

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Semester 2 is at a close....how quickly the year is passing. Many fantastic events have happened this term with outstanding successes on the sporting fields both in individual and team events. My thanks go to the coaches, players and parents who support the school providing transport and encouragement for the athletes.

Term 2 also saw the school purchase a 12 Seater Bus to assist with getting our students to various events such as Year 12 subject excursions, sporting teams, the Girls and Boys Aboriginal Dance Groups, TAFE events and Beef Week. I am sure it will be well used by the school.

Speaking of our Girls and Boys Dance Groups, Djiyanganbiyn Wangil/Burraydjar Wangil, have been particularly busy performing throughout the area at events such as Harmony Day; Opening of the Relay for Life; Sorry Day/ Reconciliation Week; Gathang Language Immersion day at Saltwater; Goodstart Preschool; Wingham and Tinonee Public Schools; the opening of the University of Newcastle Building and at many school events. I am so proud of their success under the tutelage of Auntie Pam Saunders, Auntie Wilma Morcome, Tannika Kent and Rosemary Saunders; Uncle Russell Saunders and Kyle Shilling. They performed this week at NAIDOC to a very welcoming crowd and held dance workshops for students. NAIDOC – this year's theme "Our Languages Matter" - was a wonderful success although the weather restricted activities. All Year 7 students took part in Workshops in Weaving, Gathang Language, Dance, Artwork, Damper and Fried Scones, Yarning Circles, Didgeridoo Workshop and Face Painting. Elders and community members joined with students to give them a rich experience in local Biripi Culture.

As mentioned at the end of Term 2, we are preparing for a major refurbishment to the front administration area of the school including front offices and A15. This will cause a disruption for approximately 3 months. Whilst we do not have the definite date as yet, it will certainly be during Term 3. The Administration (Front Office, A15 staff, Deputy Principals and Head Teacher Welfare) will relocate to the school hall (Albert Street/Macquarie Street roundabout) which 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 moving date.

Allison Alliston
Executive Principal

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

Presentation Assemblies	29 June
SPIRIT DAY	30 June
Winter Holidays	30 June-18 July
Term 3 resumes	18 July
CHS Cross Country	21 July
Hunter Athletics	26 July
Year 11 Snow Trip	12-18 August
HSC Trial Exams	14-25 August
CHS Athletics	6-8 September
Year 11 Exams	11-19 September
Year 11/12 Immunisation	25 May

ANZAC DAY 'Lest we forget'

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who represented Taree High proudly at the town ANZAC service today.

THS held a whole school ANZAC service to honour our diggers - past and present. A big thank you must go to Mr Brad May for his coordination of this moving and important annual event.



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/

SORRY DAY

Sorry Day is a time to reflect and show respect for the feelings of Aboriginal people and families who were, and still are, affected by the forced removal of their children throughout the 20th Century.

Our Aboriginal Dancers performed at our local Sorry Day at Purfleet LALC.



ROBOTICS

Some of our proud Robotics teams. Programming is their lesson. Well done.

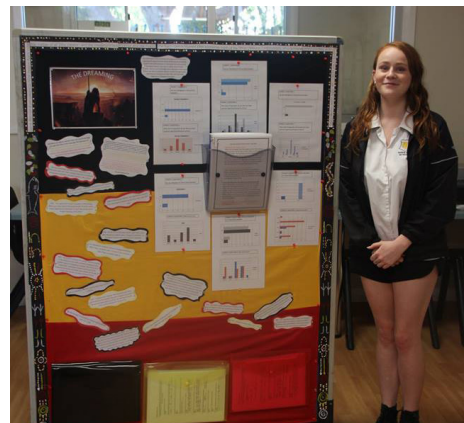


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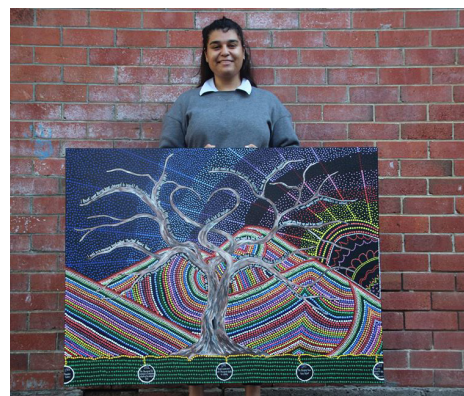
Parents, do you know that you can now respond to an SMS from the school and it will be used to explain why your child is not at school? Well you can! So if you get a SMS, let us know if they are sick and the roll will be adjusted.

