Welcome to Term 2!
The first week back was a very busy and very special week. Remembering and learning about the ANZACs and ANZAC Day is always an important part of the school curriculum every year. This year both in school and out, there has been an even more intense interest and focus on the 100th Commemorative Year of the ANZAC tradition. Last week at Tweed Heads Public School a very special ANZAC assembly was held where staff, students, special visitors and parents/caregivers participated and contributed to the overall respectful atmosphere of this special event. I was very proud of every single student as throughout the assembly they clearly showed their respect and understanding of the purpose of the 100th Commemoration of ANZAC Day. Thank you to the teachers’ committee for coordinating the week’s successful and effective ANZAC activities for the students and school community.

At the local Coolangatta/Tweed ANZAC Parade Tweed Heads Public School was represented by 72 students and 8 members of staff. Once again it was a privilege to be part of this community event. Thank you to parent/caregivers for supporting this ANZAC Day.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
The Annual National Assessment is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12 May (Language & Writing), Wednesday 13 May (Reading) and Thursday 14 May (Numeracy). Friday 15 May is a “catch up day” for those students who missed an assessment due to absence. NAPLAN will involve students of Years 3 and 5. The NAPLAN assessment will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across all Australian schools. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. The report will be made available in the latter part of the school year. All requests for student exemption, withdrawal and requests for disability adjustments should be made and filed at the school by Friday of this week, 1 May.

Camp Out with Kids
CampOut with Kids, Wednesday 13 May is an event on the school site where one student and one parent share a tent in the campout. The focus of the program is about developing and strengthening 1:1 parent/child relationships. It is a highly acclaimed successful program made available to schools.
This event at this point, has only been offered to Stage One students (Years One and Two). At this stage there has been minimal response from Stage One parents/caregivers for the CampOut. For this event to be successful and go ahead a minimum of 20 students and their parent/carers is required. Please contact the office if you would like another information sheet. For the purpose of a campfire at the CampOut with Kids we are looking to borrow a portable fire pit. If any family has a portable fire pit they are willing to lend to the school for one night (Wednesday 13 May) please contact the office.

Mrs McAllum’s Children’s Cancer Institute Ride
Thank you to the school community for supporting the Children’s Cancer Institute ride that I completed in the school holidays. You all helped me to raise nearly $2000 to help sick children. It was the most difficult ride that I have ever tackled. Over five days of hard riding with a few long 10 degree hill climbs thrown in to challenge us. Definitely tough work climbing up the hills but great fun flying down! Thanks once again everyone for helping with a most worthy cause.

Jacquie McAllum
Principal

P&C News
P&C Meeting - TONIGHT
The next meeting is TONIGHT Monday 27 April at 6.00pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to come along, feel free to bring the kids along.

Canteen News
Mothers’ Day Stall
The canteen will be holding a Mothers’ Day Stall in the hall on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 May. Students can purchase a gift from $2 to $5. Students will visit the stall in their classes during the morning session.

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 encourage your young child to draw and scribble. It leads to writing,
• you make lists of things with your child.

You help to improve your child’s numeracy skills when:
• you talk about “upside down”. It is about position and direction,
• you talk about “up”, “down” and “next to”. These are about position.

You help to improve your child’s social skills when:
• you accept help from others when you need it,
• you do not dwell on mistakes but learn from them.

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ANZAC Day Assembly
Tweed Heads Public School held an ANZAC Day Assembly on Friday 24 April. Our school Captains lead the assembly to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC Landing at Gallipoli. Ms Hannah Robinson gave the ANZAC address describing her service as a member of the Royal Australian Navy. Stage 2 students sang a moving rendition of ‘The ANZAC’.

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.

ANZAC Day March
Under beautiful blue skies and very warm conditions Tweed Heads Public School participated in the Tweed Heads/Coolangatta Anzac Day Parade and Service on Saturday 25 April. Seventy students from K-6 and many staff members joined our community in commemorating the ANZAC Centenary. Students laid a wreath on behalf of the school.