



# TAREE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 2012 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

### House Champions

Peel	766 points
Hooke	630 points
Murray	466 points
Manning	425 points

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Winter is upon us...

Firstly, news on Peter Bird. Peter has been moved to Ryde Rehabilitation Hospital where he is undergoing intensive physiotherapy and rehabilitation. He is very talkative and making progress. Recently, I visited him with a giant card that had been constructed by a Year 8 Visual Arts class and signed by them and the SRC. They had drawn caricatures of Mr Bird and the card was a collage of these drawings. He was extremely moved by the gesture and chuckled at some of them....I thought they were quite appropriate depictions! He is very grateful for the well wishes still flowing from the school and community.

Many would be aware of the NSW government's decision to nominate Taree High School and Taree Public School as a Connected Community. The aim of this strategy is to establish a sustained, structured, interagency model of support for Aboriginal students and their families to improve educational and employment opportunities and increase cultural awareness of our local Biripi people. The strategy is a fantastic opportunity for communities to pool resources and work together in partnership. This is seen as an add-on and not a replacement model for the school. All other programs and curriculum will be as they are now. Taree High will continue to provide a robust and diverse curriculum, catering for all students' needs.

A number of highlights this month are outlined in the newsletter which are testimony to the continued strive for excellence in all fields. Whether academic, sporting or cultural, Taree High students excel at whatever they turn their hands to. The Hospitality students catered for the opening of the Trade Training Centre, entertaining dignitaries from the Federal Government Rob Oakshott and Matt Thistlethwaite; the Singas, Fellas and many of our bands won all sections of the Eisteddfod with 63 Taree High students performing in the Grand Concert; the senior debaters made the regional finals; the Lawn Bowls team made the state finals; we won the Science & Engineering Challenge posting one of the highest scores in Australia-the team are now off to contest the national event; and so many others...

What a great school-something to be a part of and very proud of.

Allison Alliston



## Dates to Remember

19/6/12	Regional Girls Tennis
20-21/6/12	CHS Girls Touch
22/6/12	TOCAL Ag Excursion
25/6/12	NAIDOC Week
26-28/6/12	CHS Boys Touch
29/6/12	SPIRIT DAY Reports Issued Last day of Term 2
16/7/12	Staff Development Day Term 3 begins
17/6/12	Students return to school
25 - 26/7/12	Regional Athletics
12-17/8/12	Year 11 Snow Excursion
13-24/8/12	HSC Trial Exams
13/8/12	P & C Meeting

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

This term has certainly been busy with reports for all years, the great athletics carnival, parent-teacher interviews, fantastic eisteddfod performances, wins in many sporting competitions and in the Science and Engineering Challenge, and an out of uniform day in support of UNICEF to mention just a few things which have taken place at Taree High School. It is really pleasing to see how students get involved in school life in so many positive ways.

Unfortunately, as the Deputy Principal looking after Year 8, I must say that there are many great students in that year but there are some students who think that classes are optional for them and they make wrong decisions to truant and often to place themselves in unsafe situations. There has been some dangerous behaviour among Year 8 students as well including unsafe actions including possession of and use of lighters. Fortunately, there has not been any serious injury but I encourage parents to be aware of what your children may have in their possession and may bring to school which, if used incorrectly, could cause harm to others.

On a positive note, we can all look forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week and a visit by African

refugees during Week 10 which will enhance students' understanding of both multiculturalism and Aboriginal culture. We all look forward to Spirit Day as well and a chance for all students to have a great last day of term.

Sadly, we farewell Mrs Collins from her position as SAM at school. I would personally like to thank her for all her hard work looking after finances over many years and wish her well in her retirement.

**Ms C Gray**  
**Relieving Deputy Principal**  
**Yr 8 & 12)**



### Attention to all parents



**A electronic deposit was made of \$247.85 to the school's account on May 4th, no name was attached. The person who deposited the money for school fees and camp should bring a copy of their receipt from the bank to identify the payment. Please ensure your child's name is included in the reference details when depositing money.**

**THS banking details: Westpac BSB 032001  
A/C 154008**

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

Hello everyone!

As Deputy Principal of Taree High School many of my duties surround communication, welfare and management of all students in Years **7, 9** and **11**. Do communicate with me if you have a concern about any educational issue concerning your child. My message in this newsletter has a clear direction for Year **11**, but is relevant to all years.

Year 11 students have just received their reports for Semester One and I want them to act on their reports. They should acknowledge their achievements but at the same time, dwell on the perceived areas of concern.

Accordingly, Year 11 students will then be called upon to make some decisions for their immediate future. At times these decisions will be flawed. I take this opportunity to analyse the decision making skills of young adolescents.

All the best for a safe holiday and I will see you next semester.

Poor Decision	Good Decision
Truant a lesson because my friend says it is OK	<i>Go to class even if there is pressure to skip a lesson</i>
Go to McDonalds with friends	<i>Spend a study period in the library</i>
Don't think about the future	<i>Discuss career opportunities</i>
Waste the free hours that are available each fortnight	<i>Do homework, complete tasks, finish assessments</i>
Have no meaningful relationship with your teachers	<i>Liaise in professional dialogue with the staff</i>
Challenge a directive, because of immaturity	<i>Accept all directions, because they come with experience and commonsense</i>

**Michael Crotty**  
**Deputy Principal (7,9 & 11)**



## DEPUTY'S REPORT

As Year 10 begin to think about the choices they will make for their senior studies, it seems the right time to look at the changes that have been made to the Certificate which will be achieved by them at the end of 2012.

As you are all aware the School Certificate will no longer be issued to students on the completion of their Year 10 studies. Instead a Record of School Achievement will report student results.

External examinations will not be given during term 4. Instead the results reported on the Record of School Achievement will be provided by the school; they will be determined by the assessment tasks and examinations which are completed throughout the year at school. This means that it is essential that students give their best effort on all school assessments so that the highest possible grade can be recorded.



