

Robbie Rickard and Mr Byrne going over the 2014 Earth & Environmental Science HSC exam that Robbie just completed



Kite Flying is one of our recreation sports



Chocolate DNA model from Year12 Biology students



TERM 4 CALENDAR

MONTH - NOVEMBER TERM 4 WEEK 6

Monday 10 November	Year 7 and 8 exams	Day: 2
Tuesday 11 November	Girls Softball Coffs Harbour	Day: 3
Wednesday 12 November	Year 7 and 8 exams	Day: 4
Thursday 13 November	Year 12 Formal Bond University	Day: 5
Friday 14 November	Year 7 and 8 exams	Day: 6

MONTH - NOVEMBER WEEK 7

Monday 17 November		Day: 7
Tuesday 18 November		Day: 1
Wednesday 19 November		Day: 2
Thursday 20 November		Day: 3
Friday 21 November		Day: 4
15yrs CHC Netball Arkininstall Park		

MONTH - NOVEMBER WEEK 8

Monday 24 November	Year 6 into Year 7 2015 Orientation Day *	Day: 5
Tuesday 25 November	Girls Cricket Grafton	Day: 6
Wednesday 26 November	School Spectacular	Day: 7
Thursday 27 November	School Spectacular	Day: 1
Friday 28 November	School Spectacular	Day: 2

MONTH - DECEMBER WEEK 9

Monday 1 December		Day: 3
Tuesday 2 December		Day: 4
Wednesday 3 December		Day: 5
Thursday 4 December	CAPA Wet n Wild Day	Day: 6
Friday 5 December	RRISK (Twin Towns)	Day: 7

MONTH - DECEMBER WEEK 10

Monday 8 December		Day: 1
Tuesday 9 December		Day: 2
Wednesday 10 December	CAPA evening	Day: 3
Thursday 11 December	CAPA evening	Day: 4
Friday 12 December	Yr 7 Dreamworld	Day: 5

MONTH - DECEMBER WEEK 11

Monday 15 December	Year 10 Presentation 9:30am	Day: 6
	Year 9 Presentation 12:30pm	
Tuesday 16 December	Year 8 Presentation 9:30am	Day: 7
Wednesday 17 December	Year 7 Presentation 12:30pm	Day: 1
Thursday 18 December	Staff Development Day	Day: 0
Friday 19 December	Staff Development Day	Day: 0

Principal's Column

Parent, Student and Staff Forums

The Kingscliff High School process of community consultation, a fundamental precursor to the work our staff, along with parent and student representatives, will be undertaking in devising our School Improvement Plan 2015-17, is now well under way. My particular thanks are extended to Mrs Goode, Mr Hadden, Ms Harrold, Mr Watego, Mrs Wightman and Mrs Graham who respectively conducted our student, parent and staff forums over the past two weeks. My thanks are also extended to all students, parents and staff who participated in these forums.



From this point, I will be working with our highly experienced Deputies, Mr Cowell and Mr Opfer (relieving for Mrs Ludeke), to use the key themes raised in these forums to construct surveys open to the entire student, parent and staff bodies via survey monkey. Our intention is to gain as complete a picture as possible of the views of our entire school community. This input, along with our analysis of other forms of data ranging from student attendance, exam results and records of behaviour management, will form a comprehensive package of data which will inform the strategic directions in our School Improvement Plan.

I look forward to continuing to work with all sections of our school community in this extremely significant process.

Partner Primary School Visits

Over the past two weeks it has been my great pleasure to have visited all of our partner primary schools and to have met Mr Channels at Cudgen PS, Mr Houlahan at Kingscliff PS, Mrs McKinnon at Pottsville PS, Mrs Marshall at Fingal Head PS, Mr Pritchard at Duranbah PS and Mrs Lalor at Bogangar PS. I have also attended staff meetings at Kingscliff and Pottsville, and look forward to similar ongoing visits to the other schools.

Kingscliff High School is certainly extremely lucky to be a part of the above Coastal Learning Community, with its strong emphasis on a continuum of learning from Kindergarten to Year 12, with a particular emphasis on Years 6 into 7

transitions. I look forward to continuing to work with these fantastic schools and consolidating our already strong partnership.

When time permits, I intend visiting the local shopping centres at Bogangar and Pottsville, having already done so at Kingscliff. Not only do such visits provide an opportunity to become more familiar with the community from which our students are drawn, it is also a great excuse to spend time in an area that would have to be the envy of the rest of NSW!