ABORIGINAL STUDIES - MAJOR PROJECT

Students undertaking the HSC Aboriginal Studies course are required to develop a major project based on the completion of their research into an area of interest for them. This year Emily Bushell investigated the changes and developments in Aboriginal education over time. She was able to create an information board as a means of displaying her work and containing the results of her surveys, her research and her interviews with individuals such as Uncle Russ Saunders and the school principal, Ms Allison Alliston.



Angel Easter investigated the significant events in Aboriginal history since the 1960s. She then interviewed Aunty Isabelle Bungie, a Biripi Elder, about her life. Angel then created a painting to illustrate aspects of history and of Aunty Isabelle's life which she had learned about.



SAVE OUR OCEANS WILDLIFE

Our Out of Uniform day was held on May 26 to support our precious planet and our oceans. "Sea Shepherd Australia is a non-profit conservation organisation whose mission is to end the destruction of habitat and slaughter of wildlife in the world's oceans in order to conserve and protect ecosystems and species."
<https://www.seashepherd.org.au/>



The SRC also supported Abby Baker's elite sporting commitments and Ms Ferguson's Debaters.

EISTEDDFOD 2017

50 talented Junior Drama students represented the school at the Taree Eisteddfod. They took out first place for the 9/10 playbuilding and 7/8 group Improvisation, along with handfuls of 2nds, 3rds and highly commend and highly commended awards for their performances.... Mrs Cotton was impressed by their dedication, professionalism, creativity and support for each other. The performances will be presented at a Drama showcase at school.

Night time performance at School Hall June 27 at 6pm. Hope to see you there.

NAIDOC DAY AT THS



Congratulations to.....

- Year 10 student Claire Van Kampen who competed at the NSW All School Swimming today. She placed 8th in 16s 50m backstroke, and 4th in 15/16s 200 backstroke. Amazing effort Claire!
- Our U15s soccer team played against Gloucester and won 3-0. Great effort boys, and many thanks to the wonderful coach, Mr Kelly.
- The Opens Girls Hockey Team played Round 1 of the CHS Open Girls Hockey Knockout against Chatham. They had a 15-1 win with superstar Kalani Cross scoring 9! They then played Cessnock High School in Round 2 of the knockout on Tuesday 30th May. The girls played an amazing game and had a 14-0 win. Good luck for the next round in Newcastle!
Many thanks to the amazing coach, Mrs Harris. The time and effort you put into coaching the girls is greatly appreciated.
- Taree High Golden Toads who were crowned the 2017 Hastings Schools Futsal Titles 16 Girls Champions. They went through the tournament undefeated before clinching victory in the Grand Final during golden goal!
A very big thank you to Mr Henson for coaching the girls, an amazing effort by everyone!
- The 2017 Athletics Age Champions after receiving their medals on the assembly what an amazing bunch of athletes. Well done.
- Imogen Nelson has proceeded through to NSW CHS Cross Country to be held at Eastern Creek Raceway on July 21. Congratulation to all student who participated at Zone and Hunter this year and we wish Imogen Nelson all the best for her upcoming race a state.



CONGRATULATIONS to.....continued

- Year 7 Music students with their fantastic home made instruments. Bravo to you all and your wonderful teachers Leanne Ralston and Peter Bull.
- Tahni Walters, Lara Watts and Bree Pensini played for the Hunter Hockey CHS team in Tamworth. Undefeated during the pool games, they came up against Sydney South West, Sydney East, South Coast and Sydney West. They came up against Western in the semi-final and defeated them 5-3. In the final our girls versed South Coast again and beat them 4-2, making the Hunter team NSW CHS champions for three years in a row.
- The Taree High School Ag team took part in Beef Week! A big thank you to Mrs Lawrence and Mr Callinan.



