

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to 2020 Term 3 Newsletter

Word from our Principal

Term 3 is all but done. My thanks go out to the staff who have tried to make the return to school smooth and successful for all students. Some students have found this difficult and have shown this through their behaviour and at times lack of respect for their fellow students and staff. I would encourage all students to re-focus next term and go back to our Core Values of Cooperation Participation and Respect (CPR) in all our behaviours and interactions at school. It is also a timely reminder about mobile phones and their presence at school. I would urge parents to discuss the appropriate use of technology with their children as we are seeing more defiance and rudeness by students who refuse to follow simple expectations of the school which are, when entering a building or classroom, phones should be switched off or on silent and in the student's bag. If they appear in a lesson, they will be confiscated and taken to the front office for safe keeping until 3:15. Parents are also asked not to call their children during class time. Calling the school will ensure a message will go to your child and prevent a confrontation with students and teachers.

Thank you to all parents who participated in our Zoom Parent Teacher Evenings. With very few glitches, we felt that it was very successful.

As Year 12 prepare for their HSC it was good news indeed that the Formal could become a reality to celebrate what has been a very disrupted 12 months....first fires, floods and then COVID. I am so very proud of their tenacity and resilience to make it through to the exams. They all deserve to be congratulated!!!!

The Year 12 Presentation Evening is on Thursday 15th October and will be livestreamed for parents and families. More details will be sent out via our Facebook page, emails and SMS.

We are in the planning phase for 2021, with the Strategic Improvement Plan ready to be designed in consultation with parents, students and community. Term 4 will be very busy for all.

Have a wonderful, restful and safe holiday break. School resumes for all students 7-12 on Monday 12th October on a Week B Timetable.

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

Thank you to all parents/carers for updating details during the Covid-19 isolation. If you did not get a chance to do it and did not receive either an SMS or email during this time, it means we either don't have your recent details. Please complete this form or ring the school on 6552 1166.

2020



Year Advisor: Ms A Last Senior Prep. Coordinator: Mrs K Reading

Back Row:	Kai Smith, Lara Slade, Harrison Ivers, Steen Wamsley, Bailey Jenkins, Jackson Collis, Cooper Seckold, Harry Hinten, Brendan Armstrong, Jake Ferris, Jack Woollard
3rd Row:	Jacinta Williams, Sarah Gosper, Max Harrison, Harrison Basman, Harrison Wesley, Ethan Collings, Jeremy Davis, Conor Smith, Drew Pennell, Benjamin Moss, Zaide Payton, Fernando Tegazit, Jade Fowles, Hope Extrem
4th Row:	Katherine Gilgoly, Jesse McIntyre, Ashleigh Paulson, John Wynter, Lachlan Richardson, Maleac Paulson, Kyle Collins, Kaitlyn Bussell, James Dumas, Khai Gahan, Kainen White, Noah Jones, Aleah Cusbert, Kriya Sercombe, Kaitlyn Blanch
2nd Row:	Queenie Iye, Hannah Irvine, Cora Martin, Abby Ledmore, Georgia Kelly, Kathleen McLeod, Emily White, Bree Pennisi, Tia Hinton, Kaitlyn Bussell, Emily Rainger, Dene Hinton, Tyra Hickley, Zoe Ledmore, Maddi Sieber, Molly Simmons
Front Row:	Sarah Ollerden, Bree Pollock, Aleah Clark, Ebony Wells, Ayesha Griffiths, Beau Kirchner, Samuel Moss, Kalani Cross, Cassandra Searies, Taliah Holbroow, Zoe Stevens, Phoebe Cause, Chloe Pollock, Kasey Pender
Absent:	Grace Alvos, Mitchell Brown, Allie Clarkson, Zoe Clarkson, Jasmine Clissold, Jarvis Dernes, Jayden Gambetta, Starlie Lead, Brayden Maddalena, Jordina Montagnana Do Nascimento, Jacob Nash, Alyshia Palumbo, Bryce Walker, Trinity Welley, Nicholas Whalen

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

Term 4 Resumes	Monday 12th October
Year 12 HSC Exams	Tuesday 20th October - Friday 11th November
Remembrance Day Assembly	Wednesday 11th November
Year 12 Formal	Tuesday 17th November
LoveBites	Monday 23rd November
MADD Concert	Tuesday 1st & Thursday 3rd December
Presentation Night	Wednesday 9th December
Year Assemblies	Monday 14th December
Semester 2 Reports Issued	Tuesday 15th December
HSC Results Released	Tuesday 15th December
Last Day Term 4	Wednesday 16th December

HSC STUDENT ADVICE

We know our students and staff have worked hard for the HSC. The safety of our students and staff remains of utmost importance. This year extra arrangements are in place to ensure that any disruption due to COVID-19 will have minimal impact on HSC exams.

