Another busy week at THPS!

School Cross Country
On Monday 27 April all students took part in our Annual School Cross Country. K-2 classes completed a shorter course with all participants competing enthusiastically. Students who turn 8 years or older this year completed a longer race. These students had the opportunity to qualify for the Tweed District Cross Country on Friday 8 May. Twenty-one girls and sixteen boys will now go on to represent our school at this carnival. Congratulations and good luck to those students.

Rugby League Gala Day
THPS entered two teams (U10’s and U12’s) in the Annual Group 18 Primary Schools’ Challenge. The 12’s played three games, narrowly losing the first two and then coming up with a hard earned victory in their third game. The 10’s team played four games on the day and were undefeated in all of them. The team showed great teamwork and defence to be crowned 10B Champions for 2015. Thank you to Mr James Harrison and Mr Tai Foe for coaching and managing this team. Well done to all boys and girls who played on the day!

Michael McNamara
Relieving Principal
Mothers’ Day Stall
THPS P&C will be holding its Annual 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.

Library News
**Bilby Competition Winners!!**
Four students were in the final ten winners for the ‘Easter Bilby Colouring-In Competition’ winning a variety of prizes. Chocolate Bilbies, pencil cases, stickers, toys to name a few.
Ava, Sacha, Gianah & Lily were THPS winners. **Well done girls!**

**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.

**SRC Upcoming Events for Term 2**
# Notes will be handed out closer to the events
- **Mon 4 - Fri 15 May** Vanuatu Appeal
  (Toothbrush and Toothpaste/Thong Drive)
- **Thurs 28 May** Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea and THPS Bake Off
- **Fri 12 June** Pirate Day

**Read More in May**
Another worthwhile competition run by Scholastic is the ‘**Read More in May**’ Competition where students record the amount of time (more than 10 minutes) spent reading each day in May. Students should have received a note with a reading log & instructions but if not please see Mrs Underwood in the library. In June you can go online to [www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm](http://www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm) with the chance of winning $250 worth of book vouchers!!
NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge
The challenge is on until Friday 21 August. Here is the web address for you to enter your records at home. Just log on to “Kidspace” using your school log in (ask your child’s teacher if not sure of their log on name & password) and on the right hand side under Learning, is the ‘PRC link’

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/portal/

If you need help please see Mrs Underwood in the library. Students must complete a set amount of reading as follows:

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Police Cybersafety Visit
On Tuesday 28 April, Years 5 & 6 were visited by Senior Constable Nathan Verinder, the Schools/Youth Liaison Officer who spoke to students about Cybersafety, Cyberbullying & Social Networking. This talk is in conjunction with our computer lessons for this term. He explained to students the importance of keeping safe online by not revealing information about themselves or even posting certain photos. Students should be over 13 to be on most social networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc. We would like to thank Senior Constable Verinder for visiting our school and giving us some great information to think about.

Let’s Look at Lunches
Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have created a fortnightly e-newsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions.

The feedback has been amazing so if you haven’t already subscribed, simply send your first name, email address and postcode by: Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com or text to 0429 033 517. Looking forward to lightening your load and sharing ideas!

Community News

GO4FUN
GO4FUN is a free healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 6.5 to 13 years. It helps kids reach a healthy weight, has fun games & exercise and builds self-esteem and motivation. Term 2 starts now at Tweed Heads South. Please call 1800 780 900.

AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES for TERM 2
Red Clay Community Theatre is now offering After School Drama Classes for term 2 starting Monday 27 April 2015.

Where: Kingscliff Community Hall
Monday: 3.45 - 5pm Primary students
Wednesday: 3.45 - 5pm Primary and Early Secondary students
Friday: 4 - 5.30pm Secondary students
Cost: $15 per class or 8 week term for $110

Breakfast Club Helpers
The School Chaplaincy Program is launching a ‘Breakfast Club’ for students before school on Thursday mornings. We hope to start this week with the help of some volunteers. The Chaplain along with parent/carer volunteers will be involved in the cooking and serving of pancakes from 8 - 8.45am. If you are available during this time and would like to come along to help out please return the slip below to the school office as soon as possible.

How you help your child
You help improve your child’s literacy skills when:
- you encourage your child to write letters and emails,
- you praise your child at having a go at writing words that are new.

You help to improve your child’s numeracy skills when:
- you talk about “top” and “edge”. These are about areas,
- you talk about “straight”, “curved” and “bent”. These are about shape.

You help to improve your child’s social skills when:
- you give praise when things go well,
- you look for the good in everything that happens and celebrate it.