



Principal's Report

I would like to start this report with thanks to parents/carers and students for supporting our Core Values of Cooperation, Participation and Respect. Students returned to school well equipped for learning and complying with behaviour and uniform expectations. I am hopeful this will continue as we enter the winter months. Support is available to families to access necessary school essentials. Please contact the school if you require assistance.

This term has been challenging for staff and students with the short supply of casual teachers to replace staff who have been absent. I would like to thank staff for supporting their colleagues in covering classes to ensure students continue their classwork and are not sitting in the playground. All staff have been allocated and accepted additional classes above their teaching load, which is greatly appreciated. The state-wide teacher shortage is impacting on our school, with some areas of the curriculum unable to be staffed in 2023. This has impacted on student elective choice, which is unfortunate and resulted in timetable changes. I will continue to search for specialist teachers to fill these positions in the future.

Staff have also continued to organise both curricular and extra-curricular activities for students, to create opportunities to participate in sporting teams, creative and performing arts workshops, science excursions, community cultural events, wellbeing talks, and Student Representative Council fundraising events for charities. Some of these are showcased in this newsletter.

The P&C continue to operate the school canteen offering a variety of food for students and staff and also fundraise for the school through the hosting of the Monthly Markets held at the school on the first Saturday of each month. I would encourage families to continue to support our P&C through attendance at meetings and attending the market each month.

Parents would be aware of the recent announcement of the state-wide ban on mobile phones from Term 4 2023. More

information about this will be made available to parents and students during Term 2. I would however thank our students for their compliance with our school's Mobile Phone Policy since the introduction in 2021.

School returns for Term 2 on Monday 24th April for all staff, who will participate in professional learning at Saltwater National Park. The focus is on Aboriginal Culture and History led by our Aboriginal Education Team. The school will be open with a small number of staff to answer any enquiries from parents/carers. All students will return to school on Wednesday the 26th April.

Finally, I would like to wish staff, students and families a restful school vacation. I encourage students to participate in the Taree community ANZAC Day march on Tuesday 25th April. Students participating will be required to wear school uniform.

Allison Alliston

Executive Principal

Taree High School P&C and Canteen News

AGM Wednesday 24th May 6pm, at Taree High school, all welcome
More information email tareehighpandc@gmail.com

Don't forget our Taree High P&C Market Day's are the 1st Saturday of each month 8am to 1pm. For more information email thspcmarket@gmail.com

We are always looking for volunteers in the canteen, a couple of hours a day, week or month. All welcome to help out. Please email canteen manager thstuckshop@gmail.com

Executive Principal : Ms Allison Alliston

Deputy : Mr Nigel Reece
Deputy : Mrs Raylene Starke
Acting Deputy : Mrs Lanie Rainger
Head Teacher Admin : Mrs Terri Patterson
Careers Advisor : Mr Glen Bowman
Head Teacher Wellbeing : Mrs Lanie Rainger
Senior Prep: Ms Alison Last
Head Teacher Growth & Attainment : Judi Wood

English

Head Teacher : Miss Kim Gurr

Ms Renee Bishop
Mrs Shari Chivas
Mr Charles Euchu
Mrs Zoe Fuller (Year 11 Adviser)
Ms Ashley Spencer

Maths

Head Teacher : Mr Mark Hamilton

Mr Paul Crook
Mr Jayson Hourn
Mrs Christine Kirby (Year 9 Adviser)
Mrs Olga McKnight
Ms Cassandra Yoole

PDHPE

Head Teacher : Mr Toby Gollan

Mr Rohan Abbott
Ms Jordan Hardy (Year 7 Adviser)
Mr Beau Harper
Mrs Jamie Harris
Mrs Nicole Higgins (Year 8 Adviser)

SCIENCE

Relieving Head Teacher : Mr Christopher King

Mrs Sienna Anderson
Mr Jacob Fryatt
Mr Robert Hawkins (Farm Assistant)
Mrs Tracy Latham (SCI Assistant)
Mr Apii Nikoro
Mrs Terri Patterson
Mr Ian Reynolds
Mrs Alisha Whitfield

HSIE

Head Teacher : Mrs Christopher Collier

Mrs Ruby Abbott
Mr Tim Hunt
Mr Joel Kelly
Mrs Rochelle Payton-Clarke
Mrs Lanie Rainger

