

IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 7-11 Presentation Assembly	26 June
SPIRIT DAY	27 June
School Holidays	30 June
Students return Term 3	15 July
P & C Meeting	22 July
HSC Trials	11-22 August
P & C Meeting	26 August
Yrs 7 - 10 Parent/Teacher Evening	9 September
Year 11 Final Exams	10 -19 September
P & C Meeting	16 September
School Holidays	22 September
Students return Term 4	7 October

ATTENTION

A direct deposit to the school's bank account was received on the 30 April 2014 with no name attached. If you made this payment please contact our School Administrative Manager, Colleen Cefarin.

Proof of deposit will be required.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Due to a change in the financial management of the school, we are unable to collect funds via invoice. THS P & C decided on 27th May that it would not be paid from 2014 onwards. Parents who may have contributed will get a refund for 2014.

Students are still covered by ambulance.

TAREE AND DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD

On Friday 2nd May, whilst Taree High School was getting physical at the athletics carnival, S.O.A.R. competed in the bands section of the Taree Eisteddfod. S.O.A.R. are a group of Year 9 lads who have been together for three years playing covers and writing their own music. The band consists of Sampson Hillyard, Cam Le Messurier, Josh Clarke, Banjo Hunt, Ben Stevens and Jordan Terry. They entered into three sections which saw them perform six songs in total. They performed extremely well, winning two out of the three sections and being awarded a Highly Commended in the third, with the adjudicator remarking "You've got the professional package sorted!" .

The Eisteddfod success continued on 27th May when the Singas sang in the choir section of the Eisteddfod. They performed 'True Colours and an African Americanspiritual to take out first place against another school. The Years 9 and 10 Vocal Extension Class also competed on this day in the Secondary School Group Section receiving a highly commended for singing 'Say Something' and Coldplay's 'Viva La Vida' and for some of these students it was the first time they had sung on any stage!

All of these groups have worked extremely hard in their own lunchtimes to commit to this successful performance. Congratulations to you all!

Also well done to the large number of Taree High Students who performed in the Eisteddfod as individuals, small groups and large groups in all sections of Dance, Drama, Instrumental, Vocal and Bands. You are all to be commended for your achievements!!

Ms Ralston and Mr Bull



Yr 9 & 10 Vocal Extension Class & 'Singas'

ANZAC Day

Despite the rain, Taree High School was well represented at the ANZAC Day ceremony. Our leaders, Madeleine Heron and Eden Gonfond, gave the ANZAC address. They spoke passionately and respectfully giving listeners a great insight into the significance of ANZAC Day in Australian lives. Alex Eden joined with them to lay the wreath on behalf of the school. Another THS student, Keegan Bell from the Army Cadets read the poem. He too had the gathering enthralled as he read the haunting words which resonated with all. Many other students were part of the cadets on parade as well as SRC representatives and staff who did so with great pride and reverence.

I was approached by many people who commented about the outstanding presentation by our leaders and the positive impression they made on the audience. They were a great source of pride for the school and themselves.



Madeline Heron Eden Gonfond



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the semester draws to a close, there have been significant activities occurring both in and out of classrooms. Year 7 have established themselves at high school by demonstrating their understanding of our core values, being Cooperation, Participation and Respect (CPR). They have quickly embraced their timetables and begun participating in many extra curricular activities such as our extensive music and sporting programs.

The school is undergoing major building and ground improvements with new paths, gardens and the construction of a new Aboriginal Community Resource Centre to replace the condemned demountable Koori Room, which has held a significant place in the school for more than 20 years. The new facility will provide a state of the art classroom/office to host classes, external events and meetings by various school and community groups. We look forward to the handover of this building next term. Uncle Russel Saunders has been commissioned to paint an artwork on the entrance door, and the community are being consulted to name the centre.



Mrs Phillips (Head Teacher PDHPE) will finally see the completion of a multi purpose playing surface covering the old basketball court area, which will enhance the PE and sport program at the school. She has been advocating for this to happen for years. The cricket nets have been relocated, new turf planted to create a green space and more seating for students added to the playground. Also the Gym is being upgraded to improve ventilation, insulation from the elements and better lighting. As well as this, extensive work has been carried out on infrastructure such as drainage, roofing, walkways, painting and flooring.