Year 11 Academic Assembly

On Friday it was my great pleasure to attend my first formal academic assembly at Kingscliff High School, in this case celebrating the success of Year 11 students who completed their Preliminary Course subjects, in preparation for the HSC, at the end of last term. The afternoon provided me with the opportunity to meet our prospective 2015 HSC "high flyers", and to appreciate the talents of the Year 11 Music students under the guidance of Mr Renwick.

I would like to commend all award recipients on the effort and commitment to study required to receive such recognition. In particular, my congratulations are extended to students who were recognised as the top twelve academic performers during the Preliminary Course. I look forward to hearing more of the achievements of all students in the 2015 HSC cohort over the coming year.

Positive Relationships

All of these extremely positive experiences over the past two weeks have prompted me to again reflect on the vital nature of positive relationships between students and their teachers, and between students themselves, if all members of our learning community are to achieve the degree of success they are both entitled to and capable of when they come to school each and every day.

I know that the vast majority of our students and their families place great value in both education and positive and respectful relationships. For an extremely small minority of students at Kingscliff High School, unfortunately, this does not always appear to be the case. It is my firm view that Kingscliff High School will not be a place where offensive language will be tolerated. I know that this is a view shared not only by all parents and staff with whom I have spoken at Kingscliff High School, but also by the communities of all of the primary schools from which our students come.

To be very clear then, any offensive language directed towards staff by students, or used by students while speaking to staff, will result in immediate suspension from school. Any offensive language directed by students to other students will also be severely dealt with in line with the Department's stance on harassment and aggressive behaviour.

It is, nonetheless, my sincere hope that all students will attend school every day with a clear focus on both learning and positive relationships. This will certainly be my intention as I begin another great week at Kingscliff High School.



Michael Hensley



P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be 1 December 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

AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting will be on Monday 8th December at Kingscliff TAFE, Cudgen Road, Kingscliff, PH: 02 6674 7200 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

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

Year 7 and 8 Yearly Examinations

Year 7 and 8 begin their Yearly Examinations on Monday 10th November. These are very important assessment tasks and in almost all cases contribute significantly to overall marks and position in grade.

Students will receive exam timetables as well as exam rules, however, please find below information that may clear up some questions:

- Students must attend all classes when not in an exam.
- If a student cannot attend an exam for whatever reason they should see Miss Rowles (Year 8), or Mr Mackenzie (Year 7) before the exam in question. If a student finds they are unable to attend an exam because of sickness or family emergency they should call the school immediately and bring a Dr Certificate or equivalent as soon as they return.
- Students must bring their own necessary equipment for the exam (ie pen and a spare, pencil, eraser, ruler to all exams and a calculator to Maths and Science)
- It is worth noting that if a student is caught with a mobile phone in an exam (whether it is on or not) they will receive zero for that exam.
- **ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE EXAMS IS EXPECTED FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- **Year 7 and 8 Examination schedule**

	Mon 10/11 Day 2	Tues 11/11 Day 3	Wed 12/11 Day 4
Pd 1	Year 8 Maths 1 hour + 5 min reading time	Year 8 Science 1 hour + 5 min reading time	Year 8 English 50 mins + 10 min reading time
Pd 2	Normal classes	Normal classes	Normal classes
Pd 3	Year 7 Maths	Year 7 Science	Normal classes
Pd 4	1 hour + 5 min reading time	1 hour + 5 min reading time	Sport
Pd 5	Normal classes	Normal classes	Sport
Pd 6	Normal classes	Normal classes	

Other subjects may hold examinations at other times. Details for these will be given to students by their class teacher and will be held in class time in classrooms.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Rowles (Year 8), or Mr MacKenzie (Year 7) at the school.

Year 8 ESSA test

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students will be held on Tuesday 11 November. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It is called ESSA online.

Permission to Publish and Online Services

The School/Department of Education and Communities may publish information about your child for the purpose of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community services.

The Department of Education and Communities also provides students with access to the Internet, a customised Gmail account and online applications such as Google Apps. These resources enable students to collaborate with peers, publish online and create personalised research portals.

In Term 1 2015 every student will be sent home a permission to publish consent form.



Club Red – Red Cross Blood Donations

On Thursday 6 November eight Year 11 students went to Tweed City to donate blood at the Red Cross Donormobile. The donations go towards the Kingscliff High School Club Red Program. The Red Cross Club Red program has been established to encourage young people 16 years and over to become lifelong blood donors. Feedback from the Blood Donormobile centre was very positive as the students had to wait past their appointment times due to an allergic reaction of another donor. The next blood donation day for KHS students is Saturday 13 December 2014 at Coolangatta. Any interested students are asked to see Mrs O’Keeffe to book times and receive enrolment forms.



