

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to 2020 Term 1 Newsletter

Word from our Principal

I have never experienced a start to the year quite like this one. Talk about having to be resilient. This is precisely what all of the Taree High community has been, not just now but for the past eight months as drought, fires, flood and now Covid-19 have impacted on all of us in some way, shape or form. I thank you all for your courage and tenacity to overcome hardship, be there for each other through the tough times and, keep in contact with each other despite the new "social distancing" rules. I urge you all to continue to observe the health guidelines to not only keep yourself safe, but for others in our community.

As a school, we are open and catering for the needs of our students still attending each day through until the school holidays. Beyond the holidays it is predicted that we may operate as we are currently for at least 4-5 weeks. I acknowledge and respect parents/carers decisions to keep their children at home and we will continue to support their learning at home either through Google Classroom or through the provision of Hard Copy Packs of student work.

As the initial turnaround for this work was very short, staff produced work of a high quality to continue the education of our students. As you would appreciate, producing work where there is no face to face with the teacher can lead to a great deal of detail for students to negotiate. This I feel, has led to some students (and parents) feeling overwhelmed by the volume of work expected to be completed. My advice is to do what you can. The next unit of work will look a little different for Years 7-10 in that there may be less tasks and more options for students.

I would like to thank all of the staff at Taree High School for their professionalism and dedication to their students, their work with families to provide support through the front office; their contact with home to see how we can assist if there are any problems; the deep cleaning of the site each day and to parents and carers, thank you for your support and kind words through many posts, emails and comments at the front office or on the phone.

United we can do this and work towards returning to school as we have known it. As I find out more, I will keep you updated through email, SMS and on our Facebook page. If you have not seen an email or received an SMS, it may mean your details are incorrect. Please complete the Change of Details Form attached to this newsletter or call the school 65521166.

To reassure you, Year 12 students will not be disadvantaged for this year's HSC. There will be more news as it comes to hand, but be assured we will do everything we can to ensure the success for the Class of 2020.

We do welcome new staff to Taree High in 2020 and in our next newsletter we will introduce them more formally. We welcome Mrs Heidi Speers and Mr Brian Raglus in TAS; Mr Tony Chamberlain in Maths; Ms Alicia Whitfield reliving in TAS; Ms Michelle Pellew in CAPA; Ms Kim Sullivan in English; Mrs Kellie Guthrie in Science; Mr David Warburton in Blue Pod and from Canada, Ms Kelsey Wilson on Teacher Exchange for Ms Gurr.

Stay safe, keep an eye and ear out for updates.....

Allison Alliston
Executive Principal

STUDENT UPDATE DETAILS

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians

To keep our records up to date could you please complete the slip below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Student Name: _____ Year: _____

Residential Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Name of other students at THS: (Living at the same address)

1. Parent/Carers/Guardian: _____

Phone Numbers: H. _____ M. _____

2. Parent/Carers/Guardian: _____

Phone Numbers: H. _____ M. _____

Family Email: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Authority to publish photos: YES / NO

Parent/Carer/Guardian 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Carer/Guardian 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office use Only: Updated: _____ Date: _____

NESA updated Yr 10,11,12 : Yes / No

Executive Principal : Ms Allison Alliston

Deputy : Mr Nigel Reece Yrs 8/10/12

Deputy : Mrs Raylene Starke Yrs 7/9/11

Deputy Instructional Leader : Mrs Erin Weatherby

Head Teacher Admin : Ms Jacqui Bennett (Relieving)

Careers Advisor : Mr Glen Bowman

Head Teacher Welfare : Mrs Lanie Rainger

Senior Prep: Ms Alison Last

SAM : Colleen Cefarin

Teacher Librarian : Mrs Carla Gillis



ENGLISH

Head Teacher : Mrs Jowen Hillyer

Mrs Zoe-Lee Fuller

Miss Kimberly Gurr (on leave)

Ms Nicole Richardson

Ms Kim Sullivan

Ms Mel Walker

Mr Oscar Watson-Sutherland

Ms Kelsey Wilson



MATHEMATICS

Relieving Head Teacher : Mr Mark Hamilton

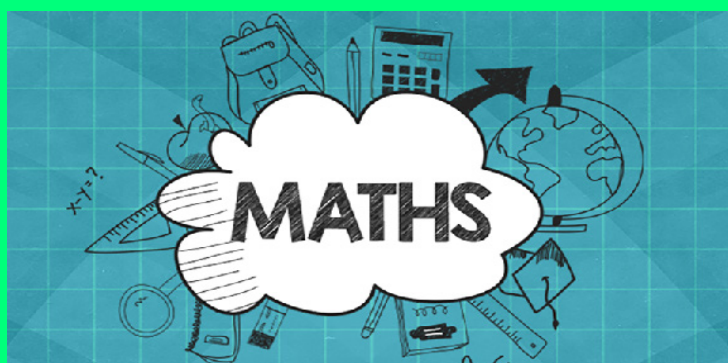
Mr Jimmy Weeks

Mr Paul Crook

Mrs Christine Kirby

Mr Jayson Hourn

Mr Tony Chamberlain



PDHPE (Personal Development, Health & Physical Education)

