



# TAREE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 2011 Captains & Vice Captains Induction



**Captains - James Kennedy and Laura Polson**  
**Vice Captains - Rebecca Smithers and Tom Crellin**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With the festive season closing in, this is a good time to celebrate one of the outstanding characteristics of Taree High School - teamwork. The staff, both academic and ancillary, work together to produce the best possible outcomes for students at all times. When times are tough they work harder and pull together. When some one is not quite right they support each other like family. A particular mention must go to the welfare team who, unselfishly and with little reward, pursue emotional and social support for our students on a daily basis. A special mention must also go to the Learning Support Officers, cleaners, grounds people, canteen ladies who go about their jobs with enthusiasm and vigour. The parents and greater community of Taree High who lend an enormous amount of support are always around when things need to be done and are represented excellently by the small but energetic P & C.

The big ticket item this year has been the inclusion in the National Partnerships scheme. At worst our kids who struggle with the basics in literacy and numeracy have had unprecedented support. At best we have begun a transformation of teaching practices and programming which will engage students in their learning for years to come.

Finally and most importantly - our students, without these marvellous adolescent people our lives would be rather empty. They carry out their job of presenting us with an endless set of challenges with gusto. They care about each other and almost always care about the school.

This year has seen the completion of a walkway connecting upstairs 'A' Block to upstairs 'B' Block. Year 12 enjoyed a much improved area that includes a covered area and much improved seating. Next year will see the new commercial kitchen constructed.

Thanks to everyone for all your hard work and support. Have a happy and safe Christmas.



**Mr P Bird**  
**Principal**

# Dates to Remember

26/11/10	MADD concert at Entertainment Centre at 7.30 pm
30/11/10 - 3/12/10	CHS Girls Water Polo
30/11/10	Year 7 Parent Information Evening 7.30 pm at Taree High School Library
8/12/10	Beach Day Year 7 Orientation Day
9/12/10	Year 10 Reports issued
14/12/10	Years 7, 8 & 9 Presentation
15/12/10	Years 7, 8 & 9 Reports issued Last day of term for students
17/12/10	Last day of school for 2010
31/1/11	Years 7, 11 & 12 returns to school
1/2/11	Years 8, 9 & 10 returns to school

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

A recent joint attendance initiative was conducted at Taree High School with DET District Office personnel. A team of four DET officers including Home School Liaison officers visited Taree High School to look at our attendance patterns and support mechanisms for students and families struggling with the demands of secondary school attendance.

It goes without saying that for students to reach their full potential, regular attendance is necessary. All studies show that students have far greater success in life as a result of completing schooling at least until they attain their School Certificate than if they become regular absentees and drop out.

Our joint initiative highlighted the need for parents/families to work with the school to monitor attendance and to track partial absences. We provide parents with booklets for use as notes when justifying absences. We also have processes in place whereby Year 12 students can sign in and out of school if they have no scheduled lessons. Year 11 students if they have permission from parents can sign in later and/or out earlier if they have no scheduled classes at first or last periods of the day. These are part of the privileges and responsibilities assigned to our senior students. There are some

restrictions placed on these privileges. Students are not allowed to drive vehicles or motorbikes during these times, nor are they to take passengers with them coming to or going from school without the written permission of the parents of both the driver and passenger/s.

On the school reports about to be issued there is a section which lists the numbers of absences each student has and identifies if these have been explained or not (unjustified). An absence might have been explained with a note but if the reason is not a legitimate one according to DET policy this absence may remain unjustified. Reasons such as birthdays, shopping, meeting relatives, or not liking sport are NOT legitimate reasons for an absence and therefore will remain as an 'unjustified' absence on a student's record.

Our systems to assist parents to monitor attendance include text messaging to parents to notify of absences and unexplained lateness. Students causing concern in this area may be placed on a blue attendance monitoring card which is taken to a special roll call each day. Awards and commendations are issued to those students who achieve 100% attendance or maintain a high level of attendance (90%).

