95% ATTENDANCE FOR EVERY STUDENT

Thuringowa State High School expects students to attend school every day, however understands that sometimes sickness and personal matters result in absences from time to time. It is expected that all students will have an attendance rate of 95% or better unless there is a significant medical issue with supporting certificates.

I often discuss the importance of regular attendance to all students. Regular school attendance is important and will result in students learning more and achieving more. Each day missed in a week represents a learning loss of 20% for that week and missed learning equates to lost opportunities.

Your child recently received their daily attendance rate and we also regularly send SMS messages to inform parents when their child is absent. Unexplained student absence letters are also regularly sent home to parents for an explanation.

Please support your child being successful at school by ensuring that they are at school and in class all day, every day.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you wish to discuss your child’s attendance.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Students must demonstrate Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviours in the classroom and in the playground. The school will not tolerate inappropriate and abusive language, physical violence or disruptive behaviours from students. At times it becomes necessary to suspend students who display inappropriate classroom or playground behaviour.

I make no apology for ensuring that every student has the right to a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment at Thuringowa State High School.

It is important that students, parents and teachers work together to ensure students are learning and achieving.
SCHOOLS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Congratulations to all delegates who performed well at the recent Townsville Indigenous Constitutional Convention. Our school was well represented by Rikki-Lee, Jimmy, Lawrence and Wilfred as they challenged other North Queensland schools to various constitutional topics.

Although all students performed well Wilfred was outstanding, and was elected as a delegate to the 2014 National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra last week. Wilfred had an enjoyable and rewarding experience including a visit to Parliament House and the Australian War Museum. I am sure this is an experience he will never forget.

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
The Thuringowa State High School Parents and Citizens Association conducted their Annual General Meeting recently and elected the following Officers:
President: Peter Alles
Vice President: Niall Jeeves
Secretary: Liza Vamplew
Treasurer: Errol Neale

A reminder that the Parents and Citizens Association meet every second Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the Administration Building. All parents are welcome.

REMINDER – HOMEWORK PROGRAM
A reminder that our Homework, Assessment & Tuition (HAT) program is available for all students every Wednesday after school until 4:00pm. This is a great opportunity for students to have assistance with their school work. I encourage all students to attend.

It is important to us that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving. We appreciate your support in this partnership.
Vision for Thuringowa State High School

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT
Great School  Great Opportunity

SCHOOL MOTTO
Promoting Achievement

SCHOOL VISION
Thuringowa State High School students will achieve personal success in their learning and contribute as responsible and productive citizens.

We do this by:
- Providing a personalised and student-centred approach to learning
- Creating a culture of learning, high expectations and continuous improvement
- Encouraging equity and social justice
- Supporting personal and community well-being
- Developing partnerships with our community
- Recognising diversity
- Celebrating achievement

Values
- Lifelong Learning – We believe that everyone has the right to learn and can learn
- Quality Achievement – We strive for high expectations and educational excellence
- Positive Relationships – We promote a safe environment, respectful interactions and responsible behaviours
- Connected Communities – We create networks and partnerships across our school community
- School Pride – We celebrate our school identity, achievements and traditions

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014

Overall House Winner- GREEN HOUSE
Spirit Winner- WHITE HOUSE
AGE CHAMPIONS

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Congratulations to all the students and staff for a fantastic swimming carnival held on the 25th February, 2014.

It is not easy to organise a whole school event away from the school grounds, and it takes many hours of preparation for the carnival to run smoothly.

The HPE staff had been preparing for weeks leading up to the swimming carnival, and was at the pool at 6.30am on the day of the carnival.

The students were well behaved and strong student leadership has shone through this year.

Insurance Cover for Students

Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities.

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.
School Uniforms are now available through your local Willows Lowes store or Online by clicking the link below’
Welcome to the 2014 school year! To our returning Year 9 students it is wonderful to see you back to our new Year 8 students it has been fantastic getting to know you during the start of term one.

During 2014, we will be nominating a Year 8 and 9 student from each class as our student of the week. These students have been recognised by their teachers for demonstrating our school behaviour targets and we are very proud of their efforts.