Our school has put in place a number of contingencies to help ensure exams run as smoothly as possible.

The exams have been scheduled from the 20th October through until the 11th November, and our school has arrangements in place for exams to proceed as planned. It is important that students review their timetable and plan well so they turn up for their exams on time, healthy and rested.

Any student with a pre-existing condition, that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms, should be planning now and speak to their doctor/GP. The GP can provide a medical certificate ahead of the exams to ensure they are not sent home.

If on the day of the exam your child feels unwell with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home and get tested. HSC students are prioritised for COVID-19 test results.

It's important to note that all students will be asked if they are well before entering exam rooms.

We want all our students to sit their exams but sometimes things happen. If your child is unwell and misses their exam, contact the school. Students who are unwell will be eligible for the illness and misadventure provision with NESA.

If there are any changes to exam arrangements we will communicate with HSC students through student/parent email, SMS or phone calls. If in doubt, please call the school.

We wish all our students well in the upcoming exams.

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.

SEE BELOW FOR THE FULL MENU



School Special!! Available to All Students & Parents/Carers!

VALID Until 31st October 2020

- ❖ 24hr Access (Subject to Covid Regulations)
- ❖ Group Fitness
- ❖ Central Location
- ❖ State of the art Equipment
- ❖ Personal Training Available
- ❖ Clinical Nutritionist Available
- ❖ Physiotherapist and Exercise Physiologist on site
- ❖ Fully Air-conditioned
- ❖ FREE WiFi
- ❖ Covid Safe with Daily Professional Cleaners



**From \$10.95
Per Week**



Snap Fitness T&C's Apply

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Available at Snap Fitness Taree, Shop 4, 20 Albert street. PH: 65501357

Important information for the Parents of Year 12 Students

With the COVID restrictions in place there will be changes to the end of Year 12 ceremonies and celebrations. We will let parents and carers know as soon as we can, any details and the format of each of the events. We appreciate how difficult it is for you to plan and thank you for your patience.

This is how the end of Year 12 looks at this stage:

Friday 25th September, Year 12 will be able to follow the tradition of swapping gender uniforms. As is always emphasised there is **NO MUCK UP Day** at Taree High School and students are expected to meet the school's behavioural expectations of **Cooperation, Participation and Respect (CPR)**. Students will have a final Morning Tea with their teachers on this day.

HSC Exams

At the time of writing this letter to you, our Year 12 students have 48 days until they begin their final HSC exams. The HSC will now start on *Tuesday the 20th of October*; this is in the 2nd week of term 4. Students have a student's online account that shows him or her their personal exam timetable. They should make sure they have looked at this.

Week 1, Term Four – 12th to 16th October

Normal timetabled lessons will resume for Year 12 in the first week back after the October holidays. Teachers will be available to assist students with their work and we encourage everyone to take advantage of this.

Presentation Assembly

Our end of year Presentation Assembly for Year 12 has been postponed until the first week back after the October holidays. It will be held on the 15th of October at 5:30pm in the School Hall. Unfortunately it will be **Staff and Year 12 Students only**. The Presentation Evening will be live streamed for parents and family. More details will come in the next few weeks.

The Formal – We are pleased to inform you the Year 12 Formal will take place at Club Taree on the 17th November. As directed by NSW Health and Department of Education a COVID plan has been developed to ensure the safety of our students, unfortunately this means that parents cannot attend the function. There are to be no parents/family or friends congregating outside the Club, before, during or afterwards.

We want to assure you, the school will do its best, whilst taking into consideration the health advice and current guidelines, to ensure your child will be given every opportunity to celebrate their school achievements. As any new information comes to hand, we will let parents and carers know.

