



# TAREE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## EISTEDDFOD 2011



### Year 10

Brodie Christie, Andrew Bowman, Korey Christie and Tim Boad – The Sick Lads: equal first in Taree Eisteddfod Secondary School Rock/Modern/Folk Band Years 9 to 10 section

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Harrison Brown, Brandon Northam, Jakob Coote, Kaitlin Brown and Patrick Abraham – Kavit: equal first in Taree Eisteddfod Secondary School Rock/Modern/Folk Band Years 9 to 10 section

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Andrew Bowman, Harrison Brown, Brandon Northam and Brodie Christie – The Brodie Bunch: first in Taree Eisteddfod Hard Rock Bands section

### Year 12

Luke Ligtenberg, Cameron Blyth, Ben Lambert and Jacob Border – Struk: first in Taree Eisteddfod Secondary School Rock/Modern/Folk Bands Years 11 to 12 section

### Various Years

Taree High School Band – Rockestra: first in Taree Eisteddfod Secondary School Brass/Concert Band or Ensemble Group section

**A SAFE AND FRIENDLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It never ceases to amaze me just how many different things our students are very good at. During Easter I fielded reports on students excelling at a national standard in marching, in equestrian events, shooting, girls making boys' representative soccer teams, triathlon, BMX and a wide range of other more traditional pursuits. We are lucky to live where we do. We are lucky to have such wonderful coaches and mentors. We are lucky to have such outstanding climate and facilities. We are very lucky to have such wonderful kids to share this part of their life with.

One of the more inspiring events that takes place each year is Anzac Day. Our students paid respect to this event on two occasions: once at the school ceremony and the second time on Anzac Day itself when the SRC plus other dedicated students marched and participated in the town's ceremony. Taree High students are at all times understanding of the importance of these situations and represent themselves, their school and their community with the utmost dignity.

Some exciting news is that the dream of owning a bus is fast becoming a reality. Negotiations are well underway with the Variety Club and our P & C to purchase a 22 seat mini bus. The benefit of owning such a vehicle is for quicker and cheaper access to a variety of educational, sporting and cultural events. The completion of our commercial kitchen is getting closer, with all Hospitality students gaining access to a fully blown commercial hub very soon. The canteen refurbishment is well underway.

Day one of Term 2 was a staff development day which had a focus on assessment and reporting and quality teaching. Parents are likely to see a few minor changes in reports, while students should start to enjoy an increased focus on assessment for learning and improved meaningful feedback. Staff undertook a rigorous review of our quality teaching project, with all new junior programs being evaluated. Programs were evaluated in terms of literacy, numeracy, aboriginal education, technology, student engagement and the ability to accommodate a wide range of abilities.

We look forward to seeing the results of the extra work we have been doing in the areas of literacy and numeracy with upcoming NAPLAN tests (see extract below).

*"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.*

*On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students will undertake the 2011 NAPLAN tests.*

*NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.*

*NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.*

*All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided for them in the classroom.*

*An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern.*



Mr P Bird

## Dates to Remember

24/5/11	P & C Meeting 5 pm in A20 Athletics Carnival
25/5/11	School Social
27/5/11	Hunter Cross Country
1/6/11	Zone Athletics
2/6/11	Out of Uniform
6/6/11	Vaccinations Years 7 & 10
6-10/6/11	Year 9 Excursion
7-8-9/6/11	CHS Girls Hockey
8/6/11	Zone Athletics (alt date)
13/6/11	Queens' Birthday
15/6/11	Boys' Hockey
21/6/11	Hunter Girls Tennis
30/6/11	Presentations
1/7/11	Spirit Day and last day of term

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

Hello everyone!

As Deputy Principal of Taree High School my vital roles include the management of all Years **8, 10** and **12**. Do communicate with me if you wish to discuss any educational issues concerning your children. My messages in this newsletter are dominated by the direction that I offer Year 12 but they are very relevant to all years.

Year 12 students have just received their reports for Semester One and I wish them to act on these reports. Students must organise structured parent/teacher interviews for the date of Thursday 26 May 2011 between the hours of 3:30 and 7:00 pm. During these interviews parents will learn how successful their children have been in the last semester. Parents will acknowledge successes but at the same time receive information about possible areas of concern.

Accordingly, Year 12 students will be called upon to make some positive decisions in the immediate future. At times the decisions they make are flawed. I take this opportunity to analyse the **decision making** skills that many young 16 to 18 year olds possess.

<b>Good Decision</b>	<b>Bad Decision</b>
Go to class even if pressure is there to skip the lesson	Truant a lesson because my friend says it is OK
Do 2 hours of study and homework each night	Watch 3 hours (or more) of TV or get on Facebook each night
Spend a study (or free) period in the library	Go to Macca's with friends
Accept all directions from your supervisors, because they come with the experience and commonsense	Challenge a directive because of immaturity
Discuss career opportunities	Don't think about a career

Provide leadership.	Become a bully.
Do homework, complete work or an assessment task during a study period.	Waste the 10 free hours that are available to most students each fortnight.
Liaise in professional dialogue with the teaching cohort.	Have no meaningful relationship with your teachers.
Encourage the value of the parent/teacher interviews.	Stick your head in the sand.



**Mr M Crotty**

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

An exciting initiative that the school will be involved in over the next four years will be the Healthy Schools, Healthy Futures program. The targeted group are all students in Years 7 – 10. In the near future, parents and carers will receive a pack outlining in more detail the program and seeking permission for your child to be involved in the anonymous survey. This survey will be done online at school and will take approximately 35 minutes to complete. I would encourage your support in this program as it will give us vital information which in turn will assist teachers in developing meaningful programs to suit the needs of the students.

The Healthy Schools, Healthy Futures (HSHF) program is a joint initiative between Department of Education and Training, Catholic Schools and Hunter New England Health. One of the goals of the program is to increase the resilience (including the personal skills, traits and positive influences in young person's environment) characteristics of our students and to improve their health and wellbeing. Our school has been selected among thirty two high schools from across the New England, Hunter/Central Coast and North Coast regions to participate in this study that will run in our school for four years. If you have a child in Years 7 - 10 you will shortly receive some information in the mail asking for your written consent for your child to participate in the student survey part of the study. If you have any other questions about this program

or about your child's participation in this study please contact Megan Freund the Healthy Schools, Healthy Futures Program Manager on 02) 4924 6499 or Allison Alliston, Deputy Principal Taree High School on 65521166



**Ms A Alliston**

### **DEPUTY'S REPORT**

Over the holidays a further 12 interactive smartboards have been installed across the school. This brings the total number to around thirty, with most classes having access at least once a day. It is fantastic to walk around the school and see so many classes utilising this resource for many fun, interactive activities during lessons. This can only increase as both staff and students develop their skills in using the smartboards and in developing activities.