Head Teacher : Mrs Gail Phillips

Mr Toby Gollan (Year 10 Adv)

Mrs Jamie Harris

Mr Rohan Abbott

Mr Beau Harper

Miss Jordan Hardy

Miss Jade Pensini



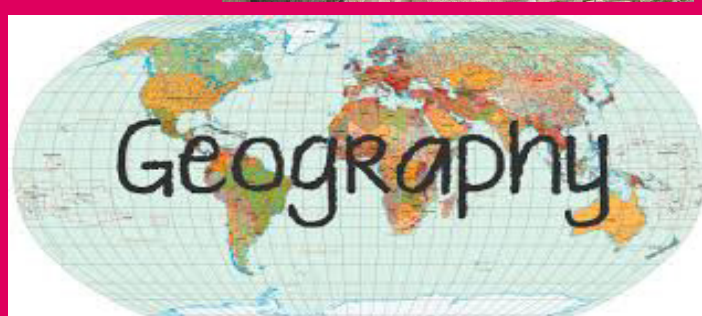
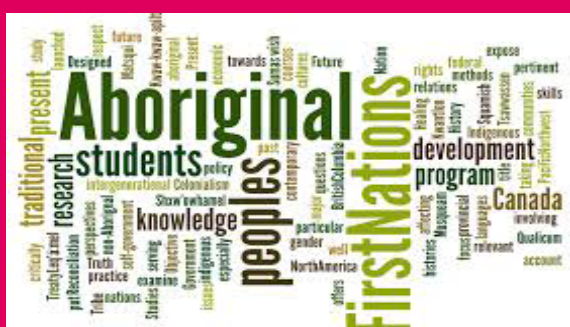
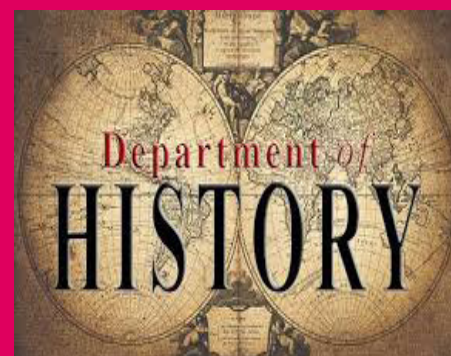
Relieving Head Teacher : Mrs Kathy Salmon

Mr Ian Reynolds
Mr Trent Boyle
Mrs Terri Patterson **(on leave)**
Mr Jacob Fryatt
Mr Chris King
Mrs Rachel Cameron
Mrs Kelly Guthrie
Mrs Tracey Latham (Prep)
Mr Mick Callinan (Farm Assistant)



Relieving Head Teacher : Mr Chris Collier (Year 8 Adv)

Ms Kodi-Leigh Beattie
Mr Joel Kelly
Mrs Jenny Umbers (**Year 11 Adv**)
Mrs Ruby Abbott
Miss Tiffany White (on Maternity leave)
Mr Tim Hunt
Mrs Rochelle Payton-Clarke
Mr Benn Saunders
Mr Robert Hawkins (cadet)
Mrs Lanie Rainger



CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts)

Head Teacher : Mrs Fiona Corcoran

Ms Leanne Ralston
Mr Peter Bull
Mrs Jacqui Bennett
Mrs Bri Honess (Year 9 Adv)
Ms Michelle Pellew



TAS (Technology & Applied Studies)

Head Teacher : Mr Colin Husband

Industrial Arts:

Mr Steve Foxwell
Mr Steven Castle
Mr Brian Raglus



Home Economics:

Mrs Barb Tate
Mrs Carolyn McCann
Mrs Cynthia Chapman
Ms Heidi Speers
Mrs Helen Kyranakos (Prep)



YEAR 7 POD TEACHERS

Mrs Carol Stapley (Year 7 Adv)
Ms Kodi-Leigh Beattie
Miss Naomi Grooteman
Ms Julia Smithurst
Mrs Sally Dahdah
Ms Dee Dutka
Mr David Warburton



