



# Tweed Heads South Public School

TERM 2 WEEK 6 2025

NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR DATES

- Tuesday 10 June  
- Busy Bees  
Playgroup 9:15am  
- 10:45am
- Tuesday 10 June  
- Tissue Fairly  
visit for Preschool  
and Kindy  
students
- Wednesday 11  
June - Maths  
Olympiad 2
- Tuesday 17 June  
- Busy Bees  
Playgroup 9:15am  
- 10:45am
- Thursday 19 June  
- Yarn up -  
2:15pm—3:00pm
- Friday 20 June -  
NSW Public  
School Surveys
- Thursday 26 June  
- Rugby League  
Gala Day
- Thursday 26 June  
- Year 4 TRHS  
Transition Day 2

## Principal's Message

### Save the Date – Tuesday 5 August 2025

Tweed Heads South Public School will be holding an Education Week Showcase of our Students' Talent evening.

Date: 5/8/2025

Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Featured Performances: School Choir, Choral Speaking, FNC Dance Items, Drumming Groups, Individual Acts, Preschool Performance.

Cost: \$5 entry per family

Items to Purchase: SRC will be selling drinks, P&C selling food and snacks, Student artwork will be for sale, family photos will be available to purchase.

### District Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who qualified for the district cross country in week 4 – Scarlett, Michaela, Jackson and Jacelle. We are so proud of you. Thank you to the parents who supported their child on the day. You represented our school with great sportsmanship and long distant running ability. Congratulations!

### PSSA Sport Update

Our school competed at both a PSSA Soccer Gala Day Friday Week 4 and PSSA Netball Gala Day Tuesday Week 5 at Arkinstall Park. At both of these events the students displayed amazing sportsmanship, coach-ability, and teamwork during every game. We would like to thank our parent helpers and to all the parents/grandparents who attended to cheer the teams on. I would also like to thank the teachers who prepared both teams with extra trainings in break times and the organisation of these events. We are so lucky to have teachers who provide extracurricular opportunities for the students at our school. I always say that Tweed Heads South Public School may only be a small school in comparison to others, but we are lucky to have community and staff support to provide our students with big school opportunities. I was so proud of all the students who represented our school with pride and responsibility. Well done!



# Principal's Message Continued

## Far North Coast Dance

On Tuesday evening, I went to see our beautiful students dance in the FNC Dance Festival. Wow they were all amazing! What talent we have at Tweed Heads South Public School in the Creative and Performing Arts area. Again, I was like a proud mother beaming with joy watching all the performances in the audience. A massive shout out to Kate Williams, Shontelle Raymond and Sarah Tunsted for your organisation, dance practices and many other things to prepare our students for the festival. Thank you to Mr C and Miss Kylie who assisted on the day of the festival. Also, a special mention to the parent helpers who also assisted on the day/evening of the event. The students were superb and represented and showcased our wonderful school.

## Yarn Up & AECG

Our fortnightly Yarn Up is next Thursday 12 June 2025 at 2.15pm – 3pm in our Aboriginal Languages teaching and learning space. We are inviting all our school community to come and have a yarn. The next Tweed/Wollumbin AECG meeting will be held at Murwillumbah High School at 4pm on Monday 16 June 2025. Our Tweed Heads South PS community are also invited to attend the AECG meeting.

## Canteen OPEN Fridays & Canteen Tender Update

The canteen will be open on Friday for the remainder of the school term and until the tender process is completed. Thank you to the P & C and all our volunteers who help run the canteen. We truly appreciate that you give up your time to provide our students with the opportunity to purchase lunch orders.

The canteen is currently under tender meaning this is outsourced to outside parties using the Department of Education tender process. The tender process is a formal process where an organisation or entity invites suppliers to submit proposals or bids for goods or services. It's a structured method for sourcing goods and services such as our canteen, aiming for fair and transparent competition. We are hoping that this process will aim to be completed by next term.

Hope you have a wonderful fortnight!

Warm regards

Felicity Henderson

R/Principal



# Aboriginal Education News

Our Local Language and Cultural Program has been going from strength to strength this term. We've seen a noticeable increase in knowledge and understanding across all year levels, which has been fantastic to witness. A highlight this term has been the expansion of the program into Preschool – a wonderful development that has been met with great enthusiasm.

