HASTINGS POINT EXCURSION
The morning of the Hastings Point Rock Pool excursion started with a flurry of phone calls from parents; we had rain previously that night and the weather did not look to be friendly. Making the call to proceed with the excursion, we were relieved to see the sun shining when we arrived at Hastings Point.

There were four different aspects to the Rock Pools: the creek, looking at the way the creek runs, wondering if the creek ever changes shape, wondering why there are ripples on the sand below the tide. The sand dunes were next. Understanding how the dunes develop over time, and how the grasses and shrubs have adapted to survive. Then we made our way up to the headland to look at the vista, wondering how the headland and beaches formed the way they did over the millions of years. Lastly, we had the rock pools themselves. This gave the students a time to really explore, looking for sea snails, crabs big and small, dead and alive, fish, anemone and all sorts of other organisms.

It was a great day to spend with the students, seeing the excitement at the discovery of a new creature, seeing one or two of the students slip and wet their shoes and generally just get out and explore. Thank you to all the students for their exemplary behaviour and the teachers for planning and making it happen.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Mrs Lofts, students and staff for the successful and enjoyable athletics carnival held this term. A full report is on page 4.

P&C FUNDRAISER
Congratulations to Donna Swift and her team of volunteers who ensured competitors and visitors to the Masters Hockey carnival were well catered for. We always appreciate the work of the P&C who support our students in many, many ways.

MATHS ONLINE
Parents are able to gain access to their child's Maths Online account and see where they are up to by putting in the same login and password details as your child. If you or your child do not have these details, please contact your child's Mathematics teacher.

BUSY TERM
We have had a busy term requiring staff and students to be focused on meeting deadlines and tasks. Holidays will be very much appreciated! Thank you to all our parents who attend Parent Teacher evenings - that partnership between parent, student and teacher is essential for learning success and greatly valued.

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CONGRATULATIONS
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Year 7 - Joel Mudge, Lily Mahr, Keaty Chipps, Alexander Napper, Miller Wolf
Year 8 - Amber Morrison

CONGRATULATIONS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Year 8 - Mitchell Walsh, Rebecca Merton
Year 12 - Brooke Maynard

CONGRATULATIONS
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Year 7 - Chloe Lopatecki, Lily Mahr

CONGRATULATIONS
AWARD OF HONOUR

Year 8 - Mitchell Walsh

Homework Help

When: Every THURSDAY after school until 4pm
Where: COMPUTER ROOM 2
Who: Miss Underwood (Science and Maths), Mrs Hirst (English) and Tulsi Blacka (Titans for Tomorrow)
Why: Homework help is a volunteer program run by teachers, designed to assist students in completing their homework, extra classwork and assessment tasks. It can help students establish a regular study routine, give them an opportunity to go over any work they need extra assistance with and build and support independent learners.

HEADSPACE TWEED HEADS OFFICIAL LAUNCH

When: Friday 26 June
3.45 for a 4pm start

Where: Headspace Tweed Heads
145 Wharf Street, Tweed Heads

Contact: Megan Kimmorley
mkimmorley@headspace-tweed.org.au

Please note: Some photos contain students from previous award weeks.
DROP OFF AND PICK UP IN THE CAR PARK

We ask that students be dropped or collected in the North Arm Road bay where possible. If a parent needs to enter the grounds for this purpose then road rules such as no parking in no stopping zones, U turns and stopping on pedestrian crossings must be followed. Bus companies have asked that we remind parents not to block access for buses – this is particularly important in the car park especially where the roadway curves. We have a designated location for drop off and pick up within the school grounds and we ask that you use that location. Safety of students is our prime concern and we ask that you act safely in our grounds and follow road rules.

Wherever possible please use the pick up bay on North Arm Road. We ask your cooperation in this safety matter.

