

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR	
Out of Uniform Day	24 March
HSC Mid-Course Exams	28 March-7 April
School holidays	10-26 April
Term 2 SDD	24 April
ANZAC DAY	25 April
School resumes	26 April
School Athletic Carnival	28 April
Year 7 -11 Parent Interviews	2 May
Biggest morning tea	22 May
Year 7 Immunisations - Day 2	25 May
SPIRIT DAY	30 Jun
Year 11/12 Immunisation	25 May

Newsletter March 2017

I would like to welcome all our new parents and students to Taree High School. This year is flying by with Year 12 preparing for their half yearly exams and Year 11 almost one third of the way through their Preliminary courses.

I would like to welcome our new staff, Mr Johnson and Ms Southwell in Special Education, Mrs White in HSIE, Mrs Gollan at our Transition Centre located within the Manning Valley Learning Centre, Mrs Kuhn in English and Kevin Searle as a new School Learning Support Officer.

So far this year we have had a wonderful swimming carnival and the zone carnival saw 13 swimmers gain selection to compete at the regional titles. We also had great success at the All School Triathlon with Abbey Baker, Portia Rennie and Claire Van Kampen winning Gold in CHS and coming 3rd overall from all schools, public and private. What an outstanding effort.

As with every new year, we have seen an outstanding effort by students to come prepared for school, wearing their school uniform with pride. Thank you to parents for supporting this, but if there is an issue with maintaining this over the year, please let the school know and we may be able to assist.

Another issue as parents you can support us with, is having discussions with your child about the appropriate use of technology-especially phones. Unfortunately we are seeing an increase in students using their devices inappropriately which has resulted in disciplinary action.

The school will host a CyberSafety Information session for parents on Tuesday 4th April in the school library. Representatives from police and the e-Safety Commissioner will conduct the session. All are welcome.

As this term draws to a close, we are preparing for a major refurbishment to the front administration area of the school including the front offices and A15. This will cause a disruption for approximately 3 months. Whilst we do not have the definite date as yet, we can say that the Administration (Front Office, A15 staff, Deputy Principals and Principal) will relocate to the school hall (Albert Street/Macquarie Street roundabout). This will be the front entrance of the school until works are completed. We hope this will not cause any inconvenience to parents and community. We will alert parents via Facebook, SMS and notes home as we confirm the move.

Allison Alliston
Executive Principal



CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS INDUCTION

On Friday 3rd February our school captains for 2017 were officially inducted into their roles. Many thanks to the Secretary of the Lions Club of Taree (and THS Staff alumni) Mr Peter Mackellar, for presenting at the ceremony.

Well done again to Quinn Patch, Cam Le Messurier, Connor Armstrong and Ashlee Tate on being elected to represent our wonderful school.

CERTIFICATE 1 RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the great students who earned their Certificate 1 in Financial Services. Their hard work and effort was noticed and commented on by your trainers - we are very proud.

A massive thank you also to The Smith Family Taree for offering this wonderful opportunity to our students.



HSC DRAMA

Wow! What a day! On 9 February these lucky drama students saw our 2016 drama students perform their HSC performance at the Seymour Centre in Sydney - where the best of the best drama performances are showcased in Onstage.

MADD

At the end of last year Taree High once again put on a fabulous performance by our students showcasing their amazing talents. Well done. Congratulations to Mr Gary Curtis on his last Director's role.



HUNTER WIND ENSEMBLE

Three of our students, Hannah Hartup, Becky Wright & Mitchell Brown performed with Hunter Wind Ensemble in a tour of Newcastle high schools, playing with other high school concert bands. The students got to play some music from Coldplay and some of their favourite John Williams films, along with some of the most difficult repertoire written for wind ensembles.

The ensemble is preparing for a tour of Europe and Spain in January 2018 and are always looking for new players.

ALUMNI

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Taree High Alumni



Super mother-daughter alumni representatives Helen Round (THS student from '58-62) and Lucy Monk (who began her education at THS in 1938). Welcome back ladies!!