The Home School Liaison Officer is available also to assist parents who are unable to get their children to regularly attend. Individual improvement plans, resolving transport or financial issues are within their role statement. Contact can be made with a HSLO through the school or District Office (6591 7600).

**Mr Mark Thomson**



### **DEPUTY'S REPORT**

As the year rapidly disappears it is time for us all to reflect on 2010 and fine tune plans for 2011. Already timetables have been formulated. Year 6 transition programs are well underway with many visits to the school by students to "taste" what high school is like. Tours of the school, sample lessons and familiarisation with teachers have hopefully reassured students that all will be OK. The incoming Year Advisor, Ian Reynolds has worked tirelessly gathering a strong Year 7 team to support students and staff with the transition. The Senior Executive have ventured out to our Community of Schools to

conduct information sessions, accompanied by Peer Support who talk to students about the fabulous opportunities the school offers to all students.

Jill Smithurst (a support teacher from District Office) has arranged many visits and I would like to thank her for her efforts in this regard. Other activities to come are the Parent Information evening on Tuesday 30 November in the library at 7.30 pm and the Orientation Day coinciding with Beach Day on 8 December where all Year 6-7 students come to the school for the day and have free reign in class activities as well as Peer Support.

Peer Support Leaders (Year 9) will be trained during Week 7 to gather their "kitbag" of activities to take into that day and into Term 1, 2011. Val Kadarusman, Kim Gurr and Kathy Salmon will guide them through this process.

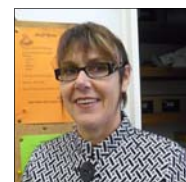
All parents are encouraged to prepare for 2011 by ensuring students are suitably equipped with school needs so the start of the year is smooth. One of the most important items to get "right" is footwear. Sturdy, covered (leather where possible) shoes are essential for all practical classes, so wearing them daily is optimal for the safety of all students. Many students were removed from classes this year because of their footwear, therefore not accessing class activities which enhance their learning.

If parents are unsure of the acceptable footwear, please refer to the information in the directory or on the school website. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

I would personally like to thank all parents for their contributions to the school during this year whether through assistance at the canteen, transporting students to the many sporting events, attending Parent/Teacher information evenings, attending information nights, viewing our HSC Major Works exhibitions; attendance at the MADD concert; spectating at carnivals, contributing to surveys as part of our school evaluation, and communicating with the school to identify areas of concern. Your input is invaluable and I would encourage even more in 2011.

End of year reports will be issued on 15 December.

Have a restful and safe break over the holidays.



**Ms Allison Aliston**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Readers, be sure to check out this space for the next four terms of school, as I, your new secretary will be giving you the inside tour of the SRC - all in this little segment..

Our most recent fundraiser 'Canteen' will help families and patients living with cancer so "good" supporting a really important charity. We raised \$2108 which was our biggest fundraiser this year. Keep your ears posted for our charity next term and donate generously again as it is money well spent!

The SRC have made changes to the constitution (the laws we abide by) this year, and we are moving towards an ever more effective SRC for the years 2010/11. Be grateful for your newly elected SRC reps as I can assure you every single one of them will be working as hard as they can to improve your school experience. Also remember your SRC reps are the voice of the STUDENT BODY (being you!) so any ideas should be given to your reps and they will bring them up during a meeting or discussion period.

There are also some major dates the SRC are involved in and also working towards SPIRIT DAY. So listen to your notices and your reps for any information about these upcoming events.

Also be aware that there are committees that need your input inside our SRC: the Social, Environment, Welfare, Public Relations and Spirit Day committees are constantly in need of new ideas and what the general school has to say about ideas. So if anyone is passionate about an idea then be sure to notify one of your reps so they can put it forth in one of the meetings.

First one down, many to come.



**Nicholas Johnson**

## YEAR 12 REPORT

Morning!

