



TAREE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2010-2011 SRC INDUCTION



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- Year 7** - Tayla Calabria, Tiarra Campbell, Tyler McLean, Miles Thornton, Billy Yogathasan,
- Year 8** - Eden Gonfond, Madeline Heron, Nathan Somerville, Brooke Willing.
- Year 9** - Patrick Abraham, Lillian Baker, Bonnie Boothman, Andrew Bowman, Harrison Brown, Zac Collier, Zoe Collier, Rebecca Deer, Jessica Witchard.
- Year 10**-Isabelle Avent, Jackie Bonds, Edward Eden, Jacquelyn Hockey, Brittany Johnson, Nicholas Johnson, Sam Kellahan, Angus McLeod, Lauren Townes, Jotham Young.
- Year 11**-Cameron Barlin, Sophie Bird, Tom Crellin, Samuel Crotty, Georgia Duck, Rob Gray, James Kennedy, Laura Polson, Tyhe Reading, Rebecca Smithers, Kimberley Somerville, Jasmin Spicer.

INDUCTION MORNING TEA



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Social Responsibility

Teaching social responsibility is not new to schools. Taree High School gives high priority to this. It is evident in all school policies and practices and as such we take our responsibility seriously. It is most evident in Student Welfare policies particularly those relating to conflict resolution and to bullying and harassment.

Taree High School students on the whole are very socially responsible and act in a manner which protects and supports students, staff and members of the community. There are many recent examples of this. The manner in which Year 12 conducted themselves in the final days of their schooling springs immediately to mind. They continued to honour themselves, their peers, the school, their family and the community as they have done for the past six years. Other more individualised examples are common where students have sought immediate help from adults to protect and support their friends when in danger.

At times our students are victims of anti social behaviour involving the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices. People who participate in such behaviour may be in breach of the law. In this regard the following extracts from the DET Legal Services directorate are relevant.

THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES, PORTABLE COMPUTER GAMES, RECORDING DEVICES AND CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS AND TAFE NSW INSTITUTES

Information revised and current as at 17 July 2009

MOBILE PHONES

What approach is to be taken in relation to the use of mobile phones generally?

The use of mobile phones in schools and institutes should not automatically be of concern. It is only if a mobile phone is used inappropriately that action may be necessary.

Generally, a mobile phone will be used inappropriately if it –

- disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school or institute, or
- threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well being of any person, or
- is in breach of any law.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones includes students using them to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message,

photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.

I have heard of something called “Sexting” - what is that?

This involves sending sexually explicit or suggestive pictures to mobile phones or posting them on individual or inter-active websites such as Facebook. It is a popular practice amongst teenagers.

Are there any legal ramifications if students engage in this practice?

If the image is of a person under the age of 16 engaged in sexual activity or in a sexual context, it will be regarded as child pornography for the purposes of the *Crimes Act*. Any person who produces, sends, transmits, disseminates or possesses child pornography is guilty of an offence and is liable to a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment.

Engaging in this behaviour is also likely to be a breach of the *Commonwealth Criminal Code* and carries a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment.

Portable computer games, ipods and similar devices

The procedures applying to the inappropriate use of mobile phones apply equally to the inappropriate use of portable computer games, ipods and similar devices.

RECORDING AND OTHER LISTENING DEVICES

What is the law in relation to recording private conversations?

Sometimes people being interviewed on school or institute premises seek to record the interview. Subject to certain exceptions, it is an offence for a person to use a listening device to record or listen to a private conversation to which the person is not a party or to record a private conversation to which the person is a party.

The *Surveillance Devices Act 2007* applies in this situation and defines a “private conversation” as anything said by one person to another or others in circumstances where it can reasonably be assumed that any of the persons involved desire the conversation to be heard only by those present or, with the consent of all present, some other person or persons.

Generally, if a person who has been involved in a private conversation records the conversation (with or without consent), he or she is prohibited from later communicating or publishing any record of the conversation to another person.

There are a number of exceptions to this rule, namely –

- the communication or publication is made to another person who was involved in the

conversation or it is made with the consent of all people involved in the conversation, or

- the communication or publication is reasonably necessary for the protection of the lawful interests of the person making the communication or publication, or
- the communication or publication is made to a person who has or can reasonably be said to have such an interest in the private conversation as to reasonably justify the communication or publication being made.

Breaches of the *Surveillance Devices Act* attract penalties of up to \$11,000 or five years imprisonment or both.



Mr Mark Thomson

DEPUTY'S REPORT

As we begin the last and frantic term of the year, it is important to acknowledge and recognise the class of Year 12, 2010. I would personally like to thank and congratulate them all for their behaviour during the "silly season" as they conducted themselves with dignity and pride for themselves and their school. Their sense of fun did not deteriorate into mindless vandalism which can occur at this stage of their schooling. It is an enormous relief for them to finish their schooling, but in turn it can be very confusing, even sad, to step out into the "real" world. They are all successful because they made it to the end. As they prepare for their final exams they can be proud of their achievements, after all, as they say, these are the hardest exams they may ever experience.

I was very proud of them as they received their awards at their Presentation Evening. It highlighted the diversity within the group and the wonderful achievements they had worked so hard for. Their generosity in gifts for the school on departure included much needed cordless microphones for the hall and assembly area...No more channelling 2RE during exams and assemblies. Two sub woofer speakers for the hall will now complement any performance!

I would also like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of their dynamic Year Adviser Mr Brad May who has worn a path in the carpet in my office as he visits daily to see "if there is anything I should know?" or "I need to talk to you about...". His care and nurturing of the class of 2010 has demonstrated a genuine desire to see all his charges succeed....which they have.

As for the rest of the school, Year 10 have their School Certificate exams in Week 5; Year 9 have exams in Week 4 before going to the Gold Coast for their excursion; Years 7 and 8 have exams in Week 5 and Year 11 (now Year 12) will slowly immerse into their HSC studies.

Busy times ahead for all!!

