

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR - Term 3 2015

School Resumes	6 October
Vaccination No. 3	8 October
HSC Exams	12 October 6 November
Yr 9 Gold Coast Excursion	2-6 November
Year 12 Formal	10 November
Remembrance Day Assembly	11 November
Year 10 Social	18 November
MADD Concert	27 November
Last day for students	16 December
School Holidays	18 December

WORDS FROM OUR LEADER

What an amazing term this has been. As Year 12 conclude their final days at Taree High before they sit their HSC exams, and Year 11 complete their Preliminary Exams, it is gratifying to reflect on the past ten weeks.

We began with Spirit Day at the end of Week 1 which was so much fun. The SRC, guided by Ms Walker and Miss Gurr, organised a jam-packed program. This wonderful event highlights the willingness of all staff and students at the school to cooperate in the sense of fun and enjoyment.

Parent Teacher gatherings for subject selections were very well attended with valuable information being shared for Years 8 -9 and 10 -11 for 2016.

Mrs Lawrence (HT Science) has led a team of Science Teachers to co-deliver Science in our Community of Schools (Taree West, Taree, Old Bar, Mitchells Island and Oxley Island Public Schools) as well as Stage 3 students from these schools coming to Taree High to work in the Science Labs. Mrs Lawrence has also worked with the Stage 3 teachers to unpack and deliver the K-6 Science syllabus. What a wonderful partnership, and all the kids seem to love it.

The Snow Excursion was a huge success with students being described as "the best ever group" to tour. Thanks must go to Mr Bowman, Mr Davis, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Hindmarsh, Miss Gurr and Mr Gollan for their supervision of a huge week.

Students at THS have supported Lyme Disease Awareness, Wear it Purple Day as well as gearing up for their SRC Dinner and changeover.

There are so many wonderful things that gojust gotta love this school!!! To view more check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tareehighschool

Allison Alliston

IT'S SASS RECOGNITION WEEK!

Today our Senior Executive staff hosted a breakfast for all of our SASS staff to show our appreciation for all that they do. They work at the front of the school welcoming all who walk through our doors, they manage the finances, they keep our school tidy, they handle maintenance, they work closely with students to provide extra support - they are the cogs in the Taree High machine and we'd be lost without them! Thank you to each and every one them!



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

You're invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time, between 10 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

[The TAREE HIGH SCHOOL Partners in Learning Survey](#)

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education's TTFM website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>



THE BLOODY LONG WALK

On the 18th of October this year our very own Mrs Cefarin and Ms Tuckwell will be taking on a huge challenge for a very worthy cause. The two ladies have decided to embark on a journey called 'A Bloody Long Walk' and what a long walk it is! From Palm Beach all the way to Manly, it will be total of 35km and it will take nearly 8 hours to complete. The 'Bloody Long Walk' is a fundraising event supporting Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (AMDF), and the aim of the day is to help raise funds for people who suffer this fatal non-curable disease which affects the cells in suffers, leading to their organs shutting down. Mrs Cefarin and Ms Tuckwell have been readily training for the big day by walking every minute they can, also by participating in the City to Surf recently which was a warm up walk of 14km. You can help this amazing cause and support our two contenders in this journey by donating online at <http://bloodylongwalksydney.everydayhero.com/au/colleen> or see Mrs Cefarin herself. These two ladies see the value in doing this walk because it is primarily supporting a foundation which does not gain as much attention as others. We hope you see the value as well! Good luck and congratulations on the wonderful mission you are about to embark on!



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Sophie Watson for making the NSW gymnastics team.

U 15's boys netball and congratulations to the girls on making it all the way to Sydney.

U15's boys futsal.

Ms Walker and Miss Gurr for their outstanding job in

NAIDOC DAY



Staff and students came out of uniform in Red, Yellow and Black. We formed the Aboriginal Flag and took an aerial shot. There was a special assembly, then Years 7&8 completed activities until lunch. A full school BBQ was available to all students and staff. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed participating.



SPIRIT DAY

On Friday 17th of July we held our annual Spirit Day. It was an amazing success as always, the student participation was outstanding. It was an enjoyable day for all. A sterling effort by Murray. This House has not won the Spirit Cup since the trophy was established in 2008. Murray's drought has broken! Murray's colour was originally purple, but during one of the world wars, the dye became too difficult to resource, thus Murray became yellow. In recent years, we decided to reinstate beautiful purple back to Murray. Murray Captain, Hayden Bitmead's yellow/purple jacket references both. In his (and School Captain Tom Fletcher's) words, the jacket is "respecting the past, embracing the future" - our THS motto! Ms Alliston did the zorb ball!!! Do you know any other Principal who would do this?! Sensational effort!!



P & C FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the supporters of the P&C Fundraiser (Minions Movie). Congratulations Annette, Jodie, Donna, Ruth and Tiffany for your hard work. Also thank you to Raylene Starke and the Year 12 Hospitality students for making supper. How cute were the Minion cupcakes!!