### Year 8

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<td>Dillon</td>
<td>For being a student who is always on time every time to lessons prepared with his equipment.</td>
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<td>Liam</td>
<td>Always &quot;in class and on task&quot; for always showing a high level of responsible in her classroom behaviour and classroom work.</td>
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<td>Monique</td>
<td>Julie has shown exceptional leadership through adhering to the school's three behavioural targets.</td>
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<td>Kat</td>
<td>Taking the initiative and assisting classmates with their work.</td>
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<td>Ethan</td>
<td>Consistently showing a high level of responsibility.</td>
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<td>Ashlee</td>
<td>Fantastic! &quot;First time, every time&quot; for demonstrating a high level of responsibility. Louise consistently completes her work to a very high standard.</td>
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<td>Louise</td>
<td>Joeie has shown respect towards her peers, and responsibility towards her class work. Joeie is always polite and punctual.</td>
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<td>Joeie</td>
<td>Brandon shows enthusiasm and encourages others in a positive way.</td>
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<td>Tamara</td>
<td>Gemma always participates well in class tasks and supports others in their learning</td>
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<td>Jane</td>
<td>Jane always showing a good attitude towards her learning and presenting a great book.</td>
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<td>Blair</td>
<td>Blair is very respectful and hard working. Blair makes positive contributions to class discussions and works well with his peers.</td>
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<td>Brett</td>
<td>Brett is demonstrating responsible behaviour by completing all classwork and homework.</td>
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<td>Elliott</td>
<td>Elliott has shown a great attitude towards all classwork and activities. Elliott always shows respect to his classmates and staff.</td>
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<td>Jye</td>
<td>Jye for always attempting his work the best of his ability.</td>
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<td>Rebecca</td>
<td>Rebecca for always being on time and prepared for learning, while always giving her best effort in class.</td>
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<td>Alice</td>
<td>Alice for always completing her work to the highest standard.</td>
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<td>Jake</td>
<td>Jake is always on task and makes positive contributions to the lesson. Jake treats all staff and students with respect at all times.</td>
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Year 9

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<td>Zac</td>
<td>For being respectful in class towards his teachers and fellow students by being polite and courteous at all times.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bradley</td>
<td>For consistent effort and always offering to assist in class duties often without being asked. Responsible</td>
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<td>Lochlan</td>
<td>He comes to my class prepared, engages in all aspects of learning and completes set work, and contributes to class discussions.</td>
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<td>Kenya</td>
<td>Very responsible, contributes well to class activities, completes all classwork and meets all behaviour expectations.</td>
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<td>Fantasia</td>
<td>Always on task. Extremely polite</td>
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<td>Lohiana</td>
<td>She has completed her work to a high standard and asks for help.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carly</td>
<td>Carly meets all curriculum and behaviour expectations in the classroom, completes all her classwork and is respectful to her peers and her teacher.</td>
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<td>Matthew</td>
<td>Showing excellent responsibility by completing his classwork to great standard and actively participating in class discussions.</td>
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<td>Katelyn</td>
<td>Great attendance and always completes work</td>
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<td>Gabrielle</td>
<td>Helpful, polite and always on task</td>
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<td>Holly</td>
<td>Prepared, in class and on time.</td>
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<td>Haylee</td>
<td>Haylee is a well-mannered student who shows respect and a responsible nature to all her teachers. Well done Haylee</td>
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<td>Bradly</td>
<td>Consistently demonstrates respect and a responsible manner towards all his teachers and peers.</td>
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<td>Thomas</td>
<td>for consistently being focused on improving his own learning and showing respect to others.</td>
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<td>Mary</td>
<td>Being responsible by completing all classwork and homework work to an excellent standard</td>
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<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>High effort in class</td>
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<td>Corey</td>
<td>Corey consistently tries his very best and makes a huge effort to be on time, on task &amp; follow instructions. Well done Corey!!</td>
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<td>Chloe</td>
<td>Being responsible and always working hard during class.</td>
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<td>Alex</td>
<td>For consistently showing respect to his teacher and class members</td>
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<td>Brittney</td>
<td>Being responsible and always working hard during class</td>
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<td>Courtney</td>
<td>Courtney has shown exemplary respect, responsibility and safety to the whole school community. Well done Courtney!</td>
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<td>Leilani</td>
<td>Follows Instructions First Time Every Time</td>
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<td>Mitchell</td>
<td>Great effort and attitude in class</td>
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SWPBS Focus

At present both cohorts are focusing on being on time every time, on task every class and following instructions first time every time in order to help them achieve to the best of their abilities. As a SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support) school Thuringowa rewards students who are respectful, responsible and safe in every class.

