Principal’s Message

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The new parent pick up opened this week to ensure the safety of all our wonderful students. Thank you to both Roly and Brad our fantastic General Assistants who were busy planting shrubs and painting this area. A friendly reminder to all parents - please do not park in the disabled or designated staff parking areas.

I wish to extend my congratulations to our swimming team who performed with school pride and spirit at the Far North Coast District Swimming. I wish all our competitors the best of luck at the next level of competition. Thank you to Mr Wetherall as well as a large parent support group for their contribution on the day.

Congratulations and well done to all the fantastic sporting achievements by TPS students in a variety of sports. We wish you all the best at the next level of competition.

Parent-teacher interviews will be held in Week 8. Please make sure that you have booked a time with your child’s classroom teacher. This time is very valuable for both the teacher and parent to discuss and share important information pertaining to your children.

Reminder: School photos will be held in Week 9 – Friday 28 March and family portraits will be held on Week 10 - Saturday 5 April.

If you have any questions relating to your child at school, please make an appointment to see:

In the first instance, your child’s classroom teacher.  
Or secondly, the stage supervisor:  
ES1 – Mr Clayton Wetherall (Kindergarten)  
Stage 1 – Ms Marg Ryan (Years 1 and 2)  
Stage 2—Ms Anne Hepworth (Years 3 and 4)  
Stage 3 – Mrs Sue Daley (Years 5 and 6).  
Or finally, if required, the principal – Mrs Felicity Henderson

Felicity Henderson  
Principal (Relieving)

NATIONAL ANTI BULLYING AND HARMONY DAY
FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2014
WEAR ORANGE TO SCHOOL
NO COST
Academic Achievement Award -

Meisha 2M

MS HARKER

Our multi talented teacher, Susie Harker, on KW has been at it again at the Queensland State Titles in Surf Life Saving held at North Kirra recently. Susie won a silver medal in the Board Rescue with Danyelle Lipponen—one of our multi talented parents—representing Coolangatta SLSC. Well done Susie and Danyelle!

SRC and P&C DISCO

The P&C will be holding a disco for students on Thursday, 13 March 2014.

Kindergarten to Year 2 – 3.45 pm to 4.45 pm
Year 3 to Year 6 – 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

The cost is $2.00 per student door entry to be paid on the night.

The following food will be available for sale at $1.00 each:
Party Pies, Half Sausage Roll, Slice of Meatlovers Pizza, Slice Hawaiian Pizza
Drinks: Aroonas, ‘new’ Glee, Slushies and water

FAR NORTH COAST SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our swimmers who performed exceptionally well at the recent FNC Swimming Trials in Ballina.

We had some stand out performances and qualifiers for the NC Swimming Trials to be held in Lismore.

Zoe - 11yr girls - 1st 50m freestyle,
2nd 50m breaststroke,
3rd 50m backstroke,
4th 50m butterfly

Joshua -1st 11yr boys 50m breaststroke

Amy - 2nd 11yr girls 50m backstroke

Jarreth - 3rd snr boys 50m breaststroke

Girls snr relay - 2nd - Amy, Emma, Elise, Zoe

Thank you to all our parents for their generous support in transporting and cheering on our swimmers. Good luck in Lismore!

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM—LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2014 TEST DATES

The test dates for NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5 will be as follows –

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YEAR 7, 2015

High school expression of interest forms need to be completed by all Year 6 parents and returned to the school by Friday 21 March, please.

If you have any queries regarding the completion of the form, such as which is your designated local high school, please contact the office.
CLASS PACKS, TEXTBOOKS

Just a reminder to that class packs and textbook money is due. Please see the office if you need more time to pay. Please disregard this message if you have paid already.

SCHOLASTIC NEWS

The latest issue of scholastic catalogues were recently distributed to all students.

What Are The Benefits Of Reading?
The reasons why to read books are not limited to ten, but we have compiled and amalgamated the top reasons based on scientific research and common sense, to give you the definitive list.

In terms of fiction or no-fiction, there are endless stories that can both broaden your mind or help you get through a sticking point in your life. Those who read have been known to have more finely-tuned brains than those who prefer more passive activities, so anyone hoping to improve their minds both psychologically and cognitively might want to think about taking up the habit of regular reading.

