

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

Term 4 ends	16 December
School Resumes Yr 12,11 & 7	28 January
School Resumes Yr 10,9,8	29 January
Swimming Carnival	5 February
Zone Swimming Carnival	16 February
School Photos	22 February
Year 7 Immunisation	11 March
Year 7 Camp	16-18 March
Good Friday	25 March
Easter Monday	28 March
School Holidays	9 April
Anzac Day	25 April

2015 is coming to an end and Taree High School will soon applaud student achievements at our annual Year Level Assemblies (Year 7, 8 & 9 will be 15 December). We have enjoyed a fantastic year of academic, sporting and cultural successes and caregivers will shortly be invited to the Annual Presentation Evening to be held on the 14th December. As a school community, we have also celebrated and said farewell to our Year 12s. We, like the students themselves, are eagerly awaiting their results, which will be released on the 16 December. This is an exciting time, and students should remember Mr Bowman will be available at the school to answer any questions and provide that much needed, and last minute, advice. Year 10 and 11 students are currently undergoing transition into their new studies. Elevate have again visited our school to offer them insight into successful study skills, and balanced HSC preparation techniques. Thank you to our "Prep" team (Mrs Hutchinson, Mr Bowman and Mrs Gowman) on this "head start" organisation! Year 6 students will also be visiting us this week and we look forward to welcoming them into our great school. Thank you to Mrs Umbers and Mr Dickson, Year 7 Advisers 2016, and their team on the work they have done. Year 7 to 9 Reports will be issued on the 15 December, with the last day for students being Wednesday, 16th December. The Year 10 Formal Assembly will be held on Friday, 11 December, to acknowledge their achievements to date, and farewell students who are transitioning to fulltime work or TaFE studies. In 2014, Taree High School ceased with a Year 10 Formal. We have the expectation that the majority of our students will be continuing into Year 11. I must remind caregivers that students, in their friendship groups,

have chosen to celebrate the end of the year, but there is no school sponsored event.

As this is the final newsletter for 2015, the Senior Executive (Ms Alliston, Mrs Starke and I) would like to thank everyone in our school community. Taree High School is a true reflection of our local community; we are a strong and diverse comprehensive public school which provides outstanding results. The support for our school from caregivers, the pride in our school from students and the dedication to our school from staff means quality learning is supported, and can flourish. So, thank you for all you do! We wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas and New Year period and look forward to welcoming everybody back in 2016.

Nigel Reece - DP



**2016 Jamie-Lee Carter (VC) Gabbie Aarons-Burton (C)
Lucas Mephram (C) Harrison Hillyer (VC)**



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations to all of the students voted onto the 2015/2016 Student Representative Council.

SPEECHES

Last term on the 28 August, six Year 11 students nominated themselves to become captain of Taree High School. Each student presented a speech to the SRC, teachers, and their peers inside the hall. Each speech was well written and well spoken, but, alas, only four of the six who nominated would take the positions of Captains and Vice Captains. Over the weeks following the SRC, teachers and Year 11 students voted for who they thought would best suit the role of captain. On 7 October the 2015-16 SRC members were inducted and captains we announced.

Sean Hopkins

SRC ORIENTATION BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER

A fantastic day was had by all today at the SRC orientation day. Our four new captains organised fantastic events including ice breakers, getting to know you games, placing members into committees, our AGM, selecting the four charities we'll support over the next year PLUS worked with our three guest presenters, Ms Alliston, Mr Reece and Mr Davis. A busy day, a long day, but a rewarding day. Many thanks to all of those involved and who helped out!



WELL DONE MR BOWMAN

Congratulations to our wonderful Glen Bowman on his award as Runner Up in the NSW Careers Adviser of the Year. A magnificent achievement and thoroughly deserved. Bravo.



GOODBYE YEAR 12 - 2015

Year 12 were lucky - the rain/hail held off until the end of our beach day!

We have had a fantastic time sharing our last day together. Thank you for being an amazing group of people. It was a pleasure to spend your last school day with you all



AMBASSADOR WORLD SERVICE

Congratulations to Claire Van Kampen and Tara Williams on their excellent public speaking at the Inaugural Ambassador World Service Evening hosted by Taree Quota. Both girls represented themselves, their families and Taree High School with great pride. The judges spoke very highly of their speeches and described them as well above the standard that they had expected. Both girls spoke of the programs running in the Philippines and Cebu which include a bakery for training poor people and a childcare centre to look after children and their health. Claire was the overall winner in a tight competition, with Tara a close second. A wonderful achievement. The girls prize was a donation to their described program, total value \$300. A wonderful achievement.



NORTH COAST ABORIGINAL AWARDS

Congratulations to Brittany Cochrane, Jameela Cochrane and Jack Piercy for their receipt of North Coast Aboriginal Education Awards, presented in Port Macquarie. Brittany and Jameela were awarded Creative Arts Awards and Jack for Academic Achievement. Benn Saunders (AEO) accepted Jack's Award on his behalf. Thank you also to the families who travelled to support their children, and for their ongoing support of them throughout their education. All three are aspirational for university in 2016. Bravo to you all!



A SAILING WE WILL GO!