Ms Allison Aliston



DEPUTY'S REPORT

Term 4 already! I am constantly finding myself having to "pull on the reigns" and remember that we are still in 2010. The bulk of planning for 2011 is in full thrust as we evaluate and celebrate our successes and begin to 'touch up' and plan for our areas of need.

It has been a hectic year in implementing our programs associated with our National Partnerships funding. We have had a great degree of success with our implementation of programs, yet there are still areas that we are looking to improve. Our online access for staff and students is progressing well with a number of test subjects trying to 'iron out' our problem areas.

One thing that I have noticed is the enthusiasm of all those involved. As we start to implement our ideas there has been so many "that is great can we do this?" The boundaries for all are being pushed and this continues to be encouraged.

A great example of a whole lot of ideas coming to fruition, I thought, was the Year 12 Farewell Assembly held in the school hall. I personally think that the presentation of that night was the best I have been involved with and an outstanding display of our whole school community working as one. I appreciate all those involved in the night's organisation and also to the years of work in the background to make our presentations what they are becoming.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish those students conducting their final HSC examinations all the very best. It is this time of year as a teacher you ride the wave of emotion with those students and parents. Congratulations to all those students, teachers, parents and others involved and thanks to all for your support.



Mr P Ivers

Dates to Remember

26/10/10	P & C Meeting at school library
29/10/10	Out of Uniform Day
8-12/11/10	School Certificate Exams
8-12/11/10	Year 9 Camp
18/11/10	Captains' Induction
18/11/10	Year 11 Reports Issued Year 11 Presentation
22-25/11/10	CHS Boys Water Polo
24/11/10	School Social

Captains' Report

"Hi there", from your new school captains Laura and James!

As this is our first Captain's report for the newsletter, we are both very excited to be writing it. However since we are at the very beginning of the new SRC term, there is not a great deal to report on.

Over the first few weeks of this term, we will be organising meetings with our Vice-Captains (Rebecca Smithers and Tom Crellin) and the other SRC members to make plans for the following year and set goals for the SRC. The SRC Orientation Day will be held on Thursday of Week 2 at the Taree Uniting Church. On this day, the newly elected members will participate in a number of activities and discussions that will guide them in how to be a successful leader. In the afternoon, we will run our annual general meeting in which we will plan the upcoming year and vote for the new secretary of the SRC.

One of our main goals for the SRC in the next year will be in improving the efficiency and cooperation of the SRC. There have already been many great suggestions put forward by staff and students around the school and in order to follow through with these tasks, the SRC will need to be able to work hard and together as a team. After the few mornings we have spent in roll call with this new bunch, we are certain that they are a committed group of students who will work hard for the school.

One job for the SRC this term will be the organisation of the final social for the year. We hope all our new helpers will be able to assist in making it the best one yet! Please contact your SRC reps for ideas on themes and music for the night.

The two of us would once again like to thank everyone in the school who voted us as your new Captains. We are both thrilled to be taking the position and can't wait to get to work on what the

next twelve months will bring. We would also like to congratulate the new SRC members who, we are sure, are looking forward to another year of success.



Tom Crellin , James Kennedy, Laura Polson, Rebecca Smithers

Secretary's Report

In the most recent Secretary's report (last term), I spoke of the 2009-2010 SRC winding down for the year and coming into its final stages. The only significant task remaining for this group was the planning and organisation of the Term 3 school social. Unfortunately, due to a number of reasons (including a low interest from students), this social was cancelled. It was expressed by a number of students that they had planned to buy their tickets on the day of the social. However, they were not given the option after the SRC made the decision that not enough people had already purchased their tickets for it to go ahead. To avoid this disappointment again we would like to advise that, if you do want to go to the social, you get in quick to buy tickets.

Since the beginning of this term, the newly elected SRC members have begun their year in office. This new SRC will be attending an Orientation Day on Thursday of Week 2. This day will include a variety of activities aimed to guide these students in their leadership practises as well as helping them to get to know each other as a group. On the day, we will also run our annual general meeting in which the SRC will make plans for the upcoming year and a new secretary will be elected.

Already in the first week, the SRC has decided on supporting the "Bandana Day" charity this term to run as an Out-of-Uniform day on 29 October. Also, planning has commenced for our final school social for 2010 on 24 November. Don't forget, if you have any ideas for themes and/or music for the social, please let your SRC reps know.

So for now, that's about all there is to say from the SRC. This will be my last report as Secretary, as I will now be taking the position of Captain. I would like to thank all the members of the SRC that made the last twelve months a very enjoyable and educational experience for me. Both Tom Crellin

and I were very happy to share the role and found it at times very challenging, yet highly rewarding. I wish the best of luck to the next Secretary and hope that they enjoy the position as I have.

Signing out, for the last time...



James Kennedy

Year 11 Report

Yes, we are still Year 11 even though we have started the HSC course.

Oh, and hello.

I'm sure we are all having a great time at the beginning of the HSC year, dropping our failed subjects and maybe picking up a couple of units.

This year should be good if we concentrate.

We don't get any Year 12 privileges until next year, when we are actually in Year 12.

Sorry to disappoint. No, the SRC can't do anything about it.

Have a good year, and don't study too hard.

Or do... whatever.

See you 'round.

Cameron Barlin



Year 10 Report

Hope you all had a good holiday and are back for a good term of beautiful school. We personally cannot wait to put in for our School Certificate exams. Yay. It is time for us to go hard, or go home.

Trials are in Week 2 and real exams are in Week 5 so get your diaries out. There is a social coming up this term, so unless you want it to be cancelled like the last one, buy your tickets or we will come after you. Just joking but seriously buy tickets!

If you have problems or queries, do not hesitate to come and approach your newly elected SRC reps for 2010/11.

Congratulations to Isabelle Avent, Jacquelyn Hockey, Jackie Bonds, Britt Johnson, Lauren Townes, Edward Eden, Sam Kellahan, Angus McLeod, Nick Johnson and Jotham Young.



Jotham Young



Nick Johnson

Year 9 Report

Hey Guys!