So, have we all got off to a flying HSC Course start? I hope so. Just think, in a little under twelve months, we will all be finished the HSC and be going out into the wide world... but we still need to survive belonging.

As you may or may not know, we are being threatened regularly with getting our area taken away. It is messy, and no matter how much you say it, there is no way that the kids in the gap between B and M blocks make THAT much rubbish. Please, if you see someone drop rubbish, then tell them to pick it up. If you're dropping rubbish, don't blame anyone else when we lose the area.

Jacket deposits have been paid (hopefully) and the school will be making much communication with the manufacturer soon about features like nicknames.

Other than the above, I cannot think of anything related to us to say.



Good day to you all.

**Cameron Barlin**

## YEAR 10 REPORT

Hey guys,

Just finished our School Certificate Exams, hope you went well and that you thought they were a blast.

Mrs Hall has been busy organising some activities to keep us occupied for the next couple of weeks. So hope you've put your name down for those. Timetables are on the pin board next to the English staffroom if you're a bit unsure.

We only have a couple of weeks left until our Year 10 Social, then holidays. Are you counting down the days? We are.



Cheerio.

**Isabelle Advent**

## YEAR 9 REPORT

Hey Guys!

We hope you all had a great time at camp. We sure did. We are glad that no one got sent home and congratulations to "what a head" for winning trivia. Counting down to 15 December when school breaks. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and we will see you around.



**Bec Deer**



**Lilly Baker**

## YEAR 8 REPORT

Hi Guys,

Some would think that this year went by slowly. Others would think it went by fast. Either way, it's nearly over.

It's good to see that everyone survived exam week. Let's hope everyone did well. Amazing. Beach Day is coming up soon. Make sure your permission note

is in and it should be a good day!  
In conclusion, we hope everybody has a great holiday, a wonderful Christmas and a brilliant New Year.  
Goodbye for now!



Madeline Heron



Eden Gonfond

*of the Year 12 graduates holding their heads high with a sense of pride and freedom, while the teachers dreaded coming to terms with having to attend school the next day.*

*It was a wonderful night that I am sure each of the students will remember for a long time. I would like to congratulate Caitlin, Billy and Mr May for their successful organisation of this event and I wish good luck for all of the Year 12 graduates as they move to the next stage in their lives.*

James Kennedy



**YEAR 7 REPORT**

Hey!  
Year 7 have been doing well this term. Uniforms are looking great. The Year 7 area has been neat. Just recently there was a day called "Deadly Days" at Forster High School where aboriginal people from the Manning met together and had a brilliant day. There Was entertainment and special guests making the day fun too. Also, welcome to Emma-Joyce Crocker, Casey Grant, Kieren Moore and Bailey Clarke who started attending Taree High this term.



Tiarra Campbell

**Year 8 Advisors Report**

Dear Year 8

You have done yourselves very proud. Why? The number of vouchers that you all collected for the Coles Voucher deal!! Every day when I collected your thousands of vouchers, I felt so proud to be visiting your roll classes. I felt like Santa, except that you were giving something to your school, instead of you getting any gifts. Congratulations and many, many thanks. Even if Coles only gives a tennis ball, I consider the exercise well worth the effort!!!

This is the last report for 2010. It is outstanding to me as your Year Advisor, to see your growth in maturity over the last fortwo years. Some students have excelled, from not being sure of their place in the world, to showing their maturity and taking responsibility for a life for school and beyond. Congratulations to Cory McKenzie Smith, Gemma Boyd, Travis Cook and Reid Scarlett for showing your true colours instead of the image that you wanted us all to see before. There have been quite a few names that I could mention, but these four are the names that just stand out.

The improvement in uniform has been outstanding!! Again, congratulations to one and all who wear the correct uniform!!!

Thank you to all the students who have been studying. I love the fact that you have taken up the suggestion of putting your signature on each page as you read over to study.

