



Tweed Heads South Public School

TERM 3 WEEK 8 2024

NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

- Monday 16
September - K-2
Assembly, Class
item Guyaany
- Wednesday 18
September - Re-
opening of our
school
- Tuesday 24
September -
Hoyts Excursion,
The Wild Robot
(Maara, Geer and
Wagaan only)
- Wednesday 25
September -
Balunjahli Culture
TRHS
- Friday 27
September last
day of Term 3
- Monday 14
October - Term 4
commences for
Baawii and
students Year K-6
- Thursday 17
October - Bing
Ging Commence
Term 4

Principal's Message

Before and After School Supervision

This is a community reminder that the school gates are **closed until 8.30am every school day morning** and **3.30pm every afternoon**. Therefore, there are no staff available to supervise your child in the playground prior to this time. At the present time, there are many students who are arriving before this time. Whatever arrangements you make, you need to understand that **you remain responsible for your child prior to 8.30am** when off school site including outside the school gates and before the school's supervision begins at 8.30am.

REOPENING NEXT WEDNESDAY - New Build School Opening Celebration

The big day has finally arrived, I am hoping that the weather is kind to us, where will be celebrating our opening of the new facilities at our beautiful school next week on Wednesday 18 September 2024. Celebration times for the formal opening assembly is 9am – 10.15am followed by Picnic on the Green 10.30am – 11.30am. Picnic packs are available through the P & C orders for prior to the day. A coffee van, sweet items, sausage sizzle and drinks will be available to purchase on the day. Please bring your picnic blanket/chair, nibblies, and/or picnic lunch and celebrate our reopening with your children listening to live entertainment.

Focus Area – Maintaining Respectful Relationships with Families and Friends

Our term focus on respectful relationships in all areas of the school will continue this term. This includes being respectful to friends, families, peers, adults, community and property in the classroom, playground, transition times, lines and canteen. The students will be earning points each week and receive 'Golden Bills' when they display this focus area. The Principal lunch is on next Thursday week 9. If your child has displayed excellent behaviour particularly in the focus area of respectful relationships, they will be receiving their invitation early next week. Well done to those students.

Kindergarten Enrolments – 2025

Any families who may have a child starting Kindergarten in 2025 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. Our transition dates are in Term 4: 9.30 – 10.30am Wednesday 13 November and Wednesday 20 November 2024.

Planning for 2025

As we move into our planning phase for 2025, 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 2025.

Principal's message continued

North Coast Athletics

Well done to all the students who participated in our North Coast Athletics carnival last Friday. What a successful event. Congratulations to Savannah and Jordan who have now made it through to represent the North Coast at State Athletics. I know you will run like the wind and represent Tweed Heads South Public School with pride.

Public Speaking and Intensive Swimming Program

What a wonderful fortnight we have had at our beautiful school celebrating public speaking and the intensive swimming program. A big thank you Ms Hunt, Mr C and to the THSPS staff for all your organisation and tireless work for organising these events. I certainly learnt a lot about many topics such as possums, Australian animals, favourite sports players and many more interesting topics. All the students used the correct eye contact, voice projection, speech structure, stance, clarity and enthusiasm when presenting their speeches. Congratulations to all the students who were the stage finalists and to the students who will now represent our school at the district public speaking competition. Well done to all the students who attended and completed the intensive swimming program. Your behaviour representing our school was wonderful.

Looking forward to seeing the community next week at our reopening celebrations.

Felicity Henderson

R/Principal



Enrolments

Enrolments Now Open for 2025



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Preschool Enrolments Now Open for 2025



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Save the Date!

Invitation

You are invited to join

Tweed Heads South PS

celebrate the re-opening
of our school.

Wednesday 18 September

Tweed Heads South Public School
10 Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South

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Kids Help Line Session - Stage 3

Stage 3 will be taking part in the Kids Help Line sessions next week.

Kids Helpline @School free educational sessions



emotions &
mental health



social skills &
conflict resolution



resilience &
wellbeing

Students will engage in LIVE, interactive & fun virtual classroom sessions.

Students will benefit from sessions that are tailored/personalised to their needs, and facilitated by qualified Kids Helpline counsellors.

Sessions include games, videos, scenarios and activities to enhance student learning.

All sessions are curriculum-aligned & evidence-informed.



kidshelpline.com.au/schools

Learn more



Ginibi Junior

Did you know that Seahorses and their close relatives, sea dragons, are the only species in which the male gets pregnant and gives birth? Male seahorses and sea dragons get pregnant and bear young—a unique adaptation in the animal kingdom.

Ginibi junior have been investigating 'Under the Sea' this term as part of our integrated science, HSIE, creative arts, and English unit. We have been investigating and discussing the location, habitat, diet, reproduction and protective measures of the turtle, box jelly fish, stingray, great white shark, seahorse, anemone and clown fish.



Sea anemones are marine predatory animals related to jellies and corals. They fixate themselves to a hard surface and use their colourful, stinging tentacles to stun and catch unsuspecting prey that passes by. Many fish know not to go near anemones because of the risk of being stung and eaten.

