



# Tweed Heads South Public School

TERM 3 WEEK 2 2023

NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR DATES

- Wednesday 9  
August - Regional  
Premiers Spelling  
Bee Finals
- 23 - 25 August -  
Book Fair
- Thursday 24  
August - THSPS  
Public Speaking  
Finals
- Friday 25 August -  
Book Week  
Parade 9:15am -  
10:15am
- Busy Bees  
Playgroup - Every  
Thursday 9:15am  
- 10:45am

## Principal's Message

Welcome back to term 3. We are looking forward to engaging the students at our beautiful school in wonderful positive learning opportunities and experiences again this term. Some of these include, Public Education Week (week 3), NAIDOC week (week 4), and Book Week (week 8). More information regarding these important events will be on our Facebook page. Please keep an eye on the family calendar for other upcoming events this term.

Just in case you missed the last term 2 edition of the newsletter, Melinda Parmenter has been offered an extension in her current role as Principal School Leadership up until the beginning of 2024 and she has accepted this role, congratulations Melinda. I have been asked by the Director Educational Leadership to continue in the role of Relieving Principal at this wonderful school. I have accepted this role and I am excited for this opportunity. I look forward to continuing working together with the students, staff, and community of Tweed Heads South Public School for the rest of this year.

**Public Education Week** - Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, teachers and students. Education Week 2023 will be held from 31 July to 4 August 2023 (Week 3, Term 3) and this year celebrates 175 years of public education in NSW. We will be holding an afternoon tea and open classrooms next Friday 4 August. The community are all welcome to attend our beautiful school and celebrate with your child/ren.

**100 Days of Kindergarten** - Congratulations to our Kindergarten of 2023 who celebrated today their 100<sup>th</sup> day of school – hip hip hooray! We are so proud of you all. The Kindergarten teachers and students dressed in pyjamas for this special occasion to link to the story 'The Princess who Slept for 100 years.' The students completed many exciting activities to mark this important school journey milestone.

**Sustainable Schools Grant** - A big thank you to Mrs Mead who has spent numerous hours putting together a Sustainable Schools Grant application for our school. How exciting! I can now confirm that we have been successful in receiving a \$15,000 Sustainable Schools Grant. The grant will be used to incorporate a sustainable vegetable garden, community garden, Aboriginal edible garden which will be integrated into our outdoor yarning circle and other sustainable programs for our school. Well done and we cannot wait to see this grant being put into practice.

**Building Update** - We have moved back into our new refurbished office situated closer to the Arkinstall Park carpark. Our new entrance is through the small gate next to the main entrance of the school. At the present time you can visit our office entering through the side door. Our friendly office ladies will assist you with any queries and help you with anything that your child/ren may need.

The demolition and waste removal process of Building C is still occurring. It is hard to believe that over the coming weeks we will have a new play space for our students to play. Please see the attached work notice regarding further building updates. Looking forward to celebrating Public Education Week with you next Friday.

Kind Regards, Felicity Henderson - Relieving Principal

# Syllabus Section

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### WHAT ARE TEXTUAL CONCEPTS?

TEXTUAL CONCEPTS ARE ABOUT THE WAY WE COMMUNICATE THROUGH TEXTS: WRITTEN, SPOKEN, DIGITAL, AND VISUAL. THEY ARE ABOUT HOW MEANING IS CREATED THROUGH THE DIVERSITY OF TEXTS AVAILABLE TO US.

LITERARY TEXTS (INCLUDING NARRATIVE FILMS) ARE AS IMPORTANT IN THE PROCESS OF COMMUNICATION AS NON-LITERARY TEXTS, ALLOWING US TO ACCESS SOCIAL AND CULTURAL VALUES THROUGH STORIES OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE, REAL AND IMAGINED. THEY ARE PART OF THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF READING, LISTENING AND VIEWING WE WANT TO SEE HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM. ENGLISH TEXTUAL CONCEPTS ARE DIFFERENT TO ABSTRACT CONCEPTS BUT THEY CO-EXIST IN LEARNING.

IT MEANS THAT YOU CAN GO BEYOND A BASIC LITERACY APPROACH AND CREATE MORE CRITICAL AND ENGAGING CLASSROOMS WHERE STUDENTS ARE HAPPY LEARNERS.

OUR STAFF HAVE ENGAGED IN TEXTUAL CONCEPTS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING LAST TERM TO SUPPORT STUDENTS DEEPER UNDERSTANDINGS WHEN ENGAGING WITH THE CHOICE OF RICH-LITERARY TEXTS THAT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE NEW SYLLABUS UNITS OF WORK.



## Maara News

This term Maara is working together to create a strong sense of community and inclusivity by embracing a morning yarning circle. Each morning students come together to share and work together as a team to achieve our class goal. Our goal is to develop a strong relationship between our staff and our students which works towards building a successful classroom learning environment.

Students are given the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings, practice gratitude and prepare their bodies for learning by going for a short jog around the school grounds. We look forward to watching the students in Maara build on existing relationships in a respectful and meaningful way.

