

## Principal's Report Term 3 2018

Term 3 has been a very busy, exciting and successful time at Taree High. As you will read in the following pages, we have seen students take up a great variety of opportunities offered to them across many fields. From excursions, sporting competitions, debating, cultural activities and leadership, there seems to be no end to what we can achieve with students and staff working together. I have watched with great enthusiasm as our ChillSpace and lunch activities have taken off. My thanks go to Briony Stockdale, Brent Hensen for the organisation and many other staff who either run or participate in the activities. The feedback from students is very positive. This will continue in Term 4.

One of the highlights of the term was Hay Day organised by the SRC to raise desperately needed funds for our farmers experiencing the dreadful drought. The generosity of the community in donating prizes and food enabled the students and staff to raise over \$1600, which in turn was matched dollar for dollar by Coles Supermarket.

Another highlight was the boys and girls Hockey sides, who both made the final eight in the state finals. Taree High were the 2017 CHS Girls Champions and determined to make it two years in a row, which they did. The boys side who are a young side, came a credible 5th in the state. They will be a force to be reckoned with next year. Congratulations to both teams, their coaches Mrs Kerrie Davy and Miss Jordan Hardy, and all the parents and supporters who travelled to Lithgow to support the teams.

Term 3 coming to an end also means the end of 13 years of education for our Year 12 students, who leave to prepare for their HSC Exams in October. On behalf of the staff and students of the school, I would like to wish them all the best for their exams and their future. We will celebrate their achievements at our Presentation Evening in Week 10, the Formal in November and when results are released in December.

Have a happy, safe and restful holiday.

**Allison Alliston**  
Executive Principal

## NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

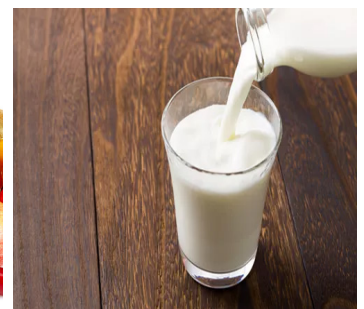
Spring Holidays	1st Oct - 14th Oct
Term 4 Resumes Week B	15th October
HSC Exams	18th Oct - 9th Nov
Outdoor Education Camp Year 9/10	18th - 19th Oct
Year 12 Formal - Club Taree	13th November
Ninja Visit	15th November
Year 9 Camp	28th - 30th Nov
Year 6 Orientation / Transition Day 2	4th December
MADD Concert 2018	5th & 6th December
Year 7-11 Presentation Evening	12th December
Year Assemblies	17th December
Year 7 - 10 Reports Issued	18th December
End of Term 4	19th December

## OPEN GIRLS HOCKEY NSW CHS STATE CHAMPIONS



## Did you know we have a Breakfast Club??

Breakfast Club is open to everyone on a Monday and Wednesday, head down to the patio off B-Block, behind the canteen before school and get yourself some breakfast.



Before



After



## Important information regarding Non-prescribed medications

Schools generally don't administer medication that hasn't been requested for an individual student's specific condition. In some cases the medical practitioner may not write a prescription for such medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. NSW Health advises that 'over the counter' medication may still be harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for non-prescribed medications as for prescribed medications.

Therefore if a student needs medication at school, we have forms that need to be filled out by the parent or doctor. And the medication has to be supplied to the school. Please contact the school if you require a form on 02 6552 1166.



### 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.**

### 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.

## Spirit Day 2018

Another Successful spirit day filled with a lot of fun activities and the winner of the Spirit Cup going to...  
**PEEL...**



## TAREE HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH ACTIVITIES

Earlier in the year we ran a school wide competition as part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying. Students were asked for their BIG IDEA to help prevent school yard bullying at Taree High School. The winning submission, by Lindie Kliendienst and Riley MacTaggart was to “have more entertainment and activities at lunch time so students would have something to do other than hassle each other”. They spoke, and we listened!!! This term we ramped up our lunch time events, opening ChillSpace, running student vs teacher sporting competitions and continuing to offer drama classes with Stacey Lee Entertainment. Next term will see new activities on offer, so keep an eye on Facebook and Millennium for more announcements.

