

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Yr 12 Midcourse Exams end</b>	<b>2 April</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>3-21 April</b>
<b>Anzac Day</b>	<b>25 April</b>
<b>NAPLAN</b>	<b>12-15 May</b>
<b>Out of Uniform Day</b>	<b>22 May</b>
<b>Yr 7 Vaccinations</b>	<b>28 May</b>
<b>P &amp; C May Madness Family Day</b>	<b>30 May</b>
<b>P &amp; C Movie Premiere</b>	<b>18 June</b>

## AUSTRALIA DAY YOUNG CITIZEN 2015

Congratulations to our Caitlin McLeod who is now the Greater Taree City Council's Australia Day Young Citizen 2015! We are very proud of her many achievements within Taree High and in the Manning Valley community. Caitlin thoroughly deserves this great accolade!

Our 2015 Captains Tom Fletcher and Lily Minihan, gave the Young Speaker's Address at the awards, welcoming our 7 new citizens, thanking our Biripi community for the valuable cultural heritage they continue to share and encouraging old friends, new friends and family to celebrate Australia Day inclusively.

A proud day for Taree High.

## NATIONAL APOLOGY

Several of our students and staff took part in the 7th Anniversary of the National Apology held at the GTCC forecourt on Friday. It is an important day and we are proud to be able to take part.



## CAPTAINS INDUCTION

Taree High School's annual School Captain Induction was held on Tuesday February 3rd. Ms Alliston and Mr Reece proudly announced our 2015 school captains, Lily Minihan and Thomas Fletcher, and our vice captains, Emma-Joyce Croker and Nicholas Starr. Lily and Tom spoke confidently about the importance of student leadership and the great things they hope to do for Taree High School. Mr Foxwell, performed the fantastic role of MC in front of the Student Representative Council, Year 12 students, teachers and guests in our school hall. Macey Browne delivered a tremendous Acknowledgement of Country, which was followed by the past 2014 school captains passing on the mantle to the current school captains. Our P&C President, Mrs Annette O'Rourke, assisted in the presentation of certificates for the new captains which followed past captains Madeline Herron, Eden Gonford, Amani Jenson-Bentley and Ms Starke (filling in for past vice captain Alexander Eden) presenting the new captains with their captain badges. Congratulations Lily, Tom, Emma and Nicholas; Taree High School is nothing but proud to have such great captains to lead our school.



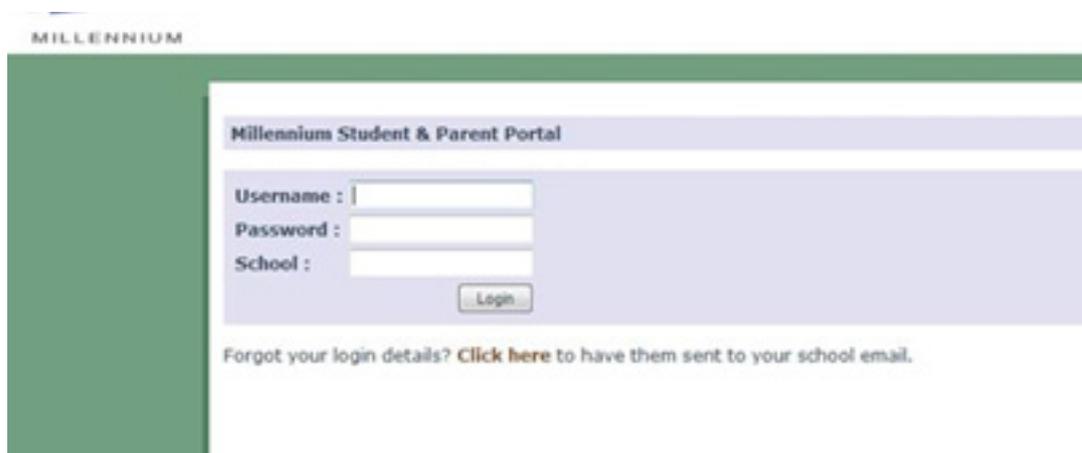
**2015 CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS**



**2015 SRC REPRESENTATIVES**

An internet banking deposit was made to the school's account on 26 March from a Greater Building Society account with no name attached. Description was fees + camp. If you made this deposit can you please contact the school. Proof of deposit will be required.

Have you accessed the new Taree High School Parent Portal yet? Letters with usernames and passwords were sent to all families. Contact the schools office for more information.



MILLENNIUM

Millennium Student & Parent Portal

Username :

Password :

School :

Login

Forgot your login details? [Click here](#) to have them sent to your school email.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO .....

Congratulations to Mathew Croker – Captain of the Newcastle Knights (Youth) Team.