Ronalda has been delivering engaging language lessons that align with our Scope and Sequence of learning. We've also started incorporating group activities to ensure that students can work in smaller groups with Ronalda. These smaller sessions are already proving to enhance student engagement and support more focused, quality learning experiences.

In addition to the student language lessons, I've had the privilege of working one-on-one and in small groups with teachers and executive staff to plan and develop lessons that promote inclusive perspectives and culturally responsive pedagogies. Each group is at a different stage of planning and implementation, and I'm incredibly proud of the staff's ongoing commitment — because Aboriginal education is everyone's business.

Last week, we held a very productive Aboriginal Education meeting focused on planning for NAIDOC Week 2025. This year's theme, **"The Next Generation: Strength, Vision, and Legacy,"** highlights the importance of nurturing future leaders while respecting the heritage and wisdom passed down through generations. The work we're doing in this space is vital in fostering connection, pride, and understanding within our school community. This was followed by another successful Parent Yarn Up, where families also engaged in meaningful discussions and planning around NAIDOC activities.

Student leadership has also been a focus area. Miss Tunstead, Tahne and I have been working together to create more opportunities for students to explore and develop their leadership skills and aspirations. It's exciting to see this important space continue to grow.





# AECG Bundjalung Language Camp





# PSSA State Knockout Gala Day- Soccer

On Friday, 23 May 2025, our Tweed Heads South Public School soccer team proudly represented our school at the PSSA State Knockout Gala Day held at Arkinstall Park. The event brought together talented teams from across the region, offering a day filled with spirited competition and teamwork.

Our team showcased exceptional skill and sportsmanship throughout the day. They began with a match against Terranora Public School, setting a positive tone for the tournament. Despite their commendable effort and teamwork, our players were unfortunately went down in a close match. To cap off the day, our team enjoyed a fun and friendly match against Bilambil Public School. It was a great opportunity for our players to unwind and finish off on a cheerful note.

We extend our heartfelt thanks Tweed District Primary School's Sport Association for organising such a well-run event and to the Tweed United Football Club for sharing their facilities and providing the canteen on the day. A special thank you to our players for their hard work and dedication, as well as to our spectators for cheering and helping out on the day. It made for a memorable experience for a lot of our players.

Congratulations to all the teams that participated. We are incredibly proud of our students for representing Tweed Heads South Public School with pride and enthusiasm.



## Establishing Our Preschool Garden with Leah from Bunnings

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May was a very special day at preschool – Leah from Bunnings came to help us establish our new garden beds! The children were filled with excitement as they saw the gloves, tools, soil, plants, and new elephant-shaped watering cans.

We began by putting on our gloves and working together to top up the four garden beds with fresh soil. The children used small rakes and their hands to spread the soil evenly. Leah showed us how to gently dig small holes and carefully plant a variety of vegetables and flowers: carrots, snow peas, peas, potatoes, buk choy, silver beet and lots of bright flowers. We also planted a very special orange tree, which sparked a lot of conversation about how big it might grow and when we might see oranges!

After planting, the children eagerly grabbed their new elephant watering cans – a thoughtful gift from Bunnings – and took turns watering the newly planted garden beds.

### Child Voice:

*"I'm digging a hole." – Logan*

*"We can eat the carrots when they grow!" – Avni*

*"The elephant is drinking the water and giving it to the flowers!" – Jerome*

*"The yellow flowers are pretty" - Yalarah*

*"I like the orange flowers." - Ayliahh*





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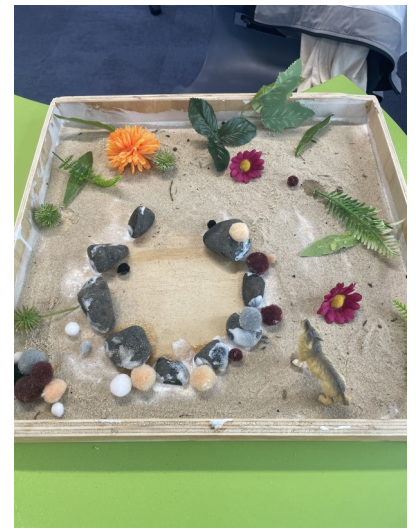




## Leaf it to Nature: Amazing Plant Behaviours in Harsh Habitats

Ginibi students have been investigating the incredible behavioural adaptations of plants and animals that allow them to survive in extreme environments—especially deserts. Through class discussions and creative projects, they explored how desert plants have evolved to reduce water loss on scorching days and endure freezing desert nights.

