We are already past the half way mark of Term 1! All students, K-6 have well and truly settled into the daily school routine and their learning. It’s wonderful to see our Kindergarten students engaging with their formal learning with such enthusiasm. Who would believe they have only been at school for five weeks! Keep up this great work and commitment everyone! Remember your positive efforts will bring positive results for you.

Mrs McAllum’s Good News Visits
Students are acknowledged in many ways at school for their work, effort, behaviour and general attitude in working with and helping others. Mrs McAllum’s Good News Visits is a strategy that allows me the privilege of acknowledging the little visitors who come to visit me in my office to share their “Good News”. These Good News visits are recorded and eventually the student will have a Good News phone call made to a special person at home. Mums, Dads or Carers, you may one day get that good news phone call from your child at school. This Term I have had many good news visits in my office from Kindergarten through to Year 6. It won’t be long before the good news phone calls start. Keep up this great work everyone!

Student Representative Council (SRC)
This week our assembly will acknowledge the successful election of the THPS Student Representative Council. Congratulations to all of our student representatives. The role of the SRC Rep in each classroom is very important and to be elected by your classmates is certainly an honour and a privilege. The whole school is looking forward to the experiences and events that the 2016 SRC team will be coordinating and presenting this year.

Ride To School day and Ride-a-thon
The National Ride2School day is on in early March and we have taken part in this event for the last few years. Unfortunately the national date clashes with activities scheduled for our senior students so to enable our senior students to role model and participate we have moved the event to create our own THPS Ride2School day. It has been scheduled for Thurs-day 17 March. In conjunction with our Ride2School event stu-
Students will have the opportunity to participate in Charity Ride-a-Thon in the school playground. The Ride-a-Thon will be coordinated by the SRC. This Ride-a-Thon was a great success last year with students and families very enthusiastically and generously raising over $800 supporting the Children’s Cancer Institute of Australia (CCIA). I participate in an annual 500km bike ride to support the CCIA organisation and I am very proud to be able to say to my fellow riders that THPS students contribute so generously towards this cause. So everyone start getting your bikes and scooters ready for the THPS Ride2School and the CCIA Ride-a-Thon. Another fun day ahead of us!

**National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**
This is scheduled for Years 3 and 5. It will take place in Term 2 on **10, 11 and 12 May**. All Year 3 & 5 students are expected to complete this National Assessment. Parents/carers who would like to discuss their child’s participation in this assessment please contact your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Jacquie McAllum
Principal

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**Ride2School Day**

**Thursday 17 March**

**Collection Points**
- #1 - 7.45am meet at Bilinga Cycle path opposite Gibson St.
- #2 - 8.05am meet at Greenmount Beach opposite McDonalds
- #3 - 8.20am meet at Keith Compton Drive car turning circle past Tweed Hospital.
- #4 - 8.35am meet at Jack Evans Harbour near the flagpole surrounded by the children statues. *(K-2 Scooters only)*

**Who can ride?**
- Students Years 3-6 with written parent/carer permission.
- Students Kindergarten - Year 2 **must be accompanied by an adult riding or supervising**.
- Teachers will be riding with the students.

**Requirements:**
- Bicycle riders and scooters - well fitted helmet made secure and comfortable before leaving home. A bike that has been checked carefully (tyres, chain and brakes).
- Skateboards - must wear well fitted helmets and protective gear.
- Drink bottle in case you get thirsty.

**School Photos**

**Monday 4 April 2016**

**School Photos**
Tweed Heads Public School class and individual photos will be taken on **Monday 4 April** (Week 11). Prices for school photo packs are approximately $21 to $37, additional items $6 to $18. Every student will have their photo taken on the day. Last day for parent payments to the office will be **Thursday 31 March**.

After this date parents will need to contact the school photographer directly. No payments will be accepted after 31 March. **EFTPOS and POP cannot be used for this activity. Family envelope will be available for families of two or more students.** Payment envelopes will be sent home in Week 8. **Each student must have their own envelope on photo day.**

**School Banking Day - Wednesdays**
Bank books must come to school office by 9am and will be returned the following day by their class teacher.
New students may collect an information envelope on how to open a Youth Saver Account from the school office.

**P&C News**

**P&C Annual General Meeting**
**Monday, March 14th @ 6pm in the Library**

Last Monday 22 February, the P&C shared a lot of great ideas for 2016 over a delicious dinner supplied by Earth & Sea Pizza in Coolangatta. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 14 March. We will begin to organize which events to run and form committees to do so.

This will be a great meeting to attend to have a say in this year’s agenda or to help with these fun school events. We will also be holding our AGM to elect this year’s P&C Executive Team. If you wish to nominate someone to a position or would like more information please leave your information with the office or canteen.

Positions to be elected are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising Coordinator, Canteen Coordinator and Uniform Coordinator.

**Last Call For Year 6 Shirts**
We will be putting in an extra order for anyone who would like to purchase a Year 6 shirt. Please order them within the next week at the Uniform Shop on Friday morning or through the office.
Life Education Van/Healthy Harold Visit
5/4C Reflections: Anti-Smoking

Our class went to the Life Education Van and learnt about the effects of smoking. There were a lot of bad things that could happen to a smoker. We watched a video about a girl who had throat cancer. She had a hole in her throat. It made me feel sad and it made me think about my future and that I would never touch a smoke. I wonder why they decided to smoke in the first place. I think that they would regret smoking because I definitely would.

Written by Mahlia

Our class went to visit the Life Education Van. We learnt about smoking and how it kills. We watched some anti-smoking videos and videos of children telling us why they don’t smoke. Most of them said it was disgusting and I agree. They also talked about all the effects that could happen like cancer and bad teeth. One of the videos show us that adults forget to remind themselves about the danger that smoking may give you. That is why I think this was the best video. I wonder why the Government let’s people do it. I think it is too hard to quit. It makes me feel confused because they know it is bad for them so why start in the first place.

Written by Bodhi

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