

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

Easter Long Weekend	30th March - 2nd April
Year 7-10 Parent Teacher Interviews	3rd April
Year 7 Interim Report Posted	13th April
HSC- Course Exam	3rd -13th April
School Holidays	14th - 30th April
Staff Development Day	30th April
School Resumes	1st May
ANZAC Day Service	1st May
School Athletics Carnival	4th May
Year 10-11 Immunisation	10th May
NAPLAN Online Test	15th May
Year 12 Mid-Course Report Issued	18th May
Zone Athletics Carnival	24th May
Spirit Day	6th July

Our 2018 School Captains and Vice Captains



Councillor David West presented our captains with their recognition certificate while our 2017 Vice Captains Ashlee Tate and Connor Armstrong presented them with their badges. Congratulations to our 2018 School Captains and Vice Captains, Ebony Bridges (VC), Nicholas Gilbert (C), Beth Kerville (C) and Nic Stepowikow (VC).

P&C

Meeting are held on every 4th Tuesday of the month in Ngarralbaa Room at the school.

New members are always welcome.

If you would like to be a member of the P&C please come along to one of our meetings.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Principal's Report Term 1 2018

Term 1 has flown past with so many events happening. It has however, been a term tinged with sadness with the tragic deaths of two ex-students, impacting across the staff, students and community. I would like to acknowledge the respectful and mindful manner in which the students have conducted themselves during these sad times. Parents and carers should be very proud of their children.

The term has also seen many events occur beyond the classroom which students have embraced with great enthusiasm. They are outlined in the following pages. I would like to highlight Jay Davis' Nanga Mai Award (Eora language for To Dream). Jay has had a dream to revitalise the Gathang language of the Birip/Worimi nations and embed it into the school language program. 2017 saw this dream come to fruition with all Year 7 students engaged in a Gathang Language and Culture program. He received this award for the amazing job he has done in this area. The program is continuing and expanding in 2018.

I would like to welcome new staff to the school. Steve Castles in TAS, Carol Stapely in English, Chris Collier in HSIE and permanent position for Jenny Umbers in HSIE. Jimmy Weeks also graduated from University for his degree in Mathematics and has since been appointed to the faculty.

I would also like to acknowledge Tracey Barnett (Canteen Manager) and Emily O'Rourke (Canteen Assistant) for their outstanding work in turning the canteen around from barely covering costs to a highly functioning canteen. Their efforts in changing to a healthy, variety filled, affordable, menu has the students and staff lining up for more. Thanks also goes to the SRC for their assistance in serving at recess and lunch and we welcome our new volunteer Jackie. Of course, more volunteers would be welcome.

The front of the school is looking amazing and it is predicted that we will be open for business to start Term 2. I would like to thank the Office Staff, Deputy Principals and Head Teacher Welfare as well as staff, students and parents for their patience whilst this project has been undertaken and look forward to the official opening of the renovation. As a result of this further delay, the Mid Course Year 12 exams will be held in the Gym. A big thank you goes to the PDHPE staff, for accommodating the disruption yet again, to their teaching program.

Allison Alliston

Executive Principal

Eco-Grant - Stem Unit

If you have noticed work being done on our gardens near the food technology area it's because Taree High successfully applied for a \$3500 Eco-grant from the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage. Every year grants are awarded to fund environmental management projects that assist schools to provide environmental learning opportunities for students, teachers and the school community. The money will be used to:

1. Convert our existing food gardens into wicking beds.
2. Build 8 new wicking beds on the east side of the gym.
3. Revitalise the existing shade house near the science rooms to grow seedlings for planting in our food gardens.
4. Build 2 composting beds to provide the food gardens with a sustainable supply of nutrient rich soil.

The aim is to provide the school with a regular supply of fresh herbs and seasonal produce in an economically and environmentally sustainable way. Multiple faculties are involved in this project and the whole school community will benefit. For more information on wicking beds go to <http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s4010599.htm>



MADD

We had another fantastic MADD concert at the MEC on December 8th 2017. Congratulations to all the performers, backstage crew and staff for showcasing the talents we have at Taree High. It's great to see students with the confidence to get up there on stage. Bravo to you all!

