

Principal's Report Term 4 2018

Here we are at another end of year. 2018 comes to a close and I pause to reflect on some of our achievements...there are far too many to mention in this space! Staff and students have worked together both in classrooms and beyond to maximise opportunities. We have seen success in public speaking, debating, the arts, sport and altruistic activities. The SRC have once again taken the lead to support a variety of charities and groups within community as they overcome hardship. Hay Day was an outstanding success, where we partnered with Coles to raise over \$3500 for our drought affected farmers. It was another fine example of how staff and students work together to not only raise money for this cause but to have a lot of fun doing so. Who could ever forget the Sponge Challenge auction, raising over \$700 ... expensive cakes but all for a good cause.

MADD 2018 saw two nights of outstanding performances held at school for the first time. All would agree that the quality of the sound and lighting enhanced our talented student performances. I thank CAPA for all their hard work putting these shows on for our community. Success can only come when there is a clear goal and people work together. This has been demonstrated many times over in 2018, with students applying their ideas to produce results. One of these projects was to revitalise the school library. Students surveyed their peers and presented a costed business plan to me for the upgrade of the facilities in the library for students and staff alike. This will all be finalised over the Christmas break and students will come back to an innovative, technology friendly learning space.

We farewell a number of staff including Madame Bielby, Mrs Hutchinson (Hutch), Mrs Hall, Ms Ferguson and Mr Deehan, who will all be missed, but we wish them all the best in life post-THS. We will welcome some new faces in 2019 including the return of Benn Saunders as the Aboriginal Language and Culture Teacher, Ms Kirby in Maths, Mr King in Science and Ms Corcoran in CAPA.

I take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and community for your support over 2018 and look forward to another wonderful year in 2019. I wish you all the very best for a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break.

Allison Alliston
Executive Principal

NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

Year Assemblies	17th December
Year 7 - 10 Reports Issued	18th December
End of Term 4	19th December
2019 School Resume Years 7/11/12	30th January
2019 School Resume Years 8/9/10	31st January
Whole School Swimming Carnival	6th February
Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening	12th February
Year 7 Immunisation	28th February
School Photos	11th March
Athletics Events during Sport	3rd April
Whole School Athletics Carnival	5th April
Autum School Holidays	12th April

Remembrance Day service at Club Taree.

Our 2019 captains paying their respects at the 100th Anniversary



Our 2019 Student Representative Council



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.



P&C

Meetings are held on every 4th Wednesday of the month the Library at the school, commencing at 6pm
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.

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.**

Thieving at Manning Mall/Coles

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

Year 12 Class of 2018



VISUAL ARTS HSC

This year 18 Taree High School students submitted body of works to NESA for marking. There were a range of art forms from sculptures to digital media. The works were all very individualistic and showcased the students' dedication and creativity.

Visual Arts Teacher
Jacqui Bennett



Alumni

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Taree High School Alumni



1940s Tunic Sports Dress



2018 Senior Summer Uniform



Thank you Gladys Morris for showing us these gems. THS 1940s School Uniforms. School uniforms have definitely come a long way since the 1940s. Get a load of those bloomers!!

2018 Junior Summer Uniform

1940s Compulsory Bloomers



1940s Running Spikes. These are now illegal



2018 Boy School Uniform

2018 Sports Uniform



TAREE HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH ACTIVITIES

Lunch activities were a 2018 initiative that commenced as a result of this year's National Day of Action Against Bullying Competition. Students were asked for their BIG IDEA to prevent bullying at Taree High School. The winners were Lindie Kliendienst and Riley MacTaggart with their suggestion of "more entertainment at lunch time to prevent fights". GREAT IDEA!

Across the year we have run Thursday Theatre with Stacey Lee Entertainment; we opened ChillSpace - a games room in the hall, held various social competitions including badminton, basketball, futsal, volleyball, and table tennis. We have had pop up activities such as tug-o-war, bean bag toss, yoga and meditation, and who could forget the hilarious pop up disco?!!!

It has been wonderful to see so many students getting involved and having fun. We are looking forward to continuing and growing our lunch time activities next year. Stay tuned!