## P&C update

Our next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 2 August at 9am in the community room. New members are very welcome.

The canteen will continue to operate on Fridays. If you have a few hours and would like to volunteer come and see us at the canteen or leave your name and number at the office.

# Preschool News

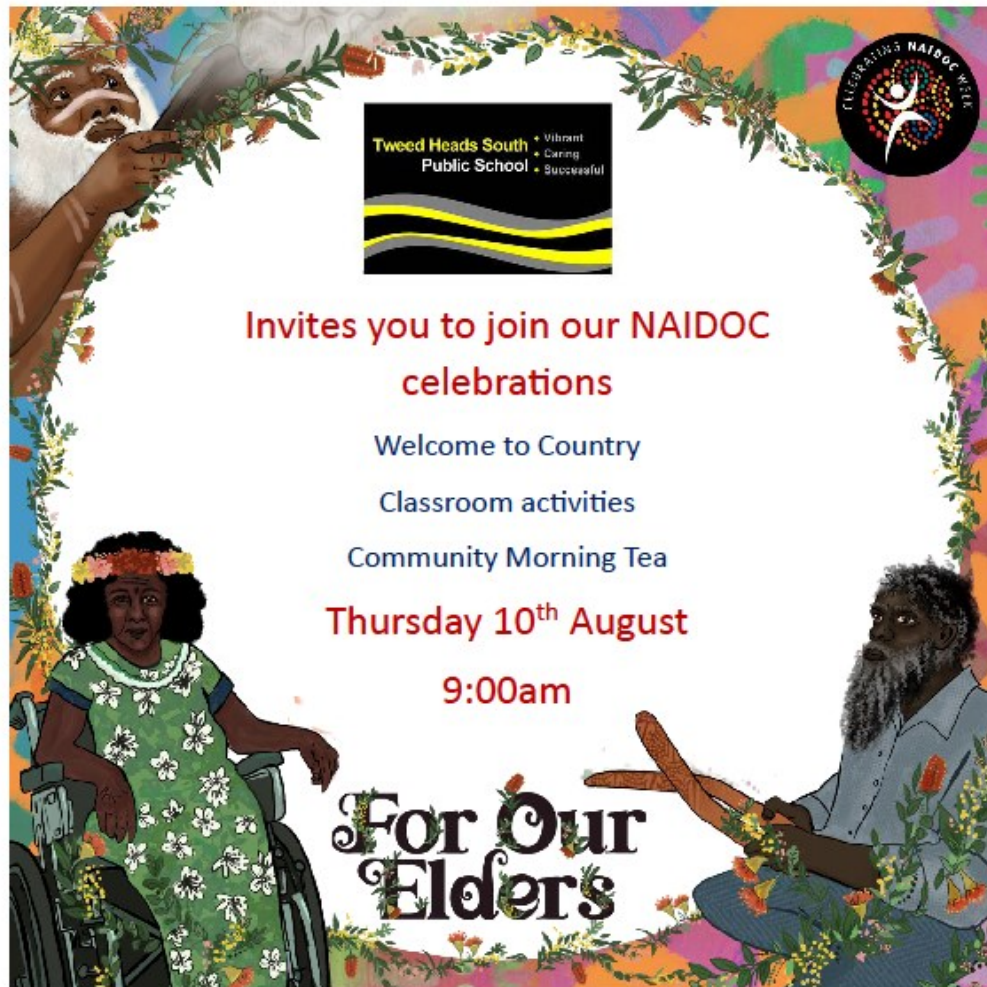
Well done Preschool for a wonderful beginning to Term 3. This term we're learning all about fairy tales. We have learnt that fairy tales often start with 'once upon a time' and include magic, enchantments as well as mythical creatures.

Last week we shared various versions of the Gingerbread man, made gingerbread biscuits and played games involving counting and sorting gingerbread figures and a fox. This week we discussed the differences in three different versions of Goldilocks. Later this term we will be performing these fairy tales with puppets in our theatre corner in the preschool.





# NAIDOC Celebrations



## Book Week

23-25 August - The school will be having its annual Book Fair. Stationary, books and posters will be for sale. The school will receive 20% of the sales to help us buy more books for the school.

25 August- 9:15-10:30: Book week parade. Students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. A chance to read with your children from our great picture books so don't forget a towel to sit on. Also available is a family photo opportunity for a \$1:00 donation. Money raised will help the school buy books. All families are invited to join in the fun. You are also welcome to visit the Book Fair where stationary, posters and books will be for sale.



# Bread Bag Collection

Don't forget to bring in all your bread bags. The bags can be any brand. Bread bins are located near the breakfast club. The more bags we collect the more equipment we will be given for the students to use at Tweed Heads South Public School.



# Uniforms

Just a little reminder that shoes with skate wheels are not appropriate to wear to school. If your child has a pair of these shoes could you please remind them not to wear them to school.

Lowes are having 20% off everything sale on 3 and 4 August. This includes 20% off our school uniforms.