CANTEEN NEWSLETTER

- Prices reduced - Noodles down to \$2, Milkshakes down to \$2.
- Gluten free available (by order only)
- Cheap Tuesday coming soon. Watch for the specials
- Lunch orders taken at breakfast time 8.30-9.00am. Receive a loyalty card when you order.
- **MOTHERS/FATHERS/GRANDPARENTS HELP IS ALWAYS WELCOME.**

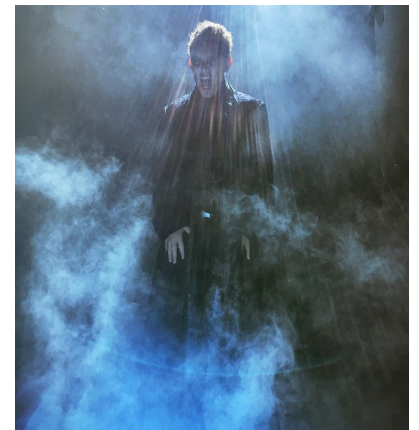
DRAMA

Year 11 drama are have been enjoying time experimenting with masks! Luckily their very talented teacher Mrs Cotton knows a lot about this style so they're guaranteed a fun time in class!



DRACULA

On Thursday 9 March, 46 English and Drama students attended a 'Shake 'n' Stir production of Dracula at the Manning Entertainment Centre. It was a fabulous performance and our students conducted themselves in a manner that made Taree High proud.



2017 TAREE & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD 50th ANNIVERSARY
2017 Battle of the Bands
ENTER NOW to win BIG Divisions for School Age and Open Age Bands
Win \$500 cash, Time in the Recording Studio or Music gear for your school!
Manning Entertainment Centre 7.00pm Thursday 25th May 2017
Contact Bass'n'Blues Music for Entry Forms \$15.00 Entry Fee
Sponsored by: Ashton Australia Rottencrypt Studio Studio 27 Taree Eisteddfod Society

Entries for the 2017 Taree Eisteddfod Battle of the Bands are being taken now. Contact Bass'n'Blues Music for an entry form. Win cash, gear for your school, time in the recording studio and most importantly - bragging rights for the next 12 months!

SWIMMERS GALORE

What a team! Our 13 fish have done it again! Taree High had fantastic results from the Hunter Regional carnival at Maitland recently. They qualified for 37 swims at the NSW CHS swimming carnival later this term! Congratulations to: Brock Van Kampen, Nic Stepowikow, Jordan Smith, Claire Van Kampen, Hannah Hartup, Emily Rainger, Riley Davis, Bevan Smith, Max McKillop Davies, Lucas Kloosterhof, Jared Byrne, Charlotte Rainger and Caleb Whitehouse. Also thank you to all the parents who provided transport and support. Lastly a big shout for Mrs Rainger who was a very efficient and inclusive zone manager and a fantastic organiser of our team.



School Captain Quinn Patch and fellow SRC member Kathleen McLeod representing Taree High School at the Quota International International Women's Day Dinner

Thank you ladies for being bold and siezing opportunities. You set a fine example.



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....



- Congratulations to these golden girls! First place in the NSW CHS team Triathlon event today and third in NSW All Schools. Fantastic achievement girls. We are all very proud of you Claire Van Kampen, Abby Baker and Portia Rennie.
- Kaylah Thompson and Ebony Extrem, attended the Australian Junior Country Basketball Cup in Albury in the school holidays. Both girls played extremely well with Kaylah's U14s team, the Ospreys, taking out the title of "Country Champions" and earning a gold medal. What a wonderful adventure you have during your break.
- THS Aboriginal boys and girls dance groups who performed at the unveiling of Uncle Russ's artwork at Taree's Newcastle Unit Outlet. We have had so many positive comments about them. Congratulations to them all and indeed Uncle Russell Saunders.



(Courtesy of Manning River Times)

SWIMMING REPORT 2017

What a great carnival! Everyone survived the heat, participated with spirit and posted some excellent performance times.

