encourage each other to stick to them,
• you build your circle of support from friends, family, babysitters and community services.

Community News
CRICKET
Cricket is a sport for all and there’s more ways than ever for kids to experience the fun of cricket. For more information visit the website playcricket.com.au

TWIN TOWNS KINDERGARTEN - VACANCIES AVAILABLE
We are advising that the Twin Towns Kindergarten have vacancies available for the 2016 year. The centre is situated on Langham Street, Coolangatta and has proudly achieved ‘Exceeding Overall’ in the Nation Quality Standards in 2014.
For more information please call 07 5536 1940, email info@twintownskindy.com.au or visit the website www.twintownskindy.com.au

NORTHERN RIVERS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra presents ‘Forgotten Dreams’. Tickets can be purchased online at www.nrsso.com.au the box office at Tweed Heads Civic Centre Mon 19 - Fri 23 October 10am - 3pm (cash only). Tickets also available at the door if not sold out. For enquiries please call 0466 819 154.

When:  Sunday 25 October
Where:  Tweed heads Civic Centre, Brett St, Tweed Heads
Time:  2.30pm (NSW)  1.30pm (QLD)
Tickets:  Adults $40  Concession $35
          Students $15  15 years & under FREE

KINGSLIFF TRIATHLON MULTI-FUN WEEKEND
When:  Sunday 22 November
It’s not about the race... It’s about the FUN.
Junior 7 - 9 year olds. Big Kids 10 - 12 year olds. To register or more information go to the website kingsclifftri.com.au

Share Your Slice Of The World With A WEP Exchange Student
Hosting an overseas secondary school student gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and culture with young people from around the world for a school year, semester or term. It is about discovering another culture, encompassing different traditions and practices, and supporting a new family member as they do likewise. To find out more about students like Lorenzo, Andrea and Sara, head to our website: https://wep.org.au/host/student-profiles/

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. In January 2016 we will be receiving exchange students from around the world. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.
All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. For more information call 1300 135 331 or visit the website www.studentexchange.org.au

Ways to Unplug
1. Making the decision to limit screen time can be a big change in many households. Hold a family meeting and discuss why you are doing this and let everyone have their say in setting the rules.
2. Remove any TVs or computers from kids bedrooms. It will help them socialise more with the family and let you keep an eye on what they are watching.
3. Try taking your reading or work outside. This will entice the kids to move outside too where they are bound to find an active activity.
4. Find out just how much time you and your kids spend on TV, computer and electronic games. Get everyone to note down how much time they spend on screen-based activities. Chances are you will be surprised!
5. It’s important to get the kids motivated about limiting their screen time. Set a weekly reward for following the rules such as a family trip out to dinner or a trip somewhere fun such as ten-pin bowling or the beach.

ANZAC Coins - still available
To commemorate the 100th year of ANZAC Day, Tweed Heads Public School still has specially minted coins available to buy. The cost is $3.50 and can be purchased through the school office. Please help us to successfully sell the remaining coins.