### Volleyball Competition

An epic finale to conclude this term’s lunch time volleyball competition.

Our fighting fit teacher team took on overall competition winners Sladez Boyz and beat them 30-20, proving that with age comes skill and finesse!

Despite today’s defeat, congratulations must go to Sladez Boyz, who were the overall competition winners

Further congratulations to all ten teams who played in the comp. It’s been great fun!!!

Keep an ear out for announcements about how to get involved in term 4 lunch time games...



**FRIDAY FUN DAY!!** Week 1 started out with basketball games. Friendly rivalry??? HA! Staff and students battled it out for the glory. Who will be victorious?... “Swish, Swish, Bish” finishing on top along with Cooper Seckold’s Team, with ‘Swish Swish Bish winning the competition. Then the finale was between Year 12 and the Teachers on Spirit Day. Year 12 Student were to strong for the teacher winning just by 1 point.



## ChillSpace

Term 3 we opened ChillSpace! The hall became a games room and the good times rolled. Keep an eye on the student notices for opening times, as well as info on other lunchtime activities. We will continue the Chillspace in Term 4.



**Thursday Theatre is back!** This term we welcomed back Stacey Lee Entertainment as part of our lunch time activities. Stacey uses theatre games and improvisation to encourage self-expression, positivity and humour. It's been wonderful to see so many students get involved and have a laugh while they unleash their creative talents. Thank you Stacey and to all the students who got involved.



## Luminosity 2018!!!

What an amazing 3 days! A massive thank you to Tide Ltd, Taree Business Chamber and Manning Valley Businessman's Association for your sponsorship of our students. Thanks to your generosity, 19 of our students gained so much wisdom and positive energy from the 22 amazing speakers including solo sailor Jessica Watson, the Deadly Ninja Jack Wilson and the Breakdancing Lawyer Sid Mathur to name just a few.



**ACTORS BOOTCAMP**  
2 Day Workshop  
3rd & 4th Oct  
\$100  
Day 1: Stage Craft & Scene Work  
Day 2: Acting For TV & Screen  
Available For Beginners and Advanced Alike  
Learn Essential Stage Acting Skills  
Also Learning How To Work In Front Of The Camera!  
Email: [slcentrestage@gmail.com](mailto:slcentrestage@gmail.com)  
To Book

## Year 11 Snow Trip Report

The year 11 snow trip was a big success again. All students are to be commended on their behaviour and attitude on the excursion with some high praise from the accommodation “they are the best most respectful group we have had through this season” and from the tour group manager ALI “Everyone involved with your program at this end had a fabulous time working with you and your staff, and found the students to be an absolute pleasure to deal with, so please pass on our thanks to your group for making the program such a success”.

The staff on the excursion were very proud of how this group of students represented themselves. Well done.



### *Meanwhile back at the ranch....*

While the rest of year 11 were enjoying the snow trip Josie Eyb, Gabbie Armstrong, Mollie Lewis, Pheobe Brown, Alice Sicheri and Jady Edwards-Hastings spent some time in the art room decorating old stools.



## *ART Department*

Taree High's 9/10 ceramics elective with Mrs Honess were treated this term to a hands-on professional demonstration by local ceramicist Peter Hugill. Students learned about Coil Building techniques and professional artist practice. Students are currently enjoying their process of constructing a traditional coil amphora in class. The students will be visiting the Manning Art Gallery in October to undertake a review and analysis of Hugill's Exhibition 'Cohesive'.



### **Thieving at Manning Mall/Coles**

Parents/Carers, Please be aware that students have been attending the retail outlet stores before and after school and shoplifting... Management have advised Ms Alliston of this and she won't hesitate in reviewing the CTV footage... and Identify the culprits. Management have also advised that the police will be called, which could lead to a criminal charge. Parent/Carers, please talk to your children and ask them to respect the law and the shop owners rights when entering a shopping centre.