Hope everyone had a swell holiday and are stoked to be back at school (ha ha). Congratulations to Pat Abraham, Andrew Bowman, Harry Brown, Zac Collier, Lilly Baker, Zoe Collier, Bec Deer and Jess Witchard for being elected to the new SRC for Year 10, 2011. I am looking forward to working with you all in the time ahead.



Take care, peace out!

Bonnie Boothman

Year 8 Report

Hey Year 8,

Hope you all had a good holiday. There's not that long until Christmas holidays, so keep studying for test week in Week 5. That's about all.



Nathan Somerville



Brooke Willing

Year 7 Report

Hey, hope everyone had a sweet holiday. We have some exciting things coming up this term: yearly exams, the social, an Out of Uniform day and our first beach day. Thanks for voting us into the SRC. Cheers, hope to see you around.



Bill Yogathan



Miles Thornton

**NEXT P & C MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
26 OCTOBER AT 5 PM IN THE
SCHOOL LIBRARY. ALL MOST
WELCOME TO ATTEND**

OUTGOING CAPTAINS' REPORT

The year is over. Our term as Captains of Taree High School is up. Time to hand on the ancient baton to our newly elected Year 11's.

At this point it seems fitting to thank our Vice Captains, Nicole Howard and Pete Crossman, and all our Year 12 SRC Reps, Gabby, Felicia, Andrea, Tarryn, Brett, Eddie and Picky, for your help and support.

An extra special thank you goes to Mrs Fatherley, who we will miss immensely. Thank you to Ms Walker who has done a fine job as SRC coordinator and a big welcome to Ms Burton to the SRC.

Thank you to our Year 11 reps, our Secretaries, Tom and James, and all our juniors. I hope the SRC experience rewarded you for all the work that you put in.

And finally, thank you to the whole school community for your support and placing your trust in us.

Congratulations to our new SRC representatives for 2011. I am very pleased to see a group such as this, beaming with enthusiasm, ready to begin work for the year.

Congratulations also to Laura Polson and James Kennedy, our new Captains, and our Vice-captains Tom Crellin and Bec Smithers. I know the four of you will work hard over the next year,

Congratulations to all those who nominated also, particularly those who stepped up to put themselves forward to be elected as Captain. This is a very daunting task, and takes great leadership skill, maturity and personal conviction to do so.

And finally, congratulations to the students of Taree High School for voting for such competent representatives. The SRC pledge isn't something to be taken lightly, and I know this group will take their role very seriously.

To the SRC, over the next year, you'll be faced with highs and lows. You'll see the excitement on people's faces at socials you've run, you'll know you've helped to make a difference in the community with your fundraising activities and you'll see the joy of Spirit Day, and the thrill of the announcement of the Spirit Cup, knowing that you've been a part of this. You'll also be faced with a hectic workload, having newsletters due the same time as assessment tasks, or right after holidays and you'll miss the occasional lunchtime. But, the lows are irrelevant, compared to the many high points of the SRC.

To our juniors, work hard, trust yourselves, and trust your seniors. To the seniors, in particular our four new captains, you are leaders of the school, and the

SRC, trust your ability, work hard, and do your best. To all of you, look after your SRC Coordinators Ms Walker and Mrs Burton. Without their support, all that you aim to achieve would not be possible. Remember to thank them, for everything they will do for you.

Please remember, you get out what you put in.

So, speak loudly as the voice of the student body; achieve greatness for the school; represent Taree High in an exemplary manner within and in the community; make Caitlin and myself proud; and most of all, be proud of yourself and your actions over the next year.

I know we are leaving the school in safe hands.

Good luck, 2011 SRC. Thank you, and goodbye.



Caitlin Rosser



William Pitt

Graduation Assembly

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for joining us tonight to celebrate the graduation of the Year 12 Class of 2010. This assembly represents the culmination of thirteen years of education for this group of students and I think getting this far is worthy of praise. I found it quite difficult to compose this speech because I knew it was a formal occasion, so most of my language had to be edited and refined, thank you Mrs Fatherley.

I also knew I had to attempt to inspire the students to continue to work to the best of their abilities during the few weeks that they have before the commencement of the Higher School Certificate examinations - a mammoth task in itself. I've succeeded in the former, and hope I achieve the latter.

Before I do this, I would be remiss if I did not thank the many people who have toiled so hard to get the students to where they are today. This is going to sound like an actor receiving an Academy Award, but I promise I won't thank God. Firstly I would like to thank all the parents who have supported the students so well during their time at Taree High. Without your patience,

encouragement and sustained effort the students would not have made it here today. Some wouldn't have even made it out of bed this morning.

Secondly, I would like to thank the dedicated teaching staff who have put countless hours of effort into facilitating the education of these students since they have arrived at Taree High. In particular I would like to thank the teachers who have guided these students through the various HSC courses. The time you have spent marking, reporting and ensuring the class of 2010 had the best opportunities for success is much appreciated.

I would like to thank the unsung heroes of the school, the SAS staff, who have kept things on track despite my various attempts to derail them. So thank you Mrs Collins, Mrs Adamson, Mrs King, Mrs Cefarin, Ms Tuckwell, Mrs Bates and Mrs Graham for your support and dedication to both the students and myself during the past six years. I would like to thank Ms Alliston and Mr Bird for the effort they have put into these students and the assistance they have provided me over the years. I would like to thank the Captains and Vice Captains as well as the Year 12 SRC representatives for the incredible job they have done over the years. The efforts that Caitlin and Billy in particular, have put into fundraising and organising the various events this year have been truly phenomenal.

I would like to thank Ms Moody for organising this assembly. It is a very taxing job. Finally I would like to thank my beautiful wife and children who have gone for days without seeing me when reports are due or when I have other deadlines and commitments to meet.

I suppose I'd better begin to talk about the students as this is the reason we are gathered here after all. The value assigned to Year 12 was 'Excellence.' The hope was that the students would embrace this value and emulate it in their school life. I think I can safely say that the class of 2010 has managed to do this. Looking at the program for the evening it becomes clear that we have some very gifted and talented students in this cohort. Academically a range of students have excelled. In sporting endeavours, the students have represented themselves and Taree High with honour and good sportsmanship. The major works produced in the practical subjects were fantastic and of an exceptional quality. The civic awards and various scholarships indicate a commitment to the school and the wider community. The end of year reports reveal that the vast majority of the year group have worked

to the best of their abilities and deserve the pleasing results they have achieved. Well done.