Three new records were set on the day:

Caleb Whitehouse from Hooke	12 years boys 50m Butterfly
Bevan Smith from Manning	14 years boys 50m Backstroke
Brock Van Kampen from Hooke	17+ years boys 50m Freestyle

House Champions:

BOYS – Manning	119	GIRLS - Murray	162
Peel	116	Hooke	117
Hooke	86	Peel	86
Murray	84	Manning	70

Overall Pointscore:

Murray 256	Peel 212	Hooke 211	Manning 201
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Age Champions:

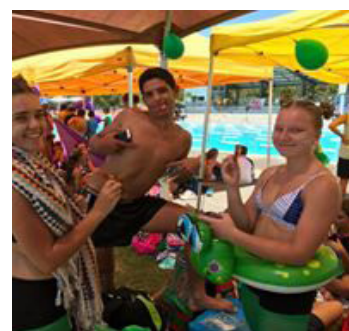
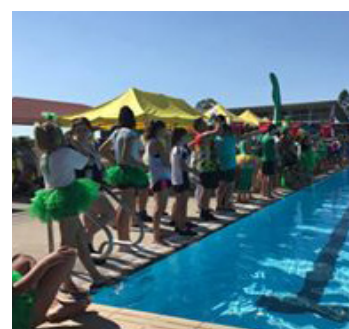
12 Years	Tyla Humphrey	Murray	Caleb Whitehouse	Hooke
13 Years	Charlotte Rainger	Murray	Jared Byrne	Peel
14 Years	Zoe O'Bryan	Manning	Bevan Smith	Manning
15 Years	Emily Rainger	Murray	Izak Murray	Murray
16 Years	Claire Van Kampen	Hooke	Jordan Smith	Manning
17+ Years	Portia Rennie	Murray	Brock Van Kampen	Hooke

House Spirit Points:

	HOOKE	MANNING	MURRAY	PEEL
CAPTAINS RELAY	4	2	6	8
WAR CRY	4	6	8	2
PARTICIPATION	81	89	109	133
TOTAL	89	97	123	143

PARTICIPATION LUCKY DIP WINNERS:

Tahni Walters, Ashley Kelly, Joel Hughes, Georgina Cocksedge, Banjo Hunt and Ben Stevens.



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

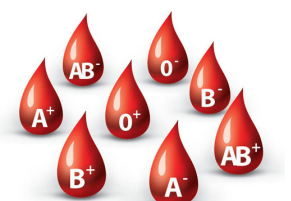
On March 17 was National Day of Action Against Bullying. The day was an opportunity for Taree High School students to send a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay. Students got into the spirit by creating their very own BULLYING NO WAY! T-shirts to wear to school on the day. We held a pop-up screen print station under the cola and students flocked to try their hand at screen printing and created their very own masterpiece.

This was all made possible by Kevin Heaslip and the crew at FAB ART, who provided us with a custom made screen, squeegee, ink, and even gave Miss Stockdale and Miss Southwell a screen printing tutorial in preparation for the event. Thank you FAB ART for your generosity, and thank you to all the students and teachers who got involved.



BLOOD BANK

The Taree Blood Bank is running low and are very much in need of donations! Some of our staff went in over the Christmas holidays and we'd appreciate if anyone out there could drop in and donate either whole blood or plasma. Just think - your efforts could go towards helping one of our students, staff, parents or carers!



NEW LOOK FOR COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT

Congratulations to James Dumas for being successful with his Bus Wrap design. James' design was selected by the team at Community Area Transport and now adorns the bus. James is pictured below with Steve Oxley and Warren Syron from Community Area Transport. They brought the bus to our school assembly recently to show it off to staff and students.



ENDANGERED LANGUAGE

Congratulations to Jay Davis and Natalie Stanfield for graduating in Cert III in Learning an Endangered Language. We are so proud of you both.



SOCIAL

Our Term 1 social was themed "Groups and Pairs" A massive thank you to Ms Walker, Mr May and the SRC for pulling it all together. Big thanks also to the staff for volunteering their time and the DJs for their energetic performance. How about our very own member of staff Kyle Shilling? He brought down the house!



Cyber Safety for Parents



Topics covered:

- How to avoid online harassment
- The legal implications of sexting and online harassment
- What to do if your child is a victim of cyber-bullying or engaged in unsafe internet practice
- The importance of having frank discussions with young people regarding their internet/mobile use and sexting

TAREE HIGH SCHOOL is hosting a free information evening, addressing growing community concern around unsafe internet practices, particularly regarding cyber-bullying and sexting.

Guest speakers include:

Senior Constable David Russell: Youth Liaison Officer
Felicity Harley: Accredited representative of the Office of the Children's e-Safety Commissioner.

WHERE: Taree High School - Library

DATE: Tuesday 4th April

TIME: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Enquiries: Briony Stockdale 02 6552 1166

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