Community Notices

SKILLED Group, in partnership with Tweed Shire Council has an opportunity for a school based apprenticeship in Heavy Vehicle Mechanical commencing in early 2015.

To be considered you must have the following:

- Competent numeracy & literacy skills
- Positive attitude
- Reliable transport
- Completed Year 10 Education

- A nationally recognised Construction Induction card(CIS)
- Committed to complete a two year School Based Apprenticeship

Primary objective of role:

To assist tradespersons carry out maintenance, servicing and repairs of Councils fleet, vehicles, plant and equipment. You’ll be part of the workshop which provides plant and transport services for all Council Units.

Location:

The position is currently based out of the Works depot in Murwillumbah.

What we are offering:

- Two year School Based Apprenticeship
- On the job training as well as nationally accredited training
- Ongoing coaching, mentoring and support to complete a school based Certificate III Heavy Vehicle Transport-Mechanic

TAFE:

The student will be required to attend TAFE at Kingscliff as required by State Training to obtain qualification.

For more information and a link to submit an application visit the Kingscliff High School Careers Facebook page.

Mr Ella – Careers Advisor

John Marsden, Matt Ottley Book/DVD Launch Murwillumbah

Join us on Thursday, 13th November, 6pm at the Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah for an evening with awarding winning author/illustrator Matt Ottley, as he launches John Marsden’s book *Home and Away*, illustrated by Matt Ottley, with accompanying DVD including original music composed by Matt Ottley. It is a unique multi-sensory production.

All proceeds from the evening, including book and DVD sales go to the Uki Refugee Project, set up to help refugees in community detention in Brisbane. Also screening will be *New Land, New Life*, inspiring accounts by African refugees.

Admission charges are: Adults \$15, school students \$5 and families \$30. Tickets available in advance from Regent Cinema or at the door. A light meal will be provided.

For further information contact: John Tyman on 6672-8223, Heather McClelland on 6679-5603 or Jo Spiller Teacher Librarian Uki Public School on 0427296504



Talking to Young People about Alcohol and Drugs

It is best for education about alcohol and drugs to begin before young people are exposed to personal decisions about their use. Young people who have accurate information, coping and decision making skills and understand the issues, will be in a good position to make responsible decisions about alcohol and drugs.

Parents provide a powerful role model when it comes to drinking and attitudes to alcohol and other drugs. Take time to talk. Sitting down with the young person in your care and mapping out a plan of action and what to say if they are offered drugs or alcohol can help equip them for the almost inevitable real event. Listen to what the young person in your family says about alcohol and drugs and follow up with a discussion. Take the opportunities when they come up during everyday activities, for example:

- When you pour a glass of alcohol
- When alcohol or other drugs are mentioned on TV or other media
- When using or giving out medicines
- When your young person has an assignment on alcohol, smoking, medicines or other drugs.

It is important to understand that in some situations young people may take risks. Sitting down afterwards and helping them identify where things started to go wrong enables them to consider what they could do differently the next time they are faced with a similar situation.

Australian Alcohol Guideline for Children and young people under 18

Not drinking alcohol is the safest option.

For children under 15

Parents and carers are advised that children under 15 years of age are at the greatest risk of harm from drinking and that for this age group, not drinking is especially important.

For Young people aged 15-18 years

The safest option is to delay the initiation of drinking for as long as possible.

Australian Alcohol Guidelines to reduce health risks from drinking alcohol. National Health and Medical Research Council, 2009 can be found at

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/files/nhmrc/file/publications/synopses/ds10-alcohol.pdf>

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website



Health Promotion presents....

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS:

what people working with adolescents need to know

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for 25 years and works with young people across the country. Paul is the keynote speaker at the 2014 RRISK seminars. In this free presentation for parents, health workers, teachers and anyone who works with young people, Paul will share information on:

> Alcohol related violence

> Changes in attitudes towards cannabis

> Novel ways of smoking – sheesha and e-cigarettes

> Methamphetamine

> Changes in the way people are purchasing drugs

LISMORE:

Where: Southern Cross Uni. Whitebrook Theatre (Y block)

