



Tweed Heads South Public School

TERM 1 WEEK 5 2025

NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR DATES

- 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
Naplan
- Tuesday 25
March - P&C
AGM 9:15am
- Tuesday 18
March - Busy
Bees Playgroup
9:15 - 10:45am
- Tuesday 25
March - Busy
Bees Playgroup
9:15 - 10:45am
- Tuesday 1 April -
Busy Bees
Playgroup 9:15 -
10:45am

Principal's Message

Toastie and Talk Breakfast

It was wonderful to see the parents/carers/grandparents on Wednesday 26 February at the meet and greet breakfast. It was a great way to meet the teachers and just have an informal chat with our school staff. It was also lovely to see some familiar faces and some new faces. Thank you to the staff and community for coming to join us for a toastie and a talk.

Assemblies

K-2 assemblies are odd weeks (2:15pm - 3pm) and 3 – 6 assemblies are even weeks (2:30pm - 3pm).

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. This will be held in place of our 3-6 Assembly and parents and the community are all invited to attend this event.

Animals on School Site

The Department of Education has a strict policy that no animals are allowed on site. This policy is to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Animals can be startled due to congestion at the front of the school, and many students and adults around which therefore may lead the animals to bite. The policy will be enforced if this recommendation outlined in the policy is not followed.

School Behaviour Policy

This term we will also be focussing on our school core values of being Respectful. Over the past two weeks we have been reinforcing being respectful towards adults, parents, and students. I always say to the students it does not cost anything to be kind. A kind word can make someone's day. At school and in the community, we are respectful at all times. Our fortnight PBL focus is: Be in the right place at the right time. Our next PBL focus: Is know when to seek a teacher. Can you please reinforce these core values with your children at home. We would like to promote the beautiful place where we learn and play and encourage other students from our area to attend our school.



Principals Message continued

NAPLAN 2025 parent and carer information

Suggested school newsletter or email content Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2025 will take place from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March. NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests.

The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/publicdemonstration-site>) is available for you to see the format of the online tests. Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan>) and the NAP website (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>). If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

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

Hope you all have a lovely fortnight.

Warm regards
Felicity Henderson
R/Principal



Ms Badger

Hi. I'm Lurleen known to the students as Ms Badger. I am the Assistant Principal for the Inclusive Learning Classes and the class teacher of Gargun.

I have been teaching for about 14 years and have worked in both primary and high schools teaching students with additional learning needs.

I have lived in the Tweed for 40 years. I love going to the beach and swimming (even in winter), paddling my SUP, Pilates, walking my dog and sport (especially NRL - go Panthers!). I'm excited to be at THSPS and love to meet our students' families so please say hello.



Kerri Kimber

My name is Kerri and I am very excited and grateful to be part of Tweed Heads South Public School. I was previously at Bomaderry Public School on the South Coast, but relocated to Tweed Heads at the end of last year.

My daughter has lived here for six years and we have always loved the lifestyle, climate, natural beauty and endless adventures of the North Coast.

I have 22 years experience as a School Learning Support Officer and am very passionate about the connections and positive outcomes an SLSO can provide to our students, staff and community. Building relationships and ensuring our students are happy is important to me.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone, and calling this beautiful area home.



Sporting News



On Thursday 20 February Scarlett competed in the District Swimming Carnival at Murwillumbah. Scarlett represented Tweed Heads South Public School with pride and fantastic sportsmanship.

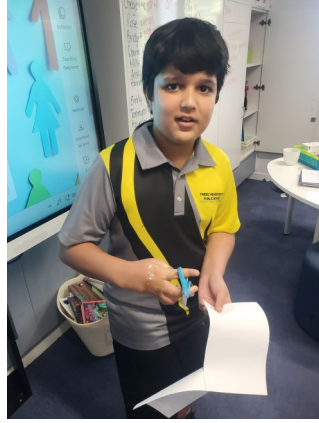
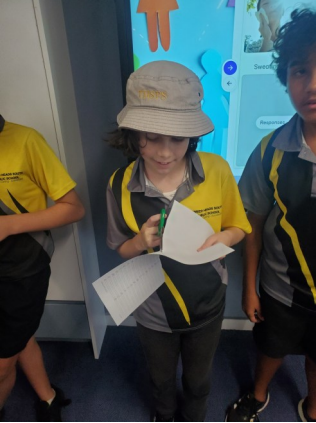
Scarlett's results from the District Carnival:

- 50m Freestyle - 14th out of 20
- 50m Backstroke - 8th out of 13
- 50m Breaststroke - 4th out of 11