YEAR 6 GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING DAY

On Tuesday, 2nd June, 88 Year 6 students attended the first day of the transition program. A tour of the school was conducted during period 1. The students were placed into 9 groups and rotated through the various 15 challenges presented to them. During period 5 the students were playing soccer and dodge ball.

Year 10 were in charge of the problem solving activities during the day and they are to be congratulated on the mature and energetic style they displayed.

Furthermore, Mr Butterfield and Mr Lambert gave up their valuable time to ensure the day went smoothly. A huge thanks needs to be given to the Year 6 students for their positive contribution on the day.

SRC SCHOOL SOCIAL

The SRC will be holding a social in the Performance Workshop on Thursday 18th June. It starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 8.30pm. Parents are to ensure they collect students promptly at 8.30pm. Students are not to leave the venue early unless collected by a parent.

The social’s theme this year will be Rock Stars. Students are to maintain an appropriate dress sense.

Tickets will be sold two weeks prior to the event. Tickets cost $5.00. There will be soft drinks, chips and lollies sold on the night. A BBQ will be run by Year 12.

Students who have not been meeting our behaviour expectations will not be able to attend the social. Parents will be notified if their child cannot attend.

The event will be supervised by teachers. So please, get behind it and come along! Join in a fun night.

The Student Representative Council (SRC)

MADDD

Auditions for this year’s MADDD have finished. All types of acts ranging from singers to dancers to band ensembles performers.

This year is shaping up to be a fantastic show. Final auditions have been held and our program is now completed. Thank you to all students who have auditioned.

See below for more details.

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SPORTS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What an amazing day eventuated for our annual carnival. The fantastic weather resulted in a record student attendance with large numbers participating in each event. All students are to be congratulated on the manner with which they represented the school. Many compliments were received from members of the public.

The overall house winners were Melaleuca with a dominating score of 1020 points. The remaining houses were quite close with Tamarind in second place on 711, Cedar third on 634 and Grevillea on 545.

Age Champions were:

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A number of records were broken on the day. These athletes were:

- Jack Dawson - 15 years 100m and Triple Jump
- John Ward - 16 years 100m
- Djindu Willoughby-Noble - 16 years 100m (broke John’s record)
- Lachlan Durrington - 12 years High Jump
- Jacob Kennedy - 16 years Long Jump
- Dane Peterson - 14 years Discus and Javelin
- Ben Prestwich-Hart - 17 years Javelin

Wollumbin will send a strong team to zone which will be on Friday 19th June at Cudgen. Notes will be issued to the competitors regarding this. Students who came first or second in a final are eligible to attend, plus the first 4 students in the 100m race who will be part of their age relay team.

UNDER 15 SOCCER

Unfortunately our all-conquering Girls Soccer team was defeated by Mt St Patricks. The girls were worthy ambassadors for the school after reaching Round 4 of the competition.

OPEN GIRLS NETBALL

This team represented in a gala day held at Tweed Heads.

CROSS COUNTRY

Three students travelled to the North Coast Championships. They were Brody Campbell, Lachlan Durrington and Alec O’Brien. Lachlan came 1st in the U12 boys, Alec came 1st in the U18 boys and Brody ran 7th in the U13 boys and is now 1st reserve. All 3 will be going onto State.

TWEED VALLEY SPORT TERM 3

Students are now selecting their sport for Term 3 when they compete against the other Tweed schools. We would encourage all students to participate in these competitions rather than do school sport to enable us to field strong teams in the various age divisions.

It is compulsory for PDHPE students to compete in Tweed Valley as part of their course.

CONGRATULATIONS

Isaac McKay travelled to Dee Why in March for the State Soccer Championships, coming 5th.

Georgia Fahy travelled to Albury for the Hockey State Titles, also coming in 5th place.

Well done, Isaac and Georgia.
WOMEN IN SCIENCE
A video conference series on Women in Science is being presented by women currently working in Science on Thursday 11th June. The focus is on pathways to success, balancing a work life and family, following your dreams, science is not always in a white coat and science needs creativity. Girls from Years 10 – 12 will be approached to attend these webinars. If you are interested please see Mrs Thomas for more information.