At the present time there are increasing numbers of Year 10 students who are not meeting the assessment requirements of the courses they are studying. These students are jeopardising their successful completion of their Stage 5 studies. Students who do not meet assessment requirements for a subject may still receive an 'N Award' for that subject and this may result in a

student not achieving a Record of School Achievement. However, these students will be given a transcript of the subjects they have completed satisfactorily when they leave school. As they will not have met requirements for the completion of their Year 10 studies, they may not be able to progress to Year 11; they may need to repeat their Year 10 studies.

The record will be issued only to students who request it at the end of the year. For the majority of students it will be kept by the Board of Studies and their Preliminary and HSC results will be added to it. For students who leave school between the end of Year 10 and their HSC, the Record will be provided which lists the results achieved for each year of study completed from Years 10, 11 and 12.



**Mrs R Starke**  
**Deputy Principal (10)**

 *Condolences to the family of*  
*a generous benefactor,*  
*Doctor Dorothy Greening -*  
**1917-2012** 

## CAPTAINS' REPORT

Hey guys, Week 9 of Term 2 is here!

We finally got to have our Athletics carnival and we've got some exciting things coming up on the calendar. Best of all, at the end of this term...Spirit Day (screams and wild applause) please, please... people, settle!

The Spirit Cup food drive boxes have arrived at A15. The donation efforts so far have been really great and Hooke is currently in the lead with an awesome 57 food items! The countdown is on for Spirit Day when the points from the drive will be pooled toward the Spirit Cup, so get your food in while it counts!

The SRC has been working hard to make Spirit Day bigger and better than previous years, so we can't wait to see everyone dressed up with lots of Spirit!

On Wednesdays of Week 1 and Friday of Week 2, the SRC meeting starts at 8.30 am. We would just like to remind everyone that these meetings are open to anyone who wishes to sit in; just let Ms Walker know of your attendance beforehand. If there are any issues needed to be brought forward we would love to hear them.

We hope everyone is working hard on their assessments and are ready for the holidays to roll around very soon!

**Your Captains**



**Sam Kellahan**



**Maddison Rosser**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hey guys,  
It's your SRC Secretary here. Term Two is going so fast and the SRC has been working hard as usual. Recently in the SRC we have been putting the majority of our focus into the planning of Spirit Day. It will be held on the last day of the term. The SRC have had regular meetings at least once a week, sometimes twice, where we put lots of work into the organisation of this day. We encourage as many people as possible to attend Spirit Day. It promises to be a great day for all. During our before-school meetings, many playground issues have been brought up. If you have suggestions or queries regarding any playground or student issues, please contact any SRC representatives; we are always open for suggestions. We would also like suggestions for inspirational quotations. These will be put around

the school to boost school community attitudes. In conjunction with Spirit Day, the Welfare Committee has set up a food drive. Each house is competing against each other. The more non-perishable food you donate the more Spirit Cup points for your house. The food is being donated to the Salvation Army to feed the hungry this winter. The Environmental Committee is busy working on decorating the notice board with educational information, whilst making it looking appealing too. Have fun with the rest of the term.

**Patrick Abraham**



**SPIRIT DAY IS COMING**



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## **YEAR 12 REPORT**

Hello fellow students,

Thanks guys,

The trials are coming up soon and we recommend studying - though we know that won't happen for some. Now that we have our common room we should try and keep it clean or the staple diet of '2 Minute Noodles' for Year 12 will change for sure. Spirit Day is coming... get keen. We'd like to see 100% attendance.



**Angus McLeod Lauren Townes**



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## **YEAR 11 REPORT**

Hey Guys,  
Firstly we would like to welcome Ms Burton to our year. We look forward to working alongside you and wish you luck with our year. PS. We miss you Mrs Salmon. Secondly, to all you snow bunnies out there... brrrrrr it's cold. It's time to get our snow gear...Aldi has had some great prices on these items. On a more serious note, don't forget

to keep up-to-date on payments and make sure all your notes are in as soon as possible. We would like to congratulate Kavit and the Sick Lads on their performances in the Eisteddfod. We would also like to send our condolences to the members of the Sick Lads regarding their recent break up. You will be greatly missed.

Our Senior Social has been postponed. Listen for the new date and make sure you get your ticket from A15 for \$7.



**Kaelin Osborn**



**Rebecca Deer**

***A SAFE AND FRIENDLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT***

## **YEAR 10 REPORT**

Hola!

All of us have been busy with Eisteddfods, the Science and Engineering Challenge, the Athletics Carnival and to top it off, exam week! Taree High won the Science and Engineering Challenge with what we were told was one of the highest scores in Australia. We now move on to State in Newcastle

on 30 August. Exams have all been overtaking our lives with lots of pressure! Finally they're all over and we can breathe again.

Congratulations to everyone who went well in the Eisteddfod. There are only 2 weeks and

counting left until the holidays... just keep the sleep-ins in mind!

Adios!



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## **YEAR 9 REPORT**

Hello Year 9

Not much is happening in our year this term. I hope everyone did really well in NAPLAN and good luck for half-yearlies results. Remember to pay your fees so you join us on the Gold Coast trip!!! Get pumped guys: SPIRIT DAY is coming! It's going to be a fantastic day with a whole range of different

activities and we hope that there is another dance off between \*cough\*cough\* Miss Gurr and Mr Kelly.

Congratulations Averil on making it to zone even with your bad leg. It's nearly end of term so everyone have a good and safe holiday and see you next term .



**Caitlin MacFarlane**



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## **YEAR 8 REPORT**

Hey Guys,

The year has been great so far. There are lots of cheerful faces and Year 8 are keen to learn. However, everyone is certainly keen for a holiday and for all of our assignments and tests to be finished. There have been a few hiccups along the way but all in all it has been a pretty good year so

far. Everyone is trying their hardest at everything they do and it is showing in the results we have been getting. We hope our year continues to improve and get involved in and have fun at Spirit Day which is coming up very soon. We hope everyone is having fun and enjoying their time at school. That's all from us, see you 'round.