Another milestone was reached with the handover for the Hospitality Trade Training Centre for early occupation this term. Although some minor upgrades to benches will occur over the July school holidays, the room is ready for the students to start using. The purchase of some minor equipment over the next week or so will ensure a fully operational industry standard hospitality kitchen for our students to use. A new outdoor eatery has also been built which should make the dining experience for both students and guests to catered events a more pleasant experience. Some landscaping and planned vegetable and herb gardens will make this a more sustainable venture.

Finally our school canteen is currently in the process of an upgrade. This will see a complete rebuild of the interior of the canteen with an upgrade to stainless steel work areas and a more user friendly layout. The canteen is operating from the Year 12 area during this build with a slightly reduced menu however they are expecting to be back in their refurbished premises before the end of term.



**Mrs R Starke**

### **CAPTAINS' REPORT**

The Captains have decided we should probably be auditioning for Master Chef. In fact, maybe the whole SRC should be trying out. Maybe this is a tad ambitious... but we sure have been cooking up a storm.

On the last day of Term 1 the Athletics Carnival was cancelled, leaving the school with an order of LOTS of sausages. This unexpected cancellation left the canteen with limited food available. So Year 12 saw this as a great opportunity for a fundraiser! A BBQ was organised in a short amount of time with great help from our Year Adviser Mrs Moody. The BBQ was a great success. We fed a lot of hungry kids and raised a profit of \$130. Year 12 students who helped out were Sam Crotty, Jasmin Spicer, John Lam, Cameron Barlin, James Kennedy and Laura Polson.

Another cooking enterprise the captains and SRC assisted with was the BBQ on 4 May. On this day the canteen was not available to students. The canteen is currently undergoing renovations and needs a place to stay in the meantime. Year 12 have kindly given a share of their area to be the canteen's temporary home. At recess Ms Tate and her Hospitality students prepared cupcakes, pizzas and sausage rolls to sell. The SRC assisted in selling all these yummy treats. At lunch time the SRC was in charge of cooking the BBQ and selling the ever popular sausage sizzle. They all did a smashing job with cooking (and all the cleaning up!) In the end we raised around \$300.

On 13 May we will be visiting the NSW Government House in Sydney. We are greatly excited to meet the Governor of NSW and hope to find out more about her interesting role. Marie Roslyn Bashir has been the present Governor of New South Wales since 2001 and also the chancellor of the University of Sydney since 2007. Marie Bashir graduated from the University of Sydney in 1956 and has held various medical positions, with a particular expertise in Psychiatry. (See our report in the next newsletter).

Also coming up this term is the school social in Week 5. So remember to start suggesting theme ideas to your SRC reps. We're sure it is going to be another great night.

Preparations for Spirit Day have already begun. Some activities have stayed the same, but we are developing more new and exciting games!



**James Kennedy**



**Laura Polson**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone!

I know you are all as excited as myself to be back at school, so let us make Term 2 the best yet! There are a few ways you can do this:

- Talk to your year reps. They are not scary and every year has at least four, so no excuses.
- Write a letter or give a suggestion to the SRC.
- Last but not least, show your support for your current SRC Representatives, they are all doing fantastic jobs.

So if you have any constructive ideas or thoughts of ways to better our school, do not hesitate. Like I said we really are not that scary.

This term, will also be very busy. Tuesday 24 May is the Athletics Carnival so I expect to see you all there, in your house colours, competing and cheering on. You will be surprised how much fun you will have participating in Mrs Phillips Main Events and the SRC Spirit Cup events (the fun ones) and also Year 12 put on a nice little stall, with lunch and drinks etc. So there really is no excuse, unless it rains...again.

Another event on the calendar which has crept up is the Term 2 Social. Now last time was good, but let's try and better it this time and buy those last couple of tickets. If you have any theme or song suggestions get them to your year reps ASAP! Week 5 races up much sooner than you think. Listen in role notices for information when tickets go on sale.

One more things guys, thanks for all your co-operation when the canteen was out of order. Nice to see you supporting the Home Economics faculty and the SRC with all your purchases. We raised some much needed funds to keep recess and lunch ticking over. Be patient with the canteen they feed you every day! Once again, your Secretary,

**Nicholas Johnson**



## YEAR 12 REPORT

"Look at me, I'm the HSC, I'm just gonna kill your social life and make you cry and starve yourself." But seriously; it's not that far away at all anymore. And I've heard a rumour that the HSC timetable is released. If you want to view yours, I suggest you get your HSC online log-on details off Mrs Moody.

For those of you who are going to Bali for schoolies, please note the warnings on the TV at the moment

about not travelling to that area of the world; it could be dangerous, especially during peak season. WE WANT YOU to be a keen and vibrant person in our dynamic team! We need volunteers to organise the senior social, yearbook and fundraisers. It's super fun, I promise! Play safe children. We don't have long to go before we are cute little 18 year olds travelling the world. Wooooooo! GROOVIN!

**Tom Crellin**



## YEAR 11 REPORT

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break! It feels like the calm before the storm, with the next wave of assessments impending. Make sure you're staying on top of these and not leaving them to the last minute as usual.

The snow trip is also coming up so make sure you keep the payments coming.

**Jotham Young**



## YEAR 10 REPORT

Hey Guys,

Hope you all had a great time during the holidays. There's quite a few things happening this term, so keep your ears open and if you're not sure about anything or have any ideas make sure you speak with any of the Year 10 Reps.

The social is on in Week 5, so bring forward all your social theme ideas and make sure you buy tickets. We don't want a repeat of what happened in Terms 3 and 4 last year.

I'm sure the Athletics Carnival will run well this year. Congratulations to all those who will get involved and have fun. You will make the day so much better.

Also Spirit Day will be on the last day of term again this year. So bring your school spirit to win points for your house and make the day better than ever.

So that's about it for now. Don't forget to ask either Pat, Harry, Bec, Lilly, Zoe, Bonnie, Zac, Jess or me if you have questions about anything or have suggestions about how things could be better around the school.

Have fun,  
**Andrew Bowman**



## YEAR 9 REPORT

Hi everyone,

Term 2 already! I hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday and got a visit from the Easter Bunny. This term is definitely going to be busy. NAPLAN is in Week 3 so good luck to everyone!