The end is nigh, but it isn't here yet. I want to take this opportunity to directly address the students and urge them to continue to maintain the good practices their teachers and parents have instilled in them. You must read your report comments and heed the advice your teachers have given you as they will prove to be a wonderful guide in how to maximise your marks and ensure success in the exams. I know how difficult it can be to maintain a positive frame of mind and a continued work ethic but you must toil on. I would hate for any of you to have any regrets owing to the fact that you did not try your hardest in the time left available to you. Now is the time to realise your potential and ascertain the nature of your character. The HSC exams do not just judge what you have learned; they are also a test of character.

I think it pertinent to mention a passage from the autobiography of Chris Hunter, a bomb disposal expert in Iraq. This passage was quoted to him by a friend when his job was looking like costing him his relationship with his wife and family as well as his life on a daily basis. As Hunter did, I found this passage quite profound:

'A Cherokee Indian teaching his grandchildren says to them, "A battle is raging inside me. It is a terrible fight between two wolves. One wolf represents fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, arrogance, guilt, resentment and sloth. The other symbolises joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, kindness, friendship, faith and success." The old man fixes the children with a firm stare. "This same fight is going on inside you and inside every other person too," he says.

They think about this for a minute then one child asks,

"Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee replies, "The one you feed."

I put the question to you Class of 2010. Which wolf will you feed in the oncoming weeks – and in the rest of your lives?

Cheers

Brad May, Year 12 Adviser 2010



OUTGOING CAPTAINS FAREWELL SPEECH

Good morning Taree High School for the last time... This speech has been quite difficult to write. How do you put six wonderful years into words? Well the truth is you can't and so because of that I have decided to keep it short and sweet, plus we want to get to the beach and I know you are all eager to get to class.

The best way to describe our year would be "influential". As a year we have taught you what not to do and have made changes to the school that has and will continue to be beneficial for everybody.

Year 7, you should feel privileged that you got to experience peer support. If it wasn't for us you would have had to do it the hard way. You see we didn't have any warm fuzzy nice big kids show us around the school, teach us where class rooms were and gently introduce us to our new life at Taree High. Nope. We were thrown in the deep end to fight for ourselves, we were pushed around, knocked to the ground and were often left questioning what about me? We were constantly misdirected by humungous Year 12 kids when we politely and timidly asked where our room was. Then to make matters worse we were put on detention for being late despite having a valid excuse.

Year 8, you are soooo lucky that the senior canteen line was abolished because when we were in Year 8 we were always pushed out of line, had our food stolen and well it pains me to remember the trauma. But now we kindly let all of you bossy Year eighters stand in line in front of us without a word. You kids just don't know how easy you have it.

Year 9, well I would have to say the only thing we could have passed on to you guys is that nudie runs on bush and camp craft camps are very bad and will result in a three day suspension.

Year 10.....ah Year 10...good luck with the School Certificate. Our only word of advice would be to simultaneously drop your calculators in the computers test. It will help you pass and provide entertainment, preventing you from dying of boredom.

Year 11, there is so much to learn from us. We have taught you that being messy will get you kicked out of the Year 11 area, also take note Year 10 for next year. We have taught you that using the microwave in the common room to cook banana peels and someone's hair will smell really bad and also get you banned from the common room for the rest of the year and we petitioned to save Year 11 and all future Year 11 classes the trauma of sitting through "crossroads" and "study skills".

Above all, the lessons and sacrifices we have made for the benefit of our juniors, we have shown everybody what the best looks like. You will all have very high standards to live up to...

Now there are many people we must thank.

Mr May, we won't pick on you today. Thank you for putting up with a bunch of "dirty dogs" for six long years. The journey has been amazing and you have really helped us to "belong". It was very brave of you to volunteer to be our year adviser even though we know you didn't know what you were getting yourself into. You have supported us, guided us and most of the time controlled us. All the behind the scenes work you do has not gone unnoticed and it is sincerely appreciated.

Then we have the teachers...We are truly grateful for your sustained persistence and encouragement throughout the last two years. Without you, well who knows where we would be?

Last but not least, thank you to the SASS staff.

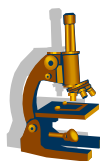
Mrs Collins, who organises all our money, amongst other things, Ms Tuckwell, Mrs Cefarin in A15, who marks the roll for us everyday, who've helped us with our jacket refunds and coordinating our Formal payments, Mrs Bates, for our hundreds and hundreds of photocopied sheets, Mrs Graham, for her work on our reports, Mrs Dunbier for our food tech pracs, Mrs Armstrong for our science experiments, Mrs King and Mrs Adamson in the front office, Mrs Hofmeier and Mrs Kuypers for the many books we borrowed and Mr Stilgoe for keeping the school safe.

Goodbye Taree High, deep down we will miss you a little bit.



Caitlin Rosser

Northern State Science and Engineering Challenge



Taree High School's top science class of Year 10 minus, attended the Northern State Science and Engineering Challenge.

It was a cold winter's morning, humidity at six and fire danger mild. The bus arrived from Wingham to take us bright minded angels to Broadmeadow stadium to compete in this vigorous

challenge. We arrived and scoped out the premises, whilst talking to Bob who informed us of the day's challenges. We sat in the grandstand - it was cold. There were a few less fortunate schools (Bellingen High) who seemed to come in last. Taree was coming in at \$5.87 to take the title, whilst short favourites, St Peter's led by Hitler were coming in at \$1.34.

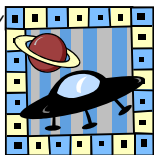
The stakes were high, the nerves were higher. Lives were on the line. Not all of us were going to come out alive. My bet was on Madeline Riley. The battle front was looking rough and vicious, bodies were thrown across the stadium.