The women from the University of Technology Sydney are coming again this year to run a workshop on Science and engineering. It was a fantastic presentation and hands-on activity last year and we are looking forward to the next activity.

AGRICULTURE AND MARINE SCIENCE
Students will have noticed some huge changes around the school. The Agriculture classes have been busy fencing and fox-proofing the chickens. They have a day run now so no more chickens visiting the classrooms. Some may be a bit sad about this but it is much more hygienic. Thanks to those families who fostered a few chickens over the last holidays. We look forward to continuing this program so students can experience the chickens at home as well as at school. It also makes it easier for the teachers to have a holiday and you get to eat some great eggs.

Students have also been working hard on their gardens which look great and some are really productive which is great to see. The coffee plants are coming along nicely with some trees even beginning to fruit so we should be able to harvest this year, even if it is only small.

HOLYDAY SEMINARS
Holidays are getting closer and I am again looking for any students/families or staff members that would be interested in billeting (babysitting) some chickens for the holidays. We are looking at group accommodation of around 4-5 chickens per house. If you have a pen at home where the chickens could be locked up safely at night and have access to some grass during the day and you are interested in looking after some beautiful hens for the two week break, please let me know. They will need to be picked up the Friday of Week 10 (a box will be provided) and returned the first day back next term. Enough food for their holiday will be provided and they are all laying so you will get FREE delicious eggs for the holidays. Thanks for your help.

Mrs Underwood

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Thirty students attended a Science and Engineering Challenge last Wednesday. This is a day of problem solving and team work. The students work as a team to solve various problems such as building hovercrafts, bionic hands, bridges and eco-friendly buildings.

The students showed great perseverance, teamwork and problem solving skills and as a result we were the winning team on the day and brought home a huge box of science equipment for the school.

Congratulations to all the students who participated. Well done!

HEAD LICE
A reminder to parents and students that head lice are non-judgemental and are happy to set up home in the cleanest of hair. If you suspect a case in your family, please treat immediately.
PREMIERS DEBATING CHALLENGE 2015
YEAR 9/10

Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Debating Team who had their first and second round debates against a formidable Tweed River High School team recently. Our newly formed team, some more experienced than others in oratory combat, consisted of:

TEAM 1 (Round 1) Connor Greasley (1st Speaker), Mackenzie New (2nd Speaker), Hayley Hyde (3rd Speaker) and Chester Stadley (Rebuttal Writer).
TEAM 2 (Round 2) Caitlin McInnes (1st Speaker), George Townsend (2nd Speaker), Lyrica Gill (3rd Speaker) and Torren Fenwick (Rebuttal Writer)

These team members were ably assisted by Blake Lam who assisted with preparation and as Chairperson/Timekeeper of the double debate.

The team came together voluntarily and committed themselves to lunch time and some early morning debate lessons.

The topic for the first debate asked for teams to debate the assertion: *That we should ban single sex schools*,

The topic for the second debate asked the teams to debate the assertion: *That we should require all sports broadcasts to have a female as a key commentator.*

WHS debate team argued in the affirmative for both debates with TRHS arguing against the statements. In Round 1, both sides acquitted themselves well representing strong arguments and both teams made robust rebuttals as the arguments unfolded. Both teams argued their positions however, TRHS were impressive, and there were a few little faux pas made by our WHS team which, while minor, were enough to allow the adjudicator to make a decision on a winner. Tweed River High School succeeded in the first debate, arguing with a very sound definition of the topic and a commitment to their arguments.

Not to be outdone or overpowered, Team 2 of WHS embraced their ability to overpower, overwhelm and obliterate their foe. Both teams battled verbally, but WHS had the edge in the rebuttal writing power of Torren, the dramatics of Lyrica Gill, the intellectual arguments presented by the ever articulate George Townsend and the rational definition of a grounded and logical Caitlin McInnes. Wollumbin High School won out in the end for the second debate due to their superiority of the topic, their consistent arguments throughout each stage of the debate and through the clear and concise manner in which they spoke.

