

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR		
School Social		30 November
Year 9 Camp		21-25 November
Year 6 Transition Day		6 December
MADD concert		9 December
School Presentation Night		14 December
Last day of Term 4		16 December
Term 1 2017	Yr 12,11,7	30 January
	Yr 8,9,10	31 January

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Another year has screamed past at such a fast pace. It is amazing that the older I get, the speedier the years fly!!! Is it because our lives are so much busier and we try to squeeze as much out of each moment that we can or, is it because we keep developing new ideas into activities and opportunities for our staff and students.

What a semester. We have seen another Year 12 complete their HSC and many are currently receiving the wonderful news of gaining Early Entry to Universities; obtaining Apprenticeships/ Traineeships and Employment. Some have also secured scholarships to assist them in their transition to the next phase of their lives. I would like to thank all of Year 12 for their outstanding conduct and application during the HSC Exams. All supervisors agreed that they were the best cohort they have seen. All the very best in your future.

There have been some outstanding successes on the sporting field lately and in the performing arts with the Junior Girls Basketball, Year 7/8 Girls Touch and Girls Hockey sides placing 8th, 3rd and 3rd in the State. Cole Anderson (Year 12) has been selected for Bravissimo, featuring the best HSC Music performers on the North Coast at the Port Macquarie Glasshouse in February next year. Lucy Bird (Year 12) is on standby for this event. Bravo! Gregg Andrews, Michaela Beckett, Shania Winkley, Jamie Lee Carter and Ciahn Pertz (Year 12 Drama) were successful in being selected for OnStage, the very best HSC Drama performances in all NSW Secondary Schools. This is truly a magnificent achievement for them, and their outstanding teacher, Mel Cotton. They will perform at the Seymour Centre at Sydney University in February.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all staff at Taree High for the effort they put in on a daily basis to assist all students in meeting their potential.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and holiday season.



2017 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

Ashlee Tate (VC) Cam Le Messurier (C) Quinn Patch (C) Connor Armstrong (VC)



2017 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

WE'RE MAD ABOUT MADD

Tickets are now on sale for this year's MADD Concert at the Manning Entertainment Centre, Friday 9th December. This will be the 22nd year of this big event for our Creative Arts students. Come along and support your friends or family performances.

Tickets are \$20 for Adults, \$15 for students and concession, and \$10 for children under 12.

Follow this link to purchase tickets:

<http://themec.com.au/bookonline/madd-about-you-taree-high-school/>



YEAR 12 GRADUATION

Year 11 and Year 12 combined their end of year gift to the school and purchased graduation robes. These will be used by our students for many years to come.

DRUM ROLL.....A BIG DRUM ROLL PLEASE.....

Taree High School is performing at ONSTAGE!!

Gregg Andrews, Jamie Carter, Ciahn Pertzelt, Mikaela Beckett and Shania Winkley were chosen out of thousands of HSC Drama students around the state as having one of the best performances in NSW. Their performance 'Private vs Public' looks at the stereotypes and stigma surrounding the competition between private and public schools. This is the first time EVER for a school in this area!!

Tickets can be purchased from the Seymour Theatre from the 16th of November.

Taree High is organising an excursion to Sydney to watch the performance and to support our Taree High students. Students, staff and parents wishing to attend should see Mrs Cotton or get a note from A15.

Performance dates: Seymour Theatre 4-10 February 2017.

Many many heartfelt congratulations to these students for this tremendous honour - it is a testament to not only your theatrical skills, but your dedication and teamwork.

And to Mrs Cotton who guided these five students - what an outstanding job you have done. Taree High is so lucky to have you working with us!



TAREE HIGH 2016 MEMORIES



Alumni

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The school has very few photos from the 1960s and early 1970s. If you have any, particularly candid shots like these, we would love to add them to the Archives. Just message the face-book page and attach what you have. If you're not into face-book, you can send a copy into the school. These 1960s treasures are from Lynnette Barwick.

A million thanks Lyn.



Ron Levick, Class of 1945, brought his wife Mildred to see the old school.