Students will be rewarded with a “BT” tick in each lesson if their teacher feels they have been on target. Thus they can earn a maximum of 5 ticks each day. Once a week your students’ care teacher provides them with an updated total which these totals tally towards end of term rewards events and fortnightly year level draws.

Student Planners

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The student planner is an essential tool for Thuringowa State High School Students. They are expected to have them with them in every class and use them to record their homework. At the bottom of each week there is a section for parent/teacher communication. Please sign this once a week to indicate you have seen your student’s planner.

Students’ in Years 8 and 9 are expected to record homework in every lesson. This may include specific tasks or may just indicate that they are to revise their class work. You should expect your student to have approximately 10-15 minutes of homework for each class five days a week. This means they should be spending about 40 minutes - 1 hour an evening on school work.

Please feel free to get in touch with any questions or concerns.

Tanya Nelson
Junior Secondary
Head of Department

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Saving Chappy Dan

Our school chaplain recently had his hours cut due to chaplaincy funding in schools which meant that Dan Dubbeld went from being employed for three days at our school down to two days a week.

Our staff took it open themselves to Save our Chappy Dan! Brooke Calahorra our Art teacher was instrumental in being an active voice for Dan and his chaplaincy work, actively seeking out staff members to band together and donate to the Scripture Union.

This has worked tremendously with Dan now being employed another ½ day due to the money donated.

Our Chappy Dan is a great positive role model around the school, and our students thrive from him and the positive activities he runs throughout the school.
Science and Physical Education in 2014

The Science and Physical Education staff would like to welcome all new students and families to Thuringowa State High School. We are already immersed in a large range of activities for your student to become involved in.

On offer this year in the Science Department will be the usual excellent activities and we are already looking for students interested in the following:

1. North Queensland Science and Engineering Challenge – for Year 10 students and involves one day of activities based on building and design projects. This is a very popular event for Townsville schools.

2. Engineering Link Project – for Year 10 and 11 students who attend JCU for 3 days during the June holidays.

3. Wonder of Science competition – for Years 8 and 9. This event occurs during term 3 however, registrations are due now. This competition involves the students performing a research project and presenting their findings to teams of students from other schools.

4. Rio Tinto Science competition – for all year levels. This competition involves answering 30 multiple-choice questions based on scientific skills. Cost is $7.

New staff in the Science Department this year is Mr Turner, Ms Gardnier, Ms Coombs and Ms Manz (returning from a UK teaching position).

This year, the Physical Education Department will continue to deliver high quality programs to all Year 8 to 10 students with an emphasis on the health and well-being of our students. Senior students can elect to study Senior Physical Education, Certificate III Fitness or Recreation.

Already this year, the PE Department has organized the swimming carnival held on 25th February. Also this term, the following teams have begun training and competing in the Townsville secondary schools block sports competition:

- Year 8 boys basketball
- U15 boys rugby league
- Open boys rugby league
- U15 girls netball
- Open girls volleyball

The new Physical Education staff for 2014 is Ms Alice Guild and Ms Ally Baker.
We are all looking forward to an exciting year in Science and Physical Education and we hope you are too. If you have any queries in regards to your child’s progress at Thuringowa State High School, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher on 47 538 888. Your opinions and thoughts will be most welcome.

Wendy Bode  
Science and Physical Education  
Head of Department

### 2014 Next Step survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey.

Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.


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**Cybersafety help button**

Online safety is just a click away with the [Cybersafety help button](http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/cybersafety-button.html) now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.  

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Thuringowa State High School
2014 Theatre Restaurant

BACK TO THE 80's
...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!

Written by Neil Gooding
By arrangement with David Spicer Productions www.davidspicer.com.au

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN FOR THEATRE RESTAURANT
23, 30 & 31 MAY 2014

COME ALONG IN 80's DRESS, FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND GREAT MUSIC, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS AWESOME PRODUCTION.

PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE 6.30PM FOR 7PM START

TICKETS ARE $40 EACH AND ARE TO BE PAID FOR WHEN BOOKING. ADVISE OF SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENT WHEN BOOKING. TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A LIVE SHOW, THREE COURSE MEAL AND ACCESS TO A FULLY LICENSED BAR.

BOOK NOW PHONE 4753 8888, CALL TO THE SCHOOL OR EMAIL tberg8@eq.edu.au

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2014 is the year for Mighty Fine Year 9s and us being MORE AWESOME! We are off to an excellent start to the year following all of our school BTs (safe, responsible and respectful) and following our behaviour slogans:

- On Time, Every Time
- In Class, On Task
- First Time, Every Time

We are currently competing in our care classes to be the care with the most BT ticks! CARE 14 has pulled off to a cracking start, and is leading the charge with an average of 64 points per student. However, the other care classes are hot on their tails. We also recognised the student in each care class who had the most improved BT tick tally from our previous meeting. It is great to see how MIGHTY FINE our Year 9s are!

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<td>Care 14: 64</td>
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<th>Most Improved BT Ticks</th>
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<td>Care 11: Mary</td>
<td>Care 12: John</td>
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<td>Care 14: Curtis</td>
<td>Care 15: Tipu</td>
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<td>Care 17: Braden</td>
<td>Care 18: Angel</td>
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Our focus now is attendance! We need to be in class for EVERY LESSON to make the most of our learning. LEARNING EVERY DAY COUNTS!
So far in 2014 we have had 37 students out of our 142 total with over 95% attendance. However, we need to make this a much bigger proportion of our year level!

The target for the next month is 100% attendance for all students. I look forward to seeing all of our Mighty Fine 9s in class all the time!

In other news – our Year 9s are doing us very proud in their extracurricular participation! We have been fully involved in block sports, have some great roles in our school theatre restaurant and were AMAZING in the pool at our swimming carnival!! The participation and spirit of our Year 9 students is brilliant! Stay tuned for more exciting news!

Katrina Manz
Year 9 Co-ordinator

**Young Indigenous Printmakers Thuringowa State High School with Gail Mabo and Jo Lankester**

Gallery Services, Townsville City Council, in collaboration with Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts initiates and funds the Young Indigenous Printmakers program. The program seeks to foster and promote artistic development and engage local Indigenous high school students to work with printmaking artists to produce a series of prints for exhibition at Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts.

Year 10, 11 and 12 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Arts students spent half a day at school with Indigenous artist Gail Mabo working on concept development for their artworks and were introduced to the medium of relief printmaking. Gail Mabo is the daughter of Eddie Mabo and is a founding member of local printmaking collective Murris in Ink. She has had several solo exhibitions and is also recognised as a successful dancer and choreographer.

Following this, students participate in a one-day intensive print workshop at the Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts studio space with Townsville printmaker Jo Lankester. The students produced and printed an edition of four linocuts. Jo Lankester is a master printmaker who is inspired by the natural environment. She is represented in the National Gallery of Australia Print Collection, Artbank, and has works in public and private collections throughout Australia and overseas.

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This exhibition is the culmination of Thuringowa State High School students' engagement with the Young Indigenous Printmakers program. The exhibition will be displayed at Umbrella Studios, Flinders Street West, The City with the grand opening on the 11th April, 6pm, 2014. However, it will be on exhibition until the 18th of May, 2014. All family and friends are invited to attend the opening.

Parents and guardian are invited to attend the next P&C meeting.

The P&C makes a vital contribution to the school community and newcomers are welcomed.

Meetings are held in the school common room, the second Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm.

Our next meeting is on the 14th March, 2014

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**THE SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE IS 47538866**

**PLEASE RING IF YOUR STUDENT IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV

[http://www.youtube.com/DETEQueensland](http://www.youtube.com/DETEQueensland)

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**HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP & EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE - APPLY BY 31ST MARCH**

Scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $10,800 are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year.

Students can also make a saving of up to $1,000 off their exchange program fee with an Early Bird Discount:

The deadline for scholarship and early bird discount submissions for all programs departing between October 2014 – March 2015 is **Monday 31st March 2014**.

Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or call 1300 135 331 for more information

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Gr8News

HIGHLIGHTS
Day One – meeting new people, teachers and finding one’s way around the school
Gr8 Half Day Out – a half day of team building and raft racing on the oval
Swimming Carnival - some outstanding performances by our school youngsters – both in the pool and on the sideline
Theatre Restaurant auditions – very pleasing that many of our Year 8’s have taken the opportunity to audition for roles or parts in this year’s production

BEING PREPARED
It is important that your student is prepared and ready for school each day. Ensuring the pencil case has all basic equipment can add to the smooth running of a classroom. All students should have a pencil case that includes pencils, pens, an eraser, some coloured pencils, scissors and a glue stick. In addition all students are expected to have their planners with them each day AND that they write homework in it each day. If lost, new Planners may be purchased from the office. It would also be appreciated if parents/carers could sight and sign these planners at least weekly. The planner can also be used as a form of communication between teachers and parents/carers.

ATTENDANCE
School is about learning and to be learning, students need to be at school and in class. Average attendance to date is sitting at 87.81% - well below the required 95% attendance. Please ensure that if your student is absent (or late) for any reason, that a note is provided.

BT Ticks
Care 5 are blitzing the BT ticks at present with six of the top ten awardees coming from this care. As of last week the Top Ten students were: Stefanie (5) 84, Lauren (5) 82, Brandon (5) 82, Liam (8) 82, Penelope (5) 80, Ashlee (5) 79, Gemme (7) 78, Kira (8) 78, George (5) 77, Miranda (4) 75. Congratulations to all!

DATE CLAIMERS
This year the Year 8’s will travel to Mungalli Falls for the annual camp. This will be a four day camp, setting off on 29 July and returning on 1st August. Further information will be coming out shortly.

The Junior Secondary Showcase will also be held on 2nd April. This a time to view the great work completed by our Junior Secondary students and an opportunity to see just what they are doing across all subjects.

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ELECTIVES ROTATION
This week Year 8’s will finish the first of the electives rotations. Check with your student what they have done, and what they are moving on to. Please note there may need to be extra / new books brought in for these specialist subjects.

Please feel free to contact your student’s teachers or myself should you have any questions.

Trudi Schulz tschu42@eq.edu.au

Our Year 10, 11 & 12 students are invited to the:

Smart Futures 4 North Queensland
Thursday 8 May 2014
Reid Park Pit Complex

Students will be transported by bus for free; departing from the school at 8.30am; students must have returned a permission form; wear school uniform, enclosed shoes, hat.

Students will be:
• exposed to ideas and opportunities that they may not have been aware of previously - this will assist Year 10 with their SET planning.
• made aware of the different options available in a variety of paraprofessional and trade entry level training and employment opportunities.
• able to pursue school-based apprenticeships and traineeships - this helps them achieve credits towards their QCE - this is particularly relevant for Years 10, 11 and 12.
• able to speak to qualified trainers and employers to find out what is involved in a wide range of industries.
• able to try their hand at different activities in the Try-a-Trade Gallery.
• able to connect with local employers, submit their resumes and expressions of interest for work experience.

This Expo is for Parents too...

Parents are invited to come along to the expo and find out what career opportunities are available for their children. Encourage your children to bring resumes - employers will be advertising positions vacant.
Looking at Work Experience and School Based Apprenticeships......

On Wednesday 26 March and Friday 28 March, 2014 I have arranged for the TORGAS Mobile Career Kiosk to visit Thuringowa State High School to enable students to engage with TORGAS recruitment process, find out more about trade careers, and register with TORGAS work experience program.

Why should students register for more work experience?

Evidence and feedback suggests that the more work experience a student has, the greater their chance of gaining work. Employers like to “TRY BEFORE they BUY”. Another reason is that work experience is a great way of networking and making contacts for young people. Thirdly, work experience helps young people gain a better understanding of the requirements of the vocation they are seeking.

Because there are only so many placements available for work experience through TORGAS each year, they have a recruitment process to ensure they are selecting the most suitable students for each trade. The recruitment process consists of interview and aptitude testing (basic literacy and numeracy – set at high school level). The Mobile Career Kiosk will be available at school to promote the work experience program, assist students to register online and successfully complete the recruitment process to be accepted. Once students are accepted, TORGAS will let the school know, find out dates that suit both the school and the student and then endeavour to source a suitable business to place them with.

