

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Where did 2017 go?? I struggle to believe that we are three weeks away from the end of term. In saying that, there is still a lot to get through. Students in Years 7-10 have finished their exams and teachers are madly marking and writing reports. We look forward to the MADD Concert on the 8th December at the Manning Entertainment Centre, showcasing our amazing Music, Dance and Drama students. Our Annual Presentation Evening will be held at the Manning Entertainment Centre on the 12th December, a change from the original date due to the non-availability of the Hall due to the renovations to the front of the school. All parents are welcome to attend both events.

We should be back in full operation with our new Administration area from the start of the 2018 school year on the 29th January.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your input into the school over 2017. Whether it be attending parent/teacher evenings, concerts, school carnivals, P&C and Reference Group meetings, volunteering in the canteen, transporting students to sporting events, completing surveys or simply just getting your children to school each day equipped and ready to learn. We really appreciate your support.

As you will read in this newsletter, there have been some outstanding results and performances of our students and I would like to thank the staff for their undying commitment to offer opportunities to students so that they can pursue their goals and interests.

We say a sad goodbye to Ms Hindmarsh, Mrs Fatherley, Mr Davis, Mr Pickard who have now retired and we thank them for their many years of service to Taree High. There will be a few new faces around the school in 2018.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you 2018.

Allison Alliston
Executive Principal



NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

Out of Uniform Day	1st December
Year 9 Stoney Aqua Park	4th December
Year 7 Stoney Aqua Park	7th December
Year 6-7 Transition Day	7th December
MADD Concert at the MEC	8th December
Year 7-11 Presentation Night	12th December
Year 7-10 Reports Issues	14th December
School Holidays	19th Dec - 29th Jan
Term 1 2018	Years 7, 11 & 12
	Year 8, 9 & 10
	30th January
	31st January



2018 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

Nic Stepowikow (VC) Nicholas Gilbert (C) Beth Kerville (C) Ebony Bridges (VC)



2018 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 8th December. Come along and support your friends or family as they perform.

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

Follow this link to purchase tickets: www.theMEC.com.au

Taree High School Year 7 Equipment Requirements – 2018

TAREE HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY REQUIREMENTS YEAR 7-10

ENGLISH

- 1 x A4 160 Page Exercise Book
- 1 x A4 20 Pocket Display Folder (Blue)

MATHEMATICS

- 1 x A4 160 Page Grid Book
- 1 x A4 20 Pocket Display Folder (Red)
- 1 x Mathematical 30cm Ruler
- 1 x 180 degree Protractor
- 1 x Mapped Study Compass
- 1 x Casio fx82-AU calculator
(available at Front Office - \$24)

SCIENCE

- 1 x A4 196 Page Exercise Book
- 1 x A4 20 Pocket Display Folder (Black)

GEOGRAPHY

- 1 x A4 128 Page Exercise Book

HISTORY

- 1 x A4 128 Page Exercise Book

LANGUAGE

- 1 x A4 96 Page Exercise Book
- 1 x A4 20 Pocket Display

PD/H/PE

- 1 x A4 128 Page Exercise Book
- 1 x USB Stick, Highlighters, Glue, Pens, Pencils, Eraser, Ruler

MUSIC

- 1 x A4 48 Page Book With Manuscript

TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES (D&T)

- 1 x A4 20 Pocket Display Folder (Yellow)
- 1 x Apron (available at Front Office - \$9.30)
- Completely covered shoes, no mesh or canvas

VISUAL ART

- 1 x A4 Art Diary 60 Page
(available at Front Office \$4)
- 2 x 2B Pencils

The following table indicates the Faculty requirements for the Core Curriculum Areas. Students will be advised of their Elective Requirements once they commence their courses.