For the first semester presentation of awards, there were eleven parents at the presentation (not that I was counting, well yes I was counting). I felt so happy to have these parents present to see their student receive an award, or even to see everyone BUT their student receive an award. Please come along to the end of year awards. We can't promise that your child will receive

**Year 12 Formal 2010**

*On Thursday 18 November, the Old Bar Bowling Club hosted the Year 12 Formal for 2010 Year 12 students and their teachers. The night was a chance to celebrate as their 13 years of schooling had finally drawn to an end. As the event began at around 7pm, students showed up from as early as 6 pm, dressed in their finest outfits and all looking stunning! Once it was decided that enough photos had been taken, the students were seated at their tables inside the club. The night began with farewell procedures, with speeches from*

*Year Advisor Mr May, Principal Mr Bird and the School Captains, Caitlin Rosser and Billy Pitt. Following the meals, provided by Club Old Bar, the guests were treated to a blast of entertainment by "The Dirty Dogs", featuring Adam Gillies, Michael Pickard, Peter Crossman, James Miller and Mr May. The event concluded at around 10pm, with all*

**an award, but it is great to be involved in the whole deal and see your kids in action.**

**Again, I say that I have 180 odd new friends. I mean 180 or close new friends, not odd new friends!! You are a great year, and there are bigger things to come. You will receive your electives very soon for 2011 (as well as your reports), so good luck and think about your future four years.**

**Congratulations to all those students who are gaining employment for the holidays and for next year. Don't spend all your well earned cash. Save it or put it in a special place to make it work for you. It is absolutely great that you have a feel for the big world!!**

**Anyway Year 8, my friends, we've had a great year 2010, and I look forward to the holidays and next year. Yes, I really do look forward, the holidays at least. Again I say, invite your parents to the end of year presentation of awards. There could be some surprises!!**

**Regards and best wishes to all for a lovely Christmas,  
Mrs Silcock**

**P.S. Say hello when I see you down the street. I don't bite as you know, and you won't be too embarrassed I hope!!!!!! Remember to buy the Torch magazine. It will be worth the \$5. You'll bring it out when you are old at 30 or 40, and you'll look back with lovely memories!! Yeah, you will. Ask your mum.**

## Year 9 Camp Report

On Monday 8 November, the day that Year 9 had been waiting for all year had finally arrived. Everyone gathered out the front of the school with their strangely over-packed bags and with huge smiles on their faces. We were all so excited that we forgot all about the ten hour bus trip ahead of us. That suddenly became apparent when we boarded the two buses. The great movies kept us all on the bus entertained. A huge beam of sunshine shone on us as we entered Queensland because they actually have sun!

Finally, around six, we arrived at our destination, the Tallbudgera Recreation Centre on Palm Beach. After a quick speech about the importance of the pavilion it was time for dinner. And what a dinner it was!

There was barely any sleep that night (much to Mr Blanch and Mr Dezhan's dislike) because the next day was going to be epic. After an activity led by the instructors in the morning, it was off to Wet'n'Wild where the day ahead awaited us. For those who got into trouble the previous night for talking had to sit out for the first half an hour and watch their friends have some fun. The day was lots of fun, especially for a certain someone

who didn't make the infamous aqua-loop (RBE). At the end of the day, the sunburn was severe, and it was sad to leave but knowing that the week was going to get better made the bus trip back to camp bearable.

Wednesday morning. Another activity, another bus trip to a theme park, but this time it was Movie World. The rides were a little scarier, the food a little better but the fun level about the same. Two theme parks down, one to go. On Wednesday night we ventured into Surfers Paradise to spend a couple of hours at time zone. With games like laser-tag, bumper cars and a range of arcade games, Time Zone was definitely worth the half an hour trip.

What could be a better way to finish off such a great camp than Dream World. The most well known, scariest, and largest theme park of them all. If there was one ride that could represent the camp it would be 'The Claw' it was fast, fun, loud, but like most things, it was over too quickly.

The bus trip home seemed longer than the initial trip up. This could have been due to an air-conditioner breakdown and the bus' breakdown at Coff's Harbour.

