



# Tweed Heads South Public School

TERM 1 WEEK 3 2025

NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR DATES

- Tuesday 18  
February - Busy  
Bees Playgroup  
9:15 - 10:45am
- Tuesday 25  
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9:15 - 10:45am
- Wednesday 25  
February - Meet  
and Greet the  
teachers/staff  
toastie and chat  
Breakfast -  
8:15am
- Tuesday 4 March  
- Busy Bees  
Playgroup 9:15 -  
10:45am
- Tuesday 11  
March - Busy  
Bees Playgroup  
9:15 - 10:45am
- 12 March - 24  
March - Year 3  
and Year 5  
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March - Busy  
Bees Playgroup  
9:15 - 10:45am

## Principal's Message

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new school year for our existing families and a special welcome to our new families who are joining Tweed Heads South PS for the first time this year. I am very excited to be continuing as Relieving Principal this year. It has been an action-packed beginning to 2025. It is the first year in a very long time that we can come to school without construction and the students seamlessly returned to school all happy and excited to be in their new classes as well as eager to learn.

### Farewell

At the end of last year Mrs Rachel Mead was successful in gaining a promotion in a leadership position at another school. Mrs Mead has been at our school for approximately 8 years. She will be sadly missed by the THSPS school community. We wish her every success in her new role and hopefully she will be able to pop in from time to time to visit us. Thank you, Mrs Mead, for the contribution that you have made to all the staff, students and parents here at Tweed Heads South Public School. Miss Sarah Tunsted (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and Ms Miranda Webb (Thursday, Friday) will be teaching Guyaany this year.

I would also like to farewell Mr David Edwards who has also been at our school for the past 5 years. Mr Edwards was successful in his application to be a classroom teacher for a rural and remote school - Bullarah Public School. We thank him for all the support he has given THSPS community and wish him all the best for this new position.

Another farewell to Ms Sharon Hensby our School Counsellor who has been placed at another school in the Tweed Coast. Sharon has worked with many students, parents, our Learning Support Team and support agencies over the years. I will share with you part of the email that Sharon sent to me *'Thanks so much for being an amazing leader. The staff at THSPS have been a wonderful group of colleagues. I've really appreciated the big hearts, expertise, humour, and loving care you and the team bring to supporting the amazing students, school team, and to the parents and the Tweed South community. I've really appreciated the care and support you and the team have shown me over the years. Sharon will be sadly missed at our school. Thank you, Sharon, for all you have done for our school community. The school that she has been placed at are so lucky to have her. Ms Annie Maitland who is also an amazing asset to our team will continue to work at our school community for 1.5 days per week on a Monday and Friday.'*

# Principals Message continued

## Welcome

We have new staff members who have joined us this year. We welcome them into our beautiful school community. Over the next few editions of the newsletter, we will have introductory pieces giving both the students and parents some information about our new staff members and their roles at our school.

Ms Lurleen Badger – Assistant Principal Learning and Support Classes (Gargun)

Ms Tabatha Brownrigg – Classroom Teacher Inclusive Class (Bilin)

Ms Amy Clarkson – Assistant Principal Aboriginal Leadership (Wednesday, Thursday)

Tahne Robinson – Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO)

Ms Sarah Tunsted – Guyaany (Mon, Tues, Wed) Aboriginal Education (Thur, Fri)

Ms Kerri Kimber – School Learning and Support Officer (SLSO) – Gargun

Ms Erin Varker – Assistant Principal Learning & Support - Tweed Coast Resource

## Afternoon Pick Up Student Safety

**Due to only having one exit point at the end of the school day. Could you please pick your children up from school and move off the school site as quickly as possible. Just a reminder that this area is NOT a play area.** 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. Our Kiss and Drop is under review with the hope that this can start during Term 2 which will relieve some of this congestion.

## Meet and Greet the Teachers/Staff Toastie & Chat Breakfast

All parents/carers/grandparents are invited to come to a toastie & chat breakfast to meet with the teachers/staff at our school. This is a time where you can come to our school to meet your children's teachers and the staff at our school. Currently it has been scheduled in for Wednesday 26 February 2025 week 5 at 8.15am. This will be held in the Aboriginal Design Garden. More information will be provided shortly so save the date in your calendar.

## Kindergarten 2025

It was fantastic to see our beautiful new Kindergarten students start big school on Wednesday 7 February 2024. They have all settled in well with their teacher Ms Tracy Cleary and Ms Tabatha Brownrigg. Our Year 6 buddies have also been helping them in the classroom and at break times to navigate around the playground and classrooms.

## Assemblies

Assemblies will commence on Monday 24 February 2025 2.15pm – 3pm. K-2 assemblies are odd weeks and 3 – 6 assemblies are even weeks.