## Debating Teams

This year Taree High School had two teams in the NSW Premier Debating Competition; Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10. In Term 2, the Year 9 & 10 team won two of their three rounds which unfortunately placed them just outside of the finals. The Year 7 & 8 team have won three of their three rounds which means they will be attending the finals which is an outstanding result. These students will complete the finals in Term 4. Both teams attended the North Coastal Regional Debating Camp in Bonville, NSW and gained many valuable skills which they were able to use in further competitions. Taree High School also hosted the very first Junior Debate Workshop in Term 2. Four schools in the region attended to learn some expert skills from professional debate coaches.

A big thanks you to Ms Alliston for the ongoing support for debating, as well as Mrs Angela Kelleher for her assistance with the debate camp.



## Peer Support

This year Taree High School had a group of 24 dedicated, responsible Year 10 Peer Support Leaders who assisted the Year 7s with their transition into high school. They started the school year a day earlier than their peers so they could help Year 7 settle into their first day. They showed them which classrooms they were in and where they needed to go, answered their questions and provided extra support and friendship. Later in the term, the Peer Support Leaders organised and facilitated lessons from the Peer Support program with a focus on behaving with respect and integrity. They finished their official duties at the end of Term 2 and some of the students attended the Year 7 excursion to the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie to see Model Citizen by Circus Oz. Their ongoing support and friendship of Year 7 students will continue throughout their schooling days. We are currently recruiting the next Peer Support Leaders from Year 9 so they will be ready for the 2019 Year 7 students.

## Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day 1

On September 18th we had year 6 students come to the school for their day 1 of transition to high school. Throughout the day students were put into groups and participated in a variety of activities. At lunch time the student got to witness one of our lunch time activities were the teachers took on our year 12 students in a game of Volleyball, our teachers dominated and winning 25 - 14 in first half and 18 - 14 in the second half. Day 2 transition day will be December 4th.



## HAY DAY

Mrs Davy and her merry band of SRC students are to be congratulated for organising this wonderful day to raise money for our farmers experiencing drought. \$1600 was raised which will be matched dollar for dollar by Coles Supermarket.

Thank you to our OUTSTANDING auctioneer Mr Gollan whose oratory skills managed to empty many wallets of our staff! Just the sponge-cake auction alone raised a staggering \$490 which will be matched dollar for dollar by Coles Supermarket! And a big thank you and congratulations to all staff who entered the contest, the winning cake being baked by Miss Grooteman!

The finale of HAY DAY was a hobby horse race between staff and Year 12 students. The students took out the title in a HILARIOUS battle. Thank you to all of our volunteers and once again to be fabulous Mrs Phillips organising this activity. But biggest thanks and congratulations to Mrs Davy and the SRC for organising this day!

The SRC would like to thank the following local businesses for their support of our Hay Day:

Coles Taree, Saltwater Wine, Cooper's Pharmacy, Bass 'n Blues, McGraths Meats, Town Head Fruit and Veg, Taree Tenpin, Go Vita, Eddie's Fresh Chickens, Circle of Friends, Jack and Co, Bakers Delight, Priceline, Vintage on Victoria, Bridgeys Sportspower, Raw Sugar, Taree Ballet Gear and Fancy Dress.



**Horse racing  
Teachers vs Students**



**Gumboot tossing**

## Sports Column

### Netball Report

On Friday 7th September, Taree High School's U15 Girls Netball team travelled to Gloucester to play in a gala day against other schools in the region including Chatham, Gloucester and Wingham. Unfortunately, the two Forster/Tuncurry schools had to withdraw at the last minute. The team consisted of goal shooters Sophie Croker, Hannah Elford, and Emma Shoosmith, mid-court Jessica Ferris, Charlotte Rainger and Chyna Johnson, and defence Ella Bramsen, Samira Mitchell and Jasmine Jackson.