We were pleased to be able to perform our debates in front of student audiences and with the presence and support of our Principal Karen Connell, the catering from our Canteen, the beautiful space in the Library and wonderful support of our student audience. Our visitors were most impressed with the school, our students, our effort at greeting our visitors at the front of the school, the catering and the apparent supportive environment for staff. We had a fabulous day and the students should be proud of their efforts.

WRITE ON

On Friday, 29th May over thirty students were involved in the Write On Workshop. Author Melaina Feranda came to the school to conduct a workshop in creative writing, with the students engaged in inspirational activities. Editing skills as well as characterisation were a focus for the workshop.

Submissions for the Write On publication this year are due on Friday 17th July and we encourage all interested students to submit a story for publication.
**REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY LEAVERS AND LATE ARRIVERS**
Where possible, appointments during school time should be avoided as absence requires students to catch up on missed learning. Should a student need to leave school early then parents need to supply a written note to the student that morning providing an explanation and time that you will collect them from the Administration Office. Students will not be released from class without this note. A text message from a parent to a student's mobile phone cannot be accepted. There may be times when parents come to the Administration Office and ask for their student to be released from class, we will then send a runner to collect your student. We cannot release a student into the care of another adult unless permission is provided by the parent, preferably in writing.

Students arriving late to school need a note from parents to explain their absences; otherwise the absence is identified as unexplained. School commences at 8.45am – students should be at school prior to the start time. Students who consistently arrive late will be required to make up learning time during breaks and may be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer.

**PERTUSSIS - WHOOPING COUGH**
A reminder that the Northern Rivers is well known for outbreaks of whooping cough. If anyone in your family is experiencing any symptoms such as a persistent cough, it is well advised to seek medical advice.

**KOREAN HOMESTAY - URGENT**
Seventeen Korean students and two teachers will be arriving from our sister school – Cheongju Foreign Language High School - on 30th July for a 10 day stay. Wollumbin High is asking for homestay families for this period. A fee of $250 will be paid to hosting families at the conclusion of the visit.

The Korean students will have adequate English speaking skills and enjoy staying with the host families. Australian students will be able to participate in the excursions involving the Korean students. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with another culture. This is the same excursion which was deferred last year so if you are still willing to host can you confirm this asap as arrangements need to be made for the visit.

If you are interested please fill in the attached slip and return it to Mrs Lofts.

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Student Name _____________________________________________ Age_______ Class_______

Parent Name _____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone____________________Email _____________________________________

Number of students you are willing to host __________ Sex  M/F

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**SCIENCE NEWS**
It has been a busy semester in Science with a new syllabus being implemented in Years 8 and 10 as well as consolidation of Years 7 and 9.

Please remember that covered leather shoes are a requirement of the DEC in Science laboratories. This is for the safety and well-being of each student. Students may not participate in mandatory practical tasks if they are not wearing leather shoes and will therefore not be able to meet outcomes.

Year 7 went on their excursion to Hastings Point in May and Year 8 went to Movie World. It is a fantastic opportunity to explore the area in which we live and relate it all back to Science. Science isn’t just in the classroom, it is all around us and in everything that we do. They have a lot of fun and learn a bit along the way.

Year 12 Biology and Physics students attended a HSC Enrichment Day on Tuesday 2nd June. The T5 Schools were involved in presenting the areas in which students in this area need enrichment and extension. BOSTES also presented a seminar on study skills and a tour of Southern Cross University, Coolangatta campus, was provided. It is an amazing campus with wonderful facilities and this was a great opportunity to explore further education options. I hope that the students were able to absorb the information provided on the day and will now apply the skills and knowledge that they have been given.