Library Report

Term 4 has been busy in the library at Taree High School as the library refurbishment starts to happen. The most obvious change in the library is the arrival of the big green circle! The circle is a sitting space on the inside and bookshelves on the outside. It has become a great area for class discussion and group work as everyone sits facing each other. It has already been well used for a variety of groups including visiting refugee students who were getting to know our students. This photo shows students participating in the Young Change Agents course run over 3 days in the library.

A big thank you goes out to the Library Design Team who volunteered to be part of the group to make change in the library. This group of dynamic students met regularly over the course of 2 terms and researched the needs of the school community. They were helped along by Mr Foxwell and his Design and Technology class who developed surveys, and also Mrs Honess who organised the large library artworks to be repainted in a modern and colourful design. The library needed an update of technology so the plan would include laptop computers and a new Interactive screen on wheels. The team then came up with a business proposal and an audio visual presentation which they then pitched to Ms Alliston. Fortunately Ms Alliston loved it and so the changes have begun. Watch this space for more changes in 2019.



MADD CONCERT 2018 - MUSIC



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MADD CONCERT 2018 - DRAMA & DANCE



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LOVEBITES

Each year at Taree High School, Year 10 students participate in the Lovebites program. Lovebites provides young people a safe environment in which to examine, discuss and explore respectful relationships. The overall aims of the program are to equip young people with the knowledge needed to have respectful relationships, encourage and develop their skills in critical thinking, and assist them in being able to problem solve and communicate effectively.

This year's students created an impressive array of art, drama and music performances which were based on the themes that most deeply resonated with them. Students chose to further explore issues of domestic violence, consent and respect. It was wonderful to see such passion and creativity around these very important issues.

This program could not happen without the team from the NSW Health Youth Mental Health Project, and their army of community facilitators. Thank you and well done to all involved!



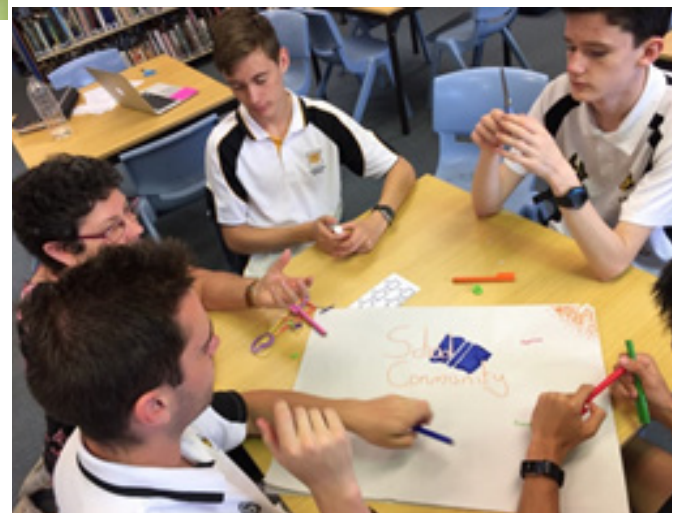
YOUNG CHANGE AGENTS

This year we welcomed back the Young Change Agents (YCA) program. YCA is an intensive 3 day program that introduces young people to the concept of Social Enterprise. Students were put through their paces as they identified community issues that they are passionate about and used various business development tools to come up with an enterprise solution.

Students were required to pitch their ideas to a panel (think Shark Tank) consisting of Deputy Principal, Nigel Reece, Senior Leader Community Engagement, Jay Davis, and PCYC Program Coordinator, Amy Chapman.

After much deliberation, only one team could be victorious, and our solo entrant Jasmine Clissold took out first place, as well as the People's Choice Award, for her U-Report Project: an app based solution to the degradation of our local roads. U-Report allows road users to report pot-holes and other hazards directly to council, who would then be able to send out maintenance crew to repair the problem whilst still small, in both size and repair cost. Jasmine sees this as a solution to the cost of maintaining roads as well as maintaining driver safety.

Congratulations Jasmine, and hats off to all who participated. Your ideas and commitment to the program were outstanding.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

At the start of Term 4, the 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 and travelled through Laurieton to the Diamond Head camp ground. Setting up camp proved a challenge for some but we all managed to get our tents and shelters up without getting wet this was also a bonus, considering the forecast.