For more detailed information on the Formal please check your emails or your child's Prep Google Classroom. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school.

Allison Alliston
Executive Principal

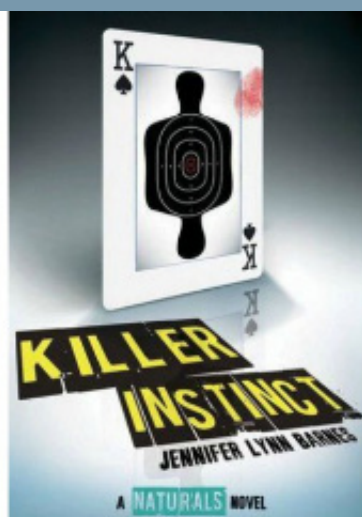
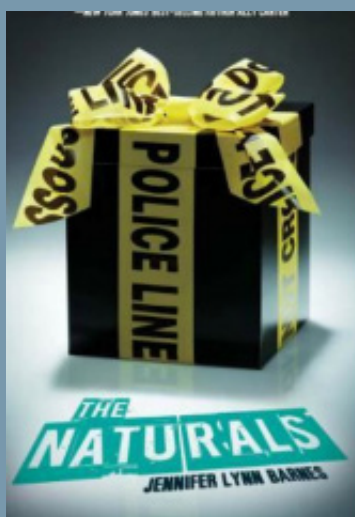
Alison Last
Senior Prep Teacher

Library Report - By Mrs Gillis

Whodunnit?

It's a mystery...

Week 6 was **Mystery** (genre) week in the library and we had lots of fun solving small mysteries during the week and finishing off with a Mystery trivia quiz on Friday. Mystery genre in literature involves the solving of a crime as clues are revealed. The reader becomes the detective and these stories are sometimes called whodunnits. THS library has plenty of these Mystery stories, The Naturals (pictured below) is a popular series in this genre.



Library Report continues

Accelerated Reader program

Year 8 is currently participating in the **Accelerated Reader** program which is aimed at improving student reading ability and ultimately helping them achieve goals at school and in life. Students have regular reading time every day in period three and they are loving it! Each book they read has a corresponding quiz on the Accelerated Reader program which checks that they have read the book and then assigns them certain points depending on the difficulty of the book.

At the time of writing this the current leader (on 32 points!) is Huntah Lang-Callow but there are lots of students who have joined her on the **Reading Wall of Fame** because they are doing so well, they are: Gabe Martin, Jackson Adams, Caleb DeVries, Connor Macey, Nithara Weththasinghe, and Ben Hilder.



Book Club

Book Club is a lunchtime group that gets together twice a term in the library to talk about what we are reading, and to eat cake! In the week 5 meeting there was lots of discussion about online Fan Fiction and Manga.

(These students really know their stuff!) Pictured below are Jessica, Lashana, Sophie, Rosalie, Ashley, Mrs Gillis, Dinara, Saffron, Keira, Valerie, Huntah, Wanay, Amber, Kyle, and Timmy



Library Report continues

Ebooks

Taree High library subscribes to ebooks which all students have access to when they download the ePlatform app on their device and log in to their school account. There are thousands of books available. Accelerated Reader books are available in this app too.



Bstreetsmart

The library is also a venue for large events and presentations. In Week 6 Year 11 participated in ***bstreetsmart – a program for smarter, safer drivers*** which was delivered online. Year 11 heard stories from doctors, nurses, emergency workers, and victims of road traffic accidents and their families about exactly what happens when people have car crashes. These stories were harrowing and devastating and had real impact for Year 11, hopefully making them safer drivers.



First Aid Equipment

Our latest additions to First Aid is a new First Aid Bed and Wheelchair- both easy to thoroughly sanitise after use. For the safety of our school community during COVID-19, we've secured a range of products including soap, hand sanitiser, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The School is dedicated to providing a Covid- safe environment. Parents and Carers can help by keeping unwell or symptomatic students at home.