CAPA

Head Teacher : Ms Leanne Ralston

Ms Kate Bauer
Mr Peter Bull
Mrs Fiona Corcoran
Ms Bri Honess (Year 12 Adviser)
Mrs Michelle Pellew

TAS

Head Teacher : Mrs Heidi Speers

Mr Steven Castles
Mr Richard Clement
Mrs Helen Kyranakos (TAS Assistant)
Mrs Carolyn McCann
Mr Brian Raglus
Mrs Barb Tate

Year 7 POD Teachers

Head Teacher : Ms Julia Smithurst

Ms Danielle Atchinson
Mr Graeme Dunning
Mrs Stephanie Northam
Ms Melanie Powell (Year 10 Adviser)

Support Unit

Head Teacher - Mrs Rhonda Farley

Mr Thomas Broadfield
Ms Tammy Goodman
Mr Bryce Hammond
Miss Laura Southwell

SLSO (Students Learning Support Officers)

Ms Amy Anderson
Mrs Justine Bridges-Rogers
Ms Leianne Cook (SU)
Ms Sophie Deer (POD)
Mrs Nicola Emoe
Ms Kristy Franc
Ms Fallon Halpin (POD)
Mrs Toni Hardes
Mr Ethan Higgins (POD)
Ms Jessica Jackson (SU)
Mr Marco Logarzo (SU)
Ms Simara Maggs
Mr Glen McCallum

Mrs Karlene Reading (PREP)
Mr Kyle Sagers (POD)
Ms Jolene Saldeng (SU)
Ms Nicolle Summers
Mrs Kristy Trenchard
Mrs Cathy Van Kampen (POD)
Mrs Claire Woollard (POD)

Other Non Teaching Staff (Student Support)

Mrs Carla Gillis (Librarian)
Mrs Therese Sullivan (LAST)
Mrs Bev Lamotte (LAST)
Mrs Christy Summerville (Student Support)

Ms Sarah Fitzgerald / Jenna McKeown (Counsellor)
Mr Simon Donnellan (Student Support)
Ms Julie Creedon (Library / First Aid)
Mrs Trish Armstrong (Library / First Aid)

Aboriginal Education Team

Senior Leader Community Engagement : Mrs Tannika Lewis
Head Teacher Aboriginal Education: Mr Benn Stewart
AEO : Mr Mikah Gibson

Uncle Russell Saunders (Elder in Residence)
Ms Eileen McGrady
Mrs Lara Went
Mr Josh Wood

Front Office

BM : Mrs Colleen Cefarin

Mrs Debbie Dunbier
Mrs Kathy Majewski
Ms Tina Rushworth
Ms Lisa Hollis

Upcoming Events for Term 2 2023

Week 1B	Staff Development Day	Monday 24th April
Week 1B	ANZAC Day	Tuesday 25th April
Week 1B	Term 2 Resume	Wednesday 26th April
Week 1B	Whole School Athletics Carnival	Friday 28th April
Week 3B	Wingham Beef Week	Monday 8th -Friday 12th May
Week 10A	SPIRIT DAY	Thursday 29th June
Week 10A	Year Assemblies	Thursday 29th June
Week 10A	Year 7-10 Semester 1 Reports Issued	Friday 30th June

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they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

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4 weeks



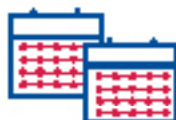
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week

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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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Year 11 & 12 and the Senior Prep Room

The last couple of weeks of the term are always the busiest for our senior students; the majority of them will have at least 1 assessment task due, in some cases they can have many tasks to submit before the end of term.

Some students also have assessments due in the first couple of weeks next term and will need to use their break to complete these.

Ways to get all the work done and handed in on time:

1. The **prep room is always open and available** to help them with any subject.
2. **Get HELP** from their class teacher or the Prep staff if they do not know how to do the task or to get feedback.
3. Use the wall planner/calendar handed out in prep, so they can see what tasks are due at a glance, to **plan and manage their time** better.
4. **Start early**; do not leave it until the last minute!
5. **Use prep classes** and 'free periods' to do tasks.