Love was found between Maddy Riley and Gabrielle, (yes Gabrielle is a boy). They are still going strong in their long distance relationship.

Mr Reynolds didn't find it necessary to stay at the stadium and went and had lunch by the river and left

Mrs Salmon with thirty three people. Sorry thirty two (Madeline Riley doesn't count).

We participated well, with all our hearts. We went hard for the cake, and came second! Outstanding group on the day was Nick, Edward, Angus and Riley. We head off to National Science and Engineering Challenge in Week 2 Term 4.



Signing out!

Nick Johnson and Jotham Young

PEER LITERACY PROGRAM

As Term 3 of school came to an end, so did the very successful Peer Literacy Program. The program was designed to assist Year 7 students in literacy skills, with the older Year 10 students (peers) acting as the tutors.

The journey started back in 2009 when the tutors began their training at the TAFE facility. Here the skills and techniques were learnt and 2010 put into practice as the Year 10 tutors were placed with a Year 7 tutee.

Although there was some reluctance at the start of the practical course, effective learning habits and relationships with peers were built. It was found that throughout the course Year 7 students

became more actively engaged in class work. Year 7 students also gained confidence in their ability to complete the required work.

This program would not have been such a great success without the relentless work by Kate from TAFE and Mrs Webber of Taree High School.

All the best to the Year 7 students in their future at Taree High School and a huge thank you to the commitment made by everyone in the program.



Edward Eden

Outdoor Education Diamond Head Camp Crowdy Bay National Park

How long can you keep a fire going in the rain? Is it possible to cook meat patties on a rock? Will sausages cooked on a stick taste great? These were all questions we strived to answer when we went on the Year 9/10 Outdoor Education camp at Diamond Head with Mrs Pellow.

As soon as we arrived, we were stricken by the awe inspiring scenery that Crowdy Bay National Park has to offer. No sooner had we set up camp then we were off on one of two heavily anticipated bushwalks that Mrs Pellow had talked up so eagerly. This bushwalk offered ideal views of the pristine ocean over the headland. Just short of the horizon, you could even witness the rare spectacle of the annual spring migration of the most beautiful sight nature has to offer. Whales.

Lunch brought the first of many delightful meals. These were not only delicious, they were also indeed nutritious. There were meals on the menu such as gourmet Caesar Wraps, made with succulent chicken breast schnitzel lightly grilled to perfection on the metho stoves, topped with assorted salad items, sausage 'kebabs' marinated with charcoal and skewered on sticks and Alfredo pasta prepared by renowned food connoisseurs Jenna Collins, Rebekah Dodds and Taylor Shoesmith.

The afternoon brought a visit by the nation's best friend, and wildlife expert Ranger Davey, and his trusty companion Paul the Python. Students were exhilarated by the prospect of meeting and greeting the two wildlife heroes. Jotham Young could even be quoted as saying, "I can die a happy man now that I have met my childhood heroes!" But alas, the visit could not last forever, and Ranger Davy was off in his puff of smoke and Naturemobile, to save wildlife from around the globe.

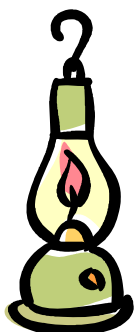


Students were serenaded by the soothing baritones of Mr Bowman and his guitar, and were lulled into a sleep at night time, by that same baritone.

The morning brought tears as the realisation that this was our last day in the wild hit the students. We embarked on an epic journey through the surrounding wildlife, encountering thorny bushes, bloodthirsty leeches, falling branches and an abandoned village, which included Kylie's Hut.

We would like to thank all the staff that helped make this trip possible. You had to run this camp, and we would all thank you sincerely from the bottom of our hearts for this. It has been a trip of a lifetime, and I could think of no other teachers we would rather have spent it with than Mr Deehan, Mr Bowman and Mrs Pellow.

Nick Johnson and Jotham Young



Camper's' Comments

What things would you take next time, that you did not take on this trip?

More clothes, more food, swimmers, a mattress, more cordial, a sleeping mat, a blanket, camera, singlet, lollies, fruit, chair, toothbrush.

What items would you leave behind next time?

My wallet, Nothing, I needed all I took.

What did you enjoy the most?

Swimming in the sea with Jenna. Hanging with friends in the bush. Eating marshmallows and dipping strawberries around the fire with everyone. Cooking with my mates. Hanging out with friends. Sitting around the fire. The long bushwalk. the beach. The beach. Wildlife. Sleeping. Chillin' with my buddies. Fishing. Sitting around the fire. Having fun. Finding out new things that I never knew before.

What did you enjoy the least?

The bushwalk!!, Walking for two hours on the bush walk. In the rain. The bushwalk. Bushwalking for two hours. Not able to watch the sunrise. Time to get out of bed, having to stay in our tents until 7 o'clock. Cold showers.

What did you learn about yourself?

I'm an excellent cook. That I can survive without electricity. I have to take care going down stairs. I can cook sausages on a fire. I like camping with mates, that I'm a Drop Bear, I like to be isolated and doing my own thing. That camping is fun. That I was positive and didn't give up. That I can fall asleep at 8.00pm. Learnt that I can cope without my parents.

Other comments

I went alright. I hate kangaroo poo! Had an awesome time. Maybe more beach swimming. Altogether it was a fun trip. It was enjoyable. Fun and a good learning experience. it was a beautiful place.

Angus Mcleod, Rebekah Dodds, Jenna Collins, Brenton Streeting and Jotham Young.

Tournament of the Minds 2010

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem solving program for teams of students from both Primary and Secondary years. Students are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines:

**Applied Technology
Language Literature
Maths Engineering
Social Science**

TOM is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their creative skills and talents in

an exciting, vibrant and public way. Teams of seven are required to work together on a Long Term Challenge for six weeks without direct assistance from teachers, parents or peers. In this year's challenge our students picked the Applied Tech problem which required them to find a Lost City from clues provided and make a film about the process. Students present their challenge solution to a panel of judges and an audience on Tournament day. The teams also participate in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge on the day.



On 29 August the Taree High Tom's Team made their way to Westport High for a fun and exciting day full of challenges.

