

Issue No 1



Welcome to 2021 Term 1 - Newsletter Word from the Principal

Firstly, we welcome many new staff, across to the School for 2021. They include Nicole Howard our second Youth Outreach Worker; Mrs Huett and Miss Bishop in English; Mrs Brown in Maths; Miss Doust and Mr Reay in TAS; Mr Hawkins and Miss Hawkins are relief teachers. I hope they enjoy their time here at Taree High School. We sadly say good-bye to Mrs Diana Silcock who has been at the school in the Support Unit for 14 years. Diana's contribution to the school has been immense, not only as a teacher but also a Year Adviser; Coordinator of the Homework Centre and friend to all staff and mentor to hundreds of students. We will miss you greatly.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the staff and students for their implementation and cooperative approach to the introduction of the new phone policy this term. 87% of students complied immediately and I congratulate them for that. For our 13% of students who thought they could get away with non-compliance, they learned the hard way and had a 5 week phone ban imposed. Some students paid the price of being suspended from school for disobedience, then received a 5 week ban. Some of the positive comments from students included feeling their classrooms were more settled; more learning was taking place and the teacher did not have to have arguments with students. Some comments from staff included their observations of more attentive students in classrooms; less confrontation with students and less students using their phones in the playground at recess or lunch. Subjects where the need to use the phones for Apps such as Chemistry, Photography are doing so with compliance by students to only use their phones for the activity prescribed by the teacher.

This all points towards not having to move to the lockout pouches, but we will extend the trial for Term 2 and reassess. Thank you to parents who completed the survey regarding Mobile Phones with 78% very positive about the policy and wishing it to continue.

The school will march this year in the ANZAC Day March on April 25th. Students who wish to take part MUST register during Week 1 of Term 2. This is a COVID-19 requirement. Our captains Amber and Lucas will be presenting the Commemoration Address. Our school ceremony will be on Wednesday 21st April.

Our thoughts and support go out to our families and friends affected by the recent floods. If there is anything we can do to assist, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 65521166

Have a restful and safe holiday.

Allison Alliston
Executive Principal

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On the next few pages you will see the list of teachers of who's who in each faculty and the student support staff.

SCIENCE

Head Teacher : Mrs Kathy Salmon

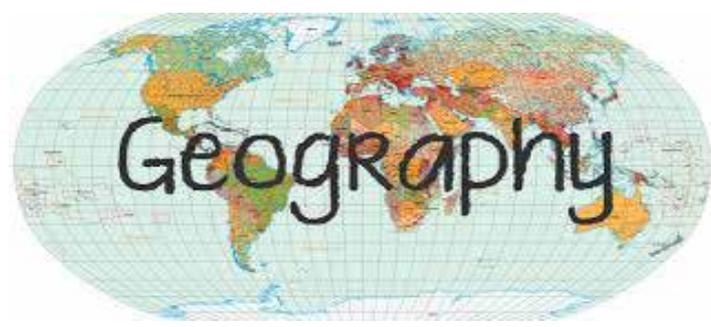
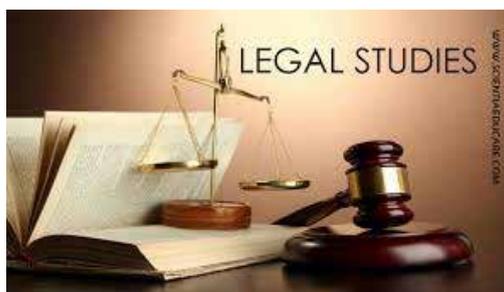
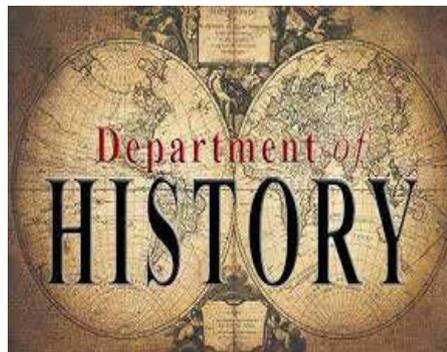
Mr Trent Boyle
Mr Ian Reynolds
Mrs Terri Patterson (HT Admin)
Mr Jacob Fryatt
Mr Chris King
Mr Apii Nikoro