George Stephenson, Class of 1953. George went on to be the Principal at Forbes High School.



Rascals from 2015, Jay Wood and Alex Ford



1960s buddies forever.

Taree High School

Whole School Reunion 27th November 2016
10am to 2pm



Nothing formal folks!

The school will open for everyone to come in, look around and meet up with friends.

A classic School Carnival BBQ will be run just to remind you of your glory days and how you had the ability to eat just about anything.

Find your friends.

Share Some Memories

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

At the end of Term 3 the 9/10 Outdoor Education classes travelled to Crowdy Bay National Park for a two day camp. After packing all the equipment in the bus the group left Taree High and travelled through Laurieton to the Diamond Head camp ground. Setting up camp proved a challenge for some but we all managed to get our tents and shelters up.

The group was involved in a range of activities and had to cook all their meals on a Trangia stove or open fire. The bushwalk around to Kylie's Hut up and over the headland showed some nice views across the Pacific and of the Three Brother Mountains with some catching a glimpse of some whales in the distance. The surf lesson run by Endless Summer Surf School was a bit of fun. Small waves made it easier for some to find their feet with persistence paying off for those that stuck at it. Some 'ghost crab' racing proved entertaining down on the beach after dinner with plenty of willing competitors to be found.

Thanks to Mrs Harris, Miss Stockdale and Mrs Patterson for their support on the camp as well as Benn and Josh who guided a group on the Headland walk and provided some cultural perspectives and bush tucker along the way.



ACMF

Our wonderful ACMF Music groups performed at the Manning Entertainment Centre recently. Thanks to Brad our Music Tutor from ACMF and the wonderful Karlene Reading for coordinating the groups. Thanks to the students for being involved and other staff for your support.

Well done Mitchell Brown, Hannah Hartup, Brendan Wallace for their performances in the Manning Ensemble and Olivia Hollis for her outstanding solo.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our new wonderful Captains represented the school at the Remembrance Service today at Club Taree. There were many positive and congratulatory comments made to them on their level of respect and reverence on this National Day of Recognition for all those who served their country with great honour. We are very proud of you.



YOUTH FRONTIERS

Congratulations to our Youth Frontiers students on their course outstanding presentations at Club Taree recently. After six months of mentoring and life changing workshops, these students presented their community projects to friends, family and community leaders. They should be very proud of their efforts and we thank their wonderful mentors for all the work they did with our students. Congratulations to Kiana Dunn, Brandon Wallace, Olivia Carle, Kelly Meredith, Kourtney Dorries, Leila Cook-Windsor and Skye Fehney. Brandon addressed the audience with his own experience with the theme of "anything can happen if you believe in it". His speech was impromptu and brought a tear to many eyes. Bravo to you all.



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BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

With a large portion of our school and community population on social media, we are all aware of the very harmful effects of cyber bullying. Negative or nasty comments online are never welcome, and thankfully Instagram is now onboard and helping with this problem!

Their latest update gives users the option to hide comments containing words you don't want to see - you can control exactly what you do and don't want to hear!

We urge everyone to check out the shared link which explains how to do this.

There is already a lot of hate in the world - let's all try to reduce the negativity on social media!

Instagram update: you can now filter out comments you don't want to see on posts! In 4 simple steps you can automatically hide comments that contain certain keywords, phrases, hashtags and emojis.

Learn more: <http://bit.ly/2caO5wu>

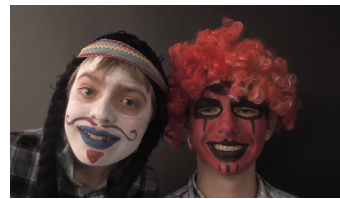
SES CADETS PRESENTATION

Congratulations to our fabulous SES Cadets at their Presentation today. You should be as proud as we are! The skills you learned will be valuable. Thank you to Garry, Doddy, Doug and Pat from Taree SES for your time and organisation to give these students this wonderful experience. Congratulations also to Liam and Chloe Noble who headed to Condobolin to help out with the flooding crisis. We are so proud of your willingness to volunteer to help others in need.