Work Experience program at Thuringowa State High School
A reminder to parents of Year 11 and 12 students who are enrolled in Certificate II in Work Place Practices, work experience is a compulsory part of the course, contributing towards competency and QCE credit points. Students must have evidence of 80 hours of work experience.

Students need to RETURN ALL PAPERWORK and CONTRACTS for the work experience to Terry Bergman as soon as possible. This paperwork is required to be signed by parents, students, the principal and the work experience provider BEFORE students attend work experience.

QCE
Has your child visited their QSA Learning account to check on their QCE eligibility and OP eligibility? Do you know if they are “On Track” to receiving their QCE?
Go to https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/

https://thuringowashs.eq.edu.au
Attendance
Again, is vitally important to improving achievement. Students must attend school every day because every day counts. This includes the last week of the school term. Students who have been absent need to ensure that they take responsibility for their absences, and catch up on the work they have missed by talking to their teacher at an appropriate time.

Can You Attend Our Anzac Day Ceremony?
When – Wednesday 23 April, 2014
8.30am - 9.15am
Where – MPS
Bring – a chair

Our ADF cadets will be on show, as will our school band. We have a range of guest speakers and veterans who will be attending.

The Townsville Anzac Day Ceremony
Our school will be sending a small cohort of representatives to the Townsville Anzac Day Ceremony. We will attend the morning session and lay a wreath. I am expecting that our school leaders will participate in this. Permission forms will be sent out soon.

A small number of students will be transported from school in the school bus; other students who have their own transport will be met at the Strand.

Rebels Football Club (Soccer) teams train on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm at Greenwood Park, Thuringowa Drive, Kirwan. All age groups from under 5 through to seniors are welcome. We currently have spaces available for most of these age groups but we specifically require players for the following age groups: Boys 7, 8, 12, 15 and 16 and Girls 8 to 11 inclusive. For more information, please check out our website at www.rebelsfc.com.au or contact Ian at fricke@hotkey.net.au

JOANNE MORGAN’S
(ex Aust. & Firebirds player)
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SUPA NETBALL CLINIC
Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th April 2014
10am – 3pm
OPEN TO ALL AGES 8 – 17 YRS
Age Appropriate coaching!
$45 (one day) or $80 (both days)
● Players pack
● Certificate on completion.
● Giveaways throughout the day.
● Choose to attend 1 or 2 days!
● Meet Magnetic North Steelcats players
Registration form at www.facebook.com/Saints2012 or saintsnetballtsv.wix.com/club
For more details contact
Robyn 0438 238394 or email saintsnetballtsv@gmail.com

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## Townsville Holiday Science Events April 2014

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<td><strong>GPS Easter Egg Hunt</strong>&lt;br&gt;Can you help us to track down where the Easter Bunny has hidden his Easter Egg stash? We will be using GPS’s and our treasure hunting skills to find clues around the James Cook University campus which will help us to locate the stash! Please bring a hat, apply sunscreen, wear sun smart clothing and bring a water bottle.</td>
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<td>Thursday 10/04/14</td>
<td><strong>Eggstravaganza!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Are you interested in Eggs? Do you love crazy chemistry eggxperiments? If so, then come along to our eggstravaganza event where will be conducting eggsellent eggtivities. We will be making Batik eggs, eggshell gardens, marshmallow eggs, rubber eggs and other eggsciting stuff! Please note: there will be raw eggs being used at this event— if you have an allergy to eggs, please take precautions!</td>
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**Venue:** CSIRO Education, Building 054, James Cook University, Townsville

**Times:** 10:00 – 11:30 / 12:30 – 14:00 *See modified times for GPS Easter hunt*

**Cost:**
- $12 for Double Helix Science Club members or Centre Sponsors
- $15 for general admission

**Age:** Children 8 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

**Dress:** Please wear closed-in shoes to all events.

**Bookings:** To book one of our holiday events, please go to [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)
Click on Buy Tickets, enter the special keyword for the event into the search field and follow the prompts to select your ticket/s.

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Spaces are limited so book in quick!

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any further enquiries.

Phone: 47 257 887 or Email: DoubleHelixNQLD@csiro.au

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