**Lucas Mephram**



**Max Le Messurier**

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## **YEAR 7 REPORT**

Hay.....is what horses eat!! Here we are again half way through another year. Only this time in high school. This term we've had Naplan, the Sports Carnival, most of our half yearly tests and Spirit Day is coming up. So... how have we all been? Well, Naplan was pretty much just hours of sitting in the Hall doing tests which felt like detention. The

Sports Carnival was fun and exciting with many people going in everything, even though we didn't all qualify . Half yearly tests were just like.....yes, you guessed it, Naplan! Boring but, unfortunately, compulsory. We have lots of assignments and tests coming up but we're only halfway there so keep working hard and studying for tests. Just remember to put

some time aside to enjoy life.



**Siena Hindmarsh**



**ChloeCrossingham**

# Senior Study Skills Session

For 2 hours on June 15th, interested students attended an Elevate Education study skills session. Presented by a young uni student, it was an insightful opportunity to understand what we'd been doing right and where we'd been going wrong.

One of our students, Jason Arens, was selected to feature in one of the presenter's first examples - an analysis of current study skills which reflected what areas many of us need to focus on. Many important issues were looked at, including common pitfalls such as procrastination, and we were given tools to assist us in becoming more successful students.

Throughout the session, we completed two different booklets: one focusing on the approach taken to schoolwork and the other

dedicated solely to time management. Being able to take these resources home was a great help for those who wanted to act on the advice we'd been given.

The session was very interactive overall and most of the students in attendance didn't notice the two hours slip by - until it infringed on our lunch break.

Many students found the session useful and informative and there is no doubt in my mind that it was a worthwhile investment. We highly recommend it for next year's senior



**Sam Kellahan**

## Elevate Education

A selected amount of students from Years 10, 11 and 12 attended a Study Skills Seminar run by Elevate Education.

It was held at the Uniting Church. The speaker's name was Rob, he was pretty funny and related well with the audience.

During the seminar we received two booklets, the first being a Study Sensei. We looked at three major steps that will help you achieve your best, they were Create, Master and Learn. Then we discussed rules for each of the steps. For example with Create - make sure you finish study notes. And sometimes creating means extra reading.

Master - learn to mind map well. Another good point was to use a system of revision, and review it regularly.

Learn - teach yourself to be well prepared for exams and to make sure you're using your syllabus.

The second booklet was called Time Management, which is pretty self explanatory, Rob gave us some tips on how to find time to get work done and gave us 4 elements of time management to keep in mind.

Both booklets were very helpful and easy to understand, and remember. Rob made the seminar enjoyable to listen to and easy to relate to, and provided us with some great tips to lead us to success. Everyone had a great day!



**Brittany Pulverenti**

## Farewell Mr Blanch

**Mr Neville Blanch our Head Teacher of Science has retired recently. He was recently interviewed about his career.**

***How does it feel to be leaving?***  
Exciting.

***How long have you been teaching for?***  
32 years.

***Which schools were you at over this time?***  
Newtown Boy's High School,  
Galston, The Entrance,  
Coomealla High School  
and Taree High.

***How long have you been at Taree High School?***  
7 Years.

***What's the worst thing that has***

***happened during your career?***

Jobs that we have to do that don't involve teaching.

***What have you liked about being a teacher?***

Working with different people students and adults.

***What do you plan to do with your retirement?***

Anything other than teaching.

***What will you miss the most about being a teacher?***

The friendliness of most students and teachers.

**FOOD DRIVE  
for charity**

**Remember the house that  
collects the most food will  
receive the most Spirit Cup  
points**

## **Farewell to Mrs Collins**



Mrs Collins has been working at the school for twenty years and is sadly is retiring in two weeks' time. Amani interviewed her to share some of her experiences with in the school and give everyone an insight into her career and future plans

### **Can you explain what you do at Taree High School?**

I pay the bills and do the ordering. I look after the finances and some of the school administrative staff.

### **Is there anything else you've been involved in at your time at the school?**

Not really, I'm just happy to lend support to any of the staff or students if they need it. I like cuddling people!

### **How long have you been at Taree High ?**

Twenty years...

### **And what brought you to the school?**

The job can only be filled on application, there has to be a vacancy and it has to be advertised and you have to apply for it and I was lucky enough to be appointed to the position. I lived in Taree and I was working at Wingham High School and I decided I would move

to Taree if I could get this job!

### **Did you go to Taree High School as a student?**

No I'm not from this area originally.

### **Where are you from?**

Tamworth is where I transferred from.

### **What were you doing before you came to Taree High?**

Well I've been working with the Department for thirty years and this is the fifth school I've worked in and I've nearly always handled finance.

### **You're experienced then, we can trust you with our money!**

### **Do you have a favourite aspect of your job**

I'm blessed that I have amazing SASS staff here, my admin staff are the most amazing group of people and they're great to work with.

### **How has your job changed in the time that you've been at the school?**

A lot of technology has changed. You always have to learn new things. That's the main thing that has changed - having to use new technology instead of a pen and paper.

### **How have you seen the school evolve in twenty years?**

Well there has certainly been a huge change in technology with the use of computers and white boards. Otherwise we have good teachers and great kids. That hasn't changed.

### **Is there anything really funny that has happened?**

When the deputy principal was Roger Knauer he and I used to argue a lot and he would always say that he had told me things and I would say "no you haven't!" And he would say "yes I have!" We would

always have to get in the last word with each other. As he was leaving he said to me, "I told you that the day you were away!" . Of course I just laughed but I think that was probably one of the funniest things to happen.

### **What are some of your interests outside of school?**

My family and my grandchildren and I play tennis...

### **How many grandchildren do you have?**

Only two!

### **Do you compete in competitions?**

No, just social, only social tennis! I also like going to live shows at the theatre.

### **What are you moving on to do after you leave?**

I'm retiring, and hopefully have a little more time to travel ...I haven't seen very much of Australia. And

just enjoying not having to get out of bed and come to work!

### **Thank you Mrs Collins for talking with me...**

Well thank you it's been wonderful working here. I love my job. It is wonderful.

### **It's a nice thing to be able to say 'I love my job': Not everyone does.**

It is, I love this job and I have really enjoyed working here, the staff and kids are great and as I said earlier, on the SASS staff are an amazing group of people and they are just wonderful to work with.