HSIE (Human Society & It's Environment)

Head Teacher : Mr Chris Collier

Mr Joel Kelly
Mrs Jenny Umbers (Year 12 Adv)
Mrs Ruby Abbott
Miss Tiffany White
Mr Tim Hunt (Year 9 Adv)
Mrs Rochelle Payton-Clarke
Mrs Lanie Rainger (HT Wellbeing)



CAPA

Head Teacher : Mrs Fiona Corcoran

Ms Leanne Ralston
Mr Peter Bull
Mrs Jacqui Bennett
Miss Naomi Grooteman
Mrs Michelle Pellew
Mrs Bri Honess (Year 10 Adv)



TAS

**Relieving Head Teacher :
Ms Heidi Speers**

Mr Steve Foxwell
Mr Steven Castles
Mr Brian Raglus
Mr Rod Reay
Mrs Barb Tate
Mrs Carolyn McCann
Ms Samantha Doust



Year 7 POD Teachers

Mrs Erin Weatherby
Miss Naomi Grooteman
Ms Julia Smithurt
Mrs Sally Dahdah
Mr David Warburton (Year 8 Adv)
Ms Ashlee Drury
Ms Melanie Powell
Ms Kate Shields



Aboriginal Education Team

AEO : Ms Eileen McGrady

Uncle Russell Saunders (Elder in Residence)
Mrs Tannika Lewis
Mr Josh Wood
Ms Miranda Saunders
Mr Benn Saunders (Aboriginal Language & Culture)

Mr Jay Davis : Senior Leader Community Engagement



Support Unit

Head Teacher - Mrs Rhonda Farley

Mr Bryce Hammond
Ms Kathryn Roberts
Mr Warren Stanley
Miss Laura Southwell



SLSO (Students Learning Support Officers)

Mrs Justine Bridges-Rogers
Mrs Karlene Reading (Senior Prep)
Mrs Toni Harges
Mr Glen McCallum
Miss Sophie Deer
Ms Nicola Emoe
Mrs Kristy Franc
Mr Kyle Saggars
Ms Jolene Saldeng (Support Unit)
Mrs Jennie Longworth (Support Unit)
Mrs Kathy Van Kampen
Mr Steve Pugh (Support Unit)
Mrs Lianne Cook (Support Unit)
Mrs Jeanette Bright
Mrs Claire Woollard



Other Non Teaching Staff (Student Support)

Mrs Carla Gillis (Librarian)
Mrs Therese Sullivan (LAST)
Mrs Bev Lamotte (LAST)
Ms Sally Dahdah (LAST)
Ms Christy Summerville (Student Support Officer)

Ms Nicole Howard (Student Support Officer)
Ms Kim Voss (Counsellor)
Ms Jeni Hofmeier (Library/First Aid)
Mrs Trish Armstrong (Library/First Aid)

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for volunteers - if you would like to help out please contact the Canteen Manager on 0476 491 450, or email: tareehighpandc@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

EVENTS	DATE
Autumn Holidays	2nd - 18th April
Term 2 Resumes	20th April
Years 7 - 11 Parent Teacher Evening	20th April
Zone Cross Country	22nd April
Athletics Carnival	23rd April
Open Boys & Girls Touch Hunter CHS KO	7th May
NAPLAN Online Test	13th May - 21st May
NAIDOC Week	7th June - 11th June
Queens Birthday - Public Holiday	14th June
Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Evening	17th June
Spirit Day	25th June
Winter Holidays	28th June - 9th July

YEAR 12 JACKETS

Our Year 12 students have now received their senior jackets. The jackets were designed by Josh Wood our Aboriginal Education Worker. As you can see the jackets look great and the students are loving them.