In Week 5 there will be another social so if you have any theme suggestions don't hesitate to come and see Brooke, Eden, Nathan or myself. We'd love your input. Perhaps one of the most exciting things on this term... CAMP! Everyone should probably have their itinerary by now and can see all of the exciting things Mrs Silcock has planned for us. Just remember to keep your camp instalments up to date as well as your school fees.



See you later,

**Madeline Heron**

## YEAR 8 REPORT

Hey Guys,

First term was great for Year 8. Hope everyone got the electives they wanted. Everyone's uniform has been good - remember to wear black covered shoes. Social is fast approaching and set for Week 5. Get your tickets from A1 window. If anyone has ideas for themes see your SRC Reps. Athletics Carnival soon - remember to come in your house colours.



**Miles Thornton**



**Billy Yogathasan**

## YEAR 7 REPORT

Hi everyone!

Those needles hurt a bit didn't they? We've gotten through a term already. It's really going fast! I'm glad we got to choose our own sport. Fishing's awesome!

There were a lot of great choices like bowling, basketball, soccer, surfing - even dragon boating! I'm really glad that there were a lot of cool sports to

choose from. Also, the Term 1 school social was great fun. I really liked the "From Another Time" theme. There were some cavemen, a robot or two and a gangster! I think a memorable moment was after being so hot in the hall that you'd go outside, and then find that outside was quiet, and then go back in. I think the SRC did a great job. High school is awesome isn't it? I am really enjoying learning a new language, experimenting with technical subjects and we are having fun with new challenges too.

Well with the various needles, the sport selection and the Year 7 camp coming up soon, it looks like we've got another jam-packed term ahead of us!

See ya!

**Harry Hillyer**



## YEAR 9 ADVISER'S REPORT

Congratulations Year 9.

Your efforts in various academic subjects are showing your maturity and skills are developing. The big deal this term will be the Year 9 Excursion to the Tullebudgera Active Recreation Centre on the Gold Coast. Please keep in mind that quite a few students still owe money for this camp. I need to have ALL money by 20 May, so I can forward this to Tullebudgera!!! For the students who are not attending, five days of normal school will be provided. There will be prizes for the effort that is applied during this time. There is no excuse for not attending school as usual.

Congratulations also on your school uniform. Most students are wearing the appropriate footwear and the correct school jackets etc. You look great!. Remember, no coloured jackets are allowed other than the school jackets.

The Community Dentists (near the Hospital), are asking students to make appointments to have their teeth checked and to have any work done. The treatment is free, so please ask for the number to take advantage of this service.

**Mrs Silcock**



## CANTEEN REPORT

Greetings all.

As you may or may not be aware, the Canteen has moved. It is now located in



the Year 12 Common Room. If you don't know where that is, turn left just before D-Block.

We now only have two serving places, so we ask you to be patient, and when you get your food, move out of the area, because it easily gets crowded. If you don't want to line up for lunch put a lunch order in ASAP

We have a limited menu, but it will improve as we get used to the temporary venue. We again ask that you be patient.

Thanks.

**Cameron Barlin**



**ANZAC REPORT**

The Taree ANZAC Day service was attended by over fifty Taree High School students. We met out the front of the "Stacks" building at 9.30 am. The march started at 10.00 am and Taree High was very well represented. After the march had finished the majority of the students stayed for the service which was very good to see. Such a large turn out showed the pride and respect that is shown towards our ANZAC'. Thank you to all the students and teachers who turned up and showed pride for our returned diggers and past world war participants.

**Patrick Abraham**



**EISTEDDFOD REPORT**

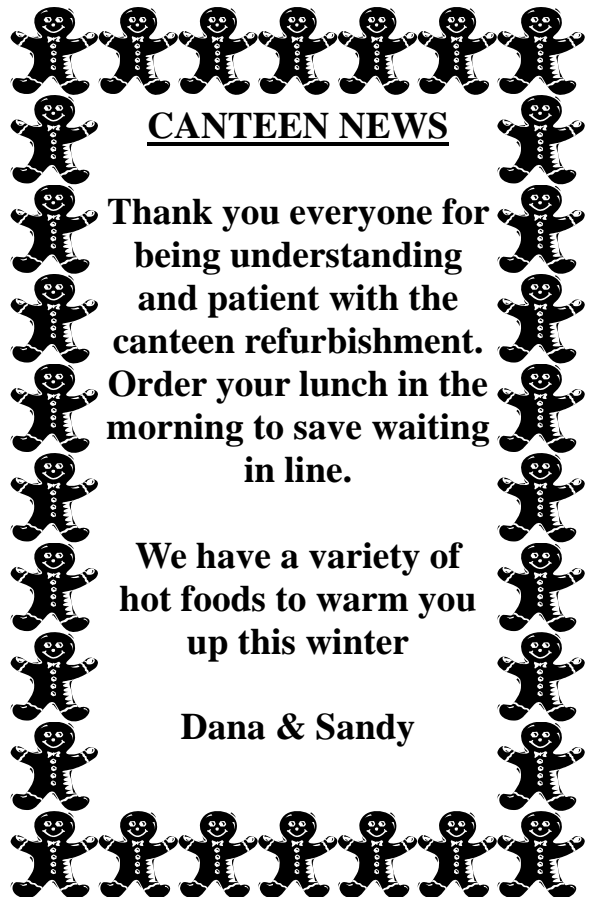


Last Friday, 6 May a few of our bands from Taree High went to play in the Eisteddfod. This was a great day, resulting in us winning everything we went in.

First up was the 'Taree High Rockestra', also known as the 'school band' Although they were the only entrants in this section they were awarded first place with great marks and great comments from the adjudicator. Next up were two Year 10 bands, "Kavit" and "The Sick Lads" who came equal first in the 9-10 rock/modern/folk bands, section against quite a few other bands, then Struk who were also the only ones in their section, making them first again, with very high marks. The Brodie Bunch were entered in the Hard Rock section and came first in their section as well. All the bands got very good reports, and very good marks, and also some really helpful comments to help our performances. All in all it was a great day, and showed how very lucky we are to have a great Music department to help us, and give us more chances to perform. Thanks to Rolly and Bully. I was really glad to be a part of it.



**Harry Brown**



**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Thank you everyone for being understanding and patient with the canteen refurbishment. Order your lunch in the morning to save waiting in line.**

**We have a variety of hot foods to warm you up this winter**

**Dana & Sandy**

## Lions' Youth of the Year Quest

It's hard to comprehend that less than a year ago, I had never heard of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. It has become a huge part of my life...