WORLD GREATEST SHAVE

Well done Eden Harrison of Year 8 who shaved and coloured her hair as she took part in the World Greatest Shave on Saturday 18th March for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Such a brave thing to do for a young person.

Check out her before and after. How amazing does she look!

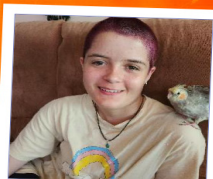
I've raised
\$1,387

of my goal
\$600

Check out my before and after!



Before



After

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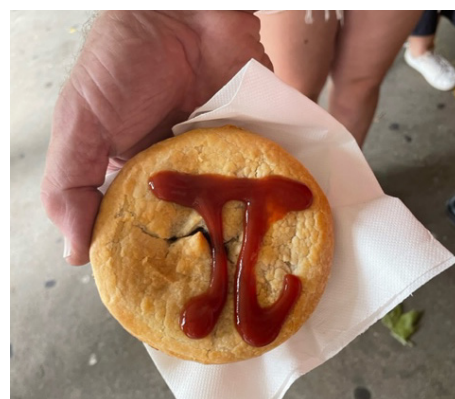
SRC Fundraiser

PI Day

March the 14th, just an ordinary day right?? WRONG!! It is international Pie day... yes Pi as in the mathematical symbol Pi. This year a THS, Mrs Kirby and the SRC decided to celebrate the day by selling pies, supplied by Baker's choice, and selling raffle tickets.

What were the raffle tickets for?? Well Mrs Kirby gathered a few willing, and maybe not so willing, participants to voluntary their beautiful faces to receive a pie... we had 2 winners from each year group who got to throw a pie at a teachers face today. Don't worry, the pies weren't like the pies the SRC were selling, these pies were just whipped cream in a paper bowl. Needless to say the staff and student, well most staff and especially some students, had a great day... next year will see bigger and better things!!

A massive thank you to everyone who helped out with the day, the funds raised will go towards Spirit Day. Oh and in case your wondering, our bell today was 100 digits of Pi - look it up on YouTube and see how many numbers you remember



MERITS FOR MANAGEMENT OF POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Well done to all students who received Merits for Term 1. Below shows the number of merits handed out for each year.

Year 7 - 373

Year 8 - 166

Year 9 - 349

Year 10 - 349

Year 11 - 213

Year 12 - 188

Library Report

Early in the term we highlighted Romance genre (around St Valentines day) with a fun game of romance trivia. It's always multiple choice and very easy to guess the answers but you need to be quick as Kahoot tallies the winners based on accuracy and speed. The students also had fun trying to catch the hearts, see photo.



Library assistant Miss Creedon throws out paper hearts.



Trivia winners: Rosalie Williamson, Sam Williamson, and Sophie Kelleher!

CHESS CLUB

Mr Hamilton – Head Teacher of Mathematics, has been running a Chess Club on Thursdays at lunchtime in the library and, boy, it has been busy! We have lots of chess players at Taree High who are loving the strategic challenge.



Lucas Beckley and Patrick Hayes



Tim Bischofberger and Caleb Mitchell



Aston Davies and Ayden Gale

ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM

Year 7 are reading for the Accelerated Reader program, this term is pod versus pod. Students read books and accumulate points for their pod. At the end of the term the pod class with the most points will win the Hot Chip party. Pod 5 are performing well with all class members accumulating points. An outstanding individual reader is Declan Ives – on his own he has accumulated more points than some whole classes! Well done Declan.



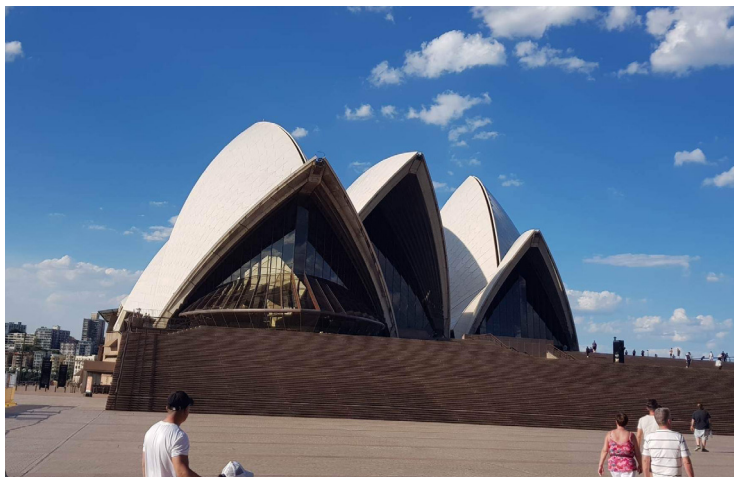
Year 7 readers Mackenna Lang Callow, Kiarrah Holland, Mikayla Maynard, Matilda Alliston, Matilda Tait.