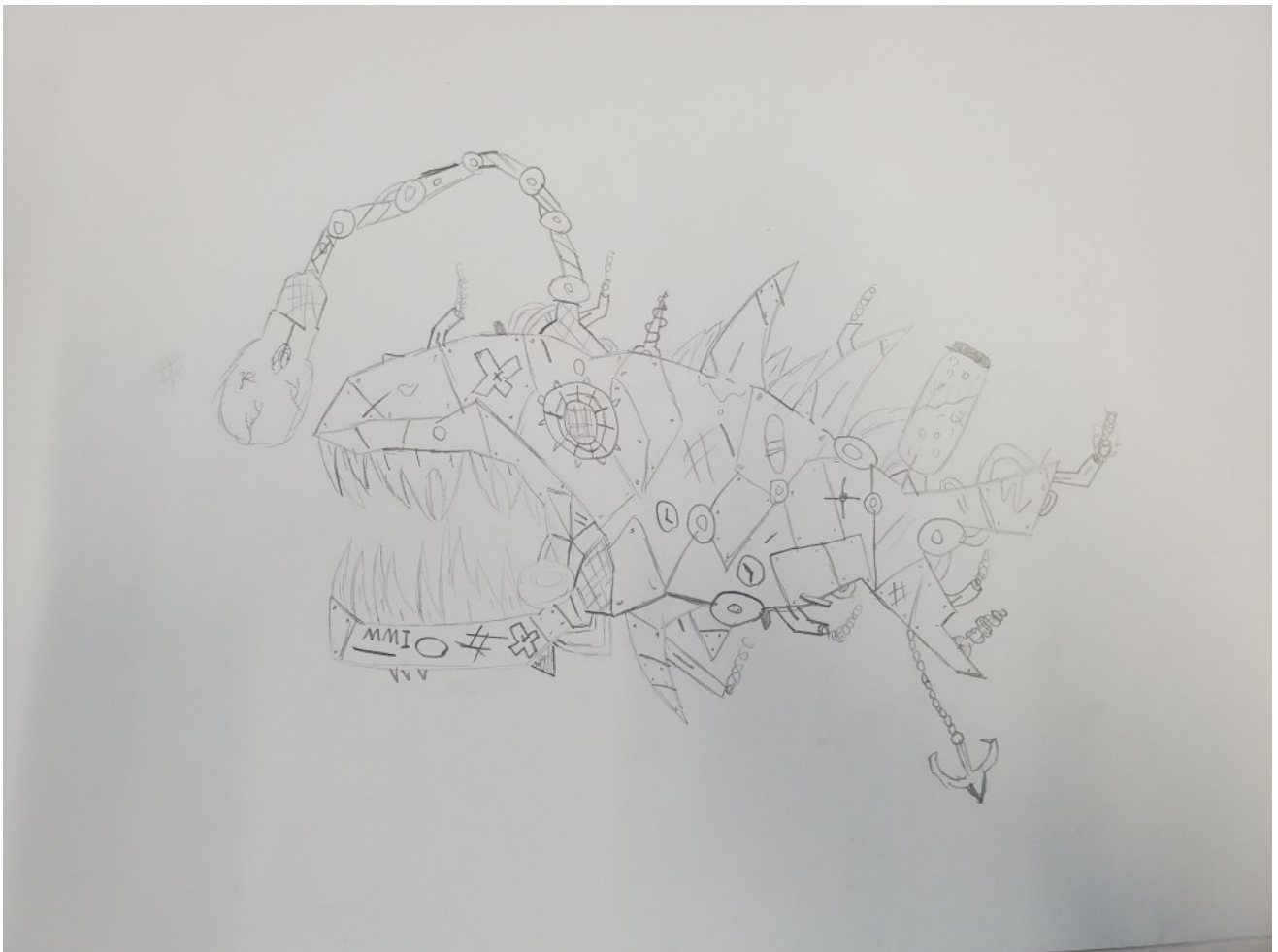
Scarlett will now travel to Ballina and compete at the Far North Coast Swimming Carnival on Friday 28 February and represent our school in the district swimming team in 50m Breaststroke. Congratulations and Good Luck at Far North Coast Scarlett.

Wagaan News

This term, students from Wagaan are investigating the structural features and adaptations of living things that help them to survive in their environments in science. We have been exploring the important human adaptation of opposable thumbs.



In Creative Arts, we are investigating the Steampunk movement, characterised by the merging of Victorian era fashion, culture and technology with futuristic science fiction and fantasy. Students have begun planning a sculpture.



Wagaan News

During maths groups, students have been exploring mathematical concepts using hands-on activities. Students were required to construct faces with specific total values using Cuisenaire rods.