FACULTY	YEAR	BOOK SIZE / TYPE	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
ENGLISH	8-10	A4 196 Page Book	1 x Display folder
MATHEMATICS	8-10	5mm grid A4 Book	Casio fx82-AU Calculator Protractor Ruler Scissors Glue-stick Whiteout
SCIENCE	8-10	A4 196 Page Book	USB to store work
HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY	8-10	2 x 128 Page Book	
PD/H/PE	8-10	A4 196 Page Book	
TAS (D&T)	8	A4 Display Folder	Completely covered shoes, no mesh or canvas
MUSIC/VISUAL ARTS	8	48 Page Manuscript Book/120 A4 Art Book (available at front office \$4)	



•Please Note – all A4 Books need to have margins

Congratulations to



YEAR 12 GRADUATION CLASS OF 2017

We wish you all the very best for the future.

Congratulations to our 2017 School Captain, Quinn Patch, on receiving the Myall Lakes Young Person of the Year Award for her community work. This was presented by the Premier Gladys Berejiklian MP and local member Stephen Bromhead LLM MP, at a reception in October. We are very proud of Quinn and her strong sense of social justice.

Below: Quinn and our Mayor David West.



Congratulations to Year 12 student Poppy Tidswell who recently received a Club Taree Tertiary Scholarship. Poppy is such a tireless worker. This achievement is very well-deserved!



YEAR 9/10 DRAMA

Taree High Drama students have been acting for fourth year Newcastle of University Medical students.

The students have adorned some realistic looking injuries and acted out some traumatic accidents and emergencies. The University of Newcastle has been extremely impressed with the talent and maturity of the Drama students and hopes to continue the partnership between the school and the university.



COMMUNITY CONNECT PROJECT

The Art Connect Project with House With No Steps continues. Each week we have had the pleasure of hosting two students from Taree Public School as they help us transform the electrical box on Macquarie Street into a work of art. The design, provided by Uncle Jay, is starting to take shape. As you can see, it incorporates the Shark, the totem of the Biripi Nation, as well as the hand print, a symbol of belonging. It won't be long before we put the finishing touches on our very own street art.



The SRC Environment Committee and students rallied together to raise enough funds through an out of uniform day to purchase three established red flowering eucalypts from Nature's Care Nursery. These were planted in the school grounds as part of National Schools Tree planting day. The school is undergoing extensive renovations and as part of this, there have been plants removed from the front of the school. The Student Environment Committee hopes to replace these by planting an established tree in the grounds every year. Thank you to the amazing Ms Alison Last who coordinated the Committee.



RELAY FOR LIFE

An almighty congratulations goes out to the wonderful Relay for Life Team who participated in the annual event this year. Brooke Browne, you are one amazing woman to lead this event with students and staff participating enthusiastically. Thanks also to our Girls Aboriginal Dance Group and Jess Shilling for opening the event. Fantastic effort everyone.



Alumni

Join us on Facebook
Taree High Alumni



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.



The Alumni focus is 'Torch Memories'. We start with The 60's - Check it out on the Alumni Facebook Page.



6th, 7th. FOOTBALL XIII.
Back Row (left to right): G. Robinson, I. Gault, R. Frankton, R. Fosky,
Second Row: B. Gilbert, R. Sawyer, D. Nelson, T. Hough, W. Gorfain.
Front Row: P. Richardson, J. McKeough, J. McCartney, G. Lyons.



RIFLE TEAM 1962

(left to right): S. Wilson, B. Piles, R. Armstrong, J. Bryan.



RETURN TO GLORY DAYS

Our PE teachers have made definite moves to re-introduce Rowing as a school sport. Not so long ago Taree High shone as a Rowing School and competed at the highest levels of competition. Hopefully, this group of students will be the ones to re-ignite interest and foster excellence in this long-held school tradition.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

At the end of Term 3 the Year 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 School and travelled through Laurieton to the Diamond Head camp ground. Setting up camp proved a challenge for some but all managed to get their 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 the Three Brother Mountains. The surf lesson run by Endless Summer Surf School was a bit of fun. Some seemed to find it easier than others 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 but it was a challenge to find some willing competitors.

Thanks to Mr Gollan and Miss Rowen for their support on the camp as well as Josh who guided the group on the Headland walk and provided some cultural perspectives and bush tucker along the way.



