

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR	
ANZAC Day	25 April
Staff Development Day	26 April
School Resumes	27 April
Zone Cross Country	28 April
Yr7-11 Parent/Teacher	3 May
Sports Athletics	4 May
NAPLAN	10-13 May
Out of Uniform Day	13 May
Yr 7 Immunisations	19 May
Zone Athletic Carnival	9 June
School Social	22 June
School Musical	23-25 June
Yr 8 & 10 Subject Information night	29 June
SPIRIT DAY	1 July
School Holidays	4 -17 July

CONGRATULATIONS... to our school captain Gabbie Aarons-Burton who has been awarded the 2016 Taree Lions Youth of the Year! We are so proud of you Gabbie. You continue to show the world your determination and tenacity. Gabbie will now progress to the next round of the quest. Gabbie Aarons-Burton is the regional final next month.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

How quickly the term flies...Year 7 are now settled into "big" school and are demonstrating a strong commitment to our Core Values of Cooperation, Participation and Respect. Year 12 are preparing for their half yearly exams, and the SRC are busily promoting school pride. There have already been great successes in sport across Swimming, Basketball, Football, Triathlon and Touch. So much is happening... Congratulations to our School Captain Gabbie Aarons-Burton, who won the local Lions Youth of The Year public speaking competition. Gabbie now moves onto the regional level.

The new uniform additions are proving to be popular and look very smart, with many positive comments from parents and community members. Appropriate shoes for practical classes such as D&T, TAS and Science still is an issue, with some students being excluded from class for safety reasons. Staff would appreciate parent support to ensure correct footwear is worn at all times.

Term 1 saw the introduction of parent responses to our Absentee/Late/Truancy SMS system. Parents can reply to the SMS to indicate why their child is not at school or is late. This however, is not an enquiry service, it is simply to alert parents to attendance issues. When responding to an SMS received, please date your response. This will assist staff to update our records. Parents may receive other SMS as reminders for upcoming events such as P&C meetings, Parent/Teacher evenings or whole school activities. We would also emphasise that keeping your details up to date with the school is important to maintain this communication.

Our Facebook page, THS Web Page and Millennium Parent Portal page are certainly becoming more popular as a method of communication between the school and home. The Web Page has a link also to our new POP (Parent Online Payment) system to make it easier to pay for excursions and course fees. The Millennium page gives parents access to their child's school information regarding attendance, timetable and assessment requirements. If parents have forgotten passwords for Millennium, please contact the school on 65521166 or email taree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

All the very best for the April school holidays. I hope to see many students marching in uniform at ANZAC Day on the 25th.

Allison Alliston
Executive Principal

2016 CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

Jamie-Lee Carter, Gabbie Aarons-Burton, Lucas Mephram, Harrison Hillyer



AIM FOR THE STARS

Taree High girls were blessed on Tuesday March 15 with an inspirational visit from 7 times World Champion surfer Layne Beachley about "Aiming for the Stars" and dreaming their life goals into reality. 13 lucky hand-picked senior girls also enjoyed the Women's Leadership Forum luncheon at Club Taree to be further inspired by Layne and other amazing women leaders from all walks of life. If you know a young girl aged 12 or older who is motivated and dreams big, she may be deserving of a financial and mentorship scholarship grant from Layne. If so, head to: <http://www.aimforthestars.com.au/>

See Layne's presentation at <https://au.prime7.yahoo.com/.../.../insiration-from-layne-video/>

2016 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



CO-OPERATION, PARTICIPATION AND RESPECT

The PBL prize box has been replenished! We have new iTunes and Google Play vouchers and pizza vouchers are on their way! Good luck to all who have tickets in the draw. Thank you to our students who continue to follow our core values of CO-OPERATION, PARTICIPATION and RESPECT!



