

# Tweed Heads South Public School

**TERM 4 WEEK 4 2024** 

NEWSLETTER

#### **CALENDAR**

- Monday 11
   November Remembrance
   Day Service
   10:30am
- Monday 11
   November P-2
   Assembly
   Booning class
   Item
- Tuesday 12
   November Busy
   Bees Playgroup
   9:15am 10:45am
- Wednesday 13
   November Kindergarten
   Orientation
   9:30am 10:30am
- Wednesday 13
   November Year
   6 Prime to High
   Program
- Wednesday 13
   November P&C
   Christmas In
   November Disco
- Thursday 14November -

# Principal's Message

**Counsellor Recognition Day** 

Last Friday was School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day, and we celebrated the incredible contributions of Sharon, Julia, and Annie. This year's theme was, "Little Moments, Lasting Change," which captures the heart of their work. Each day, they are at Tweed Heads South PS our counsellors and psychologists create meaningful moments of listening, understanding, and connection, supporting students, families, and staff to recognise their needs and strengths, persevere, and grow. Thank you Sharon, Julia, and Annie you are amazing!

#### **Tweed Wollumbin Aboriginal Education Awards**

Last Tuesday night I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Tweed Wollumbin Education Awards. I would like to acknowledge three students who were nominated for the awards.

Harrison - in the student category 'Student Leadership'.

Ashanti – in the student category, Achievement in Performing/Creative/Visual Arts. Quinton - in the student category, Cultural Engagement.

Congratulations to Harrison who was selected to receive a Tweed Wollumbin Aboriginal Education Award in the student category 'Student Leadership'. The Award recognises his application and effort to develop skills to promote, encourage and support student participation across their school and/or broader community.

Although Quinton and Ashanti were not successful to receive their respective awards Quinton received a recognition certificate to acknowledge his cultural engagement and pride of his culture in both the school and broader community. Ashanti also received a recognition certificate to acknowledge her achievement in the performing, creative and/or visual arts. Well done and congratulations to these students.



## Principal's message continued

#### Far North Coast Public Speaking

Congratulations to the Savannah, Scarlett and Liz who represented THSPS at the Public Speaking finals. Congratulation's to Savannah, Liz and Scarlett for competing at the Far North Coast Public Speaking competition at Uki Public School. All the students performed confidently with amazing speeches. Liz and Scarlett were finalists in Stage 1 and Stage 2 with Liz receiving the Highly Commended trophy.

#### 2024 PSSA Athletics Championships

Over 2300 athletes from 900 schools competed in Sydney last week. Congratulations to Jordan and Savannah for competing at State athletics in Sydney. Jordan finished 21st in the state for the 100m, and 28th in state for 200m. Savannah finished 32nd in the state for 100m. Well done Savannah and Jordan.

#### Advertised Positions

This term we will have full time positions that will be advertised with the NSW Department of Education through 'I work for NSW'. The positions that will be advertised will be full time positions. These include, Assistant Principal in the MC Class Support Unit (Advertisement closes Wednesday 13 November), Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) (Week 5) and School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) in the MC Class Support Unit (Week 5). Jobs with the Department of Education | I work for NSW NSW Government https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au > all-locations > all-worktypes

#### Preschool Enrolments are Open for 2025

Tweed Heads South Preschool offers an accessible play-based education program for children in the year before they begin school. Located in the grounds of Tweed Heads South Public School, we are the Tweed's only NSW Department of Education preschool, and one of only 39 government operated preschools outside Sydney. Enrolments are open to all families in our local community.

Our aim is to extend and enrich children's learning and social development and prepare them for their transition into school. We offer a warm and caring atmosphere where children feel happy, relaxed and secure. Our philosophy embraces the principles of Belonging, Being, Becoming and we ensure the cultures represented by of all our families are welcomed and embraced.

We currently have limited spaces for 2025. If you would like to enrol your child in our preschool for 2025 you can pick up an enrolment form from the schools front office or visit our website Tweed Heads South Public School or click on the following link https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../preschoolapptoenrol.pdf Every child deserves to have a strong start to their education, that's why the New South Wales Government is making preschool free for 2025. We look forward to meeting you.



