



# Tweed Heads South Public School

TERM 3 WEEK 6 2023

NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR DATES

- Friday 1  
September -  
Fathers Day Stall
- Wednesday 6  
September -  
Stage 3 Brisbane  
Excursion
- Wednesday 6  
September - P&C  
meeting, 9am in  
the Community  
Room
- Wednesday 13  
September - K-2  
Seaworld
- Friday 22  
September - Last  
day of Term 3
- Monday 9 -  
October Students  
return Term 4
- Busy Bees  
Playgroup - Every  
Thursday 9:15am  
- 10:45am

## Principal's Message

What a wonderful week we have had at our beautiful school celebrating both public speaking and Book Week. The Book Week theme for this year was - Read Grow Inspire. A big thank you to Mrs Wendy MacDonald and Mrs Tanya Campbell and THSPS staff for all your organisation and tireless work of both these events. I certainly learnt a lot about many topics such as sharks, superheros, friends, mums and saw many book inspired costumes which made me want to just go and sit under a tree in the playground or sit in our new beautiful library and read.

**Student Safety - Due to only having one small entrance at the front of the school until the main gate is operational. Could you please pick your children up from school and move off the school site as quick as possible.** If you would like to connect with other parents, please move to Arkinstall Park so your children can play while you chat. At the present time we have a large number of students leaving the school ground including high school students, parents, carers, bus lines and walkers which is causing large amounts of congestion and pedestrian traffic. This is both a hazard and is adding impact to the safety of our students.

**Far North Coast Athletics** - Last Friday was the Far North Coast Athletics carnival, we had a number of students attend this event to represent our school. Congratulations to all the students who competed at this level and well done to Quade and Savannah who have made it through to the next level to represent the Far North Coast at North Coast Athletics in track and field over the coming weeks. Goodluck!

**Kindergarten Enrolment – 2024** Any families who may have a child starting Kindergarten in 2024 and have not yet enrolled, we encourage you to start the enrolment process as soon as possible. Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5, on or before 31 July that year. If you know of any friends or other community members who have children who are due to start next year, please encourage them to make contact the school via phone or email. We strongly encourage you to enrol as soon as possible as our Kindergarten Orientation/ Transition Program will begin early Term 4, which is a wonderful opportunity for your child familiarise themselves at 'Big School' prior to starting next year.

**Planning for 2024** - As we move into our planning phase for 2024, we kindly ask if you could notify the school office by phone or email if your child/children will not be returning to Tweed Heads South Public School next year. The number of students at our school affects the planning for classes and school organisation for 2024.

**Communication Flowchart** - If you have any questions relating to your child/ren please make an appointment via the office (07) 5524 3408 to see:

1. Your child's classroom teacher.
2. Stage supervisors: ES1/Stage 1 – Mrs Ashlee Goldstone (Tues, Wed, Fri) & Mrs Kate Williams (Mon, Thurs)  
Stage 2/Stage 3 – Mr Mitch Armour
3. R/Principal – Mrs Felicity Henderson

Hope you all have a fantastic fortnight. Warm regards  
Felicity Henderson R/Principal

# Syllabus Section

## CHARACTER TEXTUAL CONCEPT

CHARACTER IS TRADITIONALLY VIEWED AS A DESCRIPTION OF A FICTIONAL PERSON. AS A CONSTRUCT, IT IS MADE UP OF VERBAL OR VISUAL STATEMENTS ABOUT WHAT THAT FICTIONAL PERSON DOES, SAYS AND THINKS AND WHAT OTHER FICTIONAL CHARACTERS AND THE AUTHOR OF THE TEXT SAY ABOUT HIM OR HER. THE READER, LISTENER OR VIEWER FLESHES OUT THESE STATEMENTS TO IMAGINE A PERSON-LIKE CHARACTER, SUFFICIENTLY INDIVIDUALISED AND COHERENT TO ESTABLISH THE SENSE OF AN IDENTITY. IN THIS WAY, REPRESENTATION OF A 'REAL' PERSON INVITES PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION AND JUDGEMENTS ABOUT THE CHARACTER'S MORALITY AND VALUE TO THEIR SOCIETY. THIS KIND OF ANALYSIS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SHAPING ONE'S OWN SENSE OF A MORAL AND ETHICAL SELF AND SO BECOMING A WAY OF ENCULTURATION.

CHARACTERS MAY ALSO BE CREATED AND/ OR READ AS REPRESENTATIONS OF IDEAS, OF GROUPS OF PEOPLE OR OF TYPES THAT SERVE A FUNCTION IN A NARRATIVE GENRE. QUESTIONS OF CHARACTERISATION THEN FOCUS ON THE WAYS A CHARACTER IS CONSTRUCTED BOTH BY THE RESPONDER AND THE COMPOSER AND ITS FUNCTION IN THE TEXT.

### WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

CHARACTER IS AN IMPORTANT CONCEPT IN NARRATIVE AS A DRIVER OF THE ACTION, A FUNCTION IN THE PLOT, A WAY OF ENGAGING OR POSITIONING A READER OR AS A WAY OF REPRESENTING ITS THEMATIC CONCERNS. THE WAY CHARACTER IS READ IS AN INDICATION OF PARTICULAR APPROACHES TO TEXTS, BE IT THROUGH PERSONAL ENGAGEMENT OR CRITICAL RESPONSE.