Before I tell you about my experiences, here's a little information, **about the quest:**

The Lions Youth of the Year Quest is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. It does this by selecting an outstanding young person from candidates throughout Australia to travel overseas and act as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Multiple District 201, under the auspices of Lions Clubs International. The Quest seeks a high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement in its potential winners. By emphasising these qualities it hopes to provide outstanding role models for the youth of Australia and an overall increase in the confidence of young men and women.

The quest is broken up into levels of judging, beginning at the local Lions Clubs and progressing through to Zone (in some districts), Regional, District, State and National finals. At the end of each round, the overall winner proceeds through to the following stage. Also, one of the contestants from the group is presented with the public speaking award for that round. All State winners win an expenses paid trip to the National Lions Convention to compete for the title of National Lions Youth of the Year. They also win a place on the organised group tour of Australia, of around 35 day's duration, during the Christmas holidays as well as \$500 spending money each. The overall National champion wins an overseas trip to represent Australia at the Lions International Youth Exchange Camp in the UK, or undertake an approved overseas study tour, plus \$1000 spending money. The National Public Speaking winner is awarded a trip to the Lions International Youth Exchange Camp in New Zealand and \$500 spending money.

### **My story:**

In truth, I found it rather difficult to condense this report down to what it is, as the time I was involved in the YOTY Quest lasted around 10 weeks and I loved every minute of it. So with this in mind, I will

just give you a brief rundown of the events that took place during my time in the competition. My journey began when Taree Lions Club president, Peter McKellar, came to one of our Year 12 meetings and invited three students to be involved in the Quest. Interested in what it had to offer, I, along with fellow students Laura Polson and John Lam, took part in the competition.

**Club Final-** The first step of the entry process was to submit an application form based on our achievements over the past few years. After all the applications were processed, each of the contestants had to sit an interview with a panel of three judges (two members from the National Australia Bank - as they were the major sponsor of the quest). The final component of this round was a public speaking dinner held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday,

1 February this year. This was a good opportunity for us to meet the local Lions' members and the other contestants (Sarah Fotheringham and Amelia James from Wingham High School). For each round, during the public speaking section, each of the contestants were required to answer two, 2-minute impromptu questions and deliver a 5-minute prepared speech on a topic of their choice. At the conclusion of the event, the three judges left the room to decide on the winner. They awarded points to each contestant based on the application form, the interview, and public speaking abilities. The judges all said it was a very close contest. However, John Lam was announced as the Public Speaking Winner and (much of a shock really) I was announced as the Overall Winner. This meant that I would be representing Taree Lions Club at the Regional Final at Wauchope on Saturday, 19 February.

In all honesty I hadn't anticipated a victory at this stage, so it came as a surprise to me. After eventually coming to terms with it all, I decided that I wanted to respect the club and Taree High School by representing them well. This meant I had a bit of work to do before the next round. Each stage of the quest followed the same structure - the interview with a judging panel, two 2-minute impromptu questions and a 5-minute prepared speech. The interviews were mostly based on our achievements mentioned in the application form, but they also involved a few general knowledge questions. The impromptu speeches were all to do with general knowledge and had a focus on major world issues at the time. My prepared speech was written on "The Power of Choice". It was based around my idea that everyone has the power to choose their own path in life, and that no matter the difficulties we face, we all have the ability to achieve success in our lives by the choices we make. In my speech, I used the example of local hero, Leanne Wood. Many years



ago, Leanne made the choice to register for a Taree “Girl’s Night In” program with the Cancer Council. For the past two years, this fundraiser was the highest money raiser of all the “Girls Night In” events nationwide. She was also named as Taree’s 2009 *Australia Day* Citizen of the Year. Leanne was a great inspiration for me when writing this speech.

In preparation for the next round, I handed my speech over to the Almighty Mrs Fatherley, so it could receive the “red pen treatment”. I then spent many nights working on it, trying to reduce it down to exactly 5 minutes (as the judging was very strict with time allocations). To ready myself for the impromptu questions, I watched hours of TV news programs and read many newspaper articles. Before I knew it, I was at Wauchope to sit my interview.

**Regional Final** - It was a panel of three judges again (however, all female). My interview at Taree only seemed to last around 15-20 minutes, while this one stretched to over half an hour. Still, I enjoyed it, as the judges were all fantastic people. That night, all of the contestants returned to the Wauchope RSL for the Public Speaking Dinner. I was up against students from St Clare’s High School, Manning Valley Anglican College, and three from Port Macquarie. They were all fantastic people. The impromptu questions for this round seemed pretty difficult, but it was comforting to discover that I wasn’t the only one who struggled with them. Everyone’s speeches were well done, and it again appeared to be a close contest. At the end of the night, the judges announced that I was the Overall Winner and that Kirsty Gan, from St Joseph’s MacKillop Senior Campus, was the Public Speaking Winner.

On this night, I was accompanied by my Great Grandfather, Ted Dawson. It was an honour to have him there with me. I have always been very close to him and he has always been someone I admire as a role model. My victory on this night was made complete by the pride and happiness he expressed as a result of my achievement.

**District Final** – Was three weeks later, on Saturday, 12 March at Glen Innes. My Mum and I drove the 6 hours to the inland town, checking into our motel about an hour before my interview. The interview was intense! This time we had a panel of five judges and more difficult questions. It must have lasted around 40 minutes, and by the time it was over, I was truly exhausted. Having a few hours to refresh my brain, Mum and I called into Maccas for a quick meal and a caffeine hit. The Public Speaking Dinner was held at the Glen Innes Golf Club. The impromptu questions weren’t as challenging as the previous round. However, during my response for

the 2<sup>nd</sup> question, I suffered a serious case of “mind blank” and paused in silence for around 10 seconds (in an impromptu speech, this felt like 10 minutes of embarrassment). Luckily, I managed to turn it around into a decent answer. By this time I had almost perfected my speech and knew it by heart, so I delivered it with plenty of confidence. I was up against another five students from all over the district, including places like Armidale and Gunnedah. After the extremely long wait for the judges to return, they announced that I was the Public Speaking Winner for this round. Having considered that it most likely meant that I was now out of the competition, I was shocked when the announcement was made that I was also the Overall Winner, and that I would now be competing in the State Final two weeks later. The double-victory made the long trip very worth-while.

