School Swimming Carnival
Our students certainly made us very proud with the way they behaved and participated at the Annual Swimming Carnival last week. It was great to see so many students, of varying abilities participate and give it their very best shot. Well done kids! It was also wonderful to see parents/carers coming along to encourage their children and cheer them on. We would like to thank the volunteers who helped with timekeeping and assisted to ensure the day ran smoothly. Infants children also enjoyed organised activities and free time in the shallow pool. The children were keen to join in with others and develop their water skills. They enjoyed copying their peers and many children said with great delight, “I didn’t know I could do that!” What a wonderful learning experience for our little ones.

Scripture
The school has received notice that unfortunately there is a shortage of Scripture Teachers and as such Scripture will not commence at THPS in Term 1. We are hoping that these circumstances, beyond our control, will be rectified quickly and that we will be able to begin both the Scripture and Ethics classes in Term 2.

Debbie Southon
Relieving Principal
School Office News
On Wednesday 17 February the school office is completing minor computer works. We will be unable to process EFTPOS and POP payments on this day. Cash payments will be taken for your convenience but will be processed the following day.

ANZAC Medallions - For our new students
To commemorate the 100th year of ANZAC Day 2015, Tweed Heads Public School still have some 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.

P&C News
Our first meeting this year will be held on Monday 22 February from 6 - 7:30pm (NSW time) in the school library. Parents, carers and students are invited and we will be hosting a pizza dinner. We will also be holding our annual general meeting on that night where we will be electing members to the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary & Fundraising Coordinator.
If you would like any additional information about any of these roles or would like to nominate anyone for a role, please leave your information with the office.
To keep up to date with school and community events follow us on facebook @ Tweed Heads Public School P&C Association.

Bus Passes
From Monday 22 February 2016 all students travelling on Surfside school buses will be required to produce their 2016 passes or their letter of confirmation from the Department of Transport and Main Roads or pay the fare using a TransLink Go Card or cash. Any queries regarding eligibility for the School Transport Assistance Scheme can be referred to the TransLink website http://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/concessions/school-transport-assistance or phone 13 12 30.

Lost
If anyone has found a ‘gold ring’ can you please return it to the school office. Thank you.

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 listen as they tell you about events that did not involve you. It helps them to clarify ideas and improves their writing,
- you ask them questions that require a longer answer than “yes” or “no”.
You help to improve your child’s numeracy skills when:
- you host a board game party for your child and friends,
- you watch sports programs and talk about scores, angles, distances and camera shots.
You help to improve you child’s social skills when:
- you encourage their belief in the importance of their place in the family,
- you help your child develop interests that they may have.

Beating Picky Eating
Children with strong food preferences who limit their intake of the needed variety of foods can be a challenge. Some of the following ideas may be helpful:
- Remember: Parents choose “which” foods, children decide “how much”
- Create a positive environment at the table, make meal times pleasant
- Be a good role model
- Stick to a routine
- Provide the same meals for the whole family
- Take children shopping, involve them in planning and preparation
- Limit sweet drinks and juice so children have an appetite
If you are stuck in a constant battle, maybe try a different approach.

Community News
CASUARINA BEACH RUGBY UNION CLUB - REGISTRATION DAYS
Where: Casuarina Rugby Fields
Tweed Coast Way, Casuarina
When: Sunday 21st Feb
Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Ages: U/6 through to U/16’s
For further details go to www.casuarinarugby.com

NORTHERN RIVERS FOOTBALL
Northern Rivers Football is a non for profit organisation. They are not a club but are a centre of excellence to develop players in the region. They offer football training and development for any child in the Northern Rivers Region at a minimal cost. They have been operating from the Casuarina Recreation Club—Mainwaring Precinct in Barclay Drive, Casuarina, NSW for approximately 12 months. In that time our program has been proven successful both in development and results with their teams last year—winning the Sydney International Cup and State of Origin Futsal Champions.
Please check the Northern Rivers Football Facebook Page.

TWEED VALLEY FUNDAY
When: Monday 29 February
Where: Murwillumbah Showground
Our focus is wholesome entertainment for young families as well as activities aimed at teenagers and young adults. All activities will be free. Food and drink will be the only expense of the day.
School Leader Profile 2016

Name: Joss
Position: School Vice Captain
Class: 6/5C
Age turning this year: 12
House Group: Bradman

Started at Tweed Heads Public School in:
Year 4 - 2014

What I like doing best at school:
PE

What I like doing best at home:
Swimming

Favourite memory of Tweed Heads Public School so far:
In Year 5 we went to Lake Ainsworth for a school camp

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 and shutting our school gates every morning, putting away the class eating mats and delivering some class rolls

What I would like to see change in our school:
Soccer goals

Canteen News
The canteen is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Uniform Shop
The School Uniform Shop is now open on Friday mornings from 8.30 - 9.30am.