This year our team consisted of Jarred Thompson Yr 7; Tom Fletcher Yr 7; Maddie Heron Yr 8; Bronte Cole Yr 8; Monique Rennie Yr 9; Jamie-Lee Schubert Yr 10; and Jed Read Yr 10.

The lead up to the big day was very challenging. Everyone put in a great effort whilst having a whole lot of fun.

Unfortunately despite all the time and effort, the judges found in favour of another school but we were proud of our effort.

Many thanks to Mrs Finlayson for the enormous time and effort she put into this event. Her services will be sorely missed next year.



Jarred Thompson

SNOW!

In August Year 11 embarked on the trip of a life time on Taree High's infamous snow excursion. We began our journey at some ridiculous hour of the morning; surprisingly this did not stop the excessive sing-a-longs put forward by bus two, and the unnecessarily enthusiastic batman quotations on bus one. The quotations from the bus movies continued with some asking "how fast are you going meow?" when we finally hit the slopes, taken from the boys beloved movie Super Troopers. Meow, where were we? We had a few stops along the way, where we discovered the not so amazing invention of ice cream flavoured Oreos at an Asian supermarket in Canberra. Before we finally arrived at our accommodation, we made a last minute stop for supplies and snow essentials; we had made it to a strictly snow themed town, with the exception of a Gloria Jeans. Then we made it to our "lovely" accommodation, special features included:



- smashed showers
- bricks on toilet
- the "Sauna"
- Karaoke room/bar, equipped with beer taps...
- The highly sought after rent-a-kettles
- dining hall
- snow shop (that smelt like feet)

All of this was supplied and run, by attractive foreigners with lush accents.

After we all settled in, and stored away our masses of lollies and mi-goreng noodles we went to the dining hall for dinner. With strict instructions, we lined up outside, eagerly awaiting our turn to be handed a token for a hot dinner, and then after examining the food...went back to our rooms and ate noodles. The food on the trip was a highly controversial factor, it had us posing questions to each other such as "How can you get toast wrong?" and "What IS that green thing?" for those of you who didn't know, that green "stuff" was, in fact supposed to be spinach quiche it is now named cow pat pie. After dinner we got to rent all our sick ski and snowboarding gear, from a room that really DID smell like feet. Other events that occupied our nights, was Miss Gurr's interesting trivia night and the not so successful karaoke room. Trivia resulted in many disappointments, Cameron had to come to terms with the fact that the aerodynamics of his paper plane just weren't good enough, but the game did end in some victories, with Team Davis coming on top, followed by Can We Go To Bed Now Please? And Team Phillips coming in with a solid third place.

Now on to what you've all been waiting for the SNOW! Our mornings would begin with a frantic rush to get to breakfast and our much loved soggy toast. At Thredbo we had ski and snowboarding lessons for the first two hours of the day. These were led by the instructors which now have some pretty exclusive names like Snowy Chloe, Mad Max and Hottie Scotty ;) these lessons were followed by the

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remainder of the day being used to show off newly acquired and mad as skills, which of course, resulted in many stacks and life threatening situations, the most memorable including:

- Alan busting his head and losing his memory all within the opening hours of the first day on the BEGINNERS slope
- James Kennedy the speed demon himself, went down a steep slope on the very first day, with his skis aligned completely straight causing him to go at a ridiculous speed, this led to James being tackled at the bottom by passing skiers in order to actually STOP him.
- Miss Gurr running into a tree. John lam running into the tiny Milo kids. Peter running into a river. James "Speedy" Kennedy running into a sign. You get the picture.
- Mr Bevan falling over on Friday FLAT.
- Mr Davis falling over and denying it ever happened.
- Mr Bowman repeated stacks during lessons.

The first two days on the slopes were considerably good, however, for the rest of the week, the weather chose to be blizzardy and blistery, which saw groups of us stuck at the top of trails fearing for our lives in the treacherous conditions. Gabby, Kiara and Sophie had one of the most terrifying experiences; they were stranded very high in the mountains, with their tears becoming icicles that froze on their noses. They were luckily rescued and led back by a group of helpful boys, Ben Grahame included. With snow there comes snow balls, this led to masses of intense snowy combat, the projectile of choice being highly compacted "ice" balls, causing deadly bruises on impact. If you were adventurous enough to leave Friday Flats food hall, there was the chance to eat in the other cafes like the cute River In and sample giant pretzels at the busy Merrits. The Merrits became so busy at one point, that Jeremy and Lewis were forced to enjoy their nachos outside in the blizzard. However, for those not brave enough to venture off Friday flat there was still the chance to enjoy an unhealthy amount of doughnuts and hot chocolate, but were strictly forbidden from being consumed on bus one.

And now for the events that need no explanation:

- "Dammit Bwyan!"
 - Kyle and the door incident
 - fun times in the Sauna, aka The R.D
 - communication and Conflict Between others schools at our accommodation like Mudjee and Gosford
 - playing COD with Mudjee
 - Stealing Mudjee's clothes (yeah we liked Mudjee..)
 - Felicity and her much loved "Wombat World"
 - Elliot's attempt to devour an entire McDonalds dinner box himself.
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 - crazy room parties with the music blasting
 - Laura never able to pronounce the slopes name "High Noon" correctly. Going from "Blue Moon" and even more embarrassingly "New Moon" every single time.
- To sum it up the Snow 2010 was a hugely enjoyable experience,

and we'd all definitely do it again. A big thank you to all the teachers who took us down, I'm sure we will all remember our interesting lessons and experiences together, especially the bond forged between Rebecca and Miss Gurr over their rude instructor.

By Georgia Duck and Laura Polson



SPORT

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16s Rugby Union

Throughout the first three terms of 2010, Taree High had the privilege of having two rugby union teams, the 14's and the 16's.

Training started in the early stages of the year, with every player putting in the hard yards. Mr Deehan, being a former Olympic triathlete, was a hard trainer. Not every student was able to



make it through these early training sessions, and were left behind.

