

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Another term draws to an end. The end is here for our current Year 12 cohort, who we wish every success in their upcoming HSC exams in October. They have worked hard to fulfil their requirements in assessments and exams. A big thanks must go to Mr Kelly, their Year Adviser, who has encouraged them since Year 7; Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Gowman in Senior Prep, who have nurtured, cajoled and encouraged them to be the best they can be; to the dedicated staff who have prepared them well in each of their subjects. Mr Bowman the Careers Adviser, who has assisted each student to forge their path post-school with University entrance, further study at TAFE, apprenticeship advice and employment opportunities. They must all be congratulated for “staying the distance” and gaining their HSC credential.

Term 3 has seen some outstanding successes in sport. We have seen our Open Girls Hockey Team win the Combined High School Competition (CHS). Thank you to their coach Mrs Harris for her dedication to the team. We also acknowledge the wonderful support from parents who have invested many hours and kilometres to cheer the girls on. Other successes have included 15's Basketball, Open Boys Rugby League, CHS Triathlon and Athletics, Junior Touch and Netball. Thank you to all coaches who give up their time to offer students these opportunities to demonstrate their talents.

Quinn Patch, Year 12, has been awarded the Dame Marie Bashir (ex Governor of NSW) Peace Award for her volunteer work in promoting diversity across the school and community. There are only 10 of these awards presented across all secondary schools in NSW. Quinn is the second recipient of this award from Taree High following on from Amani Jensen-Bentley who received one in 2015. She will be presented with this award at Parliament House Sydney on the 25th September, 2017.

The renovations continue at the front of the school and promise a new and improved school foyer and office area. Many thanks must go to the office staff, deputy principals and head teacher welfare, for their sense of humour and patience as they have operated from the school hall during this disruption. The completion date is looming, but at this point in time a definitive date is not available. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you in Term 4.

Allison Alliston
Executive Principal

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

Spring School Holidays	25 September- 9 October
HSC Exams	16 October-10 November
Year 12 Formal	14 November
Year 6-7 Transition Day	7 December
MADD Concert	8 December
Year 7-10 Reports issued	14 December
School Holidays	19 December-27 January

STATE DANCE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Sarah Hammond of Year 11 who auditioned and was chosen to be in the NSW Public School Aboriginal Dance Company. After 2 weeks of intense training at Bangarra Dance Theatre they performed in three shows on Friday in the State Dance Festival in Sydney. She will return in November for another 2 weeks & Performances in the School Spectacular.



P & C MEETINGS

Every 4th Tuesday of the month. 5.30-7pm at Taree High School. We invite you to join us!

Website:

www.taree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/tareehighschool/

Millennium Parent Portal:

www.millenniumschoools.net.au/portal/

NAIDOC CONCERT

A BIG thank to everyone especially Jay Davis for his organisation of this fabulous event and Hamish McDonald for your sound and lighting. Great crowd, fantastic performers. So wonderful to see young and older coming together. What talent we have in Taree!! Aunty Wilma-you are a legend. Much love and talent in the room. Thank to all who came to support Biripi culture and the revitalisation of the Gathang language!! What a night!! We continue to feel privileged to be part of the oldest living culture in the



“THE MUTANT APOCALYPSE” PROJECT

Our wonderful Support Unit Students class 2 and 3 rose to the challenge of participating in a Project Based Learning program this term. They were given a ‘hook’ story called “The Mutant Apocalypse”, which required them to put their survival skill thinking caps on. They had to re-create a society that had been destroyed by a viral outbreak. With the help of Uncle Russ they constructed Gunyas from local resources; carbon neutral housing models of viruses and artworks. All of their creations are now on exhibition in the school library.



TAREE HIGH RENOVATIONS

Well here we go! Some before, during and after shots. Stay tuned....



COWS CREATE CAREERS

Year 8 Introduction to Agriculture students have just finished the Cows Create Careers project. A big thank you must go to John Polson and his family for lending us the calves to raise for the last month! The students have loved having the opportunity to monitor the calves health and growth rates.



STATE WIND BAND AT THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

On August 5 and 5 I had the great honour of representing Taree High School at the Sydney Opera House performing with the State Wind Band. After two days of intensive rehearsals we performed two brilliant pieces including "Surfonic Winds" by Australian composer Adrian Hallam. The orchestra was made up of 75 of the best musicians from tate schools all over NSW and we worked with the amazing conductors Steve Williams and Martin Hardy. I hope I can gain a place again next year.