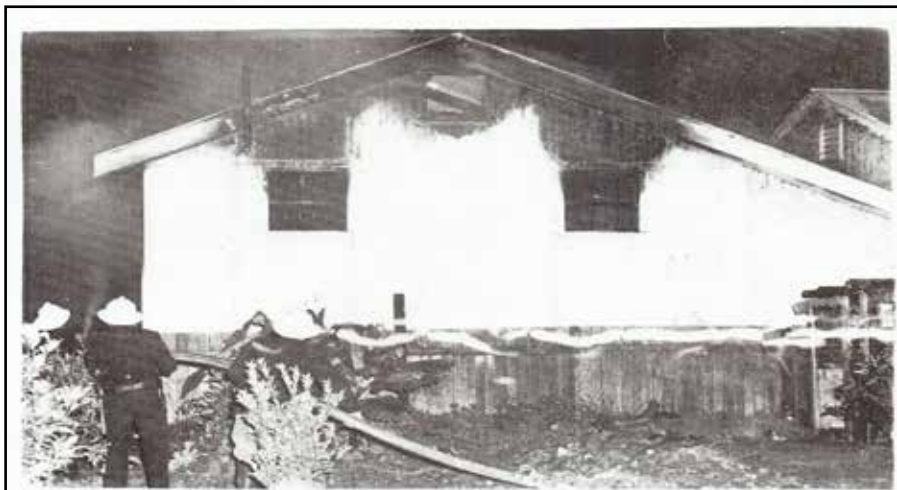


Alumni

Join us on Facebook Taree High School Alumni

*Here we go folks - the 70s starting with 1970. Enjoy each year as it comes.
"When their hair was soft and long
And the beach was the place to go"*

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 Alumni Facebook page and attach what you have. If you're not into Facebook you can send a copy into the school. Many thanks



The first cab off the rank for 2018 is a 50th reunion for the Class of 1968 on the 27th and 28th of October.

Please contact Rhonda Mathers (nee Richardson) on 0419 738 164. Rhonda has not been in the district for some time so the reunion will have to gain momentum through posts and word of mouth.

Swimming Carnival.....



Zone Swimming Champions

Our Manning Zone Age Swimming Champions:

13 Years Boy: Brady Cross
15 Years Boy: Bevan Smith
14 Years Girl: Charlotte Rainger
15 Years Girl: Jordan Moscatt
16 Years Girl: Emily Rainger
17+ Years Girl: Claire Van Kampen



Hunter Trials Team

Hunter Trials Team:

Lucas Kloosterhof, Nic Stepowikow, Bevan Smith, Brady Cross, Jayden Manus, Max McKillop-Davies, Emily Rainger, Charlotte Rainger, Claire Van Kampen, Jordan Moscatt and Hannah Hartup



Swimming Participation Prize Winners:

Kalani Minns, Carlie Daniel, Kriya Sercombe and Jenna Hatton

SWIMMING REPORT 2018

House Score

Boys -	Murray	119	Girls -	Peel	162
	Hooke	92		Manning	71
	Peel	86		Murray	68
	Manning	79		Hooke	65

Overall House Results

1. Peel 221pts 2. Murray 187pts 3. Hooke 157pts 4. Manning 150pts

Age Champions

Age:	Girls Name:	House:	Boys Name:	House:
12 Years	Asha Paff	Peel	Jayden Manus	Peel
13 Years	Abby Watts	Peel	Brady Cross	Hooke
14 Years	Charlotte Rainger	Murray	Jared Byrne	Peel
15 Years	Jordan Moscatt	Manning	Bevan Smith	Manning
16 Years	Emily Rainger	Murray	Harry Loretan	Peel
17+ Years	Claire Van Kampen	Hooke	Nic Stepowikow	Peel

New Records:

Boys 15yrs 50m Backstroke - Bevan Smith, new time of 31.09 seconds. Old record set in 2005

Girls 17+yrs 50m Backstroke - Claire Van Kampen, new time of 34.53 seconds. Old record set in 1985

Girls 15 yrs 50m Fly - Jordan Moscatt, new time of 31.25 seconds. Old record set in 2016

Girls 15 yrs 50m Freestyle - Jordan Moscatt, new time of 28.65 seconds. Old record set in 2016

Girls 16 yrs 50m Freestyle - Emily Rainger, new time of 29.53seconds. Old record set in 2015

Girls 17+yrs 50m Freestyle - Claire Van Kampen, new time of 28.35 seconds. Old record set in 2004

PARTICIPATION LUCKY DIP WINNERS: Kriya Sercombe, Kalani Minns, Jemma Hatton and Carlie Daniel

Hunter Swimming Trials

Eleven swimmers competed at the Hunter Swimming Trials in Maitland and displayed some very good performances in the pool. Taree High was successful in achieving places in the Hunter team for the Boys 15 freestyle relay, Girls 17-19 freestyle relay and Open Girls medley relay. On an individual level, Lucas Kloosterhof, Jordan Moscatt, Emily Rainger, Ryan Shakeshaft, Bevan Smith and Claire Van Kampen qualified for a combined total of 23 individual swims. Brady Cross, Hannah Hartup, Max McKillop-Davies and Charlotte Rainger will swim in the relay teams.