The first game of the season came against Port Macquarie High, in the beginning of Term

Two. Although both teams pushed hard, they were narrowly edged out due to some key injuries.

This ignited a fire within the teams, and they went on to have a highly successful rest of the season.

Thanks to all the staff that helped with the team. Without you, we probably would have been less successful. Not likely though.



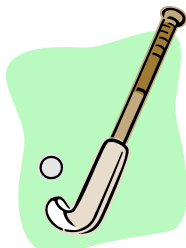
Jotham Young

OPEN GIRLS HOCKEY

Late last term the Open Girls Hockey team travelled to Lithgow for the finals of the State Knockout. As the weather was freezing cold we knew it would be hard to get motivated to play. Our first game was against Grafton. Even though they came out strong, we stuck to our plan and found the back of the net with Alysha Avery. The score managed to stay 1-0 at full time. With one win up we were then put into the top four of the state which was an achievement itself. We then were against the home side later that afternoon. Lithgow made their mark by scoring early.

Captain Caitlin Rosser led by example by never giving up. The centre combination of Caitlin, Maddy, Marnie and Cody moved the ball out wide to Rachel and Zoe where our speed was used. Caitlin soon managed to level up the score. Controversy then aroused when Nicole Howard was yellow carded for laughing and could not return to the field until Lithgow scored again. Not long to go we had to dig deep if we wanted a spot in the final. Lithgow managed to score making it 3-1. With a definite goal disallowed the score remained 3-1. Lithgow advanced to the finals and we were playing off for 3rd and 4th.

It was the last school game for some so if we wanted to win bronze we had to give it



everything against St-George. With the same umpires we had in our previous game, we just had to get on with it. The defensive line of Rebekah, Caitlin, Micaela, Lauren, Nicole and Emily proved to be the key mark of the game. With several opportunities going both ways, Rachel made the most by scoring. Again the umpires didn't like us Taree girls as Maddy was then yellow carded. We finished off the day with a win and finishing 3rd in the state.

A big thank you must go to Mrs Phillips for coaching us for another successful year and all the commitment she showed. Also to Mrs Rosser for all the accommodation organisation, it was greatly appreciated by all.

Team members: Emily Mcguillicuddy, Nicole Howard, Lauren Townes, Micaela Hagan, Caitlin Rosser, Rebekah Dodds, Zoe Collier, Maddy Rosser, Marnie Lindfield, Cody Waring-Smith, Rachel Hinton, Alysha Avery and Tiana Pitman.

By Lauren Townes



SOME PRICES HAVE GONE UP DUE TO STOCK PRICE RISES.

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GOOD LUCK TO ALL YEAR 12 SITTING THEIR HSC.

SANDY AND DANA



QUICKSMART MATHS

QuickSmart is a maths program based on learning the fast recall of basic number facts, mainly multiplication tables - hence Quick and Smart. Currently there are thirty Year 8 students accessing the program three times a week and four tutors.

The program involves working in pairs with a tutor and timing each other for one minute with flashcards and then graphing results. Students do a two minute speed sheet to see how many number facts they can get correct in two minutes. This is followed by a five minute computer component where they speak answers to number facts shown on screen into a microphone and can then view their accuracy and speed in a column graph.

QuickSmart is a highly motivating program that students are loving. They experience genuine improvement and success which encourages them to expend more effort and improve. The session is concluded with an independent worksheet based on mathematical problem solving and a game based on the number facts they have been working on.

A thoroughly enjoyable and motivating program where students can only succeed!
Congratulations to all involved!

Sally Dahdah - STLA

CONGRATULATIONS

John Lam	Winner of Taree North Rotary Public Speaking Competition
Laura Polson	Winner of Taree Rotary Public Speaking Competition
James Kennedy Laura Polson	2010-2011 School Captains
Tom Crellin Rebecca Smithers	2010-2011 Vice-Captain
Year 10 Volunteer Peer Literacy Tutors for 2010	
Isabelle Avent, Jackie Bonds, Katelyn Bushell, Cowin Campbell, Jenna Collins, Karen Dodd, Edward Eden, Carlie Hile, Rachel Hinton, Alexandra Jones, Jasmine Miller, Madeline Nicoll, Michaela Phillips, Rhianna Cusack, Kaswyn Hunt, Kasee Watson, Jamie Lee, Michala Trezise, Airlie Vernon	

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

"BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME"

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is again seeking volunteer host families for selected international exchange students from European countries, the USA and Japan, arriving in early February.

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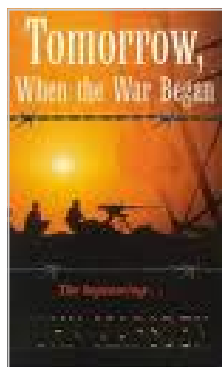
Library News

As I stated in the August newsletter the library is in a state of change and rearrangement. **By the end of Term 3 we had completed a comprehensive weeding of the collection.** This has involved the discarding of resources, never an easy task, however this has been achieved mainly by considering two questions. Firstly is the resource relevant to curriculum and general student interest and secondly is the item in good general condition? In many cases the answer has been no and thus the item has been discarded. A general stocktake has then been carried out so that our catalogue, OASIS Web Enquiry, is an accurate reflection of our collection.

Now begins the task of physically rearranging the collection so that our new computers can be accommodated without compromising the existing collection and learning spaces.

I recently put together a survey using the software provided by "Survey Monkey", an online resource which allows you to design and collect and collate survey data online. An email was sent to every student asking them to complete the survey. The information I gathered was fascinating and there was some valuable feedback which will help us to adjust and improve our services. The majority of students were very positive and appreciative of the services that the library offers. However it was fascinating to observe that whilst some students would request one thing others would prefer the complete opposite. For example many students observed that the library was too quiet whilst others said they would like it to be quieter. A classic dilemma of "how to please all the people all the time" !!

One particular piece of feedback was that students enjoy reading a 'series' of novels.