**Amani Jensen-Bentley**

## **THS CAPTAINS MEET THE GOVERNOR OF NSW**

### **The Right Honourable Marie Bashir**

Maddy and I had barely been back at school for two days before we found ourselves taking the morning flight from Taree to Sydney. Maddy being the seasoned traveller that she is was falling asleep as we landed at Mascot. I was buzzing from the excitement of my first plane ride and attempting to massage away the cramp I had developed from gawking out the window the entire flight.

We merged seamlessly with the pedestrian traffic of Sydney and after a brief stint on a train, found ourselves at Hyde Park. Once we figured out which way up to hold our map, we arrived at Parliament House within minutes, joining the throng of young, blazer-wearing, school reps just like us.

Inside, we were addressed by a handful of state politicians, who gave us some insight into what life is like as a member of the State Legislative Assembly. This was very interesting, especially when the one of the members described the effect the job has on their personal lives. Not only does the position require a large investment of time to accommodate travelling all over the state, but it takes strength on the part of the MP's family, who are targeted from time to time when the politics start to get ugly. After the address, each member took the students of their own electorate on a tour of Parliament House. Mr Bromhead wasn't in at the time, but we didn't miss a thing, moving with the main body of students. We were shown the rooms of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly (the state equivalents of the Senate and the House of Representatives). At both of these stops in the tour we were given the opportunity to ask questions relating to the function of the assemblies, and about the member's personal beliefs regarding their position. Some of the students present asked some very insightful questions and Maddy and I learnt a lot from simply listening.

After lunch at Parliament House, we took a short stroll down the street to Government House; a castle of a building reserved for the entertainment of the Governor's guests. The interior of Government House was spectacular: the walls were covered in massive portraits of Governors past, one or two were vaguely familiar faces from primary school HSIE, but most were complete strangers. As we moved through the dining and drawing rooms, and finally into the ball room, there was a sense that we were walking through history. The carpets and the furniture denoted a time so far removed from what we

have now and the intricacy of the woodwork on the walls and roof seemed transplanted from an aristocratic estate in England. Everything gold in colour, we were told in the ball room, was actually plated gold.

When the Governor arrived, we felt confident that everything we'd been told about her was true. She was a gentle lady and I couldn't help thinking of her as someone's friendly grandmother the whole time. Except, of course, most grandmothers haven't spent time rubbing shoulders with the Secretary General of the United Nations; Ban Ki Moon, or – and she almost forgot to mention – the Queen. She expressed a genuine love for the communities of Australia, especially the youth, and was incredibly generous with her answers and her time. Afterward, she even spent a good forty minutes posing for photos and answering more queries.

Both Maddy and I feel extremely privileged to have been given the opportunity to meet the Governor, have an inside glimpse into the world of NSW state politics and experience some of the history of our country. Heads up, captains for next year; this is a day to definitely not miss.



**Sam Kellahan**

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## **A-one Fotomakers Hunter**

At the annual school photo day A-One Fotomakers took a photo of all SRC, Fellas, Rockestra, Singas, Combined Schools Project, Rock Chicks and the Agriculture Show Team.

These photos are now available for viewing and purchase for the students involved.

If you were photographed in the groups above, please go to the following website and use the password and username to access the site

[www.fotosales.com.au](http://www.fotosales.com.au)

Username: THS1731

Password: 5032012

For all photo enquiries please phone 49540499

# **FOOD DRIVE** **REPORT**

Giving to charity is one of the things that Taree High School does well, so when Jaimie-Lee Leslie and I came up with the idea of doing a Food Drive at school, we knew we had to come up with a way to make it happen. That's where the Welfare and Spirit Cup committees came in. After much brain storming we decided that the Food Drive would run for the duration of Term 2 and that for each item of food donated, one point would go toward the Spirit Cup. Now it is a reality.

The house that collects the most food will receive the most Spirit Cup points.

All teachers, students and parents are encouraged to get on board and donate as much non-perishable food as they can. These foods can include things like: pasta, rice, tinned fruits and vegetables, soups, pasta sauces etc. These food items need to be within use by date. At the end of the term the food collected will be donated to the Salvation Army and they will distribute the food

throughout the local area.

The Food Drive has been going for almost 3 weeks now and the tally so far is;

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Hooke- 57 donated items.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Murray- 39 donated items.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Manning- 21 donated items.
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Peel- 6 donated items.

Don't forget to donate!  
Thanks.

**Isabelle Avent**



## **Take 3**

The 24th of May was the day that Year 10 of Taree High became even more aware of the impact garbage is having on the oceans of the world. We were all inspired!

The concept of 'Take 3' is simple; whenever you go to a beach or water way, collect three pieces of rubbish and help save the beaches and oceans of the world! It is a clean beach initiative which focuses on the concept of keeping and restoring our beaches clean and rubbish free and to try to save the marine life that our garbage is killing. Tim Silverwood presented the seminar. He told us of the numbers of animals that are killed every year because of rubbish. You don't want to know the statistics....over one million sea birds and over one hundred thousand mammals die every year as a result of rubbish in the oceans. Although this may seem like only a problem for the animals, it affects people as well. It is thought that 9% of all lantern fish living close to the North Pacific Gyre (which houses the world's largest garbage patch of manmade debris almost the size of Italy as a result of the tides circulating the region) show evidence of having ingested plastic. This means that not only the fish are suffering but us humans

who will eventually be catching some of those fish and ingesting the plastic ourselves. No one wants to eat plastic, and we can empathise with the thousands of baby albatrosses that die each year as a result of being fed plastic instead of food by their confused mothers.

By the end of the seminar we were shown some easy tips to help out: always recycle! Try to purchase reusable products therefore reducing your rubbish output. Never leave rubbish behind, always bin it but most importantly "TAKE 3".



**Tim Silverwood**

**Amani Jensen-Bentley**



# SpeedBlitz Blues

The SpeedBlitz Blues are an organisation trying to lessen the death toll on roads in NSW by educating teenagers about speeding. Cricket players and a cricket themed presentation were used to convey put this message. Year 10 attended the presentation in the gym at school on May 10th. Within the presentation volunteers were able to physically put into practice 'slowing down'. We used a cricket pitch to test how fast we could hit a cricket ball and then to what extent we could slow it down, teaching us to 'slow it down and take control'. We learnt about the death toll on roads in NSW and watched a movie on the effect speeding has. All in all we became more educated about speeding and the risk it entails. Through all the scary stories they told us, I think we would all agree that we don't want to take the risk of speeding and to 'slow down and take control'....just like we did with the cricket ball!