Year 8 History

Students were given the opportunity to enjoy an interactive lesson involving the use of Indigenous tools and weapons. Uncle Russ and Jay Davis shared their knowledge and demonstrated spear and boomerang throwing, whilst making local connections and highlighting the purpose of each weapon for survival. The students were able to engage in both activities by having a go themselves, while being guided by Uncle Russ and Jay. They supported and encouraged one another, and appreciated the opportunity to have these unique skills taught to them. The weather was perfect and everyone had lots of fun, with plenty of laughs throughout. Thank you Uncle Russ and Jay for your help and for the ultimate success of the lesson; as well as Year 8 for embracing this valuable cultural experience.



Basketball Court Upgrade

Yay!! The courts are now completed and ready for students to play on and staff to use for lessons.



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



On Friday the 28th of August, Taree High participated in Wear it Purple Day. This is a day designed to show support for LGBTQI+ students and community members. The aim of this day is to:

- Advocate for and empower rainbow young people
- Celebrate and promote the value of diversity and inclusion in all community settings
- Raise awareness about sexuality, sex and gender identity and challenge harmful social cultures
- Champion rainbow role-models to help young people establish the confidence to be who they are.

Students and staff showed their support by wearing something purple. Thank you to all students and staff who made this such a great day!



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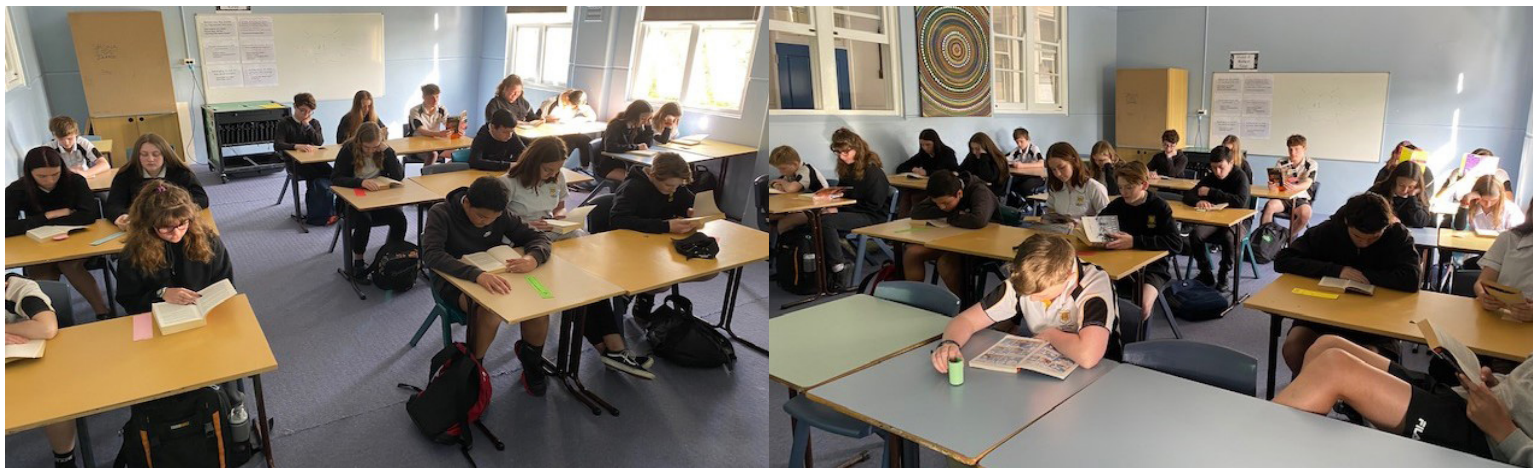
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Year 8 Accelerated Reader Program

On August 3rd we launched the Accelerated Reader program for year 8. During period three students will be reading for ten minutes each day.



Year 12 Advanced English - The Austen “Emma” Experience

What fun my class had with Jane Austen’s Emma on Friday 14th August. Due to COVID we have not been able to have any excursions so I ran an ‘incursion’-all kids were characters they researched then we...had a Regency style picnic in character, speed dated, worked with quotes, puzzles, made bouquets following the floriography (all flowers have a meaning)for characters and played parlour games from the era!



Creative and Performing Arts

It has been busy, busy, busy in CAPA this term!