# Principals Message continued

## Leadership Induction Assembly

The Induction Assembly for our new incoming 2025 school leaders will be held in the school hall on Monday 3 March 2025 at 2.30pm in the school hall. Invitations will be distributed shortly to the families of our 2025 school leadership team. This will be held in place of our 3-6 Assembly and parents and the community are all invited to attend this event. More information regarding this assembly to follow shortly.

## P & C Meeting & AGM

We will be holding our first P & C Meeting will be held straight after our meet and greet in the Community Room on Wednesday 26 February 2025 all new parents are warmly invited to join our volunteer group. The P & C support the school community and most importantly the students at our school. It is a platform to make new friends, help provide support to your children, fundraise to provide further learning opportunities and resources as well as participate in the School Improvement Plan. The Annual General Meeting will be held directly after the P & C meeting has concluded. Light refreshments will be provided at the meeting.

## Communication Flowchart

Just a reminder that if you need to see your child's classroom teacher it is important to make an appointment at the office. It is very hard if parents request to see a teacher in the morning before school or see a teacher in the playground and discuss concerns straight away without an appointment.

Therefore, 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/Assistant Principals: ES1/Stage 1 (Booning, Gurruuman, Guyaany) - Mrs Greta French, Stage 2/Stage 3 (Jalam, Wagaan, Geer) - Mrs Ashlee Rohiwicz (Mon, Fri) and Mrs Ashlee Goldstone (Tues, Wed, Thurs) Inclusive Classes (Ginibi, Gargun, Bilin) - Mrs Lurleen Badger
3. R/Principal—Mrs Felicity Henderson

Warm Regards

Felicity Henderson



## Amy Clarkson - Assistant Principal (Aboriginal Education Leadership)

Jingeerri everyone,

I'm Amy Clarkson, and I am excited to join the Tweed Heads South School community. I was born and raised here on Bundjalung Country and raised my two daughters here as well. I'm a proud descendant of the Birra Gubba Nation from Townsville, Smallwood Mob.

I attended local schools—Tweed Heads South PS for years 5 & 6 and Tweed River High years 7-12. In my role as Assistant Principal - Aboriginal Education Leadership (Wed/Thurs), I will be focusing on integrating the local Aboriginal language into the curriculum, working closely with our community language speaker, and leading staff in professional learning initiatives in Aboriginal Education.

I'm passionate about all areas of Aboriginal Education and for every student to have the opportunity to learn about local histories & cultures in the classroom.

Outside of school, I enjoy family time, staying active, swimming in both salt water and freshwater, and caring for animals and Country.

Once again, I'm looking forward to working together!

## Tahne Robinson - Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO)



As a proud Bundjalung man, born in Murwillumbah I grew up in the Tweed Heads'

surrounding areas and moved to Casino in primary school. I am excited to work at Tweed Heads South Public School as the Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) moving forward.

A little bit about myself, I am a very outdoors person which includes fishing, camping, swimming, etc. I also love playing sports including, rugby league, Oz tag, attending the gym, and running regularly in my daily lifestyle.

I am very passionate about my culture and have represented Bundjalung in many sporting events. In the future, I am motivated to make a positive impact on our school and community showcasing our culture and moving forward together in our journey.

## Library Days with Mrs McDonald

Mondays - Baawii, Wagaan and Jalam

Tuesdays - Bilin, Ginibi, Geer and Booning

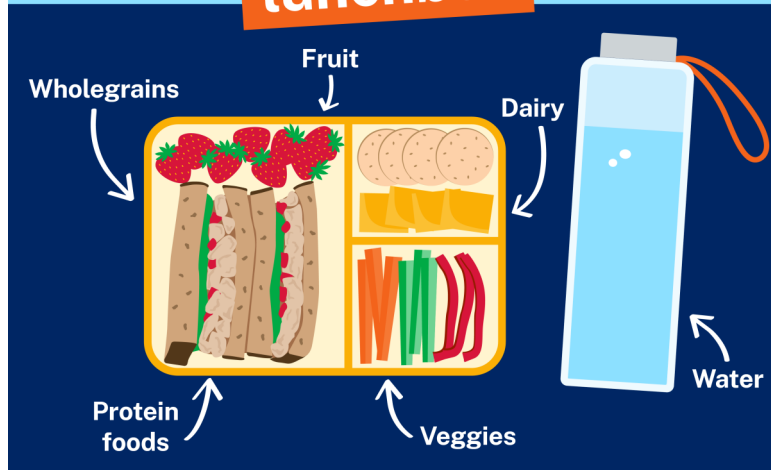
Wednesdays - Gargun, Guyaany and Gurruuman

Thursdays - Bing Ging library



# Eat, Move, Learn - Live Life Well

## What to pack in your child's lunchbox



Healthy Eating  
Active Living



## Water is free, healthy and proper deadly



Healthy Eating  
Active Living