Cheers, Mitch Brown Year 10



luminosity youth summit

Courage. Collaborate. Create.

This year we again had the pleasure of taking a group of students to the annual Port Macquarie Luminosity Youth Summit, from July 19 – 21. Thanks to the generosity of Rydges Port Macquarie, and Luminosity, we were able to send a record 11 students. Tayler Kurtz, Abbie White, Beth Kerville, Thomas Neale, Charlie Martin, Cooper Murray, Krystal Greenwood, Izaak Lavandero, Brandon Wallace, Amy Hawkins, and Liam Hampson were nominated by their teachers to attend the event. They spent three days participating in workshops designed to cultivate the courage to dream big and make a difference in their community. They rubbed shoulders with inspirational figures such as Annabelle Chauncy, who built schools in Uganda in her early twenties and Ben Pettingal, who suddenly lost his sight at the age of 16 and now sees life with 'limitless vision'.

Here's what our students had to say about the experience:

"I learned that to be able to grow you're always going to have to be out of your comfort zone. You need to live life not surrounding yourself by negativity, but positive people and things. To overcome obstacles in life, you are going to have to have down falls and then build to be higher again!" **Tayler Kurtz Yr 12.**

"Every speaker had an aspect that was inspiring but Annabelle Chauncy touched my heart the most. This is partly as we share the same passion in making a difference in disadvantaged countries and also because she has opened up remarkable opportunities I can work towards. We have many things in common and she has motivated me to keep going as she has proven it is possible to overcome some of life's toughest challenges." **Abbie White Yr 12.**

"I really liked Ben Pettingill; as the first blind person to complete a Spartan Marathon untethered! He was so incredibly inspiring and made me think about all the things we take for granted, like the gift of sight. He's such a genuinely down to earth person and he's devoted his life to helping others through his limitless vision campaign, to help students aspire, acquire and achieve their goals for the future." **Krystal Greenwood Yr 10.**



Congratulations to....

15's Girls Basketball team. Round 1 of the Hunter Knockout. They had a win against Bulahdelah Central.

Girls all played really well. The girls next round will be against either Tomaree or Irrawang.

Team List: Kiara Hollis, Hope Extrem, Jade Fowles, Emily Rainger, Samantha Chicken, Sophie Croker, Ebony Extrem, Kaylah Thompson. Our referees are Cameron Wendell and Izaak Lavandero



Zone Athletics Champions after receiving the medallions on assembly including Callum Sawicki, Charlotte Mayo, Jeremy Davis, Nicholas Gilbert and Makayla Manus. Makayla was not at the assembly as she was playing hockey in the Open Girls side. Bravo to you all.



U15's Boys Basketball team traveled over to Gloucester to compete in the preliminary and Round 1 of the Regions' Competition. Our first game was against Wingham with Taree delivering a convincing win. The boys then came up against the winner of the other preliminary round Dungog The boys came out on top again with a strong victory. They are full of confidence as we head into Round Two against the winner of the game between Lambton and Glendale.



Harry Croker for being part of the NSW Under-16s for the #Origin III curtain-raiser!



Open Boys and Girls Hockey teams who travelled to Newcastle and played against Camden High School. The girls had a convincing 3-0 win while the boys went down 5-3. Both teams played very well and proudly represented Taree High. Thank you to their coaches, Mrs Davy and Mrs Harris for all of their efforts!



Open Girls Hockey Team who won the Combined High Schools Championship against Westfield Sports High School 2-1. What an amazing achievement. Go girls and Jamie Harris. Thank you to parents for travelling the journey with them.



SPIRIT DAY



SES

The SES Cadets have successfully completed the SES Program. Congratulations to all involved. With the program a success this year we will be offering the program again next year for years 9 and 10 students. Here are our 2017 graduates.



SMS

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.



Youth Development and Training

Thanks to the ongoing relationship with Heidi Prowse from The Smith Family Taree, we have been able to put yet another group of students through the Certificate 1 in Financial Services - The Smith Family's national program aimed at supporting young people to make informed decisions and take charge of their finances.