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.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page, a further receipt will not be issued by the school. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Congratulations Taree HS and our school community for your generous Taree spirit – together we raised \$1009.75 to help the Patterson's recovery after the fire.
- Zone Swimming Champion medalists Bevan Smith, Emily Rainger, Shyanna Wardrop, Portia Rennie, Jordana Wardrop and Brock Van Kampen!
- Triathlon team NSW CHS silver medalists and 6th in NSW ALL SCHOOLS Claire Van Kampen, Portia Rennie and Abby Baker!
- Hunter Region U16 Touch Team reps Bree and Drew Pensini!
- Hunter Region Swim Team reps Hannah Hartup, Lucas Kloosterhof, Emily Rainger, Bevan Smith, Brock and Claire Van Kampen and Kalani Cross!
- On Thursday March 10 we raised \$649.50 to help our Wardrops and Van Kampens on their way to the National Swimming Championships in Adelaide. Thank you to all staff and students who donated either delicious treats or money to help our very deserving athletes!



CANTEEN NEWS

Taree High would like to welcome Tracey Barnett to the canteen as our new staff member after Sandy Croker retired last year.

New on the menu is an open wholemeal roll with chicken/ham and salad \$6.50 with meat and \$5.50 without meat, Fruit boxes with seasonal produce are available.

Orders are taken at breakfast time between 8.30-9.00am for recess and lunch.

Mums, Dads and grandparents please feel free to volunteer. Your spare time will be greatly appreciated.

OUT OF UNIFORMfor the Leukaemia Foundation and Share the Dignity. A very big THANK YOU goes out to all staff and students who donated gold coins and bought lots of goodies at the cake stall. We raised a grand total of \$1,322 which we split directly between our two chosen charities, 'Share the Dignity' and 'The Leukaemia Foundation'. If parents or our school community would like to donate <http://www.leukaemia.org.au/>

We are so grateful for everyone's support - especially those staff members AND students who baked cakes, muffins and biscuits for the cake stall - even students not on our SRC brought along treats for us to sell. Your generosity is admirable!



LEADERSHIP PLAQUE

Our Greater Taree City Council annually presents our current School Captains with a leadership plaque. Our Executive Principal Ms Alliston proudly witnessed this ceremony recently at the Council Chambers. Congratulations to our 2016 Captains Lucas Mephram and Gabbie Aarons-Burton!



SWANS VISIT

Many thanks to the Sydney Swans who visited to talk to Year 7 and 8 about the game and the newly formed Manning Valley AFL club. Our students asked some great questions and a few even got to kick a footy with the boys!



TAREE HIGH SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our second chance of our annual Swimming Carnival went ahead, much to Mrs Phillips relief. The day was HOT...so luckily cool water was enjoyed by many. Thank you to Mrs Phillips and her PE staff for organising this fabulous event



TAREE HIGH SCHOOL AGE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

BOYS			GIRLS	
12YRS	Hayden Delaney Sebastian Sweedman	Murray Peel	Ebony Extrem	Peel
13 YRS	Bevan Smith	Manning	Bianca Dargan	Hooke
14 YRS	Harrison Sherry	Murray	Emily Rainger	Murray
15 YRS	Jordan Smith	Manning	Shyanna Wardrop	Peel
16 YRS	Max Morris Nicholas Gilbert	Manning Hooke	Portia Rennie	Murray
17+ YRS	Brock Van Kampen	Hooke	Jordan Wardrop	Peel

NEW RECORDS

Event	Name	House	New Record	Old Record
13yrs boys 50mB/S	Bevan Smith	Manning	36.53	39.12 from 2012
17+boys 50mF/S	Brock Van Kampen	Hooke	25.98	26.00 from 2009
14 girls Ind Medley	Emily Rainger	Murray	2.47.50	2.50.13 from 2015
15yrs girls 50mF/S	Shyanna Wardrop	Peel	28.78	29.85 from 2005
15yrs girls 50m B/F	Shyanna Wardrop	Peel	31.43	32.17 from 2005
15yrs girls 50m B/S	Claire Van Kampen	Hooke	33.97	34.06 from 2005
17+ girls 50m Br/S	Jordana Wardrop	Peel	37.20	38.10 from 1971

HOUSE POSITIONS

1ST MURRAY 567	2ND PEEL 490	3RD MANNING 442	4TH HOOKE 391
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DANCING THE THRIFT SHOP WAY.