**State Final** – The preparation for the State Final was busy enough. We each had to submit a detailed list of our achievements as well as a personal profile. It was held on Saturday, 26 March at Long Jetty, The Entrance (around the Central Coast area). It was a hectic day, filled with many activities. At 12 pm, each of the judges and contestants had lunch together at The Entrance Community Centre. I then had my interview with the panel of five at 1 pm. This interview wasn’t as challenging as the previous round, but still lasted for around 30 minutes. At 5 pm, the judges, contestants, their families, and various members of the community returned to the Community Centre for the Civic Reception. By the time we got to the Public Speaking Dinner, we all knew each other very well and again, they were some truly incredible people. The Dinner was at The Diggers Club, where each of the contestants was accompanied by many guests including their families and Lions members for the Districts they represented. There were five contestants for this stage of the quest, who each represented one of the five major Districts in New South Wales. I was representing N1 District in N.S.W. The event soon reached its conclusion and the winners were announced. Elise Hudson from Merewether (N3) won the Public Speaking Award and Nathan Barnden from Bega (N2) was the Overall Winner.

This result meant the end of the Lions YOTY journey for me, though I wasn’t completely disappointed. The following week was the beginning of the Year 12 half-yearly exams and I appreciated having the extra study time. The National Final was held three weeks later at Launceston in Tasmania where



Nathan Barnden (from NSW) won the Public Speaking Award and Gillian Mahony from Western Australia was the overall winner.

Now that I am writing this report and looking back on my experiences, I am incredibly grateful to have been given this outstanding opportunity. Every aspect of the quest has improved my confidence in public speaking and I am sure that I will be able to sit comfortably in any job interview that I face in the future. For the skills I have learnt, the challenges I have faced, and the amazing people I have met, this has been a truly life-changing experience that I will never forget! From now on, every time I write with my Lions pen or drink out of my Lions drink bottle or see the trophies on my shelf, I will remember these wonderful months of my life.

For all of their ongoing support, I would love to thank my friends and family who encouraged me all the way through the quest. Also, thank you to Peter McKellar and the Local Lions Club for their sponsorship. Thank you to the SRC for their big cheers before and after each round of the quest. Thank you to Leanne Wood for being the inspiration for my speech. Thank you to Ms Walker, Mrs Fatherley, Ms Tate, Mrs Moody and Ms Ralston for their continuing help and support. Thank you to everyone who made this journey possible for me! It has been a truly incredible experience that I will treasure forever!

**James Kennedy**



## YOUTH ROCK COMPETITION STRUK

With 36 finalists chosen from over 400 rock bands, required to perform five original songs in a 15 minute set and five judges to impress, how could the situation not be stressful? Welcome to the highly competitive YouthRock competition. It has been the launching pad for Australian music personalities Silverchair, Alex Lloyd and Short Stack but in 2011, Taree High's own STRUK earned the opportunity to show their talents. Running for 23 years as part of the National Youth Week celebrations, YouthRock is a talent search competition for high school aged bands of the Rock genre to showcase their talents to the music industry.

After success in local band competitions Live 'n' Loud and Battle of the Bands - Luke Ligtenberg, Ben Lambert, Cameron Blyth, Jacob Border and Eddie Munnings looked abroad for a new challenge, with the help and consultation of Mrs Ralston It was YouthRock that met the criteria. However, they first had to overcome a vigorous application process. This required the boys to record mp3's and provide hard copies of their original songs, take promotional photographs and record one of their gigs live, to be posted on YouTube. The gig that was selected was that of the Taree High Flood Relief Concert Fundraiser which was performed in February and arranged by the Music Department and the SRC. With the video on YouTube and the application sent away to the judges, the boys then had to play the waiting game...

About two weeks later an email was received, telling the band they were successful in their application and were finalists in the 2011 competition. What did the guys have to do next? The next stage of the competition took place in Sydney. The band had to play in heat three of four held on Friday 8 April at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre. With only two weeks' notice, the band went into overdrive, practising in every spare moment and free period and planning their set list. For vocalist and pianist Eddie, this meant a business holiday away from his relaxed 'gap year' lifestyle.

With gear and luggage packed, the band travelled to Cronulla. Staying at a youth hostel is far beyond the rock icons of AC/DC and Bon Jovi, but for STRUK it was the Hilton and delivered a relaxing experience that was only a short walk to Cronulla Beach, the local cafes and parks. It also positioned the boys only ten minutes away from Sutherland Entertainment Centre.

Friday morning started with a discussion of the game plan and last minute fine-tuning of the gear. The guys spent most of their day at the Entertainment Centre, the morning was spent participating in clinics that discussed the music industry and marketing for bands. For the family and crew, the morning provided a chance to experience a few of Cronulla's many cafes and take in the beaches. For BG, it provided a chance to go bargain hunting for groceries...

After lunch, it was time for the sound check. For Ms Ralston and a few others, it provided the first glimpse of the stage and the other competing bands. With STRUK completing their sound check towards the end, it gave the guys time to hear the other bands sound and a greater understanding about how the competition worked. For Ben, it gave him time to polish his snare drum.

With sound check out of the way, the guys darted back to Cronulla YHA for a visit to Ronald McDonald for dinner and last minute energy drink runs. You would think that if a band had to perform on stage, the last thing they would want to do is sing on the commute there. An acoustic run through the set list provided entertainment as we scrambled through Sydney's famous peak hour traffic.

And so the night got under way, with the guys leaving for the 'green room' and the supporters showed their pride, wearing STRUK t-shirts and dominating the first two rows of seating. Then with an introduction and a plug for the sponsor - 'Take the slowdownpledge.com.au', which the audience was aware of and constantly reminded of throughout the night, the guys introduced themselves and made the most of the following fifteen minutes. With the audience up on their feet and dancing, it provided great encouragement for the guys, belting out their originals - "Smile" and "Bacon and Eggs." The opportunity was even taken between songs to hand out a few CD's and t-shirts to the audience.

After completing their set, the guys were surrounded with many of the stage crew and security guards seeking the opportunity for photographs. For the guys, it was a taste of the rock star lifestyle. Even the security team, consisting of boys from Belmore Boys High School, wanted photos and wore STRUK shirts over the top of their security shirts for the remainder of the night. Half an hour after the set, it was hard to tell where the stage crew had gone, and where the supporters began, with STRUK t-shirts swarming throughout the centre.

When it came to the business end of the night, the guys were delivered some disappointing news. Shattered as they were, so too was the audience as to why they didn't receive one of the two positions on offer in the final. However, a wildcard was still up for grabs, so all that was left to do was head back to

the YHA and wait out the next 24 hours.

Saturday was spent as a recovery day, and a visit to the beach was a must, as Cronulla served up a hot, summers day. It was also a chance to visit the Moove Weekender on Wheels Bus, part of their latest promotion and an afternoon of bargain hunting at Westfield Miranda Fair. It was a relaxed day and felt almost as if we were on holidays but we were here for one thing and that was the YouthRock competition. Ben, Luke fourth heat, while the rest slept and went out to dinner to await the results. A phone call delivered the results they all feared. Everyone settled down for the night and prepared for the trip home the next day.