The camp is now over. The excitement has come to an end but we will always have the fantastic memories. A huge thanks to our Year Advisor Mrs Salmon and Ms Loundon, Mrs Moody, Thanks also to Mr Blanch and Mr Dezhan who put up with our loudness, messiness and annoying behaviour. Thanks also to Bruce and Brian the bus drivers.

I hope next year's Year 9 have the same fun time that we had.



**By Patrick Abraham**

### **'School Spirit' - Learning Support**

'School Spirit' is not just an abstract notion but something visible and demonstrable in the choices students make each day. The following students from Years 7-9 epitomise that generosity of spirit when they volunteered to support their peers during the School Certificate period.

They gave up a lunch break to explore the importance of supportive body language and voice to put students at ease in an exam situation. They worked with all exam formats to assist as readers or scribes before being paired with a student during the

trials and School Certificate and more recently the ESSA exam (State Year 8 Science).

It was a absolute pleasure to work with these students and they are a credit to themselves, their parents and their teachers. Thank you!

**Miss Therese Sullivan and Mrs Patricia Webber - Learning Support**



**Thank you to the following students for being part of the Academic Support Team for the 2010 School Certificate:**

**Year 7**

Emily Gray, Kaitlin Brown, Angela Bartz, Jasmin Williams, Lily Minihan, Averil Thornton, Chole Arens, Tyler McLean, Jared Thompson, Miles Thornton, Casey Bushell and Alana Searles.

**Year 8**

Amani Jensen-Bently, Lisa Gillogly, Eden Gonfond, Sharna Kosmeier, Jillan Hammond, Risa Munro, Madeline Heron, Melissa Foster, Sophie Ryan, Milly Pitt, Jessica Nelson and Jarrah Osborn.

**Year 9**

Monique Rennie, Brianna Ross, Dominic Downing, Ashley Thomas, Harrison Brown, Nicolas Knopf, Rhiannon Absalom, Brittany Pulvirenti, Esther Christian, Chloe Morgan, Oscar Watson-Sutherland, Andrew Bowman, Nicole Callinan, Kealie Gingham, Joshua Echano and Emma Schmitzer.



# Bella Art Workshop

*My experience at the Bella Workshop which was conducted at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney over five days was not only exciting and wonderful but also very inspiring. The Workshop consisted of 11 other students from New South Wales, all coming together with a common interest in achieving a career in art.*

*The Bella Workshop gave us the privilege to experiment with different mediums and techniques. We splattered acrylic paint, did continuous line portraits, papermaking, screen printing and even had the enjoyment of creating a short animation. Not only did we get to be creative but we also got to visit the Sydney University of Art and a number of art studios in Sydney. During our visits to the studios we got to speak to a number of Artists who were inspirational and unique. Two of Australia's known included contemporary artists, Johnathon James and Agatha Gothe-Snape who also assisted us at times throughout our workshop.*

*This was a wonderful opportunity for myself and the other students and ended with our art work being exhibited at the Museum of contemporary art which I am very grateful for. This opportunity and experience has only increased my*

*desire to continue with my passion in art. This experience I will never forget.*



**Airlie Vernon**



## The University of Newcastle Australia



Adam Cooper and Domenic Downing from Taree High School have been selected to attend LIVE IT! a university experience for Year 9 boys to be conducted at The University of Newcastle from Sunday 21 November until Wednesday 24 November 2010.

LIVE IT! is an initiative of the Equity and Diversity Unit at the University of Newcastle and it aims to:

- Boost a student's confidence, skills and their ability to achieve at school
- To identify the wide range of appealing study and career options that exist for HSC graduates
- Reinforce the importance of further education.

## Yr 11 Earth & Environmental Science Students Go Bush

Camping at the top of Lansdowne as part of their mandatory field studies, students carried out a range of geological, environmental and biological tests to explore the variety of different ecosystems that can be found in the Coorabakh National Park. From the depths of the rainforest in Starr's Creek to the heights at the top of Big Nellie, these guys left no stone unturned in their efforts to understand more about their local environment.