With the assistance of coaches Tiffany White and Katie Hogan, the girls were in high spirits and keen to get on the court. First game against Chatham demonstrated the cohesion the Taree girls had and the notable defensive tips from Jasmine and strong defensive pressure from Samira were able to shut down the Chatham attack. Additionally, the pressure on the centre pass by Jessica and Chyna meant that Taree made a good lead early in the game and was able to maintain that until the final whistle. The final score was 53 – 8.

The second game against Gloucester was a similar result of 50 – 8, and was attributable to strong plays and transitions up the court in the first half, with Charlotte passing accurately into Emma and Hannah who displayed some great team work and quick drives in and around the baseline. Ella also shut down the Gloucester attack with some great defensive holds and support bringing the ball up the court.

Due to the weather making a turn at the end of the second game, the final round was played in the indoor stadium nearby where the Taree side played against old rivals Wingham. This was Taree's closest game winning 49 – 9, however the score did not reflect the quality of some of the plays of the opposition. From the first whistle Samira demonstrated her quick reflexes in defence picking up multiple intercepts and pressuring the ball in the goal circle. Backing her up, was Jessica whose fast drives and intelligent plays up the court ensured Taree kept the advantage all game. Sophie was strong in attack, shooting at 100% in the second half and demonstrated great leadership in determining vital moves and plays up the court.

Each of the girls displayed Taree High School's core values and great sportsmanship. They now progress to the Hunter round of the CHS Knockout in November.

### Year 9/10 Girls Touch Football

Our Year 9/10 Girls touch team travelled to the Sunshine Coast on 11th September to participated in the National Schools Cup Tournament over three day. Day 1 of competition was Wednesday 12th September where the girls played two games, with a loss and a draw. Day 2 they played two games with a win and a loss and day 3 they only had 1 game which resulted in a loss. Whilst the girls didn't get the result they wanted for the tournament, they played some great touch football in very hot/windy conditions and coming 6th in Australia overall.

Each day of competition the girls had the first timeslot of 7:55am which meant 6:00am wake up calls and on the bus by 7:00am.

A big thank you to Mr Weeks for coaching and Mrs Hogan for managing the team. The girls wouldn't have been able to attend events like this if they didn't have the support from you and the school!

Thank you to the shared bus drivers Mr Weeks and Matt Nelson. It was a very long trip to and from but you got the girls there and back safely.

Thank you to the parents that made the trip up for your support and to everyone back home for supporting the team through fundraising.

A very big Thankyou to all the generous donations and help the girls received, to go towards with their trip to the TFA Nationals Schools Cup touch tournament on the Sunshine Coast. The team are very grateful for your generosity, and they could not have gone this far without each and every one of you. So again thank you.

### Taree High U16 Boys NSW Futsal Champion of Champions Winners!

An excellent result which is the best finish at the State level in Futsal for quite a while! The boys were undefeated all day in Port Macquarie with a mix of close results and clear wins that were very impressive. The boys did Taree High proud and played with great team spirit throughout the day. The boys included: Sam Moddero, Max Lynch, Riley Davis, Jarvis Dennes, Harry Loretan, Izak Murray, Dane Hinton and our goalie Josh Hughes.

Congratulations boys! A mighty fine effort!

Mr J Kelly (Coach/Manager)

## Sports Column continue....

### HOCKEY REPORT

#### CHS Champions 2nd Year running.

Our open girls' hockey team have claimed successive NSW CHS Hockey Championship with a 3-1 win over Orange High in the final on Thursday 20th September which was played at Lithgow.

The girls went into the finals as favourites, defeating Westfield Sports High in the quarter finals and Mulwaree in the semi-final.

Lara Watts, Jordan Moscott and Hayley Manusu scored Taree High's goals in the final.