The program aims to improve skills, knowledge and influence behaviour in young people so they can:

- develop a personal money plan/budget,
- increase their knowledge of debt, consumer credit and superannuation
- increase their confidence in making financial decisions

Congratulations to all of the students who committed to this course! Your hard work has not only resulted in a nationally recognised qualification, but most importantly, you have developed key skills and knowledge needed to make financially sound decisions into the future.

We hope to run another round toward the end of the year, targeting students from Yr 10 and 11.

If you are interested and would like further information, please see Miss Stockdale at recess or lunch.



CANTEEN NEWS

Summer salads are available. Please remember to order before 9am. Special orders can be organised if possible. Volunteers are welcome to help out.

House with No Steps ART CONNECT PROJECT

Taree High School has teamed up with House with No Steps as part of their Art Connect project. Every Wednesday Jon Vine, Community Engagement Manager from House with No Steps has been working with a group of students from both Taree High School and Taree Public School, to transform the old green electrical box at the Macquarie Street entrance.

The project is a wonderful opportunity to connect our students with the broader community, whilst working on a project that strengthens their connection to their school, as well as creating a beautiful piece of art, and bringing colour and pride to the street scape. Having the Year 6 students from Taree Public be a part of the project has allowed them to become familiar with their future high school, and has given them a sense of ownership and belonging, even before their first day!

The design was guided by our Senior Leader Community Engagement, Jay Davis. The design that Uncle Jay created incorporates the Shark, the totem of the Biripi Nation, as well as the hand print, a symbol of belonging. Another of our resident artists, Miss Southwell has been invaluable in teaching students how to mix paints, use spray cans without the dreaded drip, and providing general direction to our enthusiastic painters.

The project will be finished in the coming weeks.



YEAR ELEVEN'S SNOW TRIP 2017

During Week 5 this term, Year 11 students went on THS's much loved annual Snow Camp. Bright and early at 5am, the bus departed on Sunday the 13th of August. After a smooth day traveling they arrived at their accommodation in north Jindabyne. They settled into cabins, had dinner and got all snow gear fitted for the week ahead.

Day One on the slopes was by far the warmest, with clear blue skies - perfect weather for learning how to ski and snowboard.

Each morning, students enjoyed an hour of free time followed by a two hour lesson, then more free time after lunch. While some were able to practise snowboarding and skiing skills, others had more practice just trying to get back up on their feet!

It was an amazing experience that most would be happy to repeat, though most of were a little battered and bruised after the week on the slopes.

The departure on Friday morning was sad for everyone, though many agreed they were thankful to feel their fingers and toes again.

Year 11 would like to give a massive thankyou to all the teachers involved in making this trip possible, especially Mr Gollan and Miss Gurr for all the time and effort they put in.



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top ten tips for youth

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The internet and mobile phones provide great ways to express yourself and communicate with others. It's important to make sure they're used responsibly so that everyone has an enjoyable online experience. It's all about respecting yourself and others.

1. Use a **strong password**, a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols, eg P@\$\$w0rd!
2. Use **secure web browsers**, those with https at the start of the URL and a padlock or other indication that it is secure, when sharing sensitive information.
3. Update your **operating system** regularly and make sure you have **antivirus** software installed on your computer and other devices – phones too!
4. Avoid opening or responding to emails from people you do not know and aren't expecting – They could contain a virus or malicious software.
5. Don't give out **private information** over the internet or mobile phones about you, your family and friends. Also think about what information might be contained in photos you share.
6. Only accept **friend requests** from people you know and trust. When it comes to friends and followers online it is not a popularity contest!
7. **Think before you post!** Once you've pressed 'Send' you can't get that back. Who might see that photo, video or comment? Where might it end up?
8. Make sure your social media accounts are set to **private or friends only!** Also make sure you check your privacy settings regularly as they can change without you knowing.
9. Tell your friends to ask for your **permission** before uploading or tagging you in a photo – Make sure you do the same!
10. Don't post **inappropriate or illegal content** – It is impossible to permanently delete digital content once it has been shared.

Most importantly, know where you can go for help! Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable online or on a mobile phone. You can also contact:

- Reach Out: www.reachout.com.au
- Bullying. No Way!: www.bullyingnoyay.com.au
- Kids Helpline: 1800 35 1800
- Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com
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