



Welcome to 2019 Term 4 - Newsletter

Word from the Principal

Where did 2019 go? I wish time would slow down a bit so we can really enjoy all we do, before the next wave hits us.

2019 has seen a number of exciting events happen in our school as well as some sadness with the frightening and devastating bushfires of late. As usual the staff and students at Taree High School have shown support for each other, resilience and determination to overcome all challenges and strive ahead.

This year saw the Open Girls Hockey Team coached by Jordan Hardy, defend their 2018 CHS title and win it again. This is the third time in a row the side has achieved this result. This is indeed a wonderful achievement for a rural school, with the team being honoured by Midcoast Council's Mayor, David West, with a civic morning tea with councillors, families and friends.

Fiona Corcoran (Drama) accompanied the Year 9/10 Drama students to the final rehearsals for the School Spectacular Drama Ensemble. They performed in the event in November and described the experience as "phenomenal, outstanding, amazing"..."can we do it again next year?" Students who went in the audience also regaled at the wonderful performances by students from NSW Public Schools.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents/carers and community for your support of all we do here at Taree High School. It has truly been a wonderful year filled with changes and challenges. I acknowledge the wonderful job the staff do to support student learning. I also thank the SASS staff who we rely on to keep the school humming along.

I look forward to 2020 and wish all the Taree High School Family all the very best for a happy, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and holiday.

Allison Alliston
Executive Principle

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

EVENTS	DATE
Year Assemblies	Monday 16th December
Semester 2 Reports Issued	Tuesday 17th December
Last Day of Term 4	Wednesday 18th December
Summer Holidays commence	Thursday 19th December
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25th December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26th December
New Years Day	Wednesday 1st January
Australia Day	Saturday 26th January
Term 1 2020 Commence	Wednesday 29th January Yrs 7/11/12
Term 1 2020 Commence	Thursday 30th January Yrs 8/9/10

PBL POSTCARDS

Keep an eye on your mail box... PBL post cards have been designed as an additional way for teachers to acknowledge positive behaviour. The postcard cover features a student artwork and the design will change throughout the year. Congratulations to all students who have already received a PBL postcard!



If undeliverable return to:
Taree High School
Albert Street
TAREE NSW 2430



Dear _____

I wanted to take the time to let you know
about something positive at school today.
I wish to commend the efforts of _____

during my _____ lesson.

They were:

- ☐ helpful _____
- ☐ on task and doing their best to learn _____
- ☐ persistent with a challenging task _____
- ☐ _____

Sincerely _____

TO: _____

POSTAGE
PAID
AUSTRALIA

Co-operation - Participation - Respect



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Creating safe, effective teaching and learning

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 0476 491 450 if you would like to give a hand.**

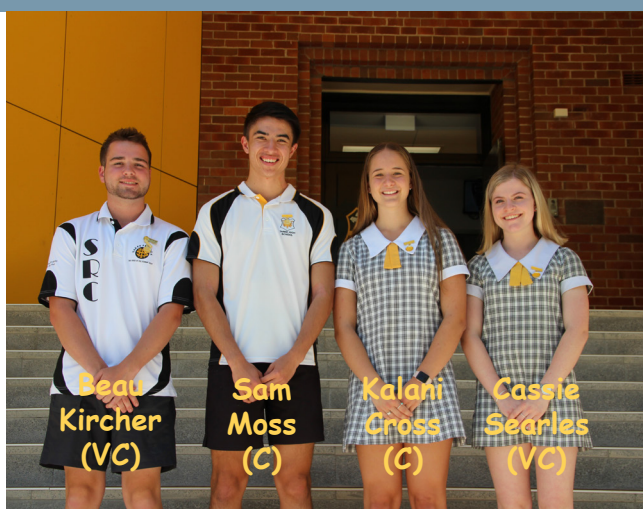
P&C

Meeting are held on the fourth Wednesday every 3 months in the school Library 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.
Please see the P&C Facebook Page for updates

YEAR 12 CLASS OF 2019



2020 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SRC



Beau
Kircher
(VC)

Sam
Moss
(C)

Kalani
Cross
(C)

Cassie
Searles
(VC)



Taree's Oldest Lending Library
Taree Literary Institute
No Membership Fees
129 Victoria Street, Taree
(Upstairs, above the Spectacle Makers)
Ph. 65524361
Opening Hours: Mon to Fri 9.30am - 4pm
Saturday 9am-11am

Est. 1864



Current titles
Large print
Novels
Premier's Challenge
Junior
Non-fiction
Magazines
Free internet (for members)
DVDs

Alumni

Join us on Facebook Taree High School Alumni

Taree High - 40 Year School Reunion

The Class of 1979

On the 5th of October 2019, a group of students from the class of 1979, walked the corridors of Taree High School in a trip down memory lane. There was lots of reminiscing about teachers, peers, expected behaviours and actual behaviours! Testing their memories as to what was in the different spaces and rooms around the school... 'what was here 40 years ago?'