**Amani Jensen-Bentley**



## Dragon Conference Dinner 7M-English



Whilst studying the unit of fantasy, we expanded our imaginations by participating in Dragon Workshops run by the fabulous and gorgeous Miss Gurr and attended a dragon conference dinner. We arrived at the fabulous dining room (aka A27) and were escorted by the great waitress, Miss Gurr, to our tables where our name tags and menus were waiting for us. After everyone was seated we got to enjoy delicious hardened puss on a circular toenail (Jatz and dip). The main course was hacked fingers and toes with a blood syrup and fried brains in a sweetened brain juice (sausages and tomato sauce and spaghetti with tomato sauce ) We finished with a delicious desert of animal droppings (chocolate bullets) and earthworms in a poisonous fertiliser (gummy worms in chocolate sauce). For drinks? Well, we enjoyed delicious troll pee and blood (apple and blackcurrant juice). Overall learning about fantasy was pretty awesome!!

We score Miss Gurr a 10/10.



**Chloe Crossingham**



**Siena Hindmarsh**

## TAFE/Taree High School Peer Literacy Tutoring Program

The Peer Literacy Tutoring Program commenced in Week 7 of Term 1. This follows on from the very successful programs which ran in 2010 and 2011. The program is a collaboration between Taree TAFE and the school. Twenty-two 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 students involved.

The Year 10 students attended two TAFE training days early in Term 1 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 teacher Kate Fazio. The school coordinators are Mrs Webber and Mrs 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 the Year 7s will be studying in the coming weeks. This gives an opportunity for the Year 7s 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: improving communication and thinking skills; learning new strategies on improving their own reading skills; building self esteem and confidence; revising subject matter; gaining enjoyment

helping someone and making new friends. At the end of the program the Year 10 students will gain a **TAFE Certificate 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)**



**PEER LITERACY STUDENTS**

## FELLAS AND SINGAS EISTEDDFOD

June 29th 2012 marks an historic date for the Taree High Music Department with the well-renowned 'Singas' achieving yet another first place in the Taree and District Eisteddfod - their sixth in a row. Their two songs wowed the adjudicator with a massive score of 90, enough to hold off impressive performances from both Chatham and St Clairs'.

Also performing on the day, the Taree High 'Fellas' successfully defended their unbeaten status now three wins from three appearances. Their renditions of Bluejuice's 'Act Your Age' and Rick Springfield's 'Jessie's Girl' also scored a high 90.

Both Singas and Fellas would like to thank Mrs Ralston, Mr Bull and Harry Brown for their time and efforts spent organising the performances and providing live music on the day.



***A SAFE AND FRIENDLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT***

# Special Education Faculty Report

2012 has been an extremely busy year so far for the Special Ed faculty. There have been a few students who have left us and a few have joined the faculty. We welcome Hazel, Ebony and Anthony.

Our Head Teacher Mrs Barbara Calder is on extended leave until December and her position has been taken over by Mr John Deehan. Congratulations Mr Deehan on harnessing all the energy needed to coordinate our group of students and staff.

Some successful events run this term have been the great excursions to the local community. A group of students visited the Cattai Wetlands near Coopernook. This was run by Midcoast Water who are to be congratulated on passing on some very interesting information and experiments concerning clean water and water insects. This Wetland Area was once an inland sea. It still contains remains of shells and gravel from the ancient sea floor. Midcoast Water is developing the area to be a sought after tourist spot.

Special Ed (Citizenship and Society elective) students also had a very worthwhile visit to the Rental Real

Estate office to gain important information about post school renting and independence. We thank Mr Alan Banham for presenting this much needed information. We also recently visited the NSW Fire and Rescue Station to learn about getting injured people out of smashed cars. Many thanks must go to Shane at the station for the wealth of information that he passed on to everyone. Yet another visit which was very successful was to the Taree Police Station and Courthouse. Taree High was the very first group to tour through the new courthouse!

Students have had a very rewarding time at work experience at MMcDonalds, Bunnings, Coles, Men's Shed and Manning Gardens Preschool. Congratulations to these businesses and the Year 9-12 students involved.

Some students have had outstanding improvements across all KLA's. These include Emily, Chloe, Liam, Charlotte, Rachael, Sophie and Troy (who returned to mainstream). We miss him. Jacob, Josie and Anthony have settled in immediately as well as Cody, Anna, Jess, Andrew, and Giselle. Congratulations to these students and we'll see more outstanding results as time goes by.

## YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAM REVISION LECTURES



### Free Lectures for Year 11 & 12 Students - June 2012

To assist students in their preparations for the Trial exams, The School For Excellence (TSFX) is running a series of **FREE** Lectures titled "**Mastering the Exams.**"

During the course of this exclusive program, students will learn vital skills that will help optimise examination performance as well as strategies that will maximise concentration and learning and cut down on study time. This lecture is being delivered by one of Australia's leading education/learning consultants, who is also a Year 12 Chemistry and Mathematics teacher,

offering students the opportunity to hear advice and strategies that specifically relate to their Year 11 and 12 studies.

Valued at over \$200, this lecture is free of charge to students. We do, however, require that all students participating in this program make a minimum \$10 donation to the charity representatives that will be in attendance on the day. 50 % of the proceeds collected will be donated to Beyond Blue and 50% will be donated to the Fred Hollows Foundation. To date, our "Mastering" lectures have raised over \$100,000, all of which has been donated to charity.

Application forms and further information may be obtained from our website at [www.tsfx.com.au](http://www.tsfx.com.au)

## NEWSLETTERS

**The school's newsletters is on the Taree High School website: [www.taree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.taree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)  
If you would like a hard copy of the newsletters you will need to fill out a request form which are at A15.**

# ATHLETICS REPORT 2012

Third time lucky! All hail Mrs Phillips! (Even if I say so myself). I picked the perfect day for a run, jump, throw, eat and socialise day - commonly called an Athletics Carnival. Hopefully I have now broken the rain voodoo and can no longer be called the "drought breaker" by my pessimistic colleagues. The day was a great success with many energetic performances being posted. The staff were positive, the students were fully involved, the BBQ was very tasty and the house colours were flying high with pride, especially the big red Peel who took out this year's honours.