After a long, hard day in the field we made ourselves sick on sausages, marshmallows and laughing too much thanks to the 'unco' efforts of Sam King. Next morning was the Big Nellie climb which everyone handled brilliantly. Then we were off to Wingham to the museum and the Brush.

A huge thanks to Mr Holland (our very own Bear Grylls) whose skills and confidence with four-wheel driving, rock climbing and general bushcraft gave me a great deal of confidence and peace of mind. Also, thanks to all the students whose enthusiasm, energy and sense of humour helped make it a great experience for everyone.

Ms Burton

## Taree High Teachers don the Lycra and ride to school'



Over thirty staff dusted off their bikes and took to the road as Taree High celebrated riding instead of driving to school. Congratulations to

Steve Pugh who rode the furthest from Old Bar to Cundletown and then on to school. Team Blanch also put in a great effort to take the long way round Cedar Party on their ride from Wingham - although they lose kudos for leaving poor Natalie Stanfield behind.

Team North who rode from the airport was not only the largest, but also featured the only 'vintage' vehicles with Alison Last riding her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday present and Steve Foxwell's charger originating from the Broken Hill tip. Team North were also the only ones who had to dodge migrating eels - every cyclist's nightmare!!

A special mention goes to Monique Rennie (Yr 9) who was presented with a t-shirt at assembly for her fantastic riding effort from upper Lansdowne. Well done, Monique.

On arrival at school cyclists were rewarded with a free breakfast of egg and bacon muffins and O.J. courtesy of the SRC. Thank you to all those who took part, to Sean the GA, Mr Fenton, Mr Thomson, Ms Walker and SRC members, Harry Brown, Nathan Somerville, Georgia Braude and Rebecca Deer for all their help with setting up, preparing and cooking the breakfast.

This event was a practice run for 'National Ride to Work Day' on Wednesday, October 13, Week 1 next term. So, make sure your tyres are pumped and don't pack your Lycra away just yet!!



Ms Burton





## VAMPIRE SHIELD



What is the VAMPIRE SHIELD?

Taree High School Representative Council supports the Australian Red Cross Blood Service

which is an organisation which allows locals from their area to donate blood.

This organisation allows our local schools to have the opportunity of donating blood which allows us to be involved with the Vampire Shield.

The Vampire Shield is a competition involving Public High school students from Taree competing as to which school can donate the most blood over a period of one year.

To give blood you NEED to be between the ages of 16 - 70 years and to be in a healthy weight range of 50kg or more.

Donating blood is a great opportunity and it is a lot of FUN. After each donation you feel like you have helped your community, knowing each donation saves three lives.

Our Vampire Shield Representative of 2010 was Kimberly Somerville who lead Taree High School to success with winning the Vampire Shield of 2010 with 195 donations.

A great effort by Kim and with this year coming we hope to reach even higher success. Imagine how many lives you could save if you donated regularly.

So come on GUYS lets do a good thing for our community and DONATE BLOOD!

If you would like to know more about The Vampire Shield or want to give blood and would like more details, don't hesitate to approach me.



Britt Johnson

## ROTARY EXCHANGE

*Tatti Giorgis, our exchange student from Argentina, has attended Taree High throughout 2010.*

*Tatti is friendly, outgoing and has been enthusiastically involved in all aspect of school and community life. Her English has improved*

*and she has adjusted very well to the Australian way of life.*

*Tatti has enjoyed her time at Taree High, and is impressed with the range of practical subjects offered, particularly Drama and Hospitality.*

*Because Argentina is similar to Australia, she has found it easy to fit in and thinks that Australians are very friendly. She has loved her time in Taree, especially living so close to the beach.*

*On Tuesday's assembly, she spoke about Rotary Exchange and was presented with a pen, teaspoon and books, by the school.*