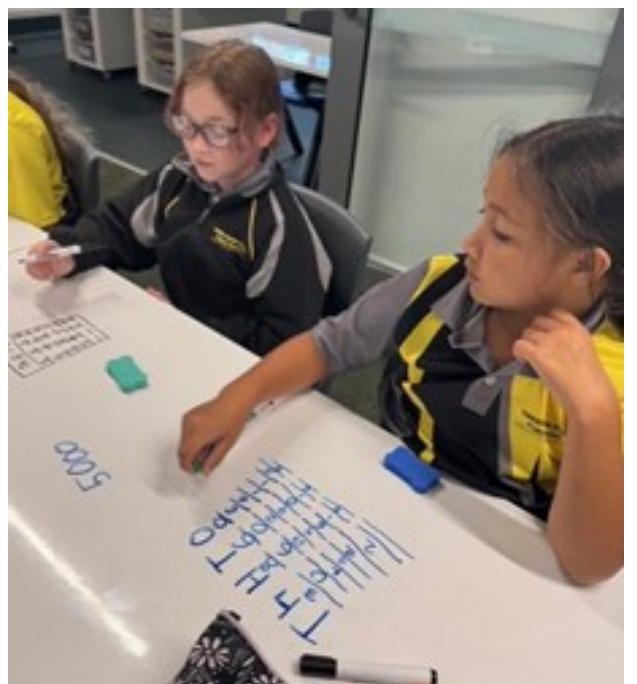


Learning in Jalam

Students in Jalam have begun the school year with excitement and have shown they are ready to be great learners this year. We revise our school expectations every day – we listen; we follow instructions; we work quietly; we control what we do and say, we raise our hand and wait – and are working hard every day to achieve them. Great work, Jalam!

We have begun learning how to type as part of our digital transcription in handwriting and are enjoying the challenge of placing our fingers on the right keys. Jalam is fortunate to be receiving drumming lessons from one of the TRHS music teachers. This is a fabulous opportunity to be listening and learning to play.

Jalam students have settled into school really well and we look forward to a wonderful Term 1.



Learning in Jalam Continued



Making Banana Ice Cream in the PRESCHOOL

On Friday, we made our very own banana ice cream! Mis Mandy had frozen some very ripe bananas that she found in her fruit bowl at home. The children were excited as we took out the frozen bananas and got ready to make a delicious treat.

First, we placed the frozen banana pieces in bowls. The children used their spoons to press and break them up, discovering how hard and solid they were. It took some persistence, but eventually, the bananas became small enough to blend.

Next, we poured in some milk and blended everything together. The children watched as the bananas changed from solid chunks into a smooth, creamy mixture. They noticed how the texture softened and how the colours blended.

Once it was ready, we placed the mixture into cups in the freezer and waited for it to set. The anticipation built throughout the day, and finally, it was time to enjoy our homemade treat.



Making Banana Ice Cream in the PRESCHOOL



Eat, Move, Learn - Live Life Well

Keep lunches cool and safe to eat this summer.
Use a frozen water bottle or ice brick



TRHS Year 6 to 7 Information Night



Innovative Learning Pathways

Year 6 to 7 Information Night



Tuesday 11th March 2025



5.30pm NSW - BBQ & Refreshments
6.00pm NSW - Information Session



School Library

Parents and Carers of Year 6 students,

**We are pleased to invite you to our
“Transition to High School Information Evening”
organised for parents and students of Year 7, 2026.**

This is your opportunity to find out more about:

- Meet the Principal, Deputy Principals and staff
- Opportunities at Tweed River High School
- Transition activities
- High Potential Programs - ATP, SDP, CAPA
- Pathway opportunities
- Have your questions answered and view our amazing learning spaces.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

BPHS Year 6 to 7 Information for Parents

YEAR 6 - 7 2026

All families that have students that are out-of-area or are not students coming from one of our feeder schools being BPPS, Centaur and Terranora, must enquire for student inclusion by phoning the enrolment officer at Banora Point High School. For any other information regarding the below activities, please contact our middle school advisor at the school on 07 5513 1960.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Transition Curriculum Day
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TUESDAY 4 MARCH

School Tour and Information Evening
5:00 PM - 7:00PM

TUESDAY 1 APRIL

Supernova Testing
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TUESDAY 8 APRIL

Supernova Testing
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TUESDAY 20 MAY

School Tour and Information Evening
5:00 PM - 7:00PM

THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Year 6 Gala Day
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER

Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



07 5513 1960

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Community News



TWEED HEADS SEAGULLS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

is part of the **OLDEST** provincial Rugby Club established in 1908

★ **14 Teams from Under 6s to Under 16s**

★ **including Girls Tackle Under 13s, Under 15s and Under 17s**
(We welcome players turning 5 in 2025)

We are dedicated to fostering a passion for the game
whilst also promoting teamwork,

respect and sportsmanship in a safe and supportive environment.

THE NEST IS READY FOR YOU!

With a framework of highly committed and experienced coaches,
ALL our players have the opportunity to move through the club
from Juniors to Seniors and Beyond!!

Training for all ages resumes Tuesday 4th March @ Pigabeen Sports Complex



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Contact us : Jess 0414834998

Tammi 0435141202

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Community News

We understand that many families are still facing cost of living challenges and rising education expenses. That is why we're excited to share that Saver Plus can help ease the financial burden of school costs.

With Saver Plus, families can receive \$500 in matched funds to assist with expenses like devices, laptops, school uniforms, school camps and school supplies. Here is how it works:

Save up to \$50 a month for 10 months, and your savings will be matched up to \$500.



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops


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