They are particularly annoyed if we do not have the complete series or if one is on loan when they require it. Here are a couple of series that we have in our collection that are very popular with students:

The ever popular **Tomorrow series by John Marsden** is a young adult invasion novel, detailing a high-intensity invasion and occupation of Australia by

a foreign power. The novel is told in first person perspective by the main character, a teenage girl named Ellie Linton, who is part of a small band of teenagers waging a guerrilla war on the enemy garrison in their fictional home town of Wirrawee. We have all seven titles plus the three in the supplementary series *The Ellie Chronicles*. The series is so popular that its now a film, the first book anyway.

Skulduggery Pleasant is a series of fantasy novels written by Irish author Derek Landy. The books



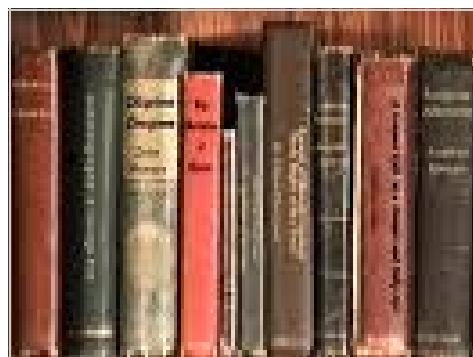
chronicle the adventures of the skeleton detective, Skulduggery Pleasant and a teenage girl, Stephanie Edgley (Valkyrie Cain) along with other friends. The central line concerns Valkyrie's struggle to stop evil forces threatening the world and to finally find justice for her late uncle's death. At present there are 4 novels: *Skulduggery Pleasant*

and the *Mortal Coil*, *Dark Days*, *Faceless Ones* and *Playing with Fire*

The 39 Clues is a series of adventure books, combining reading, online gaming, and card collecting. Published by Scholastic, the main part of the series consists of ten books about the adventures of siblings Amy and Dan Cahill trying to thwart the other Cahills to get the Clues.



All these series are available for borrowing from the library



Lets all keep reading

Heather Abbott

FAREWELL TO YEAR 12 OF 2010

Taree High School congratulates Year 12 in completing the High School Certificate Examinations. More importantly we wish them great happiness and good health for the rest of their lives. The behaviour and demeanour of these young men and women of Year 12 reflects well on themselves, their families and their school. We are proud of them and we will certainly miss them.

CLASS OF 2010

Adam	Bethany	Field	Broc	Mills	Will	Seiger	Jake
Adams	Rebecca	Floyd	Sam	Minett	Brady	Sgarano	Joshua
Allomes	Melissa	Gillies	Adam	Mitchell	Sam	Shannon	Sam
Avery	Jarrold	Golds	Yvette	Moses	Darren	Shaw	Nick
Bardan	Felicia	Green	Michael	Munnings	Eddie	Shepherd	Mitchell
Bates	Laura	Harrison	Justin	Nelson	Thomas	Shevill	Benjamin
Beazley	Shenae	Hegarty	Persia	Norman	Matt	Smith	Josie
Bell	Angie	Henson	Meg	Palmer-Clout	Codey	Smith	Tara
Black	Kiaya	Herrero	Mitchell	Patterson	Jake	Spilsbury	Jacynta
Boad	Kirsten	Hilton	Logan	Pattison	Skye	Srbinovski	Jonathon
Bonsor	Michael	Hottes	Mitch	Pearce	Ben	Stephen	Cara
Boyd	Bianca-Jae	Howard	Nicole	Pepper	Bradley	Stone	Damon
Brunton	Alex	Howorth	Rueben	Pickard	Michael	Swan	Rebecca
Burn	Shawn	Kelly	Jessica	Pitt	Bill	Telfer	Loren
Butler	Alexandra	King	Gabrielle	Pool	Jasper	Tini	Andrea
Callinan	Tiffany	King	Ashlee	Proctor	I-Esha	Tisdell	Kayne
Carle	Patrick	Kinnear	Jake	Proctor	Jen	Tudor	Celia
Carney	Chloe	Ladbury	Stuart	Richards	Jody	Turner	Annalyse
Cass	Jacob	Lawrie	Dean	Riley	Danika	Tyrpenou	Brett
Chapman	Trent	Lee	Jordan	Rizzo	Adriano	Usback	Hayden
Croker	Rebeka	Leonard	Bronte	Rosser	Caitlin	Vaile	Dominic
Croker	Joshua	Lindfield	Marnie	Saad	Emily	Von Hoff	Dustin
Crossman	Peter	Longa	Joshua	Saville	Lachlan	Wade	Emily
Dabelic	Nick	Lu	Junxia	Scanes	Lucy	Ward	Scott
Dennes	Tarryn	Males	Alicia	Schiavini	Enzo	Waring-Smith	Cody
Dixon	Brent	McCaffrey	Kirby	Schmitzer	Aaron	Wheeler	Jasmin
Douglass	Corey	McCarthy	Elise	Schmitzer	Harry	White	Jackson
Ebeling	Jenna	McCormack	Tamara	Schubert	Nathan	Williams	Deni
Ellem	Sonia	Miller	James	Sebastian	Odi	Young	Kiara
						Young	Josh

GOOD LUCK



Hey Dad !

**A parenting program for separated men
5 x two hour sessions over 5 weeks**

Start : Monday 25 October 2010

Ends: Monday 22 November 2010

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm (including morning tea)

**Venue: Manning Support Services
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Cost: \$2.00 per session

To book in call Manning Support Services on 6551 1800

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CYBER/INTERNET BULLYING

**It is here in our community and can
affect us all**

Taree High School is holding an information evening to help parents and carers understand this important issue.

- How you can help prevent cyber bullying affecting your children
- Find out how to deal with bullying/harassment/intimidation on the internet
- Learn what legal responsibilities you have in managing your children's internet use
- What you can do to deal with these issues

This information night has been designed specifically with parents and carers of teenagers in mind to help you and your children cope with what can be a distressing situation. Please come along and become informed.

WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER AT 6.00 – 7.00PM

VENUE TAREE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Please send the slip below with your child to A15 as soon as possible

Intention to attend.

Yes, I hope to be attending the parent information evening on Wednesday 20th October 2010

I would like to be kept informed of P & C events via email. Name.....

My email address is.....