*Unfortunately she will soon return home. She is sad to be leaving and would like to stay.*

*We will miss Tatti and wish her all the best for the future.*



**Mrs Debbie Moody, Tatti Giorgis & James Kennedy**

## YR 11 STUDENTS PRESENT AT WATERWATCH FORUM

Maddie Pertzelt, Jessica Cutts and Saiya Deehan from the Yr 11 Earth & Environmental Science class demonstrated how to carry out the water monitoring tests using our Waterwatch Kit at the MidCoast Water World Water Monitoring Day Forum held at the Rowing Club on 23 September.

The audience was very impressed with their presentation where their technical skills and confidence with performing in public were clearly evident. Congratulations to Maddie, Jess and Saiya who did themselves and Taree High proud. Thank you also to Mitchell Roberts for his great help on the night.



# Library News

We have made progress with rearranging the collection and are on track for the installation of our additional **computers** early next year. 30 computers will then be available for student use in the library.

In addition to the rearrangement of resources in the main reading areas we are also **relocating the Hubs**, that is the large computers which are the central units for the school computer network, into the old store room in the library. This has several positive outcomes in that it will provide a self contained, dedicated area for these computers which will isolate the noise and heat that they generate. It will also provide room for expansion in the future. The negatives of this decision are that we have had to relocate this storage facility to the back of the audio-visual room and whilst this has caused temporary disruption, in the long run it provides an opportunity to sort out and cull items no longer appropriate. A bit of spring cleaning!

Years 10 and 11 are currently working through the program "**All my own Work**". This program must be undertaken by all students undertaking HSC studies. It is designed to help Higher School Certificate students follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies. The program is divided into five modules:

1. Ethical scholarship, principles and practice
2. Acknowledging sources
3. Plagiarism
4. Copyright
5. Group work

The issues and skills covered in AMOW give students the confidence to work appropriately with information of all varieties and sources. From 2010 onwards all continuing Year 10 students will complete AMOW as part of the "Post School Certificate Program" run during Weeks 7 and 8.

I encourage all students to keep visiting the library till the end of term and in particular to look at the displays of reading materials for the holidays. The long hot days of summer give great opportunities for reading so make the most of our exciting fiction collection & **borrow some great books for the holidays.**

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and have a relaxing and safe holiday.

Lets all keep reading

*Heather Abbott*

Teacher Librarian



# WATERPOLO U/15 REPORT

Last Wednesday, our young team of Taree High School rookies journeyed out to the Aquatic Centre, for the first round of the serious CHS knock-out championship. The competition was gruelling as Chatham High was first on the kill list, and THS did not cease to impress. Under the guidance of "hero" Joshua Doust a 12-2 thrashing was handed to Chatham and they left the pool whimpering. Then we were off to the next round.

Next up was Wauchope, and it was the Year 7'ers turn to show what they were made of, and after a few hard earned goals came out on top.

The successful day was finished off at Maccas, with Kieran Brunner-Evans eating a total of five burgers, to replace the energy that he has supposedly burned. The harmony of happy voices was heard as we strolled off to greatness.



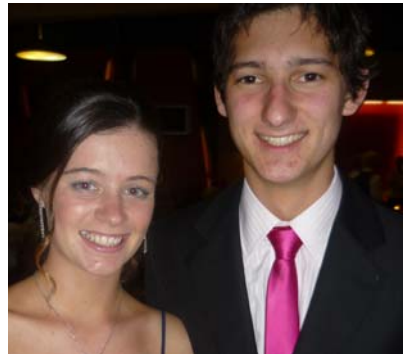
**Team Manger - Angus McLeod**

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS FROM  
ALL THE STAFF AT  
TAREE HIGH  
SCHOOL**

**HAVE A SAFE AND  
HAPPY HOLIDAY**



**2010 FORMAL PHOTOS**



**GOLD COAST PHOTOS**