NEW SCHOOL BUS

Early in Term 1 Taree High School received a brand new 25 seater Bus. The hands on the bus were designed by our Senior Leader Community Engagement JAY DAVIS. The hand is symbolic and also represents the first signature of Biripi Traditional Owners. Also you will see Taree High School branding with Gathang Language "Djarri Ngarralbaa Waka, Gathay Nyiirun Birrbay Barrayga" which translates to "Taree High School, Lets Go together on Biripi Country".

The new bus (along with our other 2 buses) will be well utilised for ongoing sporting events, Curriculum and Non Curriculum based excursions and the Wakali program.



SRC - ST PATRICK'S DAY

On Wednesday 17th March our SRC celebrated St Patrick's Day with a Fundraiser consisting of a Cake stall, Disco and Out of Uniform to raise money for Spirit Day. It was a fun filled "green themed" day enjoyed by all the students and staff.



CHILLSPACE CONTINUES IN 2021

Chillspace is back and will continue into Term 2. Chillspace is an alternative space for students to hang out with a range of different fun activities suitable to all years and is held every Tuesday at Lunch 2 in the hall with Christy and Nicole. Everyone is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing some new faces.



BREAKFAST CLUB

You can start your day right with Christy and Nicole on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and it has been very popular so far.

Breakfast Club is back up and running on these mornings on the hospitality verandah from 8.20 - 9.00am.

All students are welcome to come along for a free breakfast and a chat.

There are always lots of laughs and full bellies by the time the bell goes. We love seeing kids head off to class with big smiles on their faces. Join us!

TABLE TENNIS

Lunch time Table Tennis has been a hit for students and staff running on Mondays and Thursdays Lunch2. Come along to learn, play, join in and have some fun. If you are more on the competitive side you can take the staff on as a challenge.

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS (CAPA) REPORT

Hopefully (touch wood!!) 2021 will see a resurgence of excursions, showcases and exhibitions on the school calendar this year for CAPA. Extracurricular Dance has already recommenced, visits across to the Manning Regional Art Gallery have taken place, and classroom teachers are planning a wide variety of valuable activities and events for our young creatives!

Dance

This year, a new Jazz Dance Ensemble has formed and the students have been rehearsing together on Fridays at lunch-time. The group recently successfully auditioned for the Lower North Coast Dance Festival. So, the students are very much looking forward to the festival and Ms Weatherby is very much enjoying searching for the perfect costume for the dancers. Stay tuned for more info!

Drama

The HSC Drama cohort are busily working on their Individual Projects both in class and outside of school. The two types of projects chosen this year are Performance and Scriptwriting. The performance monologues cross theatre styles such as Realism, Absurdism and Comedy. We look very forward to seeing the final works at the HSC Drama Showcase.

Music

Senior Music students have had a massive couple of weeks, refining their repertoire for assessment. They have just completed viva voces on a topic of their own choice, as well as performances and compositions as they near the halfway mark of the HSC course. These experiences, and the feedback provided, will equip them for the Practical Examinations later this year.

Visual Arts

Our senior Visual Arts students are all well on their way with their major Bodies of Work and we cannot wait to see the outcome of their hard work come submission time. Drawings, Paintings, Sculptures and Collection of Works are the expressive forms being developed.

Photography

Year 12 Photography students have successfully completed their course in Black and White Photography. Their final compositions are conceptually and structurally accomplished. Here are a few photographs from this unit of work.



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

LIBRARY REPORT

We have had a great start to the year with Year 7 and 8 participating in the Accelerated Reader program which aims at improving reading and therefore improving confidence at school. Each book has a points value and students accrue points by reading the books. Year 7 Blue Pod are currently in the lead but we have a long way to go yet. Meantime, students who reach their individual points target for the term will each get a prize in week 10. This ensures that students only compete with themselves and not with those students who are exceptional readers.



Some Year 7 awesome readers: Alissa Bond-Aitken, Tillisha Squires, Amarlee Kaliska, Matilda Hickson.