Congratulations to Eve Foxwell – Winner of the public speaking section of Lion’s Youth of the Year.

Congratulations to Nicholas Starr – Manning Valley Lions Youth of the Year 2015.

Congratulations to Callum Bartley - 7th in the hunter region golf tournament, now playing in the Hunter Match-play finals.

## BRAVISSIMO

With great excitement and euphoria, off set a merry band of the Shared Curriculum Entertainment class, to go see the great wizard of drums, Otto Falson-Ree. After receiving a Band 6 result in his HSC, Otto was selected to perform in the prestigious concert, ‘Bravissimo’. Along side his trusty group of rogues (Eleven Eleven + Sampson Hillyard), they performed the song Always by Blink 182.

’Twas a good day.



## ‘EXPRESSO YOURSELF’

On Tuesday February 17th, Year 12 Hospitality ran a pop-up café to raise money for new equipment for our cooking room, and to also demonstrate our newly acquired barista skills. We raised over \$50 profit in just one morning. We will be holding more pop-up cafés this year and hope to add to our funds once more. Year 12 Hospitality would like to thank everyone who helped support us by purchasing our coffee and cookies, and we look forward to seeing you down in B7 for more treats again soon!

**Caitlin Macfarlane**  
Year 12 Hospitality



## THE NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Our new Captains Lily Minihan, Tom Fletcher, Emma-Joyce Croker and Nick Starr were among the emerging generation of leaders at The National Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre on Friday, the 21st of November.

The event, which attracted 2,500 students along with their teachers and principals from schools across the state, is hosted by the Halogen Foundation whose mission is to inspire and influence young people to lead themselves and others well.

Keynote speakers who shared their story and leadership insights included CEO of CPA Australia Alex Malley and anti-bullying advocate Lucy Thomas. Students also engaged in conversation with a panel of social entrepreneurs who shared practical tips.

Each speaker and panelist brought their unique life experience to the platform as they shared encouraging lessons, instilling the message that despite circumstances, anyone can be a good leader and make a difference in the world around them.

“The focus of the event was on the significance of getting started,” says Director of the Halogen Foundation Mike Martin. “By asking a range of accomplished people what it takes to turn ideas into something real, students were able to obtain some invaluable insights on how they can start leading in their school and community.

“Good leadership can be a moving target for today’s young people, and it moves with all the speed of changes in technology and society as a whole. At Halogen, we value real examples of leaders who deliver positive outcomes for the people around them. It is these stories that have the power to deliver incredible learning for young people and what we strive to deliver each year,” he adds.

A mix of universities and local volunteer organisations, charities and career advisers were on hand as part of The Expo which took place alongside the program on the day providing students with a variety of ideas and insights to help their future development as leaders.

The National Young Leaders day event series for secondary students takes place annually across Australia, with more than 6,000 students participating.

## RED CROSS

On Tuesday February 10th the Australian Red Cross Blood Service held their annual Blood Ambassadors’ Day where all existing and new ambassadors were inducted into Red 25 for 2015. It was held at the Information Centre and was open to all ambassador students from the Manning Valley. The day was informative and inspirational, and encouraged us to become more active within our community. We were instructed about everything we need to do to achieve effective blood drives and donations. We are constantly seeking donors over the age of 16. Interested students and families should contact the school for more information.

## Macey Browne and Kirby Border

### FACE THE FACTS.

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK? HAVE YOU LIKED OUR PAGE? IF NOT, HEAD ON OVER TO [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TAREEHIGHSCHOOL](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TAREEHIGHSCHOOL) AND GIVE US THE THUMBS UP. WE POST IMPORTANT UPDATES, REMINDERS, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE AMAZING THINGS STUDENTS DO FOR OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

## NICK STARR IS A STAR!

Yet another feather in the cap of Taree High Students - our wonderful Vice Captain, Nicholas Starr, is featured in this week’s Manning River Times in celebration of his winning the local round of the Lions Youth of the Year Award!



Well done again, Nick!

## CANTEEN NEWS

Come and check out our new sandwich refrigerator. We have a variety of sandwiches, salad boxes, fruit salad boxes.

Winter is just around the corner, so look out for our winter specials.

**Volunteers desperately needed. Grandparents are more than welcome. Every little bit helps.**



Cheers - Dana & Sandy

## YEAR 7 CAMP

It was a busy three days for our Year 7 campers! Kids completed a range of activities including team challenges, zorb balls, flying foxes, and MUDWORLD. They finished their last night with a BBQ at Blackhead Beach. Thankyou to Mrs Stanfield, Mrs Lawrence, Mr Henson and Mr Dickson for being wonderful chaperones!