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 spectacular views across the Pacific and of the Three Brother Mountains. Some students caught a glimpse of some whales in the distance. The surf lesson run by Endless Summer Surf School was a bit of fun. Some rougher conditions this year made it more difficult for learners, but this group of students proved resilient and many stuck with it until the very end. Some 'ghost crab' racing proved difficult down on the beach after dinner with few willing competitors to be found.

Thanks to Miss Stockdale and Mr Gollan for their support on the camp as well as all the staff at school who help to cover lessons and other duties.



CULTURE EXCHANGE VISIT

We had the absolute pleasure of hosting a group of students from African and Middle Eastern countries. Our visitors range from being in Australia for eight years to just two months. A select group of Yr 9 and 10 students lead small group discussions to learn about their countries and cultures. At lunch we had a futsal game; many students came to spectate, which was great to see! We spent the afternoon teaching our guests about indigenous culture - they had a go at trying to whistle with leaves, throwing spears, and throwing boomerangs with Uncle Russ and Jay Davis. We thank all of the students and teachers who were involved in the visit. Your attitude and respect for our visitors was delightful and you made your school proud.



Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day 2

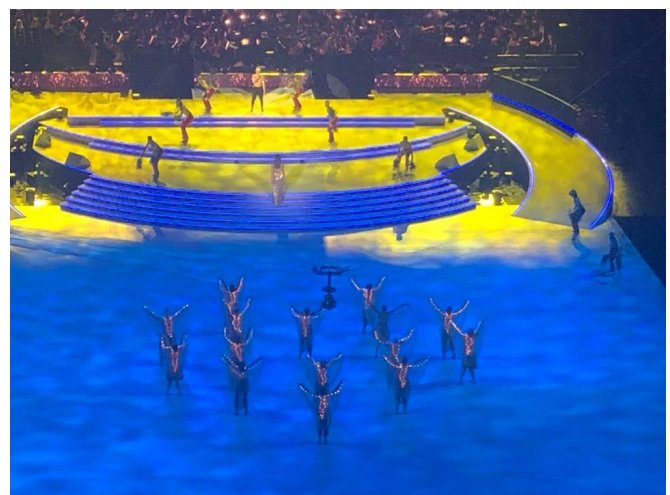
With eyes wide open, nervous smiles from ear to ear and questions at the ready, Taree High School hosted the 2018 Year 6 Orientation Day on Tuesday 4th December, welcoming the 2019 Year 7 cohort of students from numerous primary schools throughout the district. Having been welcomed by our principal, Ms Alliston and Deputy Principal, Mr Reece, the students were broken up into small class groups. Each group was led by Year 9 Peer Support Leaders and were directed to all corners of the school to experience a true day at Taree High filled with activities, room changes and of course lining up at the canteen.

As the day progressed, students took full advantage of investigating the school facilities, meeting new friends from different schools, reuniting with older friends and family already at the school, and actively participating in the classes led by their potential teachers. With tremendous positive feedback from teachers and staff throughout the day, as well as having personally watched the interaction of the group, I am excited to begin the six year high school journey with this fantastic group of students in 2019.

Mr Collier (2019 Year 7 Year Adviser)

School Spectacular

Our kids, with Mrs Weatherby and Mrs Cotton, had a great day watching Kalani Cross and Cassie Searles in the Dance Ensemble as well as so many wonderful NSW Public Schools students.



CLASS ROOM PROJECTS

MUSIC

Year 7 Music classes had a great term 4 creating their very own musical instruments



GEOGRAPHY

Miss White's Year 7 Geography displaying some of their practical lesson on contour mapping. It helps display the intervals of contour lines but also the topographical features of relief (height on the land) and is mostly used to show the aspect of a mountain or hill.



Sports Column Term 4

Taree High U16 Boys Futsal Champion of Champions

The Australasian Champion of Champions School Futsal Titles were held in Brisbane on Friday 9th November to Sunday 11th November. The U16s Boys team were the only NSW team and represented Taree High in a fantastic manner finishing 5th, just missing out on the semi-finals. Congratulations to the students involved.