Congratulations to all the house officials who provided great leadership to their junior athletes by competing in the first event of the day, the Relay Challenge. It was especially pleasing to see Jotham at his speedy best. Obviously he is more suited to terra-firma! It is a sad farewell for many of our house leaders as this is their final year of school. They have provided inspiration to many of their peers and I would like to congratulate them and thank them for the support they have given to

me during all of our carnival events.

The boys were the record breakers this year with Thomas Gilbert setting new distances in both the 16 Years' shot put and discus and Lee Angwin setting a new record in the 14 Years' shot put. Lee's new distance of 13.40m broke a record that has stood since 1967. Thomas didn't just break his records, he absolutely smashed them! His distance for the shot, 15.20m, was 1.7m better than the previous 1994 record and the 50.10m he threw in the discus was over 6m better than the previous 2001 record. Congratulations to both boys. Records are an important part of our Taree High history, with many names showing links between parents and children, and in some cases, grandparents. Our oldest standing record is the senior boys 400m record of 52 seconds which was set by J Dickinson in 1957. Even I wasn't around then! I'm sure there is a current student out there who has a link to this speedy athlete. Does anyone know?

Once again, thank you to everyone for helping make the day so much fun.



**Mrs Phillips**

## Age Champions for 2012

<b>Boys:</b>	<b>12 yrs</b>	Jeff Hatton	Hooke
	<b>13 yrs</b>	Jeremy Murphy	Peel
	<b>14 yrs</b>	Lee Angwin	Hooke
	<b>15 yrs</b>	Warwick Priest	Peel
	<b>16 yrs</b>	Jacob Muscat-Bugden	Peel
	<b>17+yrs</b>	Pat Atchison	Murray



<b>Girls:</b>	<b>12 yrs</b>	Portia Rennie	Murray
	<b>13 yrs</b>	Taylor Kurtz	Hooke
	<b>14 yrs</b>	Acacia Cann	Hooke
	<b>15 yrs</b>	Averil Thornton	Peel
	<b>16 yrs</b>	Tori Lee Burke	Hooke
	<b>17+yrs</b>	Laura Neale	Murray

## House Champions for 2012

<b>Peel</b>	<b>766 points</b>
<b>Hooke</b>	<b>630 points</b>
<b>Murray</b>	<b>466 points</b>
<b>Manning</b>	<b>425 points</b>





## **Taree High Boys' U15's Bill Turner Soccer Team**

### **Match Report - 3rd April 2012**

Taree High Boys' U15's soccer team played in the first round of the Bill Turner Cup competition on Tuesday 3rd April versus Port Macquarie High. The game was played at Omaru Park in Taree on a warm Autumn day. Taree played well and came away with a 5-0 win. The team worked well together and combined strongly to score a steady win with goals spread throughout the game at similar intervals.

The half time score was 2-0 with goals from Aidan Drenkhahn and Jack Piercy, whilst during the second half the goals were from Lachlan Edge (2) and Warwick Priest. Nick Quinn was ever so close in adding to the scoreboard with his shot being deemed a no goal. The goal keeping was shared by Sean Pole-Cini in the first half and Lachlan Nesbitt in the second half with both doing a great job.

### **Match Report - 14th May 2012**

Our second match was against GLC Tuncurry at South St, Tuncurry.

The result was a win. Goal scorers were Miles Thornton/Aidan Drenkhahn and Lachlan Edge (2).

Taree High started slowly and were down 2-0 at the half-time break. Players weren't at their best and lost focus. However it returned in the second half with the help of the wind at their backs and a few positional changes.

Taree scored two reasonably quick goals to level the score and gained 2 more nearing the end of the match to finish off a good determined win. Well done boys and a special mention to my assistants on the day - Joey Jeffrey and Nathan Somerville.

They were most helpful and loud!

### **Match Report - 25th May 2012**

The third match was against GLC Forster at Muldoon Street, Taree.

The result was a 2-0 win. Goal scorers were Callum Bartley and Warwick Priest.

Taree High started well with scores staying locked at 0-0 until about half way through the first half, when Taree received a penalty in the box after one of our players was elbowed off the ball. Taree scored from this penalty with a great kick from Callum. Half-time was 1-0. Taree started well again in the second half and managed to withhold a determined fight back by Forster, scoring an incredible goal from Warwick towards the end of the second half.

**Great work again boys!**

## **Match Report - 4th June 2012**

Our last match was against St Columba (Port Macquarie) at St Columba High.

The result was a 4-1 Loss. Lucas Mephram was our goal scorer.

Taree High started well in difficult conditions with a saturated field from weekend rain making it difficult to predict the bounce of the ball (or even if it would bounce at all).

Taree maintained a strong start for the first twenty minutes with scores staying locked at 0-0.

Unfortunately our shots at goal in this period weren't close enough and when St Columba had opportunities down their end their goals seemed to go in for them, with 3 quick goals being scored. Half-time was 0-3.

Taree started well again in the second half and managed to put up a determined fight back scoring a fantastic goal from Lucas, later Lachlan Edge's shot only just missing. Taree should be commended for their great efforts in the match with it not being our day. The final score was 1-4.

Excellent commitment and attitudes were on show again from Taree as witnessed by the St Columba crowd (many students from their school watched most of the game). Another special mention must go to my assistants on the day - Joey Jeffrey, Nathan Somerville and Mitchell Brown.

This was our fourth and final match of this knockout competition. I'd like to congratulate all players who played a part in any or all games. Well done! I enjoyed organising and helping you all (in training and at actual games).