Captains and SRC Report

Early in March, our captains and vice captains, Jess, Brady, Kate, and Will, attended the Halogen National Young Leaders Day Conference in Darling Harbour, Sydney. The conference aims at educating and inspiring young leaders to grow their leadership abilities, as well as their capacity to overcome challenges.

At the conference, our leaders got the opportunity to hear from Dr Jordan Nguyen, Caitlin Bassett, Anthony 'Harries' Carrol, and Maz Compton, as well as meet these amazing people.

Our captains said the trip provided an excellent opportunity to develop as leaders and offered new perspectives on overcoming challenges. They also said the trip was a great bonding experience, allowing them to further increase their capacity to be effective and collaborative leaders.



CAPA

DANCE - Lower Mid North Coast Dance Festival

Our Dance Ensemble have been working hard during breaks and Sport time to choreograph a contemporary piece for the Lower Mid North Coast Dance Festival. Their piece explores the light and dark within each of us. The dark sequences show our struggles and the light sequences, our triumphs. The dancers are making wonderful progress and we cannot wait to see the students perform at the Glasshouse next term!

DRAMA - SWOOP Physical Theatre Workshop

Year 10 and Year 11 Drama students recently participated in a workshop run by SWOOP Physical Theatre - a Sydney based company. The students learned many balances in pairs, small groups and large ensembles. These new skills will be incorporated into their performance work throughout the year and will support the students to create physically exciting and visually engaging theatre.



ONLINE TUTORING PROGRAM

We are excited to have started the online tutoring program offered through the Department of Education's Intensive Learning Support Program. Taree High has decided to focus our tuition on core numeracy content and skills. We have 5 groups of students from years 8 and 9.

Students work with an online teacher in Microsoft Teams and a program called NearPod, which uses interactive lessons that are engaging and educational. Learning goals are set for each student and are reviewed regularly. A teacher's aide will be supervising each group onsite in the school library, while students are working together to achieve numeracy outcomes and learn skills such as place value, percentages and decimals. We look forward to seeing students' skills and confidence grow over the 10 weeks of the program and the possibility of continuing online tuition with other students here at Taree High School.

Judi Wood
Supervisor,
Intensive Learning Support Program



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they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

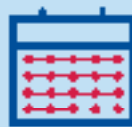


30 mins
per day



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18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

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Sports

TAREE HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2023						
BOYS				GIRLS		
AGE	NAME	HOUSE		AGE	NAME	HOUSE
12 YEARS	N/A			12 Years	Ruby Silley	Manning
13 YEARS	Lucas Weiley	Manning		13 Years	Scarlett Summers	Hooke
14 YEARS	Evan Thomas	Manning		14 Years	Rosalie Eggins	Murray
15 YEARS	Julian Jackson	Hooke		15 Years	Louisa Wilson	Peel
16 YEARS	Connor Humprey	Murray		15 Years	Mya Weiley	Manning
17+ YEARS	Brady Cross	Hooke		17+ Years	Chirstabel Lucas	Manning

CHAMPION HOUSE : PEEL

CAPTAINS RELAY CHAMPIONS : TEACHERS

CONGRATULATION TO OUR AGE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Zone Champion

12 Year Girls Ruby Silley

17+ Boys Brady Cross

Open Boys and Girls Knock Out Water Polo

The Open boys water polo team travelled to Charlestown pool on Thursday 23rd February. Unfortunately, the boys had limited experience and came up against some tough opponents in their first two games. In their third and final game, their opponents were of similar ability, and they had a great time sharing around the goals being scored and enjoyed the match.

A great group of boys who represented the school well.