Year 9 Drama classe have been exploring the style of Melodrama and having loads of laughs enacting heroes and villains and good vs evil climactic scenes. The Year 10 class have been planning, shooting and editing blockbuster type movie trailers. The class are looking forward to a movie marathon lesson featuring all of their works in Week 10, accompanied by some bags of hot, buttery popcorn.

We've had some exciting news for a group of incredibly talented and hard-working Year 10 musos, Vanguard. The band took out first place in last week's, "Perform – Live Stream Music Competition" presented by Pluto Entertainment on Facebook. The students won a free, professionally produced and recorded single. We are super excited for them so keep an ear out for their soon to be released tune! And thank you to Pluto for providing them with this amazing opportunity.

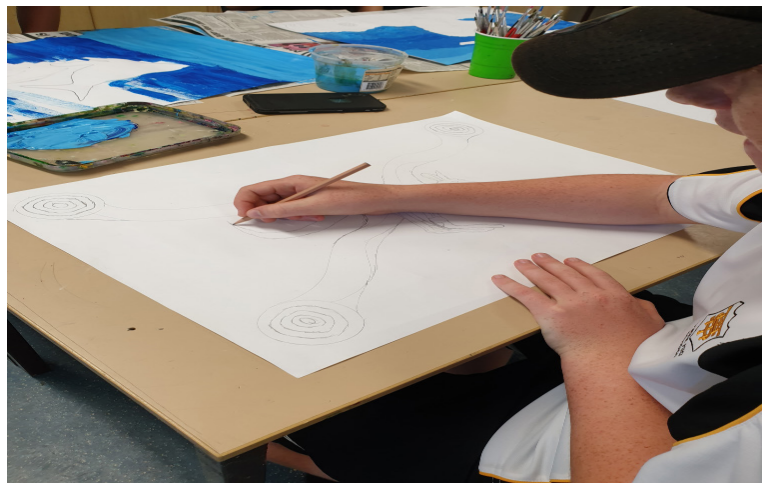
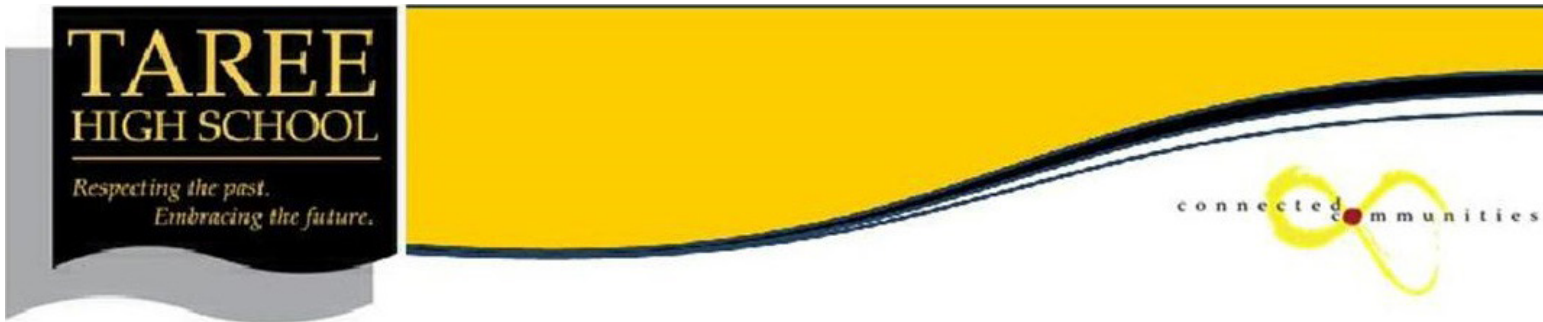
In Visual Arts, Year 8 students have been studying Aboriginal art and are producing an animal-inspired painting. In Years 9/10 2D Art, students have been creating portraits with a focus on deconstructed celebrities. Year 9/10 3D Art have been working with ceramics, including glazed tiles and candle holders. Year 11 art students have been experimenting with lots of different materials and techniques to broaden their knowledge as they move into their HSC studies next term.

Our Stage 5 Photographers recently sauntered down to Muscio Park, enjoying this lovely Spring weather. The students spent an hour capturing over-looked beauty and industrial architectural details within the genre of street photography.

And in the Land of the HSC...