In what was an amazing journey and an extraordinary experience for the band, they were winners in so many ways. Entering the competition as underdogs and reaching this far in the competition was an achievement. And then there are the smaller experiences and memories that form the larger picture - the photos with the security guards and stage crew, meeting new people and new fans, meeting with representatives of the music industry and supporting the other bands in the contest. STRUK returned home as winners and represented Taree High extremely well.

A special thanks has to go to Ms Ralston for organising the trip and mentoring the guys through endless hours of practice and training. A thanks also goes out to the families and friends of the band who made the journey down to Sutherland and Cronulla to support the band and be part of the experience and all the supporters here at home for the messages of support on Facebook.

Once again, congratulations to STRUK after a fantastic 2011 YouthRock competition.



### Ben Graham - Year 12

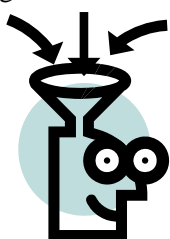


## TAFE/TAREE HIGH SCHOOL PEER LITERACY TUTORING PROGRAM

The Peer Literacy Tutoring Program commenced in Week 7 of Term One. This follows on from the very successful program which ran in 2010. The program is a collaboration between Taree TAFE and the school. Twenty Year 10 students have volunteered to be trained and to work as peer tutors for Year 7 students. The aim of the program is to assist the Year 7 students in their transition to high school by helping them improve their reading skills and to become more confident and independent learners. Many studies, both in Australia and overseas, report the great benefits of cross-age and one-to-one tutoring which result in both academic and social gains for all involved.

The Year 10 students attended two TAFE training days in Week 5 and 6 where they learned skills and strategies to help younger students improve their reading and understanding of different class texts. In Week 7 they met their buddies and commenced working as peer tutors. They are supervised and assessed by TAFE Literacy teachers Kay Barton and myself. The school co-ordinators are Mrs Trish Webber and Mrs Heather Abbott.

The program runs in the school library during roll call three mornings per week. The Year 10 students are provided with authentic text from class teachers which Year 7 will be studying in the coming weeks. This gives the opportunity for Year 7 to gain an understanding of the texts so that they will be ready to participate fully in future lessons in class. Skills at decoding unknown words and gaining meaning from the text are passed on from older student to younger student and the confidence of the younger student grows.



There are great benefits for the tutors as well as the Year 7 buddies: improved communication and thinking skills; learning new strategies on improving their own reading skills; building self esteem and confidence; revising subject matter; gaining enjoyment out of helping someone and making new friends. At the end of the program the Year 10 students will gain a TAFE qualification in Peer Literacy Tutoring. All students are making great progress in this course and it is an absolute delight to see them so involved and so committed to the program. Smiles all round!

**Kate Fazio (TAFE)**



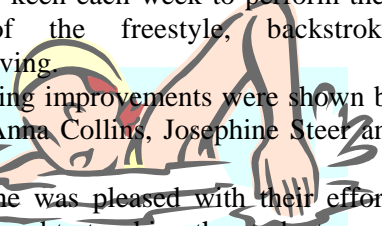
## Special Ed

### Swimming Lessons

The students of Taree High Special Education Faculty have participated in swimming lessons in Term 1. There are a number of students who have excelled and deserve recognition for their impressive improvement. Congratulations to the following students who were keen each week to perform their best practise of the freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and diving.

The most outstanding improvements were shown by Jacob Marchant, Anna Collins, Josephine Steer and Tyson Duckett.

Instructor Katherine was pleased with their efforts and is looking forward to teaching the students more in Term 2.



**Diana Silcock**

### Maths

In Term One, some Maths lessons were designated to numeracy skills in learning tables. These tables included 2x, 5x, 9x, 10x, and 11x. Most of the students were outstanding in the results displayed in the test in the last week of school. The test consisted of 200 questions using a mixed variety of the above tables. Four students: Jesse Thompson, Sophie Powick, Jessica Witchard and John Russell were outstanding with scores of 100%. Samantha McIntosh had only one wrong out of the 200. Sam can't wait for more this term. Congratulations Sam. More congratulations must go to Rachael Hanshaw, Callan Gray, Jack Shelton, Josie Steer, Cherrilee King, Andrew Clarke and Daine Burns who all had marks ranging from 99% to 90%. The students learnt the tables by rote and just proved this age-old method is successful. Most of the students did not

know these tables before last term. Staff are very pleased with the results. There will be more news about at the end of this term.

A warm welcome to our new student Giselle Bridger Year 11. Hope you have a great year.

Well Done!



Mrs D Silcock

## Taree High Senior Debating Team

Taree High's Senior Debating Team faced off against Macksville last Thursday in round two of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The organising teachers decided to experiment with some technology and arranged for an adjudicator from Sydney to supervise the debate via the connected classroom. This proved to be very entertaining as everyone adjusted to the strange anomalies of the arrangement; the adjudicator appeared on the screen at the front of the classroom while his "eyes" (a webcam) were mounted on the back wall. Mrs Fatherley got most of the way through her friendly greeting before she realised she was standing with her back to the man.

The debate proceeded smoothly, with both teams presenting well developed cases and speaking skilfully. From the three topics that were provided, the one selected through order of preference was "That the ABC should be privatised". A coin toss appointed Taree affirmative and Macksville negative.

Each speaker had a minimum of eight minutes that they were expected to fill and almost every speaker reached this goal. The competition was very close, but in the end, Macksville came away with the win. It was a great debate to be a part of and the Taree High team would like to thank Mrs Fatherley who did so much background work with catering and general organising, the Macksville team who travelled over two and a half hours to compete and the Year 11 English classes that sat through the forty, gripping minutes as our audience.



Sam Kellahan

## RUGBY LEAGUE

On Thursday 5 May Taree High School took two Rugby League teams away. U14's and Opens played against Bulahdelah. Both games were of a high calibre, filled with barnstorming runs, bone crushing tackles and mind blowing tries, in both games, with Taree High emerging victorious. Star performers on the day were Jaden "Hindmarsh" Streeting, Jordan "Lockyer" Worboys and Corey "Civonia" Wheeler. Both teams would like to thank Mr Horne and Mr May for taking us!



Jotham Young

## U15 SOCCER

Hey everybody,

As you know we played a game of soccer against Tuncurry High School. The score was 3-2 our way and it was a good game; we played hard and we kept on going and we won! The Next game we play is against Gloucester High in Taree.