Here are 10 reasons to read books:
- To develop verbal abilities
- Improves focus and concentration
- Readers enjoy the arts and improve the world
- Improves imagination
- Reading makes you smarter
- It makes the reader interesting and attractive
- It reduces stress
- It improves your memory
- To discover and create yourself
- For entertainment


Last orders for Issue 2 will be taken on Friday 21 March for processing.

Happy reading!
Regards, Loueen Adams

P&C FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Family portraits are happening Saturday, 5 April at just $20 per booking. Every $20 comes right back to the school. So please get behind this wonderful fundraiser and support your school.

Spread the word as this is open to all in our community—family and friends are welcome.

For a sitting time please phone Phyllis on 0414 817 187 or send an email to phyllis.walmsley@det.nsw.edu.au to book your appointment. $20 needs to be paid at time of booking.

So put on a smile and we’ll see you on 5 April.

HEALTHY HAROLD

Life Education incursion money due this Friday 14 March. $9 each student.

NSW PSSA CRICKET STATE TITLES

Both Teagan and Tom represented the North Coast at the State Championships in girls and boys cricket recently.

Teagan was Captain and top scored 5 out of the 7 matches with one unbeaten score batting the entire 25 overs. She got 8 wickets with her best being 3 for 12 off 5 overs. Her fielding was also spot on with 5 run-outs over the 7 matches.

She had an outstanding championship with both the bat and the ball narrowly missing selection into the NSW squad.

Tom bowled exceptionally well taking 3 wickets during the carnival and bowling numerous maiden overs keeping the opening batsman to limited scores. He was unlucky with the bat but helped his team to an overall 3rd place. His fielding was outstanding and many runs were saved with his speed and agility.

He had a great experience playing at such a high level and will certainly take what he learnt into his future games.

GIRLS PSSA STATE KNOCKOUT MATCH

The girls school cricket team played their first round match against Centaur and had a fantastic win.

Centaur batted first and the girls bowled awesome to have them all out for 38 after only 12 overs. Teagan got 5 for 4 off 3 overs, Tanah and Chelsea both got 2 wickets and Brianna got the final wicket.

We then went into bat getting the runs after only 7 overs without losing a wicket. Teagan 18 not out and Tanah 10 not out.

Most of the girls hadn’t played cricket before but show lots of potential. They all had a great time and are looking forward to their next match.

SCHOOL NURSE

The School Health Nurse will be visiting our school on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 and 9 April 2014. Students will only be seen on a referral basis from parents, carers or teachers who have a major health concern with a child eg, vision, hearing, speech etc. If you have a concern, please obtain and return a consent form to the office asap. Please no general health checks.
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Parents are invited to attend a public Neighbourhood Watch meeting in our school hall on 27 March 2014 at 7.30pm. A guest speaker, Brendan Cox, from NSW Fair Trading will speak on the subject of Scams and how to avoid being scammed, and also Consumer Law.

No booking required, more information from John Evans on 0490 060 831.

Ms Harker and daughter Michelle talking to 2R this week about surf life saving

TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL EVENING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS
YEAR 7, 2015
THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2014
6-8PM
IN THE SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE (SEC)

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Jasmin Dorrington, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 5536 5613 / 0417 485 477
or Jasmin.Dorrington@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across the Gold Coast-Sunshine Coast region including Coolangatta by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

2013 TEA TOWELS
NOW HALF PRICE $5
STAGE 1 AND 2 AVAILABLE

Action shots at Coolangatta beach

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way to drink the right amount of water

We need to consume around 2 litres of water every day.

It sounds like a lot – but remember you get water from both drinking and eating the right foods.

Here’s some tips to help you and your family stay hydrated:

- Carry a water bottle with you wherever you go
- Mix 125mL of fruit juice with sparkling water for a treat
- Add tinned or fresh fruit pieces to ice block moulds for a snack
- Make sure a frozen water bottle is part of your kids’ lunch box every day.

Getting the right amount of water is important all year round, but vital on these hot Summer days!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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