## Principal's message continued

#### 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 (enrolled Kindergarten students only), Wednesday 20 November 2024 (enrolled Kindergarten students and parents/carers combined session).



#### 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.

#### 2025 Class Structures

At the present time the teachers have been planning for 2025 and due to our numbers, we will have 6 stage classes next year. Early Stage 1: Kindergarten, Stage 1: K-1 composite, 1-2 composite, Stage 2: 3-4 composite and Stage 3: Two 5-6 composites. THSPS will be holding transition hours for the students 2025 classes with their 2025 teachers during this term. Therefore, all students will know their classes before the school holidays and start learning from the beginning of next year.

#### Come and Join the P & C

Canteen Volunteers are urgently required! Without volunteers our school will not have a canteen.

The P & C is a group of volunteers who work together to improve and grow the facilities and equipment at Tweed Heads South Public School. The P & C rely on volunteers who are committed to deliver great outcomes for the students at our school. The more people we have involved in our P & C the more exciting and successful it will be.

Have a great fortnight!

Felicity Henderson

R/ Principal

### **Guyaany News**

This term, our Gurruman and Guyaany students have been actively learning how to follow and create procedures, an essential skill for understanding instructions and achieving goals. From navigating obstacle courses to cooking up delicious treats, they're exploring the importance of following steps in the right order to reach a successful outcome!

We would love to extend this learning experience to celebrate the diversity of our school community by creating a class/school cookbook filled with family recipes. If you have a special recipe that you'd like to share, please send it in with your child, including the recipe name, your family name, and your child's class. All contributions will be greatly appreciated and will help us cook up something truly memorable!



























# **Guyaany News Continued**

Guyaany students are expanding their commitment to sustainability, quickly becoming enthusiastic recyclers and gardeners! We've started recycling all paper products, with a weekly collection from each class to ensure they reach the right place. We're also gathering compostable items and feeding them to the worms in our school's SubPods.

Last week, we had the joy of celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights, both in class and with the preschool. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect, learn, and share in this beautiful cultural celebration!













## Up in the Clouds

Ginibi Junior have been investigating the cloud formations each day in the sky, as we try and attempt to be Meterorologists! We use our cloud windows to observe clouds and changes in their formation throughout the day.



Clouds are classified by their appearance and height above the ground. The names of clouds often come from Latin words that describe their characteristics:

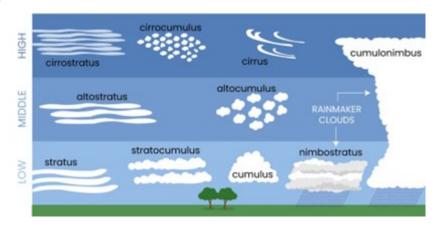
Cirrus: Latin for "lock of hair", these high-level clouds are made of ice crystals

Cumulus: Latin for "heap" or "pile", these puffy clouds look like cotton balls

Stratus: Latin for "layered" or "flat", these clouds can appear as ragged sheets

Nimbus: Latin for "rain", these clouds are rain-bearing

Alto: Means "mid



We also enjoyed painting our rain clouds, inspired by the recent thunderstorms. We decided to use black, for the storm clouds, blue for the rain and cooler weather. We used straws to blow the blobs of paint across the page to make the effect of rain, we needed very big breaths to make this happen. It looks fantastic!

### Ginibi Senior

A busy start to the term for Ginibi Senior.



We started our Solar System Unit; we will launch our rockets and build Mars "Rovers" as part of the Unit.

The boys have started a Fitness Challenge that will test daily; how many sit-ups you can do in 60 seconds, how many push ups in 60 seconds and speed over 100m. The challenge is very much with yourself not against the other members of the class. We will aim to improve across each area over the term.

We constructed and flew Boomerangs of two types, a traditional model and then a X style. We trialled both and had a great time but also discovered that we could get our X model to return – well once.

















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