Nathan Somerville

## BILL TURNER CUP U15 BOYS' SOCCER

Taree High vs GLC Tuncurry at Taree

Date: Tuesday 5 April at 1:30 pm

Taree High School's Boys Soccer team played their first round match of the draw in Lower North Coast Bill Turner Cup competition and were winners 3-2 against GLC Tuncurry.

The match was an exciting and close encounter with the scores level for the majority of the match - the

scores were 2-2 at half-time. Taree scored midway through the second 30 minute part and maintained their advantage for the remainder of the match despite some late pressure from Tuncurry. Both teams played in good spirits and Taree were impressive for the majority of the match.

Match Statistics: Tuncurry 1-0/ Taree 1-1 (Nathan Somerville)/ Taree 2-1 (Eden Gonfond)/Tuncurry 2-2 Taree 3-2 (Nathan Somerville/Mitchell Brown).

Everyone in the team played their part and all combined really well. All players covered their positions admirably and made it difficult for Tuncurry across the field.

Players in the team included:

Joey Jeffrey (C), Nathan Somerville (VC), Aidan Drenkhahn, Callum Bartley, Max le Messurier, Jack Addison, Miles Thornton, Warwick Priest, Sean Pole-Cini, Lucas Mepham, Lachlan Nesbitt, Mitchell Brown, Connor Bailey, Eden Gonfond. Thank you Mr Kelly(Coach/Team Manager)



## OPENS WATERPOLO

It was a fine and sunny day during the final week of Term One when our young and hopeful Waterpolo team ventured to Lambton pool to play dreaded Merewether. This was the final game before the State Finals, to be played to following days, with the winner going through.

As we got into the water to begin our warm up, most of us froze. The opposition fired some devastating shots at the goal. We knew this would not be an easy match to play.

The game began with a blistering start, and the score

was 3-0 in the first five minutes. Not feeling too good after this heavy blow, we managed to get our names on the score sheet. We finished the quarter with a score of 4-1.

We continued to battle on but to no avail, ending the game painfully with a score of 11- 4. However, we left the pool with our heads held high. We knew it had been luck, by the other team.



**Angus McLeod**

## BILL TURNER TROPHY U15 GIRLS' SOCCER

The Taree High School Under 15's team played St Pauls High School in the second round of the Bill Turner Trophy. We left the school at 9 am with travelling instructions given by Mr Harper as to how to get there. This proved to be our first challenge of the day. On arrival we were met by a staff member of St Pauls who showed us the playing field an where to get changed.

The match started at 11 am with both teams running on to the field to the cheers of St Pauls students and the Taree High parents who attended. The kick off was taken by Taree High and the game see-sawed for some 30 minutes with both teams showing their attack and defence skills. Just before half time the St Pauls team scored from the 18 yard box. At half time Mr Harper gathered the troops together and gave one of his pep talks.

The whistle blew and the second half commenced with St Pauls kicking off. Despite good defence work from the Taree team it wasn't good enough to stop a further two goals being scored by the St Paul's team making the score 3-0 however this didn't stop the Taree team from continuing to play well and show determination. This resulted in them scoring a goal in the dying stage of the match.

There was no score change at the final whistle. Both teams congratulated each other on what was a great game.

Well done girls!



**Rebecca Deer**

# ANNA'S HOLIDAY

Hi,

My name is Anna Collins and I am in Year 11. In the holidays I went overseas.

To start the holiday we (Joan, Laurie, Lara and I) drove to Brisbane. We had two stops, one at Ballina on the NSW North Coast and then the Gold Coast, before arriving at Brisbane. From Brisbane we caught a Royal Brunei Airways plane which took us on a six hour flight to Brunei. We slept, watched movies and had dinner and breakfast.

We then caught a plane to Thailand. It was a two hour flight to Bangkok. It was hot, humid and steamy. We were picked up from the airport, then went to where we were staying at "Wombat Hotel" in Pattaya.

After we got settled we met downstairs and went for a walk to a big shopping centre. It was airconditioned with lots of markets, selling clothes, jewellery and food.

Thai money is called Baht. \$1Aus = 30 Baht. We then had dinner then went back to the hotel to recover.

Next day was Thai New Year. The Thai people throw water and wet baby powder on everyone even on cars and scooters.

We went for an elephant ride. It was a life changing experience being so close to elephants.

We visited a crocodile farm. There were crocodiles, bears, elephants and tigers. I fell in love with the elephants. They played soccer, basketball, ten pin bowling and the baby elephants danced on stools. Some elephants giving a pretend massage to a volunteer tourist.

Thai Men and Women performed a cultural dance in traditional costume, as well as demonstrating kick-boxing and pole fighting. That afternoon we went shopping and had dinner. Thai food-hot and spicy.

Next day we went to the famous floating markets for shopping and lunch. I had mango and sticky rice with coconut milk. That afternoon we had a one hour Thai massage,. It was only \$5. It was painful but after it I felt great.

I had a haircut for \$7 and dinner then to the hotel for a swim and the bar for a mocktail.

Next day we had to leave so we had breakfast and packed to leave to catch the bus to the airport. At check in I set off the metal detector and had to have an individual security check. We waited four hours for a plane back to Brisbane. We drove back to Forster happy and tired to discover it was wet and

windy Autumn.

I had a great holiday, everybody should visit.



**Anna Collins**  
**Year 11 Support Unit Student**



Term 2 contain quite a number of important events particularly for Year 12 and Year 10 students.

## **Year 12 Transition Interviews**

To assist the Year 12 students plan their transition from Taree High School into the wider world I will be interviewing students in Week four this term. This year I am fortunate to have a team of local Careers Advisers from Chatham High School, Wingham High School and Great Lakes Senior Campus to assist me. Their combined experience will be of great benefit to our students.

Interviews will be of a duration of 20 minutes and of course parents are most welcome. Students have been advised of their interview times and dates.

## **Year 12 Careers Information Newsletters**

Year 12 students each week receive on their school email a comprehensive newsletter containing valuable careers information. Please encourage your student to access this information to best assist their transition from Taree High School. If you would also like to receive this email, just email a request to [glen.m.bowman@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:glen.m.bowman@det.nsw.edu.au).

*This information is also sent to all students in Years 10 and 11.*

## **Year 10 Work Experience**

Taree High School offers optional work experience to Year 10 students during the last week of Term 2 and post school certificate exams in Term 4.

I am often asked “Why is work experience not compulsory?” and the answer is quite simple that we don’t have enough available employers. This is due to the higher requirements of compliance due to OHS. Many employers are actively assisting students completing *mandatory* work placement as part of HSC vocational courses. Year 10 will learn more about these courses in the near future.