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM

AEO : Ms Eileen McGrady

Uncle Russell Saunders (Elder in Residence)
Mrs Tannika Lewis (on Maternity Leave)
Mr Josh Wood
Ms Brooke Browne (on Maternity Leave)
Ms Miranda Saunders

Mr Jay Davis : Senior Leader Community Engagement



SUPPORT UNIT

Head Teacher - Mrs Rhonda Farley

Miss Laura Southwell
Mrs Diana Silcock
Mr Warren Stanley



SLSO (Students Learning Support Officers)

Mrs Justine Bridges-Rogers (POD)
Mrs Karlene Reading (Senior Prep)
Mrs Toni Hardes
Mr Glenn McCallum
Mrs Cathy Van Kampen (POD)
Mr Steve Pugh (Support Unit)
Mrs Stephanie Brown (POD)
Mrs Leianne Cook (Support Unit)
Miss Jeanette Bright
Mrs Janelle Muldoon (Support Unit)
Mrs Jennie-Lyn Longworth (Support Unit)
Ms Kristy Franc
Miss Holli Newbigging (POD)
Mrs Jolene Saldeng
Mrs Claire Woollard



CANTEEN

Mrs Tracey Barnett
Mrs R McCarthy

We are always looking for volunteers -
If you would like to help out please contact
Annette O'Rourke on 0422 950 456,
or email: taree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



OTHER NON TEACHING STAFF (Student Support)

Ms Bettina Bettington (Counsellor)
Ms Kim Voss (Counsellor)
Ms Sarah Fitzgerald (Counsellor)
Ms Jeni Hofmeier (Library / First Aid)
Mrs Katie Hogan (Community Liaison Officer)

Mrs Therese Sullivan (LAST)
Mrs Bev Lamotte (LAST)
Ms Christy Forrest (Youth Outreach Officer)
Mrs Trish Armstrong (Library / First Aid)
Mr Jason Towers (IT Support)

FRONT OFFICE

Mrs Debbie Dunbier
Mrs Tina Rushworth
Mrs Kathy Majewski
Ms Rhonda Tuckwell



PRINT ROOM

Mrs Linda Bates
Ms Lisa Hollis



GROUNDS ASSISTANT

Mr Neil Tudor
Mr Sean Jarvis



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

EVENTS	DATE
Autumn Holidays	Friday 10th April - Monday 27th April
Term 2 Resumes	Tuesday 28th April for all Years
Athletics Track Events	Wednesday 29th April
ADF YOU Session Year 11 Only	Thursday 30th April
Whole School Athletics Carnival	Friday 1st May
Year 10 Science & Engineering Challenge	Friday 1st May
Black Dog Guest Speaker Year 11 Only	Monday 11th May
NAPLAN	Tuesday 12th May - Friday 22nd May
Public Holiday - Queens Birthday	Monday 8th June
Year 11 Mid-Course Reports Issued	Friday 12th June
RYDA	Tuesday 16th June
Year Assemblies 7-10	Thursday 2nd July
Years 7-10 Semester 1 Reports Issued	Friday 3rd July
SPIRIT DAY	Friday 3rd July

Basketball Court Upgrade

Here are some photos of our basketball courts before and during demolished. 'You can see how unsafe our courts were' that impacted on PE lessons, lunch time activities and sports day.



YEAR 9 REPORT

Year 9 have made pleasing start to the year. It was great to see a large number of our year group participating in the swimming carnival. Lots of fun was had and team spirit was displayed. It would be great to see this at the coming athletics carnival. For our year 9 cohort, 2020 is dedicated to kindness. Together we are all on the lookout for small acts of kindness from students to acknowledge and pass on. A big thank you to parents for helping students to look smart in their correct uniforms. Plain black jumpers can be purchased now from local stores in preparation for the cooler weather.

Year 9 Adviser
Bri Honess

Congratulations to our school captains Kalani Cross and Sam Moss on receiving their MidCoast Council Leadership Awards with the captains of all Manning Valley schools. We are proud of all these future community leaders.



CHILLSPACE

Chill Space is back up and running this term. This is held in the Hall at lunch time, every Tuesday and Friday. Chill Space gives students the opportunity to meet others and socialise while playing fun games and activities including table tennis, giant connect four, cards, jenga, and more. It has been great to see lots of students enjoying the space.



Year 7 Police Talk on online Safety

Senior Constable Dave Russell speaking to Year 7 about online safety.