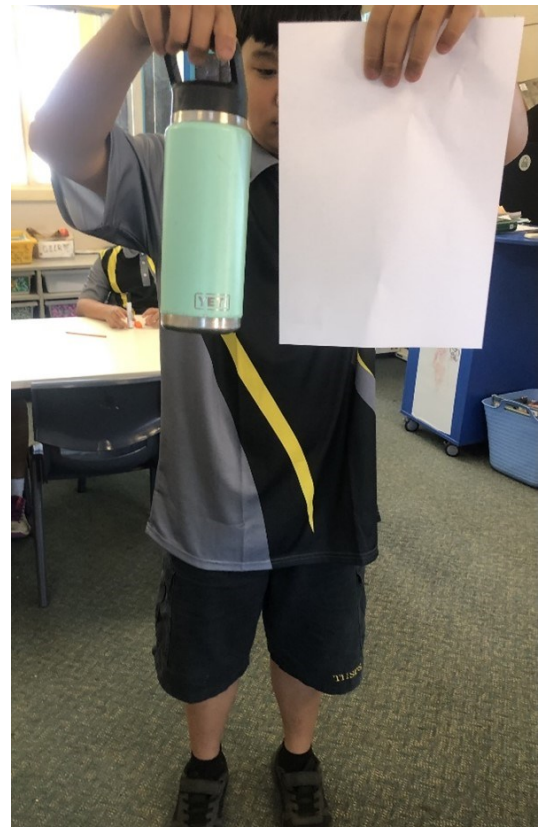


## Learning in Geer



We have been busy learning about informative writing this term and have produced some excellent information reports about influential Aboriginal Australians. This week we're writing about African animals.

In Science we are exploring gravity and the 'Equivalence Principle'. Did you know that if you drop two objects of different weights from the same height they will land at the same time? This is the Equivalence Principle.



# Athletic Results

Tweed Heads South wishes to acknowledge the achievements and extend our congratulations to Quade and Savannah on their performances at the recent Tweed/Murwillumbah Zone Athletics, held at Walter Peate Oval.

Quade has qualified in the 12 years, boys shotput after placing third whilst Savannah will be progressing for her performance in the 10 years girls 200m, in which she also placed third. Savannah was unlucky to also be progressing for the 11 years girls 100m, as the final was held only a few races after her 200m final.

As we eagerly await the Lismore carnival, let's rally behind Quade and Savannah with our wholehearted support. We wish them the very best as they continue to represent our school and showcase their athletic abilities on a broader stage.



## P&C Update

### Father's Day Stall

The P&C will hold their annual Father's Day Stall on Friday, 1 September 2023.

Don't forget to send some money with your child so they can purchase a gift for their father/grandfather/special person. Gifts will be available to purchase ranging between \$1.00 and \$10.00.

The stall will be held outside the canteen and the class teachers will bring students to the stall in class groups.

### P&C Meeting

The P&C are looking for parents/carers to join our school P&C. As a P&C member you get the opportunity to help organise special events including school disco's, crazy sock/hair days and colour fun runs which helps to raise money for our school.

The next P&C meeting will be held 9am on Wednesday 6 September 2023 in the parents/meeting room. We would love to see some new families come and support our amazing school.





# Another Successful Year of Speeches

On Thursday 23 August we saw another fantastic troupe of public speakers compete at our THSPS Public Speaking Finals.

First up, we hosted the Stage 3 finals. We observed Brae, Louis, Ashanti, Ethan, Farrah, Charlee, Meela and John present us with a variety of subjects ranging from the serious 'Child Labour' and 'Deforestation' to subjects such as 'Minecraft' and 'Roller-skating'. All speeches were totally engaging. Meela was our Stage 3 winner with her speech on 'Working Dogs', while Ethan was our runner-up with his speech on 'Bush Walking'.

During the middle session, the Stage 1 students had their turn to compete. Again, we listened to an awesome group of students including Thor, Goldie, Lucia, Luca, Joshua, Annika, Layla, Mathia, Zenith and Lilly, present a fascinating array of subjects of personal interest. Mathia was our Stage 1 winner with her speech on 'Sharks' and Zenith was our runner-up with his speech on 'Superpowers'.

In the afternoon, we held the Stage 2 finals, where, once again, the speakers delivered a variety of compelling speeches. Our finals speakers included Emily, Bella, Scarlett, Yuvi, Sahara, Jackson and Harmony. Scarlett was our Stage 2 winner with her speech on 'Bees' and Harmony was our runner-up with her speech on 'School'.

Congratulations to all speakers who practiced and performed so diligently and engagingly with the public speaking. We are so very proud of the amazing quality of speeches that were delivered at the THSPS finals.



# Who is Who at School?

**Staff Name:** Mrs Felicity Henderson

**THSPS Role:** Relieving Principal

**How long have you been a teacher?** 35 years with the Department of Education.

**What do you like about your job?** I have the best job in the world. I have the amazing opportunity to work with beautiful students, the fantastic staff and the wonderful community at Tweed Heads South Public School. I believe 'it takes a village to raise a child and a community to run a school.'

**Fun Facts:**

Favourite Colour - Purple;

Favourite Animal – Elephant;

Cat or Dog person – Dog;

Favourite Teams - NSW Swifts (netball) & Parramatta Eels (NRL).

**Interests:**

I love going for walks exploring the lovely surroundings of where we live whether along the beach, break wall or hinterland.

I love spending time with my family – My husband and three children (Girl 18 years old, 2 Boys - 15 years old and 13 years old).

My favourite sport is netball. I have been a Representative netball coach for Tweed Netball Association for 6 years and love this sport and the opportunities it gives to the youth in our community.

I love watching my children play many different sports both at Representative level and club level (netball, rugby league, rugby union, touch football, oztag).



## Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Preschool and Kindergarten 2024. If you have a child or know someone with a child who will be attending our Preschool or Kindergarten in 2024 and haven't picked up an enrolment form please see the ladies in the school office.