That evening 83 past students (including 5 teachers - Mr Cupitt, Mr McEntyre, Mr Gates, Mr Nealon and Mrs Spash) revived old friendships and laughed about their shared youth. The MC on the night was former Captains, Penny Barrett (née Nesbit) and Tony Edwards.

Our Indigenous Language teacher Benn Saunders would like to thank the class of 79 for their generous donation to our language program.



Creative and Performing Arts

It has been a VERY productive and successful year in CAPA, with a mass of incursions, excursions, competitions and festivals for Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Photography. Here is a brief overview of some of the highlights:

Drama

Year 7 students had the opportunity to participate in Drama lessons focused on making friends, resilience and mindfulness, helping them with their transition to high school. Over 40 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 Drama and Theatresports competed at the Taree Eisteddfod and many groups took out awards in their sections. Drama students participated in a range of medical scenarios at the medical training centre in town, continuing this long-standing relationship between the school and the University of Newcastle. Year 11 and 12 Drama students also attended a careers day in Sydney where they visited tertiary institutions (such as NIDA) that offer Performing Arts courses, to help plan their post-school pathways. The HSC showcase entertained the audience of family and friends with 3 group-devised performances and a number of solo pieces. Most recently, 8 students from Years 9 and 10 Drama successfully auditioned and represented the school in the Combined Drama Ensemble at Schools Spectacular. Check out the highlights video on the school Facebook page!

Music

Our junior musicians demonstrated their tactile and musical skills through the building of their very own instruments. Students across all grades wowed the crowd at the 'Triple M' evening to a full-house audience. Senior Music students viewed the "Bravissimo" showcase and were inspired by the musical talent of their peers. A huge 75 students attended the Manning Entertainment Centre for a performance by the prestigious Sydney Symphony Orchestra. The graduating class of 2019 showed immense focus and talent on the day of their practical examinations. The "Singas and Fellas" vocal ensemble learned a variety of repertoire throughout the year which they performed at school events.

Visual Arts and Photography

Visual Arts students visited the Manning Regional Art Gallery throughout the year to peruse exhibitions. Year 11 Photography and Digital Media students participated in an excursion to Taree Equestrian Centre to engage in animal photography, giving real-world relevance to their classroom learning. Senior photographers developed professional Instagram pages to showcase and market their learned skills and photographic works, from which, some students have accumulated hundreds of followers as well as paid photography work. 22 students submitted artworks for the HSC - there were several collections of works, drawings, paintings, two textile pieces (including weavings), and four photographic submissions. A group of enthusiastic Year 9 filmmakers were recently shortlisted as finalists in the Nextwave Youth Film Festival for their short film entitled, 'Vision 2020'.

These highlights, and a whole lot more, happened in our classrooms, in the school hall, and at local and far reaching professional venues. Congratulations to all of our students on your progress and achievements throughout 2019.

Thank you to our outstanding CAPA teachers for sharing your expertise and passion to prepare students for the next stage of their Creative and Performing Arts learning journeys.

TAREE HIGH SCHOOL

Respecting the past.
Embracing the future.

connected communities





**Check out our wonderful Year 7 Music Instrument they made.
Awesome work Year 7**



Myall Lakes Community Awards

Congratulations to Mitchell Brown and Claire Van Kampen on their Myall Lakes Community Awards. Due to the terrible fires at Tuncurry two weeks ago, both students (and other Taree recipients) were not able to attend the ceremony due to road closures. Thank you to Stephen Bromhead, Member for Myall Lakes for hosting a morning tea today to present the awards. Mitchell won the Culture Award for his outstanding contribution to the promotion of music around the Myall Lakes as well as his personal achievements with the Hunter and State Wind bands. He was also nominated for Young Person of the Year. Claire was named Young Sports Person of the year for her successes in swimming at local, state and national levels. She has also achieved in the sport of Triathlon and Lifesaving. Bravo to you both.