Applications are now open to participate in the 2016 Young Endeavour Youth Development Program. This is a chance to set sail for an adventure at sea aboard the Young Endeavour.

Young Australians aged 16-23 can apply for voyages at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Youth crews are selected by ballot and no sailing experience is required. Applications are now open.

Please see Mrs Rainger for further information if you are interested in this amazing experience.



EARN & LEARN STICKERS

Taree High participated in the Earn and Learn program which Woolworths sponsored. We collected 9,360 stickers which then allowed the Science department to buy resources for their students including Human Anatomy Models and stationary. Thank you to all who participated.



SAVER PLUS

Is your child at school or starting school next year? Would \$500 assist you with education costs? Join Saver Plus and match your savings, \$500 in matched funding for education costs including school uniforms, stationary, text books, tablets, laptops and PC's, TAFE and apprenticeship costs, sports fees and equipment, excursions and more.

Conditions apply and to find out more you can contact John Edwards on 6882 3329.

YEAR 9 CAMP

Thank you to Mr Harper, Mr Hensen, Ms Burton and Mrs Umbers. Year 9 had a fantastic time and enjoyed the whole experience.



'GOLD' MUSIC TO OUR EARS

On October 19th the whole musical collective of Taree High made their way out to Taree West Public School to take part in Music Count Us In 2015, a school initiative that consists of a chosen song to be performed by many participating schools, at the same time, all over the nation. The day itself, run by Ms Ralston and Mr Bull of the music faculty, was a great success. This year's song was 'Gold', and other acts from our school who performed on the day were equally as amazing. All in all the day was a great success and is definitely a treat for the little ones at TWPS.

FUTSAL

Taree High U19 Boys Futsal team recently competed in the Australasian Champion of Champions Schools tournament in Brisbane.

The team finished 7th and were excellent representatives for Taree High and the school can be very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship. Some of the schools who qualified to compete in our age group included Robina State High School, Bellingen High, Sunshine Coast Grammar and Chancellor College. The boys showed their fitness levels were high, having to play 25 minute halves for each of their games over the three days. Inside the Oxley Futsal Centre it was quite warm, with endurance a prerequisite and teamwork essential. The boys will take away a lot of valuable experience from this tournament for the future.



The team includes: (From Left to Right)

Max Le Messurier, Callum Bartley, Mitchell Brown, Lachlan Nesbitt, Bayley Holborow, Lucas Mephram, Sean Pole-Cini, Callum Griffiths.

Well Done Boys for all your efforts!
Mr J Kelly

CANTEEN NEWS

A very big thankyou to all our SRC members who give up their time to help out in the canteen. It is greatly appreciated.

Fruit boxes, chicken nuggets and Up & Go drinks are new to the menu. There are some price changes which are unavoidable.

Remember to place your lunch order between 8am and 9am.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and safe holiday.

Dana and Sandy

NETBALL

Congratulations to these girls - under 15s Zone Champions for netball. Many thanks go to their wonderful coach, Mrs Patterson - our under 15s netball team - a great effort today



SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY VISIT

On Tuesday 20th October a group of students from Taree High, Chatham High and Wingham High woke up at 6 o'clock and went to Coffs Harbour to visit Southern Cross University. We all learnt lots of new things about methods of entry for into university and careers we all may wish to pursue later on in life. It was a fun day and gave myself, and I'm sure the others that went too, a vast option of dream degrees in the near future. To conclude it was a fun day and really interesting.

Thank you to Mr Bowman for organising this visit.



WATERPOLO

On 23 October Taree High's U15s boys and U15s girls water polo teams went to the Aquatic Centre to compete against local schools.

To start off the day the girls from Tomaree High School and Chatham High School played. We all watched them play and the game was pretty tight leaving Chatham as the winners. Our team versed Wingham High. We came out on top with the score of 3-1. Then the boys played against Tomaree. They came out with a score of 6-4. Tomaree's way. Then it was time for loser vs loser and winner vs winner in the girls round. Tomaree's beat Wingham. At the third quarter in our game against Chatham we were being defeated 7-0 so we decided to bring Emily Rainger out of goals. Emily played attacker and scored three goals in two minutes. We ended up losing to Chatham but overall we all had a great day.

LOOK...A NEW SHIRT HAS HIT TAREE HIGH

Our new cotton shirts are in at Workwise Clothing. They are very stylish and proving popular with students already.



YOUTH FRONTIER PROGRAM

The NSW Government's Youth Frontiers mentoring program is an electorate-based program that focuses on leadership. It targets Years 8 & 9 students with the capacity to benefit from having a mentor. Every year, young people will have the opportunity to participate in the program. The program will give mentorees an opportunity to build life skills and self confidence by working with their mentors to undertake a community project that makes a positive difference in their local community.

Shae Stevens



What an inspiring group of students who have produced some wonderful pieces of work on their chosen field

DJAGIL MARRUNG BREAKFAST CLUB

OPERATING ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT THE HOSPITALITY VERANDAH (NEAR YR AREA). ON OFFER FOR BREAKFAST IS HAM AND CHEESE TOASTIES, FRUIT, JUICE AND MILO.



YEAR 12 FORMAL

Congratulations and good luck in the future.