SCHOOL UNIFORMS NEEDED

Taree High School clothing pool is running very low on preloved school uniforms. Dresses, skirts, shirts, shorts and shoes in good condition would be greatly appreciated. Deliveries will be taken by A15 office.

Lanie Rainger - H/T Welfare

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

Our Welcome Saturday was amazing and insightful. Our current Captains gave our guests a tour of the school. Featured here is 99 year old Keith McLaughlin who graduated in 1932 and returned later to teach for many years in our hallowed halls. His daughter Sylvia Saragih is left and our Executive Principal Allison Alliston is right.

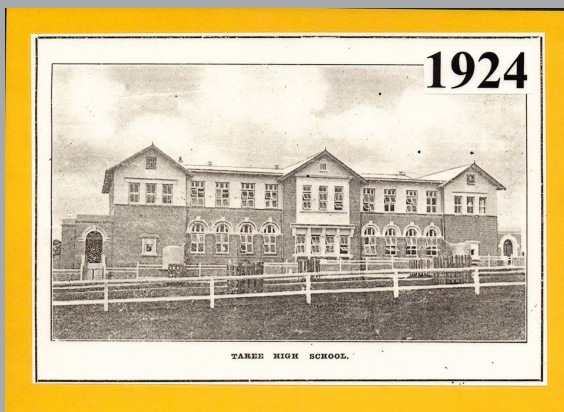


IT'S LAUNCHED!

Our sister Facebook page, Taree High School Alumni, is now online. Former students are invited to like the page, peruse the many photos we have already found, and tag anyone you recognise. If you come across any photos you would like to add to the page, please send through to us and we'll be happy to post them. Click on the link below to head over to the page.

Many thanks go to Glenda Hutchinson who is the coordinator of this endeavour!

<https://www.facebook.com/Tareehighschoolalumni>



CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

We had an AMAZING day with a group of students who visited for a Cultural Exchange program. The students, originally from a number of African nations, are now settled in Newcastle, and were keen to tell us about their lives and how moving to Australia has both challenged and enriched their lives. We learnt a lot about their culture, taught them about our indigenous traditions, and lot of new friendships were made! Thank you to all of those involved!!



AU REVOIR!

To honour our French exchange student Thibault, we made crepes!.....well we helped Thibault make them! C'est magnifique!! Well done Eve and Lizzie!



DEBATING

Taree High School's Year 9 and 10 debating journey in 2015 was a blast! Our team consisted of all Year 9 students including Tori Brasher, Tara Williams, Catherine Bayliss, Jessica Adams and Ezabell Kong, with Ms Ferguson as our team coach. This year was the first time all the current team members worked together as one team. We were able to show amazing teamwork and got along very well. The topics we dealt with this year were mainly based on political, social and sporting issues in Australia such as the voting age, programs within schools, drug testing and inclusion of Aboriginal language in the syllabus.

In Term 2 we had our first round debates with schools in the area such as Great Lakes College, Port Macquarie High School and Westport High School. Some debates were organised at our school and others were at the opposition team's school. Our team thoroughly enjoyed this as we got to meet new students and teachers from other teams, as well as learn new skills.

This year, our debate team was very successful in the Zone competition as we won all three debates of which we competed. This secured us a spot in the Regional Finals and debate camp at Coffs Harbour. We won the first round to progress to the semi-final but unfortunately lost to Macksville High School, who went on to win the Regional Competition. Overall, including the mock debates, we had six wins and only one loss.

We are very proud that Tara Williams was selected to participate in the North Regional Team which will compete in Sydney later this year. The team is made up of different school students in the North Region area. Overall, 2015 was a great success.

Ezabell Kong

ITS WAS ALL ABOUT THE SNOW!

Mr Davis, Mr Gollan, Mr Bowman, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Hindmarsh and Miss Gurr all unanimously agreed that this was one of, if not THE best group they have ever taken away.

Parents, you should be proud of your children - they were polite, respectful and cooperative, and we had several comments from both staff and other guests at our accommodation that they were a lovely bunch of students.

Thank you to Year 11 for making the 2015 snow trip such a smashing success!



LOOK OUT WALLABIES!

Well done to all students who played in the 7's Rugby Union competition. The teams played outstanding rugby and represented the school proudly. The skill level of our students was amazing and a lot of them could have representative futures! Their ball skills and defense was awesome and the spectators were certainly entertained!



FUSTAL

Congratulations to the Under 14 Futsal Team, who played well today in Port Macquarie and showed great sportsmanship despite not making it through. Bravo boys and Mr Kelly.



WELL DONE NETBALLERS

A very big CONGRATULATIONS to our victorious Year 7 and 8 netball cup team. The girls won their competition at Kempsey yesterday and are now going to contest the NSW finals in September. Best of luck to you all!

