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Ms Grace Buchanan (3B)
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Mrs Carol Ball – School Administrative Manager
Ms Yvonne Stephen – School Administrative Officer
Mrs Gail Dixon – School Learning Support Officer

General Assistants: Mr Jim Dwyer, Mr Michael Chanas

Class Organisation
A note has previously been distributed to all families explaining current class organisation. Enrolments at this stage are still being formalised with new enrolments occurring and some students still to return. It is envisaged that the current class groups will remain close to the current set up. Any variations based on enrolment numbers will be finalised and confirmed by the end of Week 3. Any questions please feel free to contact the class teacher.

School Events
The Life Education Van will be visiting the school from 8 February to 16 February. All classes will be participating in specialist lessons provided by the Life Education educators. The Life Education teacher will focus on engaging students in learning experiences and concepts that are mandatory curriculum areas from the Board of Studies Personal Development and Health syllabus. The value of this program for students is recognised by the Tweed Life Action Organisation. This organisation has supplemented 50% of the cost of this program. A separate note will be sent home this week.

THPS Swimming Carnival – 9 February 2016
This year we have changed the format of the program with the School Swimming Carnival happening in school hours and students being transported to and from the pool via bus. Students from Years 1-6 will be involved in this event. It is an event that addresses the Physical Education Strand of the syllabus. The program will include formal events ie age races for the different swim strokes and will also include fun novelty events for Years 1-2 (in the wading pool) and fun/novelty events for Years 3-6 in the larger pool. The fun/novelty events will provide an element of fun to the event and also focus on developing student water confidence. All students from Years 1-6 are expected to attend. We would like to invite Parents/Carers to attend this school community event. THPS P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch. A separate note will be sent home this week.

Jacquie McAllum
Principal

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.

EFTPOS/POP
EFTPOS is now available in the school office. To utilise this service parents must be present to present their card details. NO over the phone transactions will take place. All credit card details will be kept confidentially and will not appear on any correspondence.

Parent Online Payments (POP) via the school website will also be available. Further correspondence about these payment facilities will come home soon.

School Banking Day - Wednesdays
Mrs Rebecca Mansfield is once again our school banking volunteer parent. Banking will commence this Wednesday morning and continue all year. Bank books must come to school office by 9am and will be returned the following day.

New students may collect an information envelope on how to open a Youth Saver Account from the school office.

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.

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.

Book Club
Orders and money are to be returned to the school office or to Ms Sibly in the library in a secure envelope with the student’s name and class written on the front.

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**Personal Equipment**

Students are reminded not to bring expensive personal equipment to school. They are asked to leave these items at home for safe-keeping. We cannot take responsibility for personal equipment left in school bags.

**Moving on, changing address/phone number**

Any change of personal details needs to be communicated to the office to ensure our records are current. Please advise the office before taking your student on leave. New department requirements state that all leave must be documented before departure. Thank you for your assistance.

**School Bus Zone Reminder**

Parents are reminded that the parking ranger regularly patrols our school zone. Parents are reminded of the following for this offence. School bus zones are in forced from 8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm. Parents are also reminded that the bus gate near the K/1M room is not open until 3pm and is for bus departures only.

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

**Canteen News**

The canteen is open **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**.

**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS**

The canteen is dependent on volunteer help, so if you are able to help even just one or two days in the term please let Ruth in the canteen know.

**Uniform Shop**

The School Uniform Shop is now open on Friday mornings from 8.30-10.00am.

**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 talk to your child about a wide variety of topics and ask them to tell you about things that you do not understand,
- you talk to your child about ideas and events in stories that you read together.

You help to improve your child’s **numeracy skills** when:
- you let your child count the change from a purchase,
- you measure how much your pet eats each day and estimate how much it will eat in a week.

You help to improve your child’s **social skills** when:
- you talk to them about a problem they may be having and get their ideas for solving it,
- you develop their confidence in things that they can do well.

**Community News**

**SEAGULLS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE - SIGN ON DAY**

*Date:* Saturday 6 February

*Where:* Seagulls Club, Gollan Dr, West Tweed Heads

*Time:* 10am - 2pm (NSW time)

Seagulls JRL welcome all ages from 5-16. Please contact Linda 0408 061 825 for further information.

**TWEED COOLANGATTA AFL JUNIORS - SIGN ON DAY**

*Date:* 14 February

*Where:* Tweed Heads Bowls Club

*Time:* 10.30am - 12.30pm (NSW time)

For more information contact **07 5536 7119**, visit the website [www.tweedcoolangattajafc.com.au](http://www.tweedcoolangattajafc.com.au) or email tcjfcadmin@dodo.com.au

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**School Leader Profile 2016**

**Name:** Rory

**Position:** School Captain

**Class:** 6/5R

**Age turning this year:** 12

**House Group:** Freeman

Started at Tweed Heads Public School in: Kindergarten - 2010

What I like doing best at school:
- Playing with my friends

What I like doing best at home:
- Hanging out

Favourite memory of Tweed Heads Public School so far:
- First day of school

What I have done to help the school as a leader so far:
- Putting up the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags at the front of the school

What I would like to see change in our school:
- More mufti days