Taree's Oldest Lending Library



Est. 1864



Taree Literary Institute
No Membership Fees

129 Victoria Street, Taree
(Upstairs, above the Spectacle Makers)
Ph. 65524361

Opening Hours: Mon to Fri 9.30am - 4pm Saturday 9am-11am



Current titles
Large print
Novels
Premier's Challenge
Junior
Non-fiction
Magazines
Free internet (for members)
DVD's

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017

On the 11th Day of the 11th Month at 11am, our 4 Captains represented themselves and the school proudly at the Club Taree Remembrance Day ceremony. In Mayor David West's Address, our young leaders and Taree High were praised for representing the younger citizens of our Manning Valley at this important event.



YOUTH FRONTIERS

Abbie White addressed the assembly to talk about her wonderful experience at Luminosity this year. She told other students to step out of their comfort zone and try something new to improve their life and their aspirations. She also thanked our wonderful Youth Worker Briony Stockdale for her support of the eleven students who attended the three day event. We would also like to thank Luminosity for sponsoring some of our students to attend this exciting event.



Is your child at school or starting school next year?
Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact John Edwards, Saver Plus Coordinator
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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>

Year 7 Instruments - Our Year 7 Music classes have created their very own musical instruments... We have some creative students.



CANTEEN NEWS

A Reminder to all students to use their Loyalty Card at the Canteen. If you haven't got one, ask Tracey. After 10 orders of recess or lunch you get the 11th meal for FREE.... YUM! Look out for the blackboard menu at the front of the canteen. We have some new specials.

Volunteers are always welcome to come and give a hand. Please ring Tracey on 02 6552 1407.



2017 PREMIER'S DEBATE CHALLENGE

The Year 7 – 8 Taree High Debating team was the first Debating Team Taree High has had in two years and we started the year with a bang! Our team consisted of Amber Kelleher, Sasha Fordham, Brooke Durbidge, Jessica Wallace, and Irene Ling. Beginning in Term 2, we met every Tuesday morning with Ms Ferguson from 8:00am to 8:45am to improve our skills and knowledge, and learn more about competing in debating competitions.

Unfortunately, we did not win the first two debates against Norfolk Island High School and the Bulahdelah High School Team B, however, we were invited to attend the Premiers Debating Challenge Camp in Coffs Harbour. We arrived at school by 6:00am on a cold Tuesday morning. Once at the camp we had the top debating coaches in NSW come up from Sydney to show the 100 students how to perform debating to the best of our abilities. Our debating team participated in a series of mock debates to practice our newfound knowledge.

Once home again, we participated in the final debate against the Bulahdelah A team. With the skills and knowledge we had acquired we won the debate.

We have had a terrific year and are looking forward to continuing with Ms Ferguson in the Year 9 – 10 competition for 2018.

Amber Kelleher and Sasha Fordham
Year 8

CAPTAINS HALOGEN CONFERENCE REPORT

On 29th October myself and Nicholas, Ebony and Nic travelled by bus to Darling Harbour to take part in the Halogen Young National Leaders Day. Unaccompanied by teacher or parents, our leadership skills kicked into gear as we self-navigated around the big City. On the 30th October we ventured to the International Conference Centre where we listened to four speakers from various parts of society. The first speaker was Former ALF Player Adam Goodes. He spoke to us about team collaboration and what it means to be a team leader. The second speaker, the Premier of NSW Gladys Berejiklian, spoke to us about equality and fairness. The third presenter, former Police Commissioner, Andrew Scipione, taught us that if we want something we must work our hardest to achieve it. Lastly, John Coutis, born without functioning legs, showed us how lucky we are to be alive. He taught us to stand up for what is right, and be grateful for everything we have. We all felt very moved by each of the speakers. We gained inspiration, new ideas and leadership skills to enable growth within ourselves and to benefit the school.

Beth Kerville.

ACMF PROGRAM

Taree High Support Unit students have been fortunate and have had the privilege to access the wonderful ACMF Program since 2012.

ACMF provides the opportunity for students who would not normally have access to music tuition to experience the wonders of the music world. The majority of our students come from low socio-economic families. The group has been invited to perform at the MADD concert this year, which the students are very excited about.