Clownfish are vibrantly coloured reef fish that live throughout the Pacific Ocean near Australia and surrounding areas. These fish are one of the few species that can survive the sting of an anemone – due to a protective layer of mucus that covers their bodies and provides them with immunity from the anemone's toxin. This adaptation not only allows them to get near anemones without hesitation, but they often make their homes within the anemone's tentacles for protection and food.

We created excellent artworks of clown fish and anemone using water colours and scrunch art.



We have really enjoyed our Intensive Swimming Program! We have been having a great time learning how to float, blow bubbles and become comfortable and confident in the water.



Ginibi Senior

The Ginibi Senior Class has been doing Science experiments with Pepsi and mentos. We watched the Mythbusters episode.



We found that sugar free Pepsi really didn't do anything while regular Pepsi caused the Pepsi to erupt. We watched a few YouTube videos to help us prepare. One suggested gluing the mentos together – what could go wrong!

We glued then dropped 20 Mentos in the bottle – I think Mr Matt and Luka are still drying off!

School Term Dates

Term 3

Tuesday 24 September - Last day for Baawii

Friday 27 September - Last day for Bing Ging, Stingrays and students K-6

Term 3 Spring Holidays - Monday 30 September - Friday 11 October

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Term 4 commences for Baawii and students K – Year 6

Thursday 17 October - Term 4 commences for Bing Ging



Exploring a Sunflower through Art

Today, the children gathered around a beautiful, tall sunflower we had grown in our Preschool Garden. "What can you see?", I asked the children. Their eyes widened with curiosity as they observed its bright yellow petals, the textured black centre, green leaves and the long green stem. One of the sunflower stems had broken so we decided to put it in a vase in our classroom.

We have been learning about the lifecycle of a sunflower and investigating sunflower seeds in our 'Exploration Station'. The children took turns touching the sunflower, feeling the roughness of the stem and the softness of the petals. They made statements about how sunflowers grow and why they follow the sun. Their curiosity and wonder filled the room as they made connections to the sunflowers growing in our garden.

Inspired by the sunflower's beauty, we decided to paint our own sunflowers. Some painted large, bold petals, while others focused on the intricate details of the centre. As they painted, they shared their thoughts and ideas, describing the colours.

Through this activity, the children not only explored the natural world but also expressed their creativity and ideas through art. They communicated their observations, made connections to their own experiences, and experimented with colours and textures.



Year 6 Transition Day at TRHS

On Thursday, August 29th, Tweed River High School welcomed our Year 6 students for an exciting Transition Day. The day kicked off with an introduction assembly, where the Year 7 team provided valuable insights into what the students can expect in the upcoming year.

Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of activities, including a bottle rocket building challenge and a hands-on experience with virtual reality technology. One of the standout moments was the tour of our school's working farm. Students had the opportunity to plant sunflower seeds, explore various crops, hold a chicken, and even walk goats on leads.

A big thank you to all our Year 6 students for their enthusiasm and energy. While we will be sad to see you leave our school, we are excited to see you thrive at High School and look forward to hearing about your future successes.



School Student Broadband Initiative



What is the School Student Broadband Initiative?

To boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide, the Australian Government is providing up to 30,000 eligible families with school age children with no internet at home access to free **nbn**® until 31 December 2025¹ under the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

Access to the SSBI will become easier, with the announcement of a National Referral Centre that parents/carers with school students can contact directly to check their eligibility.

Who is eligible for the SSBI?

It is important to note the SSBI is primarily intended as an affordability measure to help those with school-age children.

To be eligible for SSBI, families working directly with an SSBI Nominating Organisation, or self-nominating through the National Referral Centre, must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including from Prep in Qld/Vic/Tas, Kindy in NSW, Reception in SA, Transition in NT/ACT and Pre-Primary in WA).
- Not have an active **nbn**® network internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- Live in a premises that can access a standard² **nbn** service.
- Not have had an active **nbn** connection during the previous 14 days.
- Either be referred by a nominating organisation or have your suitability determined via an assessment conducted by the National Referral Centre.

How can I check my eligibility?

To check your eligibility, follow these simple steps.

1. Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT), or www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet. Callback and webchat functions are also available via the website.³
2. Check your eligibility – the NRC team will assess your eligibility, by checking your residential address and asking you some questions to determine if you meet the Government's eligibility criteria.
3. If eligible, you will be issued a voucher which can be redeemed at any of the participating SSBI retail service providers. The National Referral Centre will also be available to assist with contacting your SSBI internet service provider of choice or providing follow-up support.

¹ This is subject to continued involvement in SSBI of participating internet providers beyond the previously announced deadlines, and provided the cap of 30,000 SSBI services has not yet been reached.

² A standard **nbn** service refers to a standard installation of **nbn** supplied equipment. This includes connecting a fibre optic cable from your street to the **nbn** utility box outside your premises, then inside to the **nbn** connection. **nbn** does not charge end customers for a standard installation. Remember to ask your chosen SSBI participating internet provider if they have any other fees. A small number of premises located in Limited Access Areas (any area within the footprint of the Satellite Network that cannot reasonably be accessed by road and would require some element of air or water transportation) are ineligible to access the SSBI.

³ The National Referral Centre is operated by Anglicare Victoria and is open to eligible Australian parents/carers.