HEALTHY CANTEEN

The introduction of the revised Healthy School Canteen Strategy increases the availability of healthy food and drink options in school canteens to make the healthy choice, the easy choice. It replaces the Fresh Tastes@School Strategy in NSW schools that was commonly known as the traffic light system.

The revised strategy is consistent with the 2013 Australian Dietary Guidelines and classifies food and drinks as either Everyday or Occasional. Sugary drinks will continue not to be sold.

NSW public schools will have until the end of 2019 to transition to the strategy in consideration of canteen operating arrangements, product availability, rural and remote locations and community and cultural expectations. During this time, schools will be fully supported to address practical issues that arise.

The strategy has been informed by a comprehensive evidence report and a consultation process that included school leaders, canteen managers, health professionals, the food industry, school students and parents to understand the barriers and enablers for increasing healthy food and drink choices in NSW school canteens.

Head to the Healthy School Canteen website for more information.

TAREE HIGH CANTEEN NEWS

Prices reduced. Noodles down to \$2, Milkshakes \$2. Gluten free available (by order only). Cheap Tuesdays. Lunch orders taken at breakfast time 8.30-9.00am. Recieve a loyalty card when you order. Remember Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents are most welcome to come and give a hand.

Canteen Manager - Dana Jowett, Canteen Assistant Tracey Barnett.



ATHLETIC CARNIVAL 2017

the zone athletics carnival the weather was absolutely beautiful. A big congratulation to all the students for their wonderful behaviour and their participation, you all should give yourself a pat on the back. Also Mrs Phillips would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the Staff that helped out today not only from Mr Abbott and Mr Gollan at the carnival, but to all the staff that help cover lessons. Days like these wouldn't happen if we didn't have the support from other staff. Well done.



DRAMA, DRAMA, DRAMA

The Taree High School Drama Department was honoured to work with The University of Newcastle Rural Faculty of Health and Medicine (Manning UoNDRH). Five students have recently performed a number of emergency simulations and medical role play consultations for undergraduate medical students. The most recent simulation involved Katie Newcombe and Liam Hampson getting painted with wounds and acting out some serious injuries from a motor vehicle accident. The drama students were overwhelmed by the praise that they received from both the medical staff and undergraduates for their acting skills and professionalism. Such experiences are proof that the skills learnt in drama are valuable in many careers and education pathways.





Fact sheet

CYBER SAFETY 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.bullyingnoway.com.au
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com
- The **website, application or phone carrier** that you were using at the time



For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

Dear Parents and Care Providers

New NSW Public Schools' Finance System – Preparation Phase

Taree High School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system, Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR), and a new bank account on **4 September 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition we need your help.

PAYMENTS

There will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carer providers **for a short period**:

1. Between **Friday, 25 August and Tuesday, 5 September 2017** you will **not** be able to make payments to the school using the current **POP** Online Payment System.
2. Between **Wednesday, 30 August and Tuesday, 5 September 2017** you will **not** be able to make payments to the school using Eftpos, Cash, or Cheque.

From **Wednesday, 6 September 2017**, you will be able to begin making payments again using Eftpos, Cash, Cheque or POP. Direct Deposits to the schools bank account are no longer an option.

Would you please ensure any payments due in this period (for excursions and the like) **are paid well before** these cut-off times.

STUDENT DETAILS

It is important that all details of our students and their families are **up-to-date** ahead of the transition. Therefore, we ask that you let us know, as soon as you can, any changes in:

1. Address, phone numbers and email addresses
2. Emergency contacts and their phone numbers
3. Health Action Plans
4. Court Orders.

Student Details Update form is available on the school website at www.taree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Please return any forms with updated information to the A15 Office at school, or alternatively return via email to the address shown at the top of this letter.

I thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Allison Alliston

Executive Principal