OnStage Drama Students



Photographers in Action

CAPA REPORT

Creative & Performing Arts (CAPA)

The CAPA team are excited about the year ahead and the amazing projects already taking place in classrooms and during lunch breaks with our young artists and performers! The main attraction, our MADD concerts will display a range of student talent later in the year. This and much, much more in the way of Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Photography and Dance will be taking place in 2020 so stay tuned for all the action.

Dance

The Hip Hop Crew has grown significantly, going from 6 dancers in 2019, to over 20 dancers this year. We are super excited to welcome a large number of talented Year 7 students into the crew, as well as new members across all year groups. Their hip-hop-and happening moves are being rehearsed on Wednesdays at lunch and their routine is already looking fantastic.

The 25-strong Contemporary Ensemble have also begun rehearsals on Thursdays at lunch time. The strength and flexibility among this group of students is unbelievable and we cannot wait to see their first piece – we know it will be breath-taking. Both dance groups are currently working towards items for the Taree Eisteddfod.

Drama

Our Year 12 Drama class recently attended the Seymour Centre in Sydney to view this year's "OnStage" showcase. This annual event displays exemplary works from the previous year's HSC across a range of project options. The students were in awe of the talent on display and came away from the event feeling inspired and driven about their performances, scripts and costume designs.

Music

Our senior Music students recently attended "Bravissimo" at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie, to view outstanding student performances from the Mid North and Tablelands regions from last year's HSC. Students thoroughly enjoyed the show and saw what it takes to achieve at the highest levels in the HSC Music course, which our students consistently do!

Singas and Fellas has recommenced and students who enjoy singing in a group are encouraged to come along to D22 on Mondays at lunchtime. Whether bass or soprano, or anywhere in between, Ms Ralston would love to have you in her collaborative chorus.

Visual Arts and Photography

Our creative artists have now begun their first artmaking projects across a range of media such as: drawings, paintings, sculptures, photographs and digitally edited images. If you are on Instagram, check out @deliberArt to see ongoing exemplar works coming out of our artrooms.

Family and friends are encouraged to keep an eye on the school Facebook page throughout the year for more information about all things CAPA!

SENIOR PREP NEWS

The last 5 weeks of Term 1 have been very hectic for our senior students. They have multiple assessments due on top of their normal class and home workloads. To assist the students make the best possible use of their study time, we have implemented a **phone free...talk free and kitchen free, first ½ hour to every class lesson.**

We are hoping this will give everyone the chance to work on their assessments and lighten the load of schoolwork they have to do at home.

Some students feel they do not need to use this time due to lighter study loads or alternate preferred study options; we are asking them to be considerate of their peers who **do** need to use school time and **sit outside if they are going to talk or use their phones.** (Phones should be on silent at all times, except recess and lunch in the senior area)

We ask you to support us in our endeavours to give every student in our senior years the best chance possible by discussing this with your child.



A little
consideration,
a little thought for others,
makes all the difference.
-Eeyore

WWI Living History

(Friday 13th March 2020)

The HSIE department were excited to welcome back, for the third year running, Shane Blackman from WWI Living History who presented to all our Year 9 students an interactive talk on the treacherous conditions Australian service-personnel faced during World War I. Trench warfare was the focus of each session and students had the opportunity to 'choose their own adventure' by selecting from the hundreds of WWI items on display, each with a unique story. Having the opportunity to hold, wear and use each item; students immersed themselves in Australian wartime history and were highly engaged from start to finish. Not only did Year 9 have the pleasure of participating in the interactive talk, which linked nicely to their next unit of work – Australia's Involvement in WWI; but also our Support Unit students took enjoyment from the interactive nature of the presentation, along with Year 11 English Studies and Modern History who took advantage of discussing war poetry and conditions on the Western Front and Gallipoli which they are studying later in the year.



Sports Column

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2020			
AGE	BOYS		GIRLS
12	Thomas Kennewell		Louisa Wilson
13	Ramsay Case		Hope Taaffe
14	Marcus Smith		Elsa Wilson
15	Brady Cross		Tyla Humphrey
16	Eden Taaffe		Charlotte Rainger
17+	Bevan Smith		Emily Rainger

HOUSE OFFICIALS

HOOKE: Alisha Lyons, Ned Hillyard, Tyler Williams, Khai Gahan

MANNING: Jordan Moscatt, Bevan Smith, Cooper Seckold, Thalia Holborow

MURRAY: Emily Rainger, Conor Smith, Katie McLeod, Ben Moss

PEEL: Molly Simmons, Ethan Collings, Cassie Searles, Jake Ferris

FINAL POINTS SCORED

Hooke - 163 (4th)

Manning 227 (3rd)

Murray 252 (2nd)

Peel 263 (1st)

NEW RECORD

Bevan Smith from Manning House in the 17+ Years 50m Backstroke with a new time of 30.53

Sports Column cont...