To bring their learning to life, students designed their own harsh desert landscapes, complete with sparse vegetation and minimal ground cover—just like in real arid ecosystems where only the toughest shrubs and herbaceous plants survive. Their work highlights how adaptation is key to survival in even the most unforgiving environments.





## Education Week - Showcase of our Student's Talent

TWEED HEADS SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Education Week  
Showcase  
of our  
Students' Talent**

**Save the Date**  
**TUESDAY  
5  
AUGUST**

**5:30PM  
TO  
7:30PM**

**\$5 ENTRY  
PER  
FAMILY**

- School Choir
- Choral Speaking
- FNC Dance
- Drumming
- Individual Acts
- Preschool Performance

- SRC WILL BE SELLING DRINKS
- STUDENT ARTWORK WILL BE FOR SALE
- FAMILY PHOTOS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

IF THERE ARE ANY PARENTS WHO OWN A RESTAURANT AND ARE INTERESTED IN SELLING FOOD ON THE NIGHT IN TAKEAWAY CONTAINERS PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DETAILS AT THE OFFICE

**DONATIONS  
NEEDED**

Our SRC are requesting donations of non-perishable items for the 'Human Chance Game'

**E.G CHOCOLATES,  
LOLLIES, NICK-NACKS  
TOYS,**

Please drop your items off to Mrs Hunt's classroom by Wednesday 30 July.



# Healthy Eating Active Living

## Spend time on Country



Healthy Eating  
Active Living



## Lunchbox mac 'n' cheese muffins

6 eggs  
1/2 cup plain yoghurt or cottage cheese  
1 1/2 cups cooked macaroni pasta  
1 cup corn kernels  
1 large zucchini, grated  
1 large carrot, grated  
1 cup grated cheese  
salt and pepper to taste



- Preheat oven to 180°C and grease a 12 cup muffin tin with oil.
- Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
- Divide mixture evenly between the muffin holes. Top with a little extra grated cheese.
- Bake in oven for 25 minutes or until set and golden.
- Allow to cool in tin for 15 mins before turning out to cool completely.
- Store in fridge in airtight container for up to 3 days.
- Can be frozen for up to 6 weeks.





# Community News



## FREE TENNIS & PICKLEBALL TRIAL



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# The Family Centre - Free online parenting courses

The Family Centre offers **free online parenting courses** designed to support families in our community.

## THOUGHTFUL PARENTING ONLINE – 4 JUNE, 10AM-11.30AM

Thoughtful Parenting is a 1.5 hour parenting program for parents & carers with children aged 0-12yrs old. In this program we explore children's brain development, helping explain why children behave the way they do and provide strategies to better manage our reactions to these behaviours. 1 x 1.5 hr session.

To register go to [www.thefamilycentre.org.au](http://www.thefamilycentre.org.au) or call 1800 211 154

## 123 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING ONLINE – 11 JUNE TO 25 JUNE, 11AM-1PM

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching is a parenting program developed to assist parents to respond to your children's behaviour and help you feel more confident in your parenting approach. The course explores emotions and in particular how to help children identify and manage emotions to encourage positive behaviours and build emotional resilience. For parents/carers with children aged from 2–12 years. 3 x 2 hour sessions.

To register go to [www.thefamilycentre.org.au](http://www.thefamilycentre.org.au) or call 1800 211 154



FREE COURSE ONLINE

the family centre

**123 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING**

Do you ever feel stuck in a cycle of frustration with your child's behaviour?

**WHO IS IT FOR:**

- Parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years
- Those looking to better understand their child's behavior
- Parents seeking strategies to manage their reactions and support their child's development



FREE COURSE ONLINE

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**THOUGHTFUL PARENTING**

Want to understand your child's behavior and respond more effectively?

**WHO IS IT FOR:**

- Parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years
- Those looking to better understand their child's behavior
- Those seeking strategies to manage their reactions and support their child's development
- Anyone interested in learning more about children's brain development and how it impacts behavior