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015

Congratulations to all of our age champions from our swimming carnival. You did a fantastic job and made us proud. Also a big congratulation to PEEL for winning the carnival. HOOKE came in 2nd , Murray was 3rd and Manning came in 4th.

It was the second day of school and the swimming carnival had kicked off. With a great turn out of kids and rays of sunshine beaming down upon us, it was destined to be a great event. With an outstanding Captains vs Teachers relay at the start of the morning (which the teachers won) the kids became more excited. The costumes were outstanding the belly flops sounded painful, but with all cheer and support from each house, the carnival was a perfect day for all students – especially for all of us in Year 12 as it was our last one.

### Emma –Joyce Croker



## ZONE SWIMMING

On Tuesday 17th February the Taree High School swim team participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival at the YMCA Leisure Centre with other schools from the Manning area. It was a fun and exciting day for all athletes. There were some very close races that came down to the stopwatch to determine the winner. These were very nail biting for the competitors waiting for the results. Congratulations to all the Taree High students who participated and tried their very best. Three big cheers to Shyanna Wardrop & Brock Van Kampen who broke two more school records on the day due to those events not being swum at the school carnival. Stand out swimmers for the day were Emily Rainger, Hannah Hartup, Jordana Wardrop, Hannah Hartup, Claire Van Kampen, Harry Fisher, Jordan Smith, Lalani Cross and Brock Van Kampen.

Well done to all the relays that competed, but a special congratulation goes to our 14 years girls relay ( Shyanna Wardrop, Emily Rainger, Hannah Hartup and Claire Van Kampen ) for coming first. We wish you well for regionals.

In the knockout relay Taree High came second against Great Lakes and Wingham came in 3rd. Taree High School finished in 2nd position with Great Lakes Collage taking out the School Championship for 2015.

Other members of the school swim team:

Izak Murray, Jacob Nash, Jack Woollard, Riley Davis, Harry Croker, Patrick Moses, Alex Slade, Lachlan Pope, Daman Cross, Thomas Coleman, Jakson Ward, Jake Lauder, Chloe Gale, Kriya Sercombe, Hope Extrem, Britany Pitt, Jasmine Davis, Portia Rennie, Sarah Croker and Isabella Murray.

Finally a huge thankyou to Mrs Phillips, the teachers and all of the volunteers for all their hard work to make this carnival possible.

## OPEN BOYS TOUCH

Yet another sporting triumph for THS - our Open Boys Touch team are through to the Hunter Finals round of 8 after defeating Chatham and Wingham High Schools on Friday 20th March.

Congratulations to the team and coach!

## SPORTING ROUND UP!!!

A big CONGRATULATIONS to our boys' and girls' triathlon teams. The boys came 4th in the NSW All Schools Competition and an amazing 1ST in the NSW CHS comp. The girls finished 6th in the All Schools comp and a well deserved 2nd in CHS.

Well done to Miles Thornton, Tom Fletcher, Brock Van Kampen, Abby Baker, Claire Van Kampen, and Portia Rennie. Solid effort!

And congratulations to the Open Boys' Waterpolo team, they have won their first two rounds, and the Open Boys' Cricket team who have won their first round. The Open Basketball team just missed out on a win today against Wingham High. Some great athletes we have at THS, and we are so proud of you all!



## YOU GO GIRLS.

We are very proud of our U15's girls football side, coming from 1-0 down to beat GLC Tuncurry 2-1 yesterday. Shout out to our youngest and only Yr 7 player Tahlia Holborow who scored both second half goals!

## Great work girls



**NO MEDIA, JUST SOCIAL...**

On the balmy evening of Wednesday March 11th, we held our first social of 2015. The theme was 'Celebrities' and as usual, our students did not disappoint with their fancy dress. We met the Irwin family (including their alligator), Katy Perry came long, Abba reformed for a reunion tour, Fat Amy did some amazing horizontal running, and Lorde turned up with her dark locks and lips to match. The DJ gave us some truly rockin' tunes, the kids danced all night, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

A request for future socials – if possible, can you leave bags at home? Our staff must do bag checks which is time consuming and creates a longer wait for ticket collection. If you don't need bag, please don't bring one. And remember it is a requirement that you present your student ID when you purchase your ticket AND upon entering the hall – this is for the safety of our students.

**GYMNASTICS**

On behalf of Gymnastics Australia I have great pleasure in confirming that the Taree PCYC Gyroos Gymnastics Performance Team will be a member of the Australian team in the 2015 World Gymnaestrada. It is an outstanding achievement for the members of the Taree PCYC Gyroos Gymnastics Performance Team to represent Australia at this unique event.

Congratulations to....

**Sophie Watson  
Ashlee Tate  
Maddy Piercy  
Melanie Walker  
Aleta Bourke  
Shae Stevens**

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