

AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting will be on today at Tweed River High School, Heffron Street, South Tweed Heads, PH: 07 5524 3007 commencing at 4.00pm.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

President: Deborah Johnson 07 5513 1960 **Vice Pres:** Joan Sherriff 07 55243408 **Secretary:** Jackie McDonald 07 55369629 **Treasurer:** Glenda Nalder 02 66740186.



P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be 3 November at 7.30pm in the main Administrative Block. Everyone is most welcome, so please come along and find out more about your students' school and how it is run.

Felicia Cecil - President



Thank you to local businesses

CONNECT Work Placement and the school would like to thank the following businesses for their ongoing support in taking vocational students to assist them in fulfilling the work placement component of their VET course.

Peppers Salt Resort & Spa
Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club Ltd
Ripples - Big 4 North Star Tourist Resort
Cabarita Beach Bowls & Sports Club
Autobarn Tweed Heads
Harnett's Farm (Dairy & Beef)
Kirra Dive
Aussie Computer Experts
Victory Ford - Tweed Heads South
Pottsville Tavern
Essential Energy Murwillumbah
Southern Cross Homes - St. Martha's
Feros Wommin Bay
Solo Resource Recovery
Marine Environment Museum
BIG4 North Star Holiday Resort
Tweed Sea Sports
Pottsville IGA
Pottsville Carpentry
Chris -Tech Security & Alarms
Cooly Rocks - Motor Fest Event
Gumnut Cottage

TERM 4 CALENDAR

MONTH - OCTOBER * TERM 4	WEEK 1
Monday 6 October Labour Day Holiday	Day: 0
Tuesday 7 October - Term 4 starts *Students resume today	Day: 6
Wednesday 8 October	Day:7
Thursday 9 October	Day: 1
Friday 10 October	Day: 2
MONTH - OCTOBER	WEEK 2
Monday 13 October *HSC exams commence	Day: 3
Tuesday 14 October Southern Cross University excursion	Day:4
Wednesday 15 October	Day: 5
Thursday 16 October Futsal Boys Junior & Senior	Day: 6
Friday 17 October Year 7 Seaworld Excursion Futsal Girls Junior & Senior	Day: 7
MONTH - OCTOBER *	WEEK 3
Monday 20 October Year 7 Boys & Girls Vaccinations School Spec Rehearsals Grafton	Day: 1
Tuesday 21 October	Day:2
Wednesday 22 October	Day: 3
Thursday 23 October Year 10 Geography fieldwork	Day: 4
Friday 24 October Year 9 Boys Vaccinations	Day: 5
MONTH - OCTOBER	WEEK 4
Monday 27 October	Day: 6
Tuesday 28 October	Day:7
Wednesday 29 October	Day: 1
Thursday 30 October	Day: 2
Friday 31 October Beach Volleyball Byron Bay	Day: 3
MONTH - OCTOBER	WEEK 5
Monday 3 November School Spec Rehearsals Grafton	Day: 4
Tuesday 4 November	Day: 5
Wednesday 5 November Cricket Boys Cudgen	Day: 6
Thursday 6 November	Day: 7
Friday 7 November	Day: 1

Principal's Column

It is with great pleasure that I write my first contribution for 'Kingly Spirit' as Principal of Kingscliff High School. Having just completed my first week in the chair I have been "blown away" by the extremely positive environment of the school. The many students I have met are very friendly, rightly proud of their school and look fantastic in their uniforms. Equally, the staff are friendly, enthusiastic and also very proud and committed members of the school community.

I would like to acknowledge the great work done by my predecessor, Mr Tolley, and more particularly the outstanding contribution made by Mrs Ludeke as Relieving Principal over the past year. The school is certainly in outstanding shape as a result of their leadership and the ongoing work of the leadership team at Kingscliff High School.

My most recent position prior to Kingscliff HS was as Deputy Principal at Richmond River High School in Lismore. Prior to that I have taught in a number of schools in Sydney's west and south west.

I have enjoyed my time on "bus duty" at the front of the school on Oxford Street each morning as it provides a great opportunity to meet with students and community members. I will continue to make this a regular practice and would encourage parents or carers to have a chat on any school morning between 8:10 and 8:45.

Within the next few weeks our school will be conducting a parent forum, involving parents of students from Years 7 to 12. I have asked our office staff to invite a "cross section" of our parent community to participate in the forum, with a view to determining the perspective of parents on what the school does well, and what we need to do more work on. The data gained from this forum will allow us to create an online survey, open to our entire parent and carer community later this term. The final on line survey results will ultimately provide an invaluable and inclusive source of data which, along with data from similar surveys of staff and students, will inform the work that teaching staff will be doing on our School Improvement Plan 2015 – 2017 during Term 1 of next year.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our current Year 12 students all the very best for their HSC exams which begin next week. I have no doubt that all of their hard work will be rewarded in the results they will achieve over the coming weeks.

Wishing all of our school community a great week,

Michael Hensley



Aboriginal Education

Personalised Learning Plans

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students currently require a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP). Parents and carers will need to make an appointment with the front office. Interviews will run in Term 4.

Mr Appo will be coordinating the PLP interviews with the appropriate staff to provide a tailored educational plan for your child.

If you have any queries, please call Kingscliff High School.

Mr Colin Appo (Monday & Tuesdays only) – PLP Coordinator



Adolescent Drinking Behaviour

Young people aged 16-24 are amongst the heaviest drinkers in Australian society. In NSW, 46% of males and 43% of females in this age group are drinking at levels that could pose a serious risk to their health if they continue to drink at this level during their lifetime.

Over half of this group regularly drink to intoxication, which places them at risk of an alcohol related injury on any single drinking occasion. (NSW Health Statistics, 2011) Young people are less likely than adults to be concerned about the negative consequences of heavy drinking. They are more at risk than adults as they are physically and psychologically immature, lack experience with alcohol, are more willing to engage in risk taking behaviour and are often unaware of the dangers of excessive consumption.

Choosing not to drink or learning how to drink responsibly can be among the most difficult tasks facing young people today. The earlier young people start drinking, the more likely they are to become high risk drinkers and experience alcohol related harm whilst they are young and in later life.

Alcohol and adolescent brain development

The brain is not fully developed until about 25 years of age. Drinking alcohol to intoxicating levels during adolescence can result in permanent brain damage.

Areas of the brain that control memory, learning, decision making and problem solving can be permanently affected. Learning problems can result in poor exam results and life skills which will reduce future career options and employment. Lack of judgement often leads to greater risk taking and increased likelihood of violence or sexual assault. Regular heavy drinking can cause irrational and aggressive behaviour, inability to understand social cues, depression and anxiety.

For more information on the effect of alcohol on the developing brain, see

<http://darta.net.au/wordpress-content/uploads/2013/02/ALCOHOL-AND-THE-DEVELOPING-BRAIN.docx.pdf>