As one Year 12 student was heard to say "Have we won the lottery or something?" Well we could say yes, but it is all part of improving facilities for our students and staff under the Connected Communities Strategy.

Allison Alliston

SMS MESSAGES TO CAREGIVERS

Taree High School has transitioned to “live” electronic, period by period, roll marking and will now resume our text messaging service to notify caregivers when their child is not at school.

Two types of text messages will be sent out during the school day.

- The morning text message will be sent to notify caregivers that their child is currently not at school.
- The afternoon text message will be sent out to reflect any abnormalities during the day, for example, truancy: when students leave school during the day without consent. This message will eventually contain exact period information.

I ask that caregivers please be patient with the staff while we work through this period of adjustment. Our aim is to increase communication with parents/caregivers regarding issues when they happen and I would like to thank all members of our school community for their assistance – attendance is everybody’s business.

Nigel Reece
Deputy Principal

POETS IN THE MAKING!

Poor people living
On an incredibly small income. They
Venture out, walking miles to collect water
Everyday. Waiting, weeks for a drop of
Rain so their crops can grow
They deserve so much better than what they have.
You can help.

Written by Year 8 Geography student



INDIA

Lack of privacy, low wages, and terrible working conditions,
Playing in open sewers are kids’ only expeditions,
Living in households of up to 20,
The small huts are not designed to fit plenty.

Sleeping all squashed and cramped up at night,
While rats creep around them in plain sight,
Children working from any age,
Most cannot even read a book’s page.

Food eaten from unwashed pans,
Being passed around with dirty hands,
At least 4000 people each day diagnosed with disease,
If only the government would appease.

Mandatory items they are not bestowed,
Bowel motions made on the side of the road,
The government turns their head,
Ignoring what should be focussed on instead.

People living their lives the only way they know how,
Not even knowing about the technology we have now,
But cherishing the little they possess,
Their sense of community is something to bless.

They only want what is needed to get them by,
But no one other than them wants to help satisfy
Nobody spares them a glance,
To scared they will catch a disease if they advance.

No one realises the way they all work together,
Not one of them is degraded by another,
Each family experiencing the same hard lifestyles,
Every little thing they do is worthwhile.

We complain about our lives,
Yet here they are, coping whilst deprived.
These people are all still part of a country,
Even if some have much less money.

This is how they live their lives,
This is how they strive.
This is the world they know,
This is the only place they can call home.

Written by a Year 8 Geography student

SCIENCE

In the forensic science elective, students practiced safe handling of body fluids when we looked at blood spatter patterns

Terri Patterson
Science Teacher



YEAR 12 HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!!

They turned up a finely tuned army to provide the best sausage sangers in Australia, the coldest drinks of all flavours and the most popular sweets that kids want to rot their teeth with. The army of James, Alex, Nathan and their assistants walked continually around the grounds, selling Nerd Ropes to the non nerds, Gobstoppers to anyone who opened their mouth and was prepared to part with their money, and a few varieties of any sweet at all as long as it was the sour variety. They did a tremendous job and should be congratulated. It was fantastic to see the kids behind the barbeque, cooking hundreds of sausages without a single complaint. Parents, you should be very proud (and remember that your child has these skills and can cook the barbie on weekends for you). They actually seemed to enjoy the work!!! Money raised will contribute to a gift from Year 12 2014 to Taree High.

The Half Yearly Exams have now passed and students are waiting for their reports for this reality check. The majority of students thought that they went OK, and it was a huge reminder of the reality that the HSC is getting closer. This term is only a nine week term and then we will be down to the final term of work!!! Students are in good humour and they are rallying around to help each other. This is a time of sadness (yes, really), exciting worry of the future and many, many questions. You have to remember that the teachers are actually wishing you every best of luck and want the best outcomes. Remember that what you put in, is hopefully what you get back, so work hard. The Extension Maths class never blink as you walk past the room each morning for their early meet with lots of strange numerical work on the smartboard. I feel humbled !!

Students from Year 12 will be asked to think of ideas for the Year Book 2014. We want this to be a memory of the six years together, that we will look back on after the

dust has settled on school life. This is probably enough ramble, but have a great term Year 12 2014.

Mrs D Silcock
Year 12 Advisor



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER !

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator, Dianne on: 0429 406 126 for more information.