CLOWNING AROUND

School isn't always about exams and essays - check out the fun Year 8 Drama recently had with their clowning performances and experimenting with face paint, make-up and costumes. Thanks to Mrs Cotton for introducing them to the wonderful world of theatre!



CONGRATULATIONS TO SOPHIE AND DANIEL on finishing Year 12. Here we are at the Support Unit Year 12 dinner. Thanks also to the wonderful staff and parents for supporting them. Bravo!!



CANTEEN NEWS

A reminder to all students to use their Loyalty Card at the Canteen. If you haven't got one ask Dana or Tracey. After 10 orders of recess or lunch...you get the 11th meal for free.....that is food. Yum!!!

Volunteers are always welcome to come and give a hand. Ring Dana on 65 52 1407.



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Our Open Girls Hockey Team who played in the CHS Knockout and came 3rd in the State! A brilliant result girls! Many thanks to their fabulous coach Mrs Harris!



Mr Weeks and the 7 & 8 Touch team who became the Hunter Champions! They are now off to Sydney for the next round. What a fantastic effort.



Our Year 8 Boys Netball Team who are the NSW Schools Cup Mid North coast CHAMPIONS. They won their regional comp at Kempsey.



Sophie Watson who won a gold medal at the CHS Trampolining.



Our Year 7/8 touch team, The Toucans, are NSW All Schools State Touch Finalists! 3rd in the state. Well done Toucans!

Mitchell Brown, Hannah Hartup and Becky Wright who are part of the Hunter (Schools) Wind Ensemble playing at Sydney Opera House.

Nicholas Gilbert won a gold, silver and bronze medal.

Nicola Searles was a finalist in the 100m, 200m and Hurdles, and was part of the open Relay team that finished 11th in the state.

Emi Ruprecht did a PB in the shot put and was part of the open Relay team.

Tayler Kurtz and Abbey Baker: These girls competed in the Relay team - 11th is amazing. Well done girls!

Kaylah Thompson and Ebony Extrem have both been selected to play in the Australian Junior Country Basketball Cup in Albury in January next year.

Ebony Extrem, Emily Heath, Charlotte Mayo and Chloe Neal the 12 years Relay team was placed 6th in the State final.

To the THS Boys Hockey team who made the Regional Finals and played with determination and skill. Thank you Mrs Davy for your coaching efforts.

The Girls' Basketball team qualifying for the Hunter Finals after wins against Great Lakes College and Newcastle High. Two more wins at Maitland led to the final against Hunter Sports High where the girls unfortunately lost. That meant they were 2nd in the Hunter Region and qualified for the State Knockout (Top 16 teams in the State).



Congratulations continued

The 15yrs Boys and Girls Basketball competition has wrapped up for 2016. The Boys team consisted of Brock Burke, Jaryd Mitchell, Kye Telfer, Cooper Ward, Izaak Lavandero, Thomas Neal, Jack Scott and Cameron Wendall. Wins against Wingham High and Irrawang High meant the boys qualified for the Hunter Region Finals. The boys finished 5th in the Hunter Region.



Mat Croker flew to New Zealand for 2 weeks, playing for the under 18's NSW team. Mat now lives in Newcastle, to training five days a week with the under 20's Newcastle Knights footy team - the goal being to play first grade. Mat has been an amazing student and SRC leader over his 5 years at THS.



Our U16 Boys Futsal NSW as Runners Up in Port Macquarie, and qualified for the Australian titles. Unfortunately the boys didn't make the finals - the competition was very fierce and they worked so hard. They only missed out against Great Lakes by one - final score was 5-4.



ONLINE PAYMENTS

Making Online Payments.

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting "\$ Make a payment."

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called "Other" which addresses items not covered in the previous headings. "Other" can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the "\$ Make a payment" you must enter:

- the student's name, and class and reference number OR
- the student's name, and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them. These are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number. These are not used at our school. Please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

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