Students also have to participate and complete work experience preparation as part of their Career lessons this term. Students have to be signed off as “workplace ready” to participate in work experience and some students are still working towards this skill level.

As part of the work experience “*experience*” students actually approach the employer they are keen to participate with. This is an important skill and many employers actually will deny students a place if mum or dad does the leg work.

Let me know if you need any further assistance with work experience.

### **Year 10 Preliminary HSC Course Selections**

I will be completing my Careers lessons in PDHPE classes this term, beginning Week 5. The major goal is to introduce students to the process of selecting their most appropriate HSC pattern of study.

Normally the selection takes place at the end of Term 2.

The task is a complex and important one that students must take very seriously. Students in past generations have selected purely for a vocational purpose, in that they probably had a career path in mind and the courses selected led towards that, whether that be for University, TAFE or Trade.

I find that modern students are less likely to set themselves a particular job goal in Year 10. Course selection will be closely aligned with personal interests and ability, starting with a post school “transition” rather than an end result.

Taree High School normally offers around 24 different courses, with students able to enhance their choice by selecting from the shared curriculum courses on offer at Wingham or Chatham or by selecting from TAFE Vocational Courses. Students normally choose six courses with the only mandatory course being one of the three different strands of English.

Some students may find the “Career Link” pattern more to their liking. Career Link offers students a “set menu” of courses at Taree High School over three days. Students then choose a vocational course at TAFE and spend one day in the workforce on work placement. Students choosing career link often have a goal to achieve apprenticeship or traineeship

outcomes with their HSC.

There will be more information on the HSC choices for Year 10 later in the term, but if you are in need of more information please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone or email at:

[glen.m.bowman@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:glen.m.bowman@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Glen Bowman**  
**Careers Adviser**



### **Changing of the Guard in the Taree High School P&C**

The P&C AGM held in March at Taree High School marked a most significant change for the committee. Three members, Madeleine Leonard, Karen Tyrpenou and Lesley Wade “graduated” now that their children have completed their schooling at Taree High. Their collective “service” to the P&C totals some 18 years – a huge feat for anyone!

Peter Bird, Principal of Taree High joined with the committee in expressing his thanks for the vision and energy that these strong advocates have brought to the P&C, and noted their willingness to take a voice on behalf of parents and carers, and their exemplary leadership over their years of service.

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on 24 May (in room A20) from 5.00-6.30 pm. Newly installed P&C President (*still with trainer wheels well and truly in place!*) Beth Fuller welcomes all parents and carers from the school community to come along and share their ideas and suggestions to build on the excellent learning environment provided at THS.

You can contact Taree High P&C at [thspandc@gmail.com](mailto:thspandc@gmail.com) or visit the Taree High School website, and follow the links to the P&C page.

Contact details:  
Beth Fuller  
THS P&C president

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# Congratulations

Year 7: Lucy Bird	Accepted into the Talent Identification Program
Year 12 : Kumari Lamotte	Successful audition as Starstruck soloist for the second year in a row
<b>The Sick Lads</b> Year 10 : Brodie Christie, Andrew Bowman, Korey Christie and Tim Boad –	Equal first in Taree Eisteddfod Secondary School Rock/Modern/Folk Band Years 9 to 10 section
<b>Kavit</b> Year 10: Harrison Brown, Brandon Northam, Jacob Coote, Kaitlin Brown and Patrick Abraham –	Equal first in Taree Eisteddfod Secondary School Rock/Modern/Folk Band Years 9 to 10 section
<b>The Brodie Bunch</b> Year 10: Andrew Bowman, Harrison Brown, Brandon Northam and Brodie Christie	First in Taree Eisteddfod Hard Rock Bands section
Year 12: Luke Ligtenberg, Cameron Blyth, Ben Lambert and Jacob Border – Struk	First in Taree Eisteddfod Secondary School Rock/Modern/Folk Bands Years 11 to 12 section
Various Years: Taree High School Band/Rockestra	First in Taree Eisteddfod Secondary School Brass/Concert Band or Ensemble Group section
<b>Struk</b> Year 12: Luke Ligtenberg, Cameron Blyth, Ben Lambert and Jacob Border	Representing Taree High School in the semi-final of Youthrock competition in Sutherland (see full story page 10)
14 Boys Rugby League	Won 26-22 in the first round of the Buckley Shield
Open Boys' Rugby League	Won 46-2 against Bulahdelah in the first round of the University Shield
Bonnie Boothman, Isabelle Avent, Madeline Heron	SRC member of the Month
Open Boys Touch	Won three games Regional Champions



## Library News



Many of the changes in the library have been completed and students are enjoying the benefit of these new initiatives and hardware:

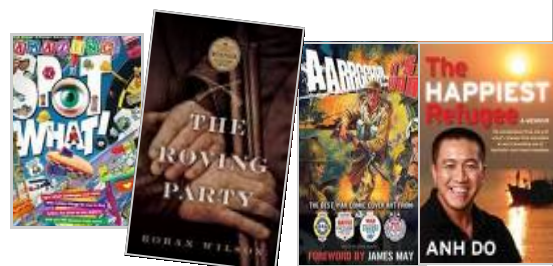
- Year 7 students have almost completed their **Library and Information Skills Program**. Early this term they will finalise the program with a trip to Greater Taree City Library where they will be shown the range of services they provide and will be offered membership. I encourage all students to join the library as membership gives you online access to a selection of electronic journals and data bases. An invaluable resource for our students.
- We now have 30 computers operational in the library. They offer the full suite of Microsoft Office applications and internet access.
- Discussion Rooms 4 and 5 are now available for small group use. Bookings are essential.
- We anticipate the installation of video conferencing facilities into Discussion Rooms 1 and 2 by the end of the semester.
- Therese Sullivan our Learning Support teacher has moved into Discussion Room 6.

**RSL Taree Sub Branch and Taree Legacy Club presented our school with gift vouchers to mark Anzac Day 2011. They have regularly done this over the years and we thank them for their generosity.** This year I have selected the following titles to add to our collection:

- ü **The Roving Party** by Rohan Wilson tells of the early history of Melbourne and John Batman. It is this years Australian Vogel Literary Award winner
- ü **Aarrgghh Its War** is a collection of 400 of the finest War, Battle, Air Ace & War at Sea comic book covers. Action packed engagement
- ü **The Happiest Refugee** by Anh Do. Anh's extraordinary story tells his journey from starvation at sea to becoming one of Australia's best loved comedians
- ü **Spot What** by Nick Bryant and Rowan Summers. Can you search and find the lot? That's the engrossing challenge of this book.

Lets all keep reading

*Heather Abbott* .. Teacher Librarian



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