**Year 10 into Year 11, 2015
Subject Selection
Information Evening
Thursday, June 19, 2014
6.00pm
Taree High School Hall**

DJAGIL MARRUNG BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Every Monday and Wednesday morning before school you can find a bunch of hungry students on the verandah of the hospitality room, munching their way through a selection of toasted sandwiches, fresh fruit and hot milo or fruit juice.

The breakfast is being served up to help our kids get the best start to the day possible. By getting some food into the tummies of our students we are giving them a better chance to settle and concentrate in class.

This is a win-win for everyone in our school.

The name Djagil Marrung is Kattang meaning:
Eat Good.

How do you say it?

Jug - ool Marr - oong - you roll the 'r' when saying the Marr part!

Students from all year groups in the school are welcome to come along in the morning, for a chat and a bite to eat.



PEER LITERACY

Taree High Peer Literacy tutors are displaying high levels of dedication and expertise in tutoring. Some lucky Year 7 students are getting opportunities to be exposed to texts they will encounter in their subject classes and so be well prepared for any reading tasks.

Annette Gleeson
Learning and Support Teacher
Taree Public and High Schools

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

2014 Yr 10 Peer Literacy tutors for diligently supporting some Year 7 students' literacy needs.

'Singas' 1st in Taree Eisteddfod Music groups.

Congratulations to the Open Girls Football team who defeated Bulahdelah 12-0, Chatham 12-0 and Great Lakes College 3-1. The team will be going to Newcastle for regional semi- finals. Thanks to Ms Gray, Eileen McGrady as coach and to drivers, Benn Saunders and Mr Silcock.

CANTEEN NEWS

What's cooking in the kitchen

**Garlic bread \$2, hot soup and bread roll \$3
and don't forget our yummy chicken nuggets**



MUSIC, MUSIC AND MORE MUSIC

YOUTHROCK 2014

On the last day of Term 1, a road trip was underway. Sons of a Ralston (aka S.O.A.R.) were about to embark on the premiere tour of their rock star careers. Sutherland Entertainment Centre, Sydney was the destination and Youth Rock was the purpose, a battle of the bands style competition held annually for musicians in NSW. A DVD submission saw the boys, as well as Eleven Eleven get through to the semi-finals.

Early in the morning of Saturday 12 April, S.O.A.R met up at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre and attended workshops headed by music industry professionals, showing all the possibilities and options that careers in the music industry really offer. When we arrived we were briefed once again and then directed to the backstage area by security. There we sat getting scared while we waited, until the MC came in and started interviewing us, which was awesome! He asked a couple of questions just so he could get to know us and have some points to say when he introduced us. We then played our four originals, Day Dreaming, Let It Ring, Tunnel Vision, and Better This Way. We watched the other competitors do their sets, which were awesome, and stayed till the Grand Finalists were announced.

Two bands were announced from our section, being Eleven Eleven and The Syndicators.

We were really proud and exhilarated with our efforts, and the next day it was announced that we earned a Regional Excellence Award which saw us receiving \$1200 worth of sound recording for us to lay down our original music.

Eleven Eleven played amazingly in the grand final, just missing out on the top placing though they walked away with some great prizes too.

We'd like to take this opportunity to give the biggest thanks to Ms Ralston & Mr Bull for their expertise, knowledge and unwavering support. Ms Ralston was particularly instrumental (pun intended!!!) and was by our side the entire time.

Bring on Youth Rock 2015!
Sampson Hillyard



S.O.A.R.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE BOWLO!

On Wednesday 14th May the Taree High School inaugural Entertainment Class of 2014 went to the Taree Railway Bowling Club. We set up for a gig that included all different kinds of musical items from solo violin to an on the spot mash up of blues jam with the teachers. We took all of the school's 'high tech' musical equipment and the entertainment class put their skills to the test to have the whole room ready for when the performers and audience arrived later that night.

A rotation of three groups was put into place to further manage the staging, lighting and sound for ALL of the performances throughout the night under the supervision of Mr Bull, and as an added hand I sat on the brand new digital audio mixing desk and taught other students how to use it as the night progressed. We also had a visit from Hamish, the audio king, who helped us sort out a few technical glitches at the beginning of the night, so I thank him for that.

By the end of the night all three groups had experienced what it was like to be at the forefront of directing the lighting, sound and staging for a live concert and how to organise and prepare it beforehand.