**Team players are:**

Miles Thornton (9)	Aidan Drenkhahn (9)
Jack Addison (9)	Warwick Priest (9)
Jack Piercy (9)	Lachlan Edge (9)
Luke Woods (9)	Nick Quinn (9)
Sean Pole-Cini (8)	Lachlan Nesbitt(8)
Max Le Messurier (8)	Callum Bartley (8)
Lucas Mephram (8)	Cam Le Messurier (7)
Sam Addison (7)	

**Mr J Kelly (Team Coach/Organiser)**



# Congratulations

Gabbie Aarons-Burton (8) Amanda Armstrong (8)	Selected Northern NSW 14 Girls Soccer team. Competing in the National Titles in July
Madeline Heron (10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>winner of the Taree North Rotary Public Speaking competition</li> <li>Member of winning team of the Science and Engineering competition</li> <li>One of only two female nominees to attend NSW State SRC Conference</li> </ul>
Isabelle Avent (12)	Nominated for Marie Bashir Peach Awards
A million thanks to the wonderful people at Tinonee Nursery for their kind contributions to our front gardens	
Beau Harper - You are an Ironman!	

## **Tennis Report**

### **CHS Knockout**

On Tuesday 8th May 2012, the Taree High School tennis team converged upon the Taree Tennis Courts to compete in the CHS knockout. The boys team, led by Patrick Abraham, consisted of Jack Boothman, Michael Yarnold and Lee Brown. The boys were matched against a strong team from Great Lakes which included a number of nationally ranked junior players. The boys found the going tough in their singles matches. Michael jumped out to an early lead in his match and things were looking promising but he eventually went down in a tie break. With Great Lakes winning the singles matches, the focus turned to the doubles. Great Lakes proved too strong in the doubles again, however the

matches were closely fought with the Taree squad maintaining a high standard of sportsmanship and competitiveness. Well done boys!

Ellise Bowerman was joined by Rebecca Deer, Jamie-Lee Schubert and Bonnie Boothman in the girls team and after receiving a walkthrough from Wingham High School in the first round faced Great Lakes. With the singles up first the girls took to the courts and after some close games, Great Lakes took an early lead. The team from Great Lakes proved too strong in the doubles as well and eventually won the match.

### **School Championships**

The THS Tennis Championships were held at the end of Term 1 with a competitive group of players competing for the Junior and Senior, Boys and Girls titles. The competition started with round robin pool matches with the top players from each pool

moving into the knockout finals. The sportsmanship and attitude of all the players was outstanding and everyone should be acknowledged for that. Congratulations also must go to the following players:



### **Junior Boys**

Champion: Aidan Drenkhahn  
Runner Up: Harry Scarlett

### **Junior Girls**

Champion: Sarah Smith  
Runner Up: Natalie Brien

### **Senior Boys**

Champion: Patrick Abraham  
Runner Up: Jack Boothman

### **Senior Girls**

Champion: Rebecca Deer  
Runner Up: Jamie-Lee Schubert

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## **Year 10 Advisor Report**

This semester has flown by. This is the time when Year 10 needs to get serious about the future! The Higher School Certificate is looming in 2014 and there is no turning back! Please think about what you want out of the next two years and decide to get it. Be one of the people who look back in years to come and can say that you did your best. Some of our students have already organized a post-HSC exchange or scholarships and many of you now have part-time jobs. Actually, there are hardly any students who have missed out when actively seeking employment on a part-time basis. Congratulations to Nikki for her trip to Germany. She will have a very worthwhile experience and come back even grander!

I still have 12 Year 10 shirts left in varying sizes. The shirts are \$16 and it will be first in first served! A few people who wanted a shirt have not paid or come to discuss your order. You know who you are.

Now that Winter is upon us, please refrain from wearing the coloured jackets that are NOT Taree High uniform. You do know that the jackets are not uniform. Please buy the official black jacket that are available at Lowes or the Taree High canteen.

I noticed a group of Photography elective students

roaming around taking photos for their course. These students were:

Trisinta Bernasconi, Gemma Boyd Melissa Foster and Savannah Black. They were trying to look professional about it all and I'm sure they took great photos and will get great marks hopefully!

See you next newsletter.



**Mrs Diana Silcock - Year 10**



**Trisinta Bernasconi, Gemma  
Boyd Melissa Foster and  
Savannah Black**

# P & C News

## THS Canteen supports Old Bar RLFC

Hearing of the recent fire that destroyed much of the Old Bar RLFC equipment, Dana Jowett, Canteen Manager was keen to offer support. Ms Jowett was aware that there were a number of items surplus to the needs of the Canteen – having been removed and put into storage after the canteen refit in 2011. And the result.... a match made in heaven! Lee Hinton, President of the Old Bar Pirates very happily accepted the equipment, which included a pie warmer, and other items that will be useful for

the club to use in their temporary clubhouse.

As Ms Jowett acknowledged, “THS has quite a number of students who live in Old Bar. We’ve been fortunate to have a refit of our canteen. That allows us to share our surplus items, and support the community at the same time.” *Great result!*

### P&C news and activities

The P&C held the AGM on April 24, and the new P&C Executive have started the year with a range of projects including:

- A **THS Canteen Loyalty Card** – with rewards to students who purchase healthy choices. Just one of the ideas we are working on to encourage purchases at the canteen
- **We Grow** project, now that we’ve been successful in

attracting the funding is one of ‘linking’: bringing the various school and community sections together, and helping shape the project ready for Term 3 roll-out for students

- Promoting the **Loyalty Shopper deal at Tarean News n More** Declare your support of THS, and the P&C benefits with 5% of your purchase being credited to us.
- Energising the **THS P&C Facebook page** and **P&C News on the THS website**: both great places to visit to catch up on THS P&C activity. Our May P&C meeting saw a gathering of Facebook novices at GTCC Library, getting tips on joining Facebook and a tour of the Library collections.

### Actions planned for Term 2 and 3 include:

1. A focus on NUMERACY on 19 June meeting. A great time to hear about the whole-of-school approach taken at THS to numeracy. The meeting starts at 5.15 pm in A17 (so we can see the Interactive Whiteboard in action)
2. We’re hoping that the LED Noticeboard will be installed and ready for use in Term 3
3. **Love2Read@THS Cafes** should be in place in Term 3 as a partnership to support LITERACY at Taree High School.