During week 8, some Year 7 students had a “virtual excursion” to attend a talk by popular author Andy Griffiths. It was an event hosted from Sydney Opera House and Andy was speaking to students live in real time. School students asked pre-recorded questions and Andy answered them for all to hear. It gave us some insight into his writing process and we were only sorry we couldn't have met him in person... imagine that!



Author Andy Griffiths talking on the screen to Year 7 students live in real time.



2021 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



TAREE HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2021

BOYS			GIRLS		
AGE	NAME	HOUSE	AGE	NAME	HOUSE
12 YEARS	Evan Thomas	Manning	12 YEARS	Rosalie Eggins	Murray
13 YEARS	Kai De Bono	Peel	13 YEARS	Louisa Wilson	Peel
14 YEARS	Ramsay Case	Manning	14 YEARS	Hope Taaffe	Peel
15 YEARS	Marcus Smith	Manning	15 YEARS	Elsa Wilson	Murray
16 YEARS	Caleb Whitehouse	Hooke	16 YEARS	Madeleine Prowse	Peel
17+ YEARS	Bevan Smith	Manning	17+ YEARS	Charlotte Rainger	Murray

HOUSE CAPTAINS

HOOKE: Sophie-clare Croker, Caleb Whitehouse, Jasmine Jackson, Callum Sawicki

MANNING: Bevan Smith, Brooke Durbidge, Jade Woods, Serge Morcome

MURRAY: Charlotte Rainger, Jaryd Mitchell, Shai Yarnold, Griffin Coleman

PEEL: Madeleine Prowse, Oscar Holt, Ebony Extrem, Charlie Dignam

FINAL RESULTS

1ST - MANNING

2ND - PEEL

3RD - MURRAY

4TH - HOOKE

NEW RECORDS

Caleb Whitehouse from Hooke House in the 16 Years 50m Butterfly with a new time of 29.10.

Bevan Smith from Manning House in the 17+ Years 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke with new times of 25.93 and 29.78 respectively.

Sports Column

OPEN BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

Manning Gala Day was played on Wednesday 17 February at Saxbys Stadium. Both teams were successful in qualifying for Hunter Finals.

The Open Boys team travelled to Maitland on Monday 29 March to contest in the Hunter Region Finals. Their first game was against Kotara High School and it was a close game in the first half. The score was even at half time and the second half there were a lot of aggressive plays however the boys prevailed with a final score of 36-31.

In the second game the boys then came up against Muswellbrook High School and after letting them score 6 early points without answer, they bounced back and continued to pile on the points with a final score of 96-21.

The final game was against Warners Bay High School and if they had of won this game they would have progressed through as a Hunter Region Finalist. For the first 10 minutes of the game Warners Bay were scoring a lot of 3 pointers so the coach switched up the defence to man on man and this had a really good result in stopping the 3 pointers however the boys were already down 16 points, so for the remainder of the game they played really good defence and managed to keep up the pressure in offence giving a final result of 58-54 which means the team missed out on progressing by 4 points but the boys played really well and held their heads high. Well done on an amazing day!

Boys team: Fletcher Hills, Kade Donovan, Brock Burke, Caleb Schmitzer, Navren Willett, Flynn Pereira, Charlie Dignam, Blake Dohnt and Sonny Scoble Coach: Mr Hamilton

Girls team: Taya Hunter, Kaylah Thompson, Ebony Extrem, Sophie-clare Croker, Tilley Hunter, Madeleine Prowse, Jorja Wheeler and Jireh Pannekoek Coach: Mr Abbott



OPEN BOYS AND GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Both our Open Boys and Girls Touch Football teams competed in the first round of the Combined High Schools (CHS) Knockout. The Knockout was played at Wingham Sporting Complex on Friday 5th March.

Both teams were successful going through undefeated against Wingham and Chatham High School and will compete in Newcastle in the next round of the Knockout early in Term 2.

Girls Team: Sophie-clare Croker, Samira Mitchell, Kirra Simon, Hannah Dignam, Abby Watts, Jorja Holborow, Jessica Ferris, Imogen Nelson, Lillianah Williams, Tilley Hunter and Ebony Extrem Coach: Mr Weeks.