Year 12 Drama students filled the Drama room with their energy and skills during the Trial examinations. Our senior performers presented their two Group Performances entitled, "Billy" and "School Dramas". Sadly, due to COVID, these pieces are not part of the external examinations this year. However, those students performing monologues will undertake their external Practical Examinations on Friday 4th September. There were also a number of scriptwriting and costume design projects which have been carefully packaged and labelled and are now on their way to the marking centre. Our Year 12 Music class strummed, drummed and sung their hearts out during the Trial examinations. The students applied the given feedback to their pieces to prepare for the external Practical Examinations that took place on Monday 14th September. The Year 12 Visual Arts classes have almost finished their Bodies of Work and are just refining final details for their HSC assessment. Their works include a wide range of mediums, including aluminium cans, embroidery and mixed media to name just a few! Keep an eye out for pics of their works after all official marking processes have taken place.

On behalf of the CAPA faculty, we wish all of our HSC students the very best of luck with their performances, artworks and project submissions over the coming weeks. We are very proud of their efforts and successes during what has been a very different schooling year.



Some of the ceramic art works from the very ambitious students. These pieces are in the process of drying. Students are enjoying the medium of clay and learning about glazes through experimentation



An R U OK? Toolkit for Secondary Schools



RU OK?™
at school

7-12 newsletter snips

These complimentary Newsletter Snips are available for newsletter or school website inclusion.

Asking, "Are you OK?"

Newsletter Snip 1

A range of circumstances can lead to a young person feeling low, including:

- Big life changes like moving house or school
- Experiencing grief or loss
- Being around people going through tough times
- Being bullied
- Arguing with someone
- Problems with school work
- Being bored
- Having a medical condition or chronic illness
- Not sleeping well
- Not exercising enough
- Hormonal changes
- Special needs

Newsletter Snip 2

Be aware of certain behaviours and signs that can indicate a young person might be struggling. The first thing to look out for is changes in behaviour. When people feel low, they often:

- Withdraw from their friends or their family
- Lash out at people and get angry or upset really easily, including towards the people they care about
- Cry or become emotional
- Lose interest in activities and things they usually love
- Have changed sleeping patterns. They might be sleeping all the time, not sleeping much at all, or sleeping at strange hours (such as in the middle of the day)
- Have a changed appetite. They could be eating more than usual, or less.

Newsletter Snip 3

Young people cannot be expected to fix someone's problems, nor know the best way to help and support.

However they can listen to what their friend is saying, let them know they care and tell a teacher, school counsellor or trusted adult if they are worried about their friend.

By promoting an environment of positive peer support and accessing support channels via an adult, young people can learn that asking "Are you OK?" is a key life skill.

Newsletter Snip 4

RU OK? has 4 Conversation Steps to help navigate a conversation when someone says, "No, I'm not OK". These steps are:

- 1 Ask
- 2 Listen
- 3 Encourage action
- 4 Check in

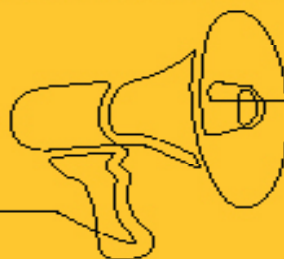
Newsletter Snip 5

Useful contacts when a young person is not OK:

- School counsellor
- GP or psychologist
- Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800
- Lifeline on 13 1114
- Dial 000 if someone's life is in imminent danger

Other resources

Complementary lesson plans and activity templates can be used to embed RU OK? in school all year round.



Find-A-Word

Things You Will Find in a School

K	A	B	C	A	D	W	I	N	D	O	W	S	Z
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INK
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QUILL
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TEACHERS

VISITORS
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ZOOM MEETING



PLAY CRICKET!!



Come and join the fun at Taree United Cricket Club in our junior teams, Under 10's, Under 12's and Under 14's.

Active Kids Voucher accepted

Registration is now open now for the 2020/21 season. Go to playcricket.com.au and select Taree United Cricket Club.

Registration is \$125 with an early bird discount for those who register before the 25th of September 2020 and Active Kids Vouchers can be used.

Saturday Mornings

For enquiries please contact Gordon - 0422 435 452 or Matt - 0439 648 860