The sportsmanship and team camaraderie that was displayed was of the highest standard. Our students cheered each other on in fine voices.

The swimmers will compete at the NSW CHS Swimming Championships from the 8th to 10th April in Sydney. We wish our swimming team all the best at this competition.



#TEAMGIRLS

On Friday 2nd of March we had a special visitor come and chat to some of our female students. As part of a Suncorp #TeamGirls competition that we entered last year, best-selling author Rebecca Sparrow spoke to the students about finding your tribe of friends who have your back, being safe and smart online and the importance of resilience and getting back up after life knocks you down. A huge thank you to Suncorp for giving us the opportunity to hear from Bec! Suncorp offers a range of resources for parents to help support their daughters and build confidence. Find these on their website www.suncorp.com.au/teamgirls. Visit the website and sign-up to their #TeamGirls newsletter for regular updates and advice.



Year 11 Photography - Mrs Honess

Year 11 have just completed a particularly special process of pure raw photography which involved them taking photos with light rays alone. They took photos around the school (with their newly learned knowledge of photographic composition and principles of aesthetics) using ONLY a cardboard box with a tiny hole for a lens. They then developed these by hand in the darkroom. Here are some beautiful examples.

The portrait photo is particularly special. Photos by Katora, Felicity, Janaya and Corinna.



HARMONY DAY

Wednesday March 21st was Harmony Day, a celebration of cultural diversity within Australia, and the message was EVERYONE BELONGS. We held a whole school assembly to mark the occasion, and opened proceedings with a mesmerising musical Acknowledgment of Country performed by Taree High School's very own musical artists Jay Davis and Kyle Shilling, setting the tone for our guest of honour. Students were blown away by the high energy performance of Afro Moses, international artist from Ghana, West Africa. Afro has been living in Australia since 2004 and uses his music to spread the message of unity and inclusion. He is an artist with a message - underneath our skin we are all the same so let's just be happy together! He got the students clapping and singing together and created an atmosphere of joy and togetherness. Thank you Afro for your incredible performance.

Harmony Day continue....



BULLYING NO WAY !!!

Friday 16th March was the International Day of Action Against Bullying and we asked students ... "What's your BIG IDEA to prevent bullying at Taree High School? We had 128 entries and plastered them up for students and staff to check out. The student with the best idea will win a \$50 Igana voucher and have their idea put into ACTION.

Stay Tuned....



International Women's Day

Thursday 8th March was International Women's Day and four of our wonderful Year 12 students represented Taree High School at the Quota Club celebration evening.

The girls were captivated by the story of Dr Angela Jay, obstetrician and gynaecologist, survivor of family violence, and ambassador for White Ribbon. They also met author of Walking on Eggshells, Marilyn Wilson, who generously gave out copies of her book and donated a signed copy to the school. It was an inspiring evening of girl power!

Well done Tahni, Sophie, Ezabell and Khloe. You are fine role models and outstanding young women.



Nanga Mai Awards 2018

This year our very own Senior Leader Community Engagement Officer Jaycent Davis was awarded the Nanga Mai Award for Outstanding Leadership in Aboriginal Languages. This award shows the hard work and commitment Jay undertakes with the aim of embedding the Gathang Language into our school and community. Congratulations Jay, very well deserved.



CANTEEN NEWS

- Loyalty Card available when ordering lunch meals. Don't forget to use it, 11th meal is FREE.
- Gluten free available
- Check blackboard for specials.
- Lunch orders taken at breakfast time 8.30-9.00am.
- **Volunteers are always welcome: Please contact Tracey on 02 6552 1407 if you would like to give a hand.**

THS Sports Column

We are going to try something new for the newsletter this year. First thing is this page - THS Sports Column this will be an ongoing feature. As you may notice THS has a lot of team sports and individuals representing the school throughout the year.

Here's a little report on sports that have occurred so far, but where we did not get a team/individual photo.

Open Boys Soccer - Knockout Round. First round they had a bye, second round was played Monday 19th March at Omaru Park, Taree against Bulahdelah where our boys had a convincing win 6-3 and now move onto third round, to be played either at the end of Term 1 or beginning of Term 2.

