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Mid Year Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Teachers have been conducting Parent/Teacher Interviews following on from the Semester 1 Report sent home at the conclusion of Term 2. A number of parents/carers have taken up the opportunity to meet with their child’s classroom teacher. Thank you for taking the time to attend and discuss your child’s progress and achievements. Unfortunately and also disappointinglty, a number of parent/carers scheduled interviews but did not attend as per the booked time and provided no notification of the cancellation. The school and staff understand that unexpected circumstances sometimes arise that cause changes to schedules for the family. We would request that consideration be given to our teaching staff who have made their own family and personal time adjustments to accommodate interview schedules across the week, often before and after school. If you are unable to attend an interview please provide the office with adequate notice of the interview cancellation so staff can adjust their own personal schedules and also their professional Parent/Teacher Interviews schedules.

Upcoming Events...

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Education Week 2015

Next week is Education Week with our special Education Week Assembly and Open Day happening on **Tuesday 28 July**. The Annual Book Fair and bi-annual Art Exhibition will also be open for all families, guests and visitors to attend across the week.

We look forward to welcoming many families, friends and relatives to the Tweed Heads Public School Education Week celebrations next week.

*Jacquie McAllum*
*Principal*

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**P&C News**

**P&C Meeting—TONIGHT!!**

The next P&C Meeting will be held **TONIGHT at 6pm** in the school library. Our new P&C President, Summa Hicks, will be there to meet and greet everyone. There will be discussions on what ‘up and coming’ events will be happening in the school in Term 3. All are welcome to come along. Children have use of the computer lab during the meeting.

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**Coffee Catch-Up**

For people who would like to keep informed of what's going on but are unable to attend the Monday night meetings there will be a Coffee Catch-Up at 9am every Friday following the P&C meeting. This is a great chance for parents to get together and meet other families in the school and propose ideas they would like to see initiated in the school.

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**School Assembly Performance**

“Three Little Birds” will be performing this week at assembly **Wednesday 22 July at 2pm**. Please come along and watch these gorgeous Kinder to Year 4 dancers perform their Gold Coast Eisteddfod routine.

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**“Sharing Culture” - Visiting Performance**

On **Tuesday 4 August**, our school has organised a most exciting visiting performance called “Sharing Culture”. Sharing Culture is presented by Gwenda Stanley. She has delighted children for many years with her natural, engaging manner. Gwenda will use dance, story, artefacts and language to share her unique and rich Aboriginal culture.

“We thought it was a fantastic performance and it was really fun, informative and engaging.”

*Zillmere Library*

This performance is an ideal learning opportunity for your child. It links directly to many learning areas such as: Music, Dance, Literacy, Human Society and its Environment and Aboriginal Education.

Our whole school will be attending at a cost of only $4.50 per student. Please support your child and Tweed Heads Public School’s Semester 2 Music Program.

Complete the permission slip and return it with the money to our school office by **Friday 31 July**.

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**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 is looking forward to welcoming new students to our Early Bird Program which commences in the first week of Term 4 (9 October 2015).

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**Voluntary School Contribution 2015**

Our school needs to be supported and encouraged by parental commitment to paying their 2015 Voluntary School Contribution. It is stressed that payment is a matter of decision by individual parents/guardians and is entirely voluntary. We truly value your support and encourage you to support our school through the payment of this small fee.

- $45 - one child
- $80 - two children
- $100 - for a family of three or more

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**Education Week**

Education Week will be held from **Tuesday 28 July at 10.30am** to **Thursday 30 July at 1.30pm**.

It is a great opportunity to come along and see the fantastic learning activities going on at THPS.

**What’s happening:**

**Tuesday 28 July**

- **10.30am** | Morning Tea for Parents  
  Tea/coffee & cake - $1
- **11.15am** | Education Week Assembly  
  Education Week Awards, performances by the Infants & Primary groups, the choir singing, the recorder group and the Junior and Senior Dance groups.
- **12.15pm - 12.45pm** | Open Classrooms
- **12.45 - 1.30pm** | Lunch with the students  
  Sausage sizzle - $2

**Wednesday 29 July**

- **Art Show Open**
- **Library Book Fair - Open** (8.30 - 4pm)

**Thursday 30 July**

- **Art Show Open** - for viewing and purchasing of selected artwork.
- **Library Book Fair - Open** (8.30 - 4pm)

Visit the link: [https://www.smore.com/7vzxh](https://www.smore.com/7vzxh)
Thank you

THPS students would like to thank the teachers, parents/carers for helping and escorting us on all our excursions. Most recently the Stage 1 Queensland Museum and Sciencentre Excursion and the Stage 2 Queensland Planetarium and Australia Zoo Excursion. Thank you!!

Matilda is Cutting her Hair for Charity

Matilda, 2R, will be cutting her long hair at the “Jam4Jason” Charity Event. She will also be donating her lovely locks to the Cancer Foundation. The “Jam4Jason” Charity Event will help to raise money to buy a vehicle for Jason to get around in.

When: Sunday 26 July
Where: Kirra Sports Club
Time: 11am - 6pm

Live entertainment, raffles, lucky door prizes, sausage sizzle, hula dancing, markets stalls, face painting and lots more. For more information visit the Facebook page https://www.mycause.com.au/page/94134/join4jason

Canteen News

Canteen Week

Canteen Week will be held on Monday 27, Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 July. We are celebrating Canteen Week with two special ‘Meal Deals’ for $4.00 each.

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Please order at the canteen on these days only. Students can also order from the normal canteen menu.

Canteen Volunteers

The canteen is in desperate need for volunteer help. The helpers are there three days a week to keep the canteen running for the kids and are really being stretched thin. If you are able to help just go in to the canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Friday - even if you are only able to help in the morning with taking orders and preparing. It would be very appreciated.

School Photos

Additional school group photos are available at the office for viewing and ordering. Last ordering day will be Friday 31 July. These groups are:
- Year 6 Photo
- School Captains
- House Captains
- SRC
- Year 6 Fun Photo
- Swimming

$16.00 for one or $30.00 for 2 etc.

NAIDOC ASSEMBLY

Last Friday 17 July marked our Annual NAIDOC celebrations at school. We had a special assembly with many parents attending. Jalamari gave the “Welcome to Country”, Year 3 and 4 sang and signed to a beautiful rendition of ‘True Colours’. Mrs French spoke about this year’s NAIDOC theme ‘We All Stand on Sacred Ground’ and also a little bit of her cultural experiences growing up. The afternoon was set aside for art activities in each classroom.