LOVEBITES

In week 7, Year 10 participated in the Love Bites Program, which was facilitated by Hunter New England Health. This program is a Respectful Relationships Education Program designed for teenagers, which aims to provide a safe environment for young people to examine, discuss and explore respectful relationships. The program focuses on collaborative learning, critical thinking, and communication skills. The desired outcome is that young people will gain important skills to be able to identify and recognise the signs of violent relationships. Year 10 engaged well with this program, and presented some great responses when interacting with the facilitators and other students. There is a creative component to the program, which saw a group of students sing a Nirvana song. There was also a skit performed, acting out the Cycle of Violence, and several colourful posters were created promoting respectful relationships. Thank you to the students who engaged with the program, and to the teachers who helped supervise on the day.



Taree Show

Two herdsmen, eight competing students and five beef cattle represented Taree High School at The Manning River A & H Society Inc. Taree Show from 11-13th October.

The team's commitment to preparation during the school holiday (and a big shout out to parents for your support) was reflected in considerable individual success over the two days of competition. It has also been great to see students develop their confidence in public speaking as they have taken part in junior judging and been selected for orals during the course of the year.

In the under 13 age category Bailey Lennon achieved 1st place in junior judging orals and Junior Reserve Champion, 1st place and 3rd place Parading.

In the 13 to under 17 age category the results were as follows:

Amy Tregillgas: a 2nd place on Friday and 2nd equal on Saturday in junior judging orals, and 4th in lightweight led steer with Quimby.

Brooke Durbidge collected 2nd place in light/middleweight led steer with Paddy, 3rd in junior orals and 3rd in parading.

Ibanez Lovell came 3rd in light/middleweight led steer and 4th in middleweight led steer with Poppy, and 4th in parading.

Kayla Hills: 1st place in middleweight led steer with Paddy and a 4th place in parading.

Marcus Smith showed great control in showing Phoenix, collecting two 3rd place ribbons in the heavyweight led steer category and a 2nd and 4th place in parading.

Jade Woods: 4th place on Friday and 2nd equal on Saturday in junior judging orals, 5th in parading. Jade also revealed hitherto unsuspected talent by achieving 1st place in vegetable judging and 2nd in grain judging, thereby qualifying to represent our region at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Thanks to parents, Mr Kavale, and Mr Callinan.



Answers to trivia questions:

1. Eggnog, 2. Bethlehem, 3. Holy Night, 4. Dancer, Dasher, Donner, 5. Join in any Reindeer games, 6. An Angel

Support Unit Report - Di Silcock

Thankyou Head Teacher Rhonda Farley, teachers, SLSO and students Year 7 to 12 for a most eventful and exciting year 2019. There have been many noticeable events occur, ranging from Swim/Gym on Tuesdays, Year 7/8/9 Community Access Program on Wednesdays, and Work Ed for most students Year 9/12 and TAFE. Each of these programs have been very successful with students becoming confident and mixing with the general public in a positive manner. Josh Boyd won a special honour for Year 12 Presentations, which was the TAFE Vet Ed Award for his Retail Course during his Year 11 and 12 Course.

At the YMCA Manning Aquatic Centre, students have participated in swimming and exercises, becoming familiar with centre rules, the general public and gym equipment. Community Participation has seen students visit community members such as the Police Station, Taree Library, Taree Fire Station, Bootawa Dam, Dawson River Water Treatment Plant, Tuncurry Resource Recovery Centre, Wingham Lapidary Club, various museums and National Parks and so many more places. Special thanks must go to Laura Southwell for investigating all of the interesting places for your children to go. It has been an incredible variety of learning experiences. Excursions the Support Unit attended. These have included: Tree Top Adventure Park. Toboggan Park, Billabong Koala Park and by the looks on their faces they have had a fabulous time.





Sports Column

Congratulations to the 15's girls basketball team who lost yesterday in a close nail biting game against a tough Willoughby Girls High team and a vocal home crowd. Fantastic achievement to finish in the top 16 schools in the State. Well done girls!