Open Girls Soccer - Our Girls played Great Lakes College on Tuesday 20th March. They were beaten by a team that had very good cohesion. Credit must go to the THS girls for continuing to play with energy and effort throughout.

Under 15s Rugby League Boys - On the 6th of March the under 15s Knights Rugby League Knockout was rained out and postponed until the 19th of March.

At the Gala the boys played hard and fast footy with 20 minute games against local teams including St Clares, Bulahdelah, Great Lakes and Forster. In this NSW Country League Gala format a draw is counted as a win for the team that scores the first try and unfortunately for our boys this was the cause of their 2nd place finish on the day. The determining games were as follows:

Taree High drew with St Clares (recorded as a loss due to the 1st try) and won the next 3.

St Clares High drew with 3 teams (recorded as 3 wins due to the 1st try) and they won 1.

These outcomes demonstrate our boys' dominance on the day even though they didn't get to continue onto the next level. Likewise, having 5 players out of 13 selected to trial at the Hunter Region Trials demonstrates the exceptionally outstanding footy played by Taree High. This was also later recognised by the NRL Development Staff as they commented on our dominance across the Gala.

Boys selected for Hunter Region Trials: Ethan Ferguson, Shaun West, Alex Forbes, Thomas Ryan and Ryan Harrison.

Sports that have been postponed or to be played at the end of Term 1

Girls Tennis

Open Boys and Girls Touch Football - was played on the 27th March - report will be in Term 2 newsletter

Years 7&8, 9&10 Netball Gala Day

Zone Cross Country



Sports Column continue....



Open Mixed Touch Football

Open mixed touch team travelled to Sydney to compete in the Open Mixed State Touch Challenge. They played 4 games in their round games winning 3. This put them in 2nd place in their pool and making quarterfinals. They played Holy Cross College losing only by 1 try, final score Holy Cross 4 - Taree 3.



Open Girls Netball

Open Girls Netball played their first knockout round on 27th February, winning 3 out of 4 games which put them second and moving on to the Super 16 Round Robin played in Newcastle on 20th March. The girls played 2 games winning against Maitland but a loss to Kotara High. A very windy day caused havoc for our shooter but the girls played some great netball.



Open Girls Basketball

Our Open Boys & Girls Basketball team made top 8 in knockout rounds which put them through to the Hunter Finals, played at Maitland. Both teams won their first games convincingly, putting them through to the quarterfinals which they both lost to Hunter Sports High School.



Cross Country Age Champions

School Cross Country was held at the Taree Park Run on the Riverbank this year and the students adapted to the new changes. Congratulations to everyone who participated and best of luck to those students going to Zone at the end of Term 1.



Open Boys Basketball



Triathlon

2018 NSW All Schools Triathlon.

Claire Van Kampen Swimmer, Portia Rennie Bike rider, Abby Baker Runner. The girls had a great day in hot conditions. The first leg was a 600 metre swim and 250m run with Claire, the 2nd leg was a 10klm bike ride in which Portia had an amazing ride; she took the lead and added about 15 seconds to the closest rider. Abby had the last leg which was 3 klm. She had a great run finishing with an overall result of 9th, and 2nd place for CHS. This is the last year for the 3 girls who have over the last 4 years, obtained in CHS 3 silvers, 1 gold and an Allschools bronze medal.

School Spectacular / Bangara Dance Theatre

On the 19th of March a group of Aboriginal students travelled to Coffs Harbour to audition for the "School Spectacular Indigenous Contemporary Dance Group" which is organised by dancers of Bangara Dance Theatre. Attending the audition were 8 schools from surrounding areas (Approximately 250 students). It was a full day of contemporary and Indigenous dance both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. At the end of the day each student had to learn a section of choreography taught to them throughout the day. They were put into groups of boys and girls and then the groups were narrowed down to smaller numbers. Each group had to perform the choreography in front of both the other students and the Bangarra Dancers. At the end of the performance the Bangarra Dancers would go through and select the dancers who stood out the most. We are very proud to announce that Serge Morcome from our School had been chosen. That now means he has been short listed and given the opportunity to then participate in the next round of auditions and will then hopefully be given the chance to perform in the State Indigenous Contemporary Dance Group at this years School Spectacular. Well done Serge!



Faith Saunders, Leighana Clarke and Serge Morcome presented with participation awards for attending the Workshop.

G'DAY USA!

- Disneyland • Universal Studios • Knotts Berry Farm • San Francisco •
- Stay with an American Family • Visit an American school •
- Hang out in an American school cafeteria • Watch the cheerleaders •
- Play sports at school • Make lifelong friends • Walk the Golden Gate Bridge •

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