Mr J. Kelly (Coach/Manager)

U15 Girls Netball Newcastle Knockout

It was an early start for Taree High's U15 Girls Netball team, who travelled down to Newcastle to represent the school and Manning region in the Newcastle Knockout round. The first game against Coalfields 2 (Maitland) was a good contest and Taree gained an early lead with the score at half time 15 – 5. Maitland came back strong in the 3rd and 4th quarter but luckily Taree was able to maintain their lead, eventually winning 30 – 25. Notable mentions go to Emma Shoemith for her consistent shooting, Samira Mitchell for shutting down the opposing shooters and Jessica Ferris for her fierce defence up the court and impressive feeds into the circle (despite also battling severe blisters).

Being victorious against Maitland meant Taree progressed to the next round against a competitive and skilled Whitebridge, who this time gained the early lead coming out strongly and getting the first 5 goals in only a couple of minutes. Taree kept fighting though and kept the margin to only 6 goals at half time, with Sophie Croker's accurate shooting and movement up the court opening up space and supporting the mid-court. Charlotte Rainger also stepped up in this game gaining a lot of loose balls and shutting down some integral plays by the opposition. Unfortunately, with a few players battling blisters and the effects of a very hot day, Whitebridge took advantage and won convincingly. The girls represented Taree High with integrity and displayed some very skilled netball.

Special thanks to Emily Rainger for giving up her time to umpire on the day.

Ms T. White (Coach)

Water-Polo

On Friday 26th October our boys' and girls' teams participated in the Under 16's Water-Polo Gala Day at the YMCA. They played against Wingham and St Clare's High School. This was the first opportunity which the student had to play as a team, and many of them have never played a full game of water polo before.

The boys' team consisted of Eden Taaffe, Brady Cross, Bevan Smith, Ryan Doherty, Jayden Manus, Hayden Lennon, Connor Smith, Jared Byrne, Max McKillop-Davies, Kurt Walters, Lucas Kloosterhof and Kai Smith. They went on to win their games and, as a result, went through to the next round in Newcastle. They competed against Kotara High School, who were too strong. Kotara High had state players in their side which gave them an extra advantage.

The boys played extremely well despite minimal experience, and towards the end they started working together as a team, scoring two goals in the final quarter.

An exciting part of the day was that the referee for the game was an ex-Olympic water polo player.

Afterwards all the teams were mixed and the students had the opportunity to play with other players who have competed at a high level.

Ms R. Abood (Coach)

Taree High School Year 7 Equipment Requirements 2019

General Requirements:

- 1 x USB (labelled with name)
- Pens, Pencils, Glue, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighters

ENGLISH

- 2 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 & 1 x A4 display folder

HISTORY

- 1 x A4 128 Page Exercise Book & 1 x A4 display folder

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 leather shoes, no mesh or canvas

VISUAL ART

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

•Please Note – all A4 Books need to have margins

TAREE HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY REQUIREMENTS YEAR 8-10

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	2 x A4 196 Page Book	1 x Display Folder
MATHEMATICS	8 - 10	5mm Gird 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	2 x Display Folder, Gluestick, Pens, Pencils, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighters
PD / H / PE	8 - 10	A4 196 Page Book	Gluestick, Pens, Pencils, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighters
TAS (D&T)	8 - 10	A4 Display Folder	Completely covered leather shoes, no mesh or canvas
MUSIC / VISUAL ARTS	8 - 10	48 Page Manuscript Book / 120 A4 Art Book (available at front office \$4)	



SMILES PROGRAM

Simplifying Mental Illness *plus* Life Enhancement Skills

The SMILES Program is designed to achieve:

- Increased ability to cope effectively
- A new freedom for self expression
- Development of creativity
- Reduction in feelings of isolation
- Increase in self-esteem and much more!



This is achieved through:

- Education about mental illness
- Artwork & music
- Peer support
- Interactive exercises
- Relaxation exercises
- Problem solving

This all takes place in a fun-filled, supportive and caring atmosphere

When: 3 days in January 2019 – dates to be confirmed

Where: TAREE

Who for: 13-16 year old young people who care for someone experiencing a mental illness. (specifically schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression or anxiety)

For further information and to register, please contact Mydie at One Door Mental Health on 6551 4333 or email mydie.keegan@onedoor.org.au



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