Girls team consists of: Hayley Manusu, Makayla Manusu, Chloe Neal, Tyler Williams, Bree Pensini, Kalani Cross, Phoebe Cause, Jordan Moscott, Georgia Tran, Lara Watts, Brianna Williams, Taylah Clark and Tahni Walters, Coached by Miss Jordan Hardy

#### 5th in the STATE

Our Open Boys Team finished in fifth spot after beating Crookwell 4-1 in the playoff match. The boys hopes for higher placement was broken when they were beaten in the quarter final by Camden. Boys team consists of: Drew Pensini, Conor Smith, Brady Cross, Jayden Manusu, Thomas Neal, Kurt Walters, Taj Boyd, Cooper Murray, Ryan Doherty, Dane Hinton, Baden Clinch-McIntosh, Colby Boyd, Jordyn McIntosh, Griffin Coleman and Kayne Chester, Coached by Mrs Kerrie Davy.

This is the first time since 2012 that Taree High's boys and girls sides have qualified for the State finals.

#### Netball - Year 7/8 and 9/10

Taree High had two team representing the school at the North Coast Schools Cup Regional Finals in Port Macquaire on Thursday 28th June which was ran by Netball NSW.

Our Year 7/8 Team had a tough pool with 3 wins and 2 losses, placing them 3rd in Pool B, the girls made semi finals for playoff for 5th / 6th place which they won and came 5th overall.

Our Year 9/10 Girls went through undefeated in their round games placing 1st in Pool A. They played St Clares in the semi final with a convincing win 26-6. The grand final game was tough against St Josephs Regional College and in a closely contested game THS went down 12-13. It was a great effort by all.

Well done to both teams.

We would also like to thank Samira Mitchell and Bec Chicken for umpiring on the day. They girls and coach are very grateful for your efforts.

#### Hunter Region 15yrs Basketball

During week 8 of Term 3 the boys and girls 15yrs Basketball teams travelled to Maitland for the Hunter Region Finals which featured the top 8 teams in the region. The Taree High teams qualified for this by going through the Manning Gala Day undefeated. The teams consisted of (Boys) Brock Burke, Jeremy Davis, Blake Dohnt, Ethan Ferguson, Baden Ferrari, Caleb Schmitzer, Conor Smith, (Girls) Amarley Bron, Samantha Chicken, Sophie Croker, Ebony Extrem (a), Danneyah Glass, Madeleine Prowse and Kaylah Thompson.

Both teams faced strong opposition from Lambton High in the first game of the finals and unfortunately both were narrowly defeated, missing out on a top 4 playoff. The girls' next game was against Lake Munmorah and the boys faced Warners Bay with both Taree squads putting in a great performance to finish the day with a win.

Congratulations on another success year in basketball. Thank you also for the support of parents in assisting with transport to Maitland and encouragement throughout the competition.



# PARENTING MASTERCLASS

MIDCOAST COUNCIL AND MISSION AUSTRALIA PRESENT



## GROWING UP ONLINE

*Keeping children and young people safe in an online world*

An informative and entertaining session for parents and carers is delivered with Susan's famous 'no-nonsense' approach and will cover the positive benefits of technology, as well as what parents need to be aware of.

### What are kids doing online?

You know Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram and Sykpe but what about Omegle, Musical.ly, Yubo, Melon or KiK? These other apps are also used as live streaming sites. What are the age restrictions and why are they important? What are they exposed to and why can this be a problem?

### Online Grooming

What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs and what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child?

### Cyber bullying

What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent it and what to do if it occurs? Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.

### Sharing nudes and sexting

The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law.

### Potential dangers and safety tips

How to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction pass codes.

### Problematic Internet use and gaming issues



**Susan McLean**  
Australia's foremost expert in cyber safety for children and young people



Also featuring a live Q&A with local young people and a pop up resource library courtesy of MidCoast Libraries

**BYO device for hands-on support**

When: Thursday 29 November  
Where: Club Taree, 121 Wingham Road, Taree  
Start: 5.00pm registration (light refreshments)  
Close: 8.00pm  
Cost: Free  
Register: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/70287>  
More information: (02) 6539 2003