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Tweed Heads Public School – 2015 staff

Executive staff:
Mrs Jacquie McAllum – Principal
Mr Michael McNamara - Assistant Principal
Mrs Jenny Wetherall - Relieving Assistant Principal
Ms Fiona Simpson - Acting Assistant Principal

Stage 3 Teaching Staff:
Mr Tim Regan – Year 6/5R
Mrs Marilyn Coverdale/Mr Michael McNamara – Year 6/5C

Stage 2 Teaching Staff:
Miss Sophie Cutler – 4C
Ms Fiona Simpson – 4/3S
Mrs Paula French – 3F

Early Stage1 /Stage 1 Teaching Staff:
Miss Hannah Robinson/Miss Libby Cracknell – 2R
Mrs Kelly McCabe – 2/1M
Mrs Jenny Wetherall – 1W
Miss Cathy Mitchell – 1/KM
Mrs Jocelyn Fraser/Miss Alice Robinson – KF
Miss C Hayes – KH

Support Teaching Staff
Mrs Marilyn Coverdale – Reading Recovery
Mrs Kerry Underwood – Teacher/Librarian
Mrs Sandra Jorritsma – Learning and Support/English as Additional Language/Dialect Teacher

Administration and Learning Support Staff:
Mrs Carol Ball – School Administrative Manager
Miss Yvonne Stephen – School Administrative Officer
Mrs Gail Dixon – School Learning Support Officer
Miss Naomi Walker – School Learning Support Officer

Other THPS staff:
Mr Craig Underwood – School Chaplain
Mr Jim Dwyer – General Assistant

Jacquie McAllum
Principal

Surfside Buslines News
For 2015, Surfside Buslines will be introducing a new process for fare evasion/code of conduct notifications. Weekly notifications via email will commence to identified schools on reported minor code of conduct matters to ensure consistent and open communication between school, parents/carers, students and Surfside Buslines with a view to swift resolution of the issue.

Identified minor codes of conduct behaviour:
- No fare/bus pass
- Insufficient Go-Card funds
- Eating/littering
- Won’t stay seated
- Won’t do as directed

If the identified matters continue without resolution and for all other code of conduct categories, the normal notification and investigative processes will be followed as per Government standards.

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 one year.

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.
Moving on, changing address, changing jobs

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 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 with this procedure.

School Zone Offences

Law Rule 167: Disobey no stopping sign (school zone)
Fine: $304 and 2 demerit points

Law Rule 172 (1): Stop on/near pedestrian crossing (school zone)
Fine: $405 and 2 demerit points

Law Rule 183 (1): Stop in bus zone (school zone)
Fine: $304 and 2 demerit points

Community News

JB DANCE
Where: Tweed Heads Public School Hall
When: Every Monday afternoon starting 2 February
Cost: $5.50 per lesson
Times: 3.10pm 5-8 yrs Jazz Technique
3.40pm 5-8 yrs Jazz
4.10pm 5-8 yrs Hip Hop
4.40pm 5-8 yrs Contemporary
For more information please contact 0478 695 498 or email deb@jbdance.com.au

KINGSCLIFF HOCKEY CLUB - SIGN-ON DAY
When: Saturday 7 February & Friday 13 February
Where: Merv Edwards Oval, Sand St, KINGSCLIFF (across the road from the Cudgen Leagues Club)
Time: Saturday 11.00am – 2.00pm
Friday 3.00pm – 5.00pm
Enquiries: Tim Prichard 0418 490586, Donna Fay 0448 186591 or Ross Salmon 07 55246204.

Players for all Grades are required (ie beginners, 5 to 9 yrs. along with Juniors up to 16yrs). Season begins late March early April, 2015.

Tweed Coolangatta AFL Juniors - SIGN-ON DAY
When: Saturday 21st February
Time: 11am - 12.30pm
Where: Tweed Heads Bowls Club
For more information email tcjfcadmin@dodo.com.au, visit the website www.tweedcoolangattajafc.com.au or call 07 5536 7119.

PCYC TWEED HEADS - MODERN BALLROOM DANCING
Learn modern ballroom dancing techniques with Ken Simms.
Classes commence Saturday 7 February 2015. Enrol now!
When: Every Saturday
Time: 2.30 - 3.30pm
Cost: $7.00 per class
For more information phone 07 5599 1714.

GO4FUN
This is a free Healthy Lifestyle Program for kids 6.5 to 13 years which will be starting on Wednesday 4 February for Term 1.
When: Every Wednesday
Where: Banora Point Community Centre
Time: 4 - 6pm
For more information please call 1800 780 900.

WALKIN’ ON WATER SURF SCHOOL
Walkin’ On Water Surf School is beginning the Term 1 Vegemite SurfGrom Programs in the coming weeks for levels 1 to 3. We also have our GromSquad afternoon and morning surfing Programs happening as well.
For more information on either of these Programs or our normal group or private lessons, please contact us at on 0418 780 311 or 07 5534 1886, surf@walkinonwater.com or on the website – www.walkinonwater.com

TWIN TOWNS NETBALL CLUB INC - SIGN ON
When: Saturday 7 February 2015
Where: Twin Towns Juniors Club, Fraser Drive, Banora Point
Time: 10 am - 12 noon
Cost: 9 Years and Under - $150.00
10 Years and Over - $160.00
For more information please contact Karen Jefferies (President) on 0418 197968, email makjeffs@bigpond.com or Jenny Mitchell (Treasurer) on 0412699249, email jennymitchell@myowntel.net.au

Canteen News

We are hoping to open the canteen as soon as possible but need volunteers to help in the canteen in order to do so. The more volunteers helping, the more days the canteen can open each week.

Unfortunately, our 2014 Canteen Coordinator who has been offered a job out of the area so we desperately need a new Canteen Coordinator to take over her voluntary position and can not open the canteen this year until we find a Coordinator and enough volunteers to staff the canteen.

We are hoping to be able to open the canteen on Friday 13 February but it will depend on filling the necessary positions. All volunteers are appreciated even if you can only volunteer a small amount of time.

Please return the note below to the office by Friday 6 February if you are interested in volunteering or being the Canteen Coordinator. Someone will be in contact with you to answer any questions and discuss your availability.

Thank you for your support.

Tweed Heads Public School P&C Association

Canteen Volunteers/ Expression of Interest - Canteen Coordinator

Student Name __________________________
Class ________
Parent Name ______________________________________
Phone Number __________________________

Would you like more information in regards to the Canteen Coordinator position? Yes No