PBL EXPO

Early this term the School Captains Beth Kerville, Nicholas Gilbert and Ebony Bridges along with Ms Rowen and Mr Harper represented Taree High School at the regional Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Expo held at Club Taree. The expo showcases how local schools integrate PBL systems into their everyday activities to foster and promote positive school culture. The Captains demonstrated excellent leadership through their ability to interact and discuss PBL with other teachers and students from other schools. They were also able to come away with some new and interesting ideas to help grow PBL at Taree High School.



SISTA SPEAK 2017

2017 has been a busy year in the Sista Speak Program. We have worked with indigenous girls from various year groups. Each group was involved with activities that strengthen cultural and community ties as well as building connections between the girls.

Healthy minds and healthy bodies has been a strong focus of the program this year; Stephanie Slater from Biripi Aboriginal Health promotions worked with the girls on forming healthy relationships. She also covered a range of topics such as good food, fitness and mental health.

Employment readiness was also covered and we spent a morning at McDonalds Taree where the girls learnt about interview techniques and job applications. The students then spent time in the service area of the store to see if the fast food industry was suited to them. A lovely time was had by everyone.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Taree Community Health, The Manning Regional Art Gallery and Hunter New England Health programs. The women from these organisations mentored our Year 9-10 girls and were fantastic role models and encouraged them to extend themselves and their creative skills. Our time spent with these ladies culminated in the girls designing and printing onto baby wraps to be used in the Building Strong Foundations program.

On top of all this we managed to also include cultural walks in various parts of Biripi Country where we learnt about the past, bush food and the Biripi language.

The program has been a fantastic opportunity for both the staff and students and we are grateful to the school for supporting us to strengthen our indigenous culture.

Ms Alison Last and Eileen McGrady



CONGRATULATIONS TO

A huge congratulations to our wonderful Open Girls Hockey Team and their coach Jamie Harris who won the combined High School Championship against Westfield High School 2-1. What an amazing achievement. It has been 43 years since Taree High has won this event... Bravo Champions!



16s Boys Futsal team represented Taree High in The Australasian Champion of Champions Tournament held in Cornubia, Brisbane from the 10th to the 12th of November. The Taree Titans (as the boys are known) played in good team spirits and represented THS in a fantastic manner. Well done boys!



Girls Rugby League

The Girls Rugby League team did exceptionally well when they attended a non-competitive gala day at Windale in Newcastle. Despite being a non-competitive event, the girls won all three games and played extremely well. The girls trained hard during Term 3 and that was obvious from the solid defence and great attacking moves they put on the opposition.

The top try scorers included Zoe Morecome, Faith Saunders, Abbey Baker, and Jemma Hatton. The best defenders included Mollyrose Simmons, Emi Ruprecht, Zoe Morecome and Janaya Mitchell. All the girls contributed on the day but the two standouts were Zoe Morecome who was awarded best and fairest on the day and Mollyrose Simmons who won the award for punching above her weight.

I would like to thank all the staff members involved including Brooke Brown (assistant coach), Josh Wood (coach) and Jimmy Weeks (driver). I would also like to thank the teachers who covered the lessons at school and made the day possible. Mr Brad May



Boys Hockey Team



15's boys Basketball Team

Congratulations continued...



**Cross Country
Champions**



Open Boys Rugby League Team



Year 7/8 Touch Team



**2017 Athletics Age Champions
Congratulations**



15's Girls Basketball



Swimming Champions



15's Netball Team

On Thursday 2nd November the annual PE and Coaches Golf Challenge tee'd off with some surprising results... 'Bowman's Bitsas' were the winners on the day, in second place were the 'Mathematicians Plus One', followed by 'Pedigree PE', and bringing up the rear were 'Kelly's Heroes'. Thank you to all the coaches, Lisa the buddy queen, Phil the driver/ref and the PE staff for all your efforts and support this year... Without you the students wouldn't have the opportunity to represent their school in their chosen field.



Memories of 2017...

Spirit Day



Triple M Concert



NAIDOC DAY



Support Unit



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.

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