Date: Tuesday 25 November 2014

Time: 4.00pm—6.00pm

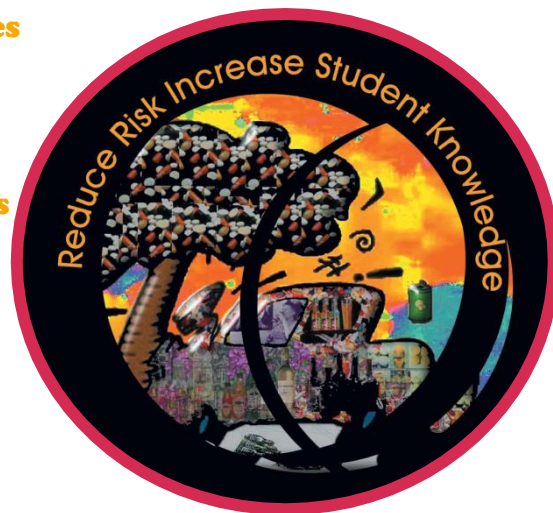
TWEED HEADS

Where: Tweed Civic Centre, Brett St,

Date: Thursday 4 December 2014

Time: 4.00pm—6.00pm

RSVPs not required



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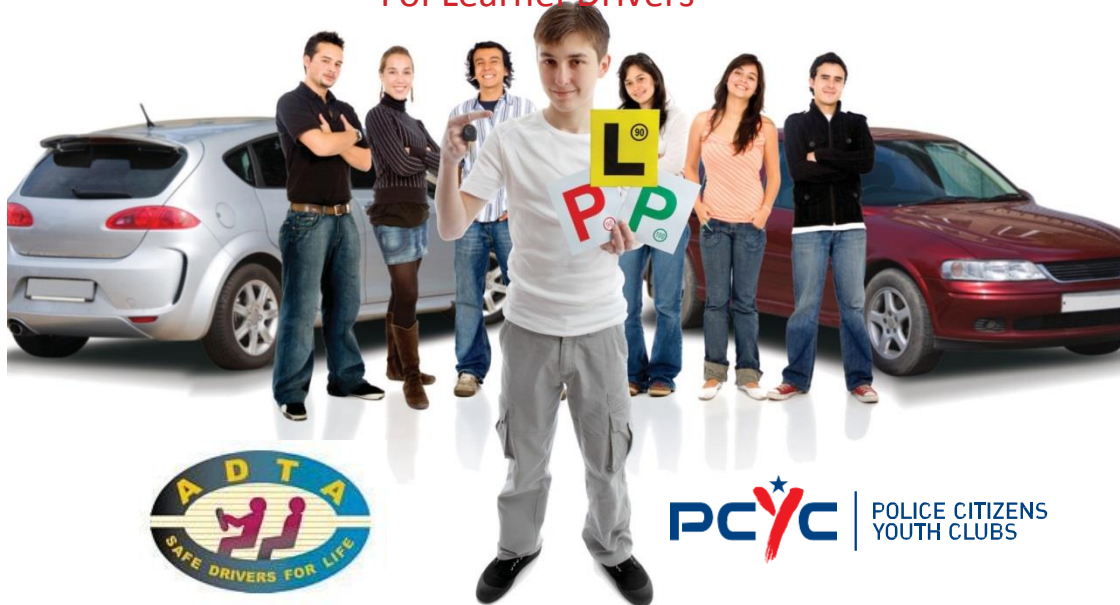
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Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

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www.saferdrivers.org.au

Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM NSW POLICE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL

Over the past 12 months, Tweed Byron Local Area Command have identified a number of issues with underage parties and social gatherings of young people around the bushland and beaches within the Kingscliff, Cabarita areas on weekend and during holiday periods.

- Police have identified issues relating to drugs, alcohol, underage sex, violence, offensive behaviour and malicious damage, including to police vehicles responding to these unsupervised social events.
- Police have identified children as young as 12 intoxicated and have returned them home to parents who have little idea that their child was attending this type of gathering. Parents believing that their child was at a 'friend's house'.
- Police wish to warn all parents that these gatherings are NOT safe and appropriate events for young people to attend. Police encourage parents to ensure that they are completely aware of their children's whereabouts and do not simply take the word of their child.
- Police will be targeting and patrolling these areas during the warmer months and will implement a zero tolerance to anti social behaviour. This will include searching and disposing of alcohol and taking appropriate action against any person supplying alcohol to minors.
- Police working together with Kingscliff High School wish to educate all parents and students as to the possible dangers and consequences of attending these types of unsupervised events. Often, those organising these events are older people and are NOT associated with local schools. The concern is that young students/people are attending these events and placing themselves in dangerous situations.

For further information, please contact Kingscliff or Tweed Heads police. Alternatively make comment on the Tweed/Byron LAC Facebook page.

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