Cheers,  
**Beth Fuller**  
Taree High School P & C  
President

## News from the Canteen

### Winter Specials now available



- \*Spaghetti Bolognaise
- \*Butter Chicken and Rice
- \*Chicken piece with vegies and gravy
- \*Soup and buttered Roll
- \*Hot meat and gravy roll

We are offering “Free fresh fruit Friday” at the Canteen on the last Friday of the month (where

possible). This is a great chance to try the fruit on offer.

Another idea is the new Loyalty Card. We are issuing this Term with purchases of the winter specials and will be rewarding students with a selection of canteen food (Dana’s choice!) when the card is full.

A reminder to all staff, students and parents – it’s your support at the Canteen that helps put funds back into the School.

*We are lways happy to talk with prospective volunteers at the Canteen!*

**Dana Jowett**  
THS Canteen Manager



An initiative by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence, with the Smith Family

### **THE SMITH FAMILY**

*\$500 to help pay for Education Costs*

**Do you have a child at school and would \$500 help cover your education expenses?**

The Smith Family is running a Taree savings program that can help you save for your children's education.

Saver Plus rewards your saving efforts by matching every dollar you save with another dollar from ANZ, up to \$500.

It also offers 4 FREE Financial Workshops.

Many Taree families are already taking advantage of the Saver Plus program and are saving for their educational expenses.

To be eligible you must:

Be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself

Have a current health care card or pension card, and

Have some income from work (even a few hours will count)

Saver Plus is giving families a brighter future by providing an incentive to save for education.

For more information contact Mark Norris, Saver Plus Coordinator on 65578284 or 0429 820 9744 or email [mark.norris@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:mark.norris@thesmithfamily.com.au)



## **ANZAC DAY**



## **OPENING OF THE NEW HOSPITALITY KITCHEN**

*(Story and more photos in next newsletter)*



***A SAFE AND FRIENDLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT***



**The National Year of Reading** is in full swing with events and activities both at school and in the wider community. Reading is at the heart of learning. Students often tell us that it's boring and they don't like doing it but no matter what our skill level we all read ... even if its simply scanning our environment and taking in visual cues. Its hard to dismiss a skill that can improve and enrich our lives so much:

## What Reading can do for you

1. Enhanced Smarts
2. Reading reduces stress
3. Greater tranquillity
4. Improved analytical thinking
5. Increased vocabulary
6. Improved memory
7. Improved writing skills
8. Helps prioritize goals



<http://lifedev.net/2009/06/reading-makes-you-better/>

## How to read better

In the modern age of information, reading truly is a fundamental survival skill. Here are ten tips that anyone can use to improve their reading skills:

1. **You don't have to be a great reader to get the point.** Some people read fast and remember everything. Others read slowly and take a couple of times to get all the information. It doesn't matter, really, so long as when you read, you get the information you're seeking.
2. **Know WHY you're reading.** Are you reading for entertainment or to learn something? Decide why you're reading before you start and you'll greatly improve your comprehension and your enjoyment.
3. **You don't need to read everything.** Not every magazine, letter, and email you receive contains information you need. In fact, most of it is simply junk. Throw it away, hit the delete key! Just doing this will double the amount of time you have available to read.
4. **You don't need to read all of what you DO read.** Be choosy: select the chapters and articles that are important. Ignore the rest.
5. **Scan before you read.** Look at the table of contents, index, topic headers, photo captions, etc. These will help you determine if, a) you have a real interest in this reading, and b) what information you're likely to get from it.
6. **Prioritize your reading.** You can't read everything all at once (and wouldn't want to). If it's important, read it now. If it's not, let it wait.
7. **Optimize your reading environment.** You'll read faster and comprehend more if you read in an environment that's comfortable for you.
8. **Once you start, don't stop!** Read each item straight through. If you finish and have questions, go back and re-read the pertinent sections. If you don't have questions, you got what you needed and are ready to move on.
9. **Focus.** Remember, you're reading with a purpose, so focus on that purpose and the material. If you lose interest or keep losing your place, take a break or read something else. You can keep track of where you are by following along with your hand. This simple technique helps you focus and increase your concentration.
10. **Practice!** The more you read, the better reader you'll become (and smarter, too)! So, feed your mind: read!

<http://www.selfgrowth.com/articles/Allen9.html>

Lets all keep reading

*Heather Abbott* .. Teacher Librarian

**Year 7 are coming to the end of their *Independent Learning Skills Program*, with a trip to the town library.**

The program has covered the skills of:

- ✓ analysing information
- ✓ locating appropriate resources
- ✓ selecting appropriate internet sites
- ✓ preparing bibliographies
- ✓ listening skills



**National  
Year of  
Reading  
2012**

Keep a look out for our new publication

## "Latest Releases"

available from the library, front office or A15. This brochure aims to bring to your attention new resources available from the library.

## KEEP WARM WITH A COOL WINTER READ

**The hunger games** by Suzanne Collins. A chilling tale of survival. In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the other districts in line by forcing them to participate. F COL

**Naruto** by Rurouni Kenshin. In this graphic novel Naruto is a young shinobi with an incorrigible knack for mischief. He's got a wild sense of humor, but Naruto is completely serious about his mission to be the world's greatest ninja! We have 15 of this popular manga series.

**The shiny guys** by Doug McLeod. One night, the shiny guys visit 15 year-old Colin Lapsley. They don't speak, but Colin can read their thoughts. They want him to pay for the terrible thing that he has done. The shiny guys won't go away so Colin is admitted to ward 44. There he discovers an alien world, a powerful weapon, a gentle giant, and a girl who may be able to see what he can see. *The Shiny Guys* is a dark, sometimes funny novel about how fantasy & reality can merge, especially when electricity is involved. F MCL

**Off the wall : World of Wearable Art** is an annual competition in New Zealand. This book features the best garments that have been entered over recent years in a remarkable celebration of the diversity and creativity of wearable art. Anyone with an interest in fashion, design & the craft arts will find this book inspirational. NF 746.9 OFF

**Johnny Depp** by Maggie Murphy. **Johnny Depp** is part of a series called Movie Superstars. This book follows the Pirates of the Caribbean star from his early days as an actor through his latest projects. Along the way, readers will learn about his life, his iconic roles, as well as his lifelong interest in music. B DEP