Open Girls Netball

Congratulations to our Open Girls Netball team who were undefeated on Tuesday 25th February at the Manning netball gala day held at Forster! They now progress through to the final 16 knockout in Newcastle to be played in Term 2



Open Boys Basketball

Congratulations to our Open Boys basketball team who won the Manning Zone gala day on Friday 28th February. They now progress through to the final 16 in Hunter Region to be played in Term 2



Opens Boys and Girls Touch Football Report

Taree High School's Open Boys and Girls touch football teams competed in the Hunter CHS Phil Stewart Memorial Shield at Tuncurry on the 28th of March. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and represented our school with pride.

The girls team, coached by Mr Weeks, played two 15 minute halves against Wingham High School. The girls barely got out of second gear with an impressive 15-0 scoreline. The girls played very well as a team, sharing the tries around, although Jade Fowles lit up the first half with a hat trick of tries. Hope Extrem was a standout; throwing long balls, from the middle of the field, left to right, hitting unmarked wingers on the chest. To Wingham High's credit, they never gave up and made it a contest.

The boys team, coached by Toby Gollan, had two matches, with an early scare against Chatham, eventually winning the game 5 tries to 4. Navren Willett made the highlight reel, taking an intercept and running the full length for an decisive try! Great to watch. The boys went on to win their second match against Wingham 5-2.

Both of our Opens teams will now progress to the State Knockout stage in Newcastle to be played on the 15th of May.

Sports Column cont...



Congratulations to our Age Champions from our swimming carnival

Thomas Kennewell, Louisa Wilson,
Ramsay Case, Hope Taaffe, Marcus
Smith, Elsa Wilson, Brady Cross, Tyla
Humphrey, Eden Taaffe, Charlotte
Rainger, Bevan Smith & Emily Rainger

School Swimming Carnival Prize Winners

Zane Smith, Tayla Minns, Olivia Keen &
Hannah Anderson



Zone Age Swimming Champions

Eden Taaffe, Charlotte Rainger, Bevan Smith
Emily Rainger & Jordan Moscatt (Absent from photo)

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PBL – What is it?

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) teaches our students the appropriate behaviour expected of them in all areas of the school; it is an educational process that brings together the whole-school community; it contributes to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

PBL is **a process**, not a program.

When PBL is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom lessons.

Students and staff benefit from:

- reduced problem behaviour
- increased time to focus on lessons
- positive and respectful relationships among students, staff and school community
- better support for teachers to teach, model and respond to student needs
- a structured learning environment where everyone knows what is expected.

(NSW government 2020)

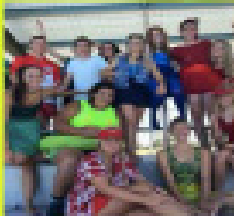
Taree High School's Core Values

**Cooperation Participation
Respect**

TAREE HIGH SCHOOL

Respecting the past.
Embracing the future.

Earn Points for
Your House!!



go **HOOKEY!!**

go **MANNING!!**

go **MURRAY!!**

go **PEEL!!**

ALL SETTINGS BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

CORE VALUE	IN OUR CULTURE...	WHAT IT MEANS	WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
C COOPERATION	Walk Softly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work together Follow reasonable instructions Encourage peers Be in the right place, at the right time Wear school uniform 	
P PARTICIPATION	Stand Tall and Be Proud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a genuine go! Complete tasks Be fair Be prepared 	
R RESPECT	Look Them in the Eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be considerate Use manners and polite language Accept others' differences Use equipment correctly Keep the environment clean 	

Answers to Trivia Questions on page 18

1. 99.94%, 2. Frilled neck lizard, 3. Casey Chambers, 4. 1974, 5. Crocodile Dundee, 6. D 35%, 7. Ballina

Find - a - Word Things to do with the Four Seasons

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ANZAC

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BEACH
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CHRISTMAS

WINTER
COLD
SNOW
JACKETS

Trivia Questions - Australia

1, Sport:

Q) What is Sir Donald Bradman's batting average?

2, General Knowledge:

Q) What animal is on the 2 cent coin?

3, Art & Literature:

Q) Who has an award-winning album titled "Barricades & Brickwalls"?

4, History:

Q) What year did Cyclone Tracey hit Darwin?

5, Entertainment:

Q) What is the highest grossing Australian Movies?

6, Geography:

Q) How much of Australia is classified as desert?

A) 8% B) 16% C) 25% D) 35%

7, Fun Facts:

Q) Where is the Big Prawn located