Boys Team: Hunter Longhurst, Callum Sawicki, Riley Davies, Joshua Hopkins, Jayden Manus, Oliver Irvine, Charlie Dignam, Isaac Martin, Macklin Green, Bailey Osmond-Dreyer. Absent: Navren Willett Coach: Mr Gollan



OPEN BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE

Our Open Boys Rugby League team played in the Hunter School Sport Rugby League Trials on 17 March at Raymond Terrace. Due to strong performances and high skill Navren Willett, Oscar Holt and Alex Forbes have been selected to play for NSW CHS Rugby League Northern Exchange at Coffs Harbour in Term 2.

On the same day the U/15's Trials were also played with a great effort however the students were unsuccessful on this occasion. Macklin Green tackled well and had a solid game and Matthew Burnes also defended well.

The U/14's team played in the Buckley Shield on 12 March also at Raymond Terrace. The team competed strongly and won 2 out of their 3 games and went down by 1 try to make the Semi Finals. Zayne Shutes played really well and Eric Swannack scored 2 tries in 1 game.

Mr Steve Castles - Teacher Manager

OPEN GIRLS NETBALL

The Open Girls Netball Team travelled to Forster to contest the Manning Zone Gala Day on 23rd February.

The games were delayed and shortened due to the wet weather however this did not stop the girls from winning the Gala Day.

The girls played against Great Lakes first which was a close game, they won with the final score being 14-12. Great Lakes have always been a tough team to play against.

The second game saw the girls play against Gloucester and they also won this game 30-5.

The girls will now proceed to Newcastle for the Hunter Knockout CHS.

Hunter Knockout CHS Competition

The Open Girls Netball team headed to Maitland to compete in the next round of the CHS Knockout. They were spearheaded by super fill in coach Mr Gollan and included a star studded line up of Ffion Davy, Hannah Dignam, Emma Shoemsmith, Samira Mitchell, Jessica Ferris, Hannah Elford, Charlotte Rainger, Kirra Simon, Ebony Extrem and Sophie-clare Croker.

Game 1: began positively with the girls taking an early half time lead. A disruption to the water tight defensive line-up gave the opposition a scoring boost but the Taree girls rallied late in the fourth to score 4 goals on the trot to have the scores tied with 20 seconds left on the clock, where two 50/50 calls went against them to give the opposition a 1 goal win.

This meant that their second game was against Hunter Sports High School who are always a challenging proposition. The girls were nervous but played outstanding netball to lead by 1 at the end of the first quarter and only trail by 4 at the end of 3rd quarter. The quality of the game was clearly causing stress on the Hunter Sports High School Coach as she could be heard barking instructions at her team and becoming increasingly animated. It also drew plenty of praise and attention from surrounding teams and coaches with a crowd developing around show court 1. The final result however went the way of the opposition but Mr Gollan couldn't have been more proud of how the girls conducted themselves and supported each other throughout the competition.

It is also worth mentioning that Sophie-clare Croker was selected into the Hunter Representative team - the first from Taree High School to achieve this feat for quite some time.

A big thank you to Tilly Hollis for her outstanding refereeing throughout the competitions.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

Hockey

The following students have been selected in the Hunter Hockey Team:

Brady Cross
Jayden Manusu
Griffin Coleman
Abby Watts
Tilley Hunter

Softball

Charlotte Creek - selected in Hunter Open Softball Team Country Champions

Cricket

Samira Mitchell - selected in Open All Schools NSW Cricket Team

Netball

Sophie-clare Croker - selected in Hunter Netball Team

Swimming

The following students have been selected in the Hunter Swimming Team:

Bevan Smith
James Burton
Brady Cross
Lucas Kloosterhof
Maxwell McKillop-Davies
Ryan Shakeshaft
Caleb Whitehouse

Touch Football

Zayne Shutes and Joshua Hopkins - selected in Hunter U/15's Touch Team

Rugby League

The following students have been selected in the Hunter Open Rugby League Team:

Navren Willett
Oscar Holt
Alex Forbes

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