School Futsal

On the 8th, 9th and 10th of November 2019 Taree High's U19 Boys Futsal team competed on the Gold Coast in the Australasian Champion of Champions School Futsal titles. They had qualified after winning the NNSW Titles in Coffs Harbour back in August. Congratulations to the boys for their fantastic efforts and for showcasing Taree High in this prestigious tournament. All boys put in a great effort throughout the 3 days with some quality wins and close performances. Player's player was Josh Hughes and Golden Boot was Jarvis Dennes. Taree High finished equal 4th and only needed a point from a draw to qualify for the semis. Unfortunately we were counted out on goal difference but were so close to making it into the semis this year. Well done Jarvis, Sam, Harry, Jamie, Izak, Conor, Dane, Josh H, Josh W, Isaac and Max!!!

Congratulations to Josh Hughes of Yr 9 who was selected in the U19 Boys Australian Futsal Representative All Star Team. Josh was chosen as one of the 5 best players in the competition, and has been given an invitation to play in the Montesilvano Futsal Cup in Italy in June 2020. He also received an All-Star jersey for his selection.

Mr J Kelly

Teacher/Coach/Manager.

7/8 Boys and Girls Touch

On Friday 22nd November 2019 the 7/8 boys and girls touch team played in the NSW State Touch Finals. The boys were short on numbers but were keen to give the competition a good shake up.

Game 1 - They played Mudgee High School and were trading tries with Bailey Osmond-Dryer racking up a hat trick of tries. In the back end of the match the score was locked at 4 tries a piece when Matt Burnes cut through the line only to be denied by an apparent short put down.

Game 2 - They played Narrabri High School in an extremely tight game where some impressive defence from the team and speed man Jayden Manus kept the boys in the game. Again with 1min 30 seconds on the clock Macklin Green opened the opposition defence with a single handed dummy but was unable to control the ball as he attempted to regather. End result 1-1.

Game 3 and 4 were a very different affair. These two teams finished the competition as grand finalists and were too strong for the undermanned and injury affected Taree Team.

The girls managed to win 3 of 4 round games. Amarley Bron and Taya Hunter were inspirational in their leadership throughout the day. The first game was a tight contest against Stella Maris. The game was locked at 1 all for the majority of the match, but were narrowly defeated 2-1. Stella Maris went on to win the State Title, so it was the girls put the competition on notice. We went on to win our next three games and finished second in our pool, which meant the girls had made the Top 8 teams in the state. Unfortunately, we were knocked out in our quarter final to Narrabeen Sports HS in another tight game, with the end result 3-2.

All players represented themselves and the school fantastically with great sportsmanship and behaviour in all areas of the excursions.

Also a big thanks to Callum Sawicki and Charlie Dignam for their refereeing efforts over the days play.

Hunter Blues Awards

Congratulations to Bree Pensini and Lara Watts on receiving their Hunter Blues award today.

Lara and Bree were both selected in the open NSWCHS hockey team where they won the Tri Series against Catholic and Independent Schools.

We are very proud of both of them.

Sports Column cont....



Taree High School Year 7 Equipment Requirements 2020

General Requirements:

1 x USB (labelled with name)

Pens, HB Pencils, Glue, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighter

Learning PODS

1 x English A4 exercise book

1 x Maths A4 grid exercise book 1 x IBL A4 exercise book

1 x calculator: Casio fx82-AU calculator (available at the front office)

1 x display folder

2 x whiteboard markers

Covered in leather shoes for Science practicals

Please note students will need to replace books during the year as needed

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)

USB Flash drive

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 PLUS II , Protractor, Ruler, Scissors, Glue-stick, whiteout, Pens, Highlighters
SCIENCE	8 - 10	A4 196 Page Book	USB to store work
HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY	8 - 10	2 x A4 128 Page Book	2 x Display Folder, Gluestick, Pens, Pencils, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighters USB
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 USB
MUSIC / VISUAL ARTS	8 - 10	48 Page Manuscript Book / 120 A4 Art Book (available at front office \$4	



THS Quiz Page

FIND-A-WORD - CHRISTMAS

M	A	B	P	C	H	D	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	S	C
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ANGEL

ELF

HOLIDAYS

PARTIES

SNOW

CHRISTMAS

FAMILY

JINGLEBELLS

PRESENTS

STOCKINGS

CRACKERS

FOOD

LIGHTS

PUDDING

SUMMER

DECORATIONS

FRIENDS

MERRY

RUDOLPH

TINSEL

EGGNOG

GIFTS

MISTLETOE

SANTA

TREE

6 CHRISTMAS - TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "Milk Punch?"
2. Where was baby Jesus born?
3. What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?
4. Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with the letter "D", what are their names?
5. What did the other reindeers not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
6. What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree?

Answers on page 9