We would like to take this public opportunity to thank Peter Lane and the staff of the Taree Railway Institute Bowling Club for allowing this wonderful experience to take place.

Ben Petrisic Year 12 Entertainment Student

INSTRUMENTS YEAR 7 MUSIC STUDENTS MADE THIS TERM!!



HARPER'S HEROES

The Regional Athletics Carnival was held in Broadmeadow on 9th May. Thirteen Taree High students represented our Manning zone. It was a perfect day for running and some great results were achieved. The younger age groups competed a three kilometre course, with the older age groups progressively moving up in distance, with the 18 years racing over an eight kilometre course.

Out of the thirteen Taree High Students that represented the Manning zone, there were four that qualified for State.

All Taree High students performed exceptionally well and should be proud of their achievement at such a high level of competition.

I wish the state representatives the best of luck in the preparation (Wednesday training again, guys) for the State Cross Country to be held early in Term 3.

Mr Harper
THS Cross Country Manager

Max Lynch	28th	(12 years)
Jayde Tesoriero	32nd	(12 years)
Riley Davis	45th	(12 years)
Lara Watts	1st	(12 years)
Chloe Sherlock	29th	(12 years)
Paige Brown	46th	(12 years)
Abby Baker	9th	(13 years)
Claire Van Kampen	33rd	(13 years)
Portia Rennie	1st	(14 years)
Brock Van Kampen	14th	(15 years)
Lachlan Nesbitt	14th	(16 years)
Thomas Fletcher	6th	(16 years)
Miles Thornton	3rd	(17 years)



Come and DISCOVER ENGINEERING

Date: 23 June from 5.30 pm at aThe Chapel St Columba Anglican School
3 Iona Avenue S Port Macquarie

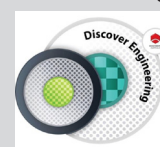


This free forum is for all students in Years 9,10,11 & 12 who are interested in engineering as a career choice. *Light refreshments will be served.*

Topics - Areas to be addressed include: Why be an Engineer? What do Engineers do? How do you become an Engineer?

Register

Registration essential by 19 June 2014
Phone Enginners Australia on 02 4911 7310



OPEN GIRLS NETBALL PLAYED WITH STYLE

During Term 1 the Open Girls Netball team competed in the CHS knockout competition. With little training, they managed to achieve great results.

The first day of competition was on 11th March – the Manning District round robin. We had a very physical and close game against Great Lakes College first up, and had a well-deserved victory. This was followed by convincing wins over Wingham and Gloucester, meaning we were Manning District champions. Our next round of competition was in Newcastle on 21st March. Our first game was against Belmont. After the first quarter, Taree led 9 – 5, but Belmont rallied to lead 15 – 12 at half time. The score in the 3rd quarter was 6 all meaning Belmont were still in front. A brilliant last quarter by the Taree girls drew the game 26 all. Our momentum continued in extra time and we won by two points. A fantastic game!!

The standard of competition went to a much higher level in the next round where Merewether were far too good. After trailing 21- 9 at half time, our defence and attack players swapped positions.

Thanks to parents for supporting the team and transporting our players. Thanks also to “super coach” Justine for organising the team and the uniforms, and for getting our team shirts made.

Team: Jessikah Bridges, Claire Davies, Georgia King, Bianca Litjens, Caitlin McLeod, Lily Minihan, Bella Murray, Abbey Stephen-Nelson, Layne Walters, Emma Croker

Coach: Justine Bridges – Rogers

Manager: Terri Patterson



FABULOUS FUTSAL

A number of boys and girls from Taree High competed in the Manning Futsal Titles at Saxby's Stadium at the start of May. Our teams came away from the event winning the boys and girls 16s and 19s titles. Taree had two boys teams entered in both boys divisions and one girls team.

Taree High Gold defeated St Clares High 3-0 (Boys 16s)

Taree High defeated Wingham 2-1 (16s girls)

Taree High Gold defeated Wingham in a penalty shoot-out - such a close and tense finish! (19s boys)

Taree High defeated Wingham 6-0 (19s girls)

Our winning teams qualified to attend the Northern NSW Champion of Champions which will be in Port Macquarie in mid-August.

Well done!

Mr Kelly/Mr Henson

2014 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL. Another successful event!