A fantastic Term 1 social saw our local thrift shop tills jingle. The music was great but the kids were greater! Thanks to Ms Walker, Mr Gollan, the wonderful SRC and all the staff for supporting this.



PARENTS, DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN NOW RESPOND TO AN SMS FROM THE SCHOOL AND IT WILL BE USED TO EXPLAIN WHY YOUR CHILD IS NOT AT SCHOOL? WELL YOU CAN! SO IF YOU GET A SMS, LET US KNOW IF THEY ARE SICK AND THE ROLL WILL BE ADJUSTED.

UNIFORM NOTICE

As the days are starting (finally) to get cooler please remember that tights are NOT part of the uniform at Taree High School for young ladies, even on Wednesdays. If you choose to wear pants rather than a skirt, then please ensure that you are wearing BLACK shorts, trousers or jeans. These

HARMONY DAY AT THS

Harmony Day was celebrated at Taree High School. Students and staff are encouraged to wear one orange accessory (hat, necklace, band, bangle etc) to show their support of a culturally diverse Australia where "Everyone Belongs." Our banner featured student/staff hand prints. Our ancestires include Spanish, Dutch, Koori, Canadian, Indian, British, Scottish and the list goes on.

Thank you to Mel Walker and the SRC for your efforts



BACK TO THE 80's

Get ready! The next musical coming to TAREE HIGH is "Back to the 80s!"

Rehearsals have begun and the show will run from 24th-26th June. Mark it on your calendar now!



Thank you to the 2015 outgoing Year 12 for their generous gift of a chilled water filling station. It is well used already and is a wonderful asset for all students and staff. Bravo to you all!

The dispenser is situated next to the bike room.



YEAR 7 CAMP

A very big thank you to the staff who organised and supervised the Year 7 camp in Week 8. Thanks Mrs Umbers, Mr Dickson, Ms Burton, Mr Henson and Mr Gibson. Everyone have a wonderful time and even enjoyed the mud!! Bravo to all!



ZONE SWIMMING TEAM 2016

Date: Tuesday 16 February

Age Champions:

Bevan Smith (13), Brock Van Kampen (17+), Emily Rainger (14), Shyanna Wardrop (15), Jordana Wardrop (17+)

New Records: Girls 15 years Relay, by 2 seconds – Emily, Shyanna, Claire, Hannah

Team Members

13 Years - Bevan Smith, Lucas Kloosterhof, Maxwell McKillop-Davies, Oscar Smith, Kriya Sercombe, Lara Slade

14 Years – Izak Murray, Emily Rainger, Kalani Cross

15 Years – Jordan Smith, Hannah Hartup, Shyanna Wardrop, Claire Van Kampen

16 Years – Portia Rennie

17+ Years - Brock Van Kampen, Jordana Wardrop

REGIONAL Swimming 2016

13 Swimmers qualified to swim at the Hunter Carnival held at Maitland on Tuesday 1 March. All represented the school with pride, posting some very impressive performances. A special mention must go to the girls 15 years relay team who defended their gold medal from 2015. A big thank you to Mrs Rainger for organising and encouraging our swimmers and for sending me minute by minute updates and photos! My phone was beeping all day.

Seven of the team were then selected in the Regional team to swim at the NSW CHS carnival.

Mrs G Phillips

THS Swim Team Members

Bevan Smith, Lucas Kloosterhof, Maxwell McKillop-Davies, Oscar Smith, Emily Rainger, Kalani Cross, Jordan Smith, Hannah Hartup, Claire Van Kampen, Portia Rennie, Brock Van Kampen.