The Open Girls water polo team also travelled to Charlestown pool on Friday 24th February. Unfortunately, the girls also had limited experience and came up against some tough opponents. They all showed some individual skills and were able to get some goals during their games.

Well done girls.

Cross Country

Well done to our Cross Country runners who ran in hot conditions on Wednesday 8th March. All competitors completed the course and will now represent THS at Zone at the end of Term 1.

Open Boys Basketball

The boys first game was against Chatham on the 28th February at their school gym. We won the game convincingly which meant that we had a round 2 clash with Hunter Sports High school on the 10th March. We travelled down to their school for another away game and had a shaky start to our game. We were not focused and had a lot of turnovers and missed rebounds for the first 10 minutes. Hunter Sports High gained a 20 point lead. After a time-out to regroup and focus we then held them at a 20 point lead for the rest of the game. Unfortunately we were not able to recoup our deficit and the final score was 55 to 34 with Hunter Sports High getting the win.

Sports

Open Girls Netball

Our team travelled to Forster on Tuesday to compete in the Manning Zone Gala day. The girls play 4 game on the day in very hot conditions. Their first game was against Wingham High School with a 26-14 win. Second game was against Gloucester High School, this game was a tight game until the 4th quarter and the girls taking the win 27-17. Third game was against Chatham High School, this game was a convincing win, the girls show great sportsmanship and encourage the other team to keep playing and not to give up. Fourth game was against Great Lakes College this game was our girls hardest game of the day, being the last game of the day the girls still played some great netball until the final whistle. The girls went down to great lakes by 2 points with the score at 20-22.

Our girls progress through to the Super 16 Round Robin to be played at Newcastle in a couple of week.

We would like to thank Domonique Wise for giving up her time to come and umpire for us on the day. We appreciate it.

Unfortunately our girls had to pull out of the Super 16 round robin due to other school commitments.

Open Boys Cricket

The Open Boys Cricket Team we in action on Thursday the 9th March at Johnny Martin Oval, playing Newcastle based team, Glendale Technical High School.

Appreciation to Taree West Cricket Club and Grounds Keeper for preparing an excellent wicket for the match.

Taree Won the toss and elected to bat with Kalim Mitchell and Toby Allan taking the crease as the opening pair. Kalim. Mitchell faced the first few balls of the match surviving a difficult period before setting nicely into his work and top scoring with 31 runs. The rest of the batting line up played productive innings with a late knock from Thomas Kennewell lifting the run rate and providing a respectable total of 119 runs off 20 overs for the team.

In the field the Taree High team set about unsettling the opposition with some good pace bowling from Christian Paterson that saw one of the openers run out trying to sneak a second run. Toby Allan had some great success with the ball in hand taking 4 wickets and executing a run out and taking a catch. There were plenty of other notable mentions throughout the match as all players pitched in and played the game in great spirit, seeming to rise to the challenge further when noticing the presence of Ms Alliston observing from the fence.

Well done all players for their efforts good luck in the next round against Lambton High (another Newcastle team).

Touch Football

Open Boys and Open Girls

On Friday the 3rd of March the Open Boys and Girls competed in a Touch Gala day. The students all displayed a high level of skill and sportsmanship despite the hot and humid conditions.

Taree High girls went up against Chatham High in game one and had a convincing 8-0 win. Game two was very competitive and narrowly won 4-2 against Great Lakes. The girls last game was an outstanding display of skill and teamwork and the Taree High girls won 11-1.

The Taree high boys played two games, the first game they had a slow start but came away with a convincing win 5-3 against Great Lakes. The second game they managed to come away with another 5-3 win against Wingham. They boys displayed a high level of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout both their games.

Congratulations to all the students on their behaviour and respect while representing the school. We wish both teams success for the next rounds.

Coaches: Mr Gollan, Ms Hardy and Mrs Harris



Open Boys Touch Football



Open Girls Touch Football

Sports



Open Girls Netball



Open Boys Cricket



Cross Country



Open Girls Waterpolo



Open Boys Waterpolo



U16s Futsal

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

Frazer Merrick

Hunter 15's Touch Football

Samira Mitchell

Hunter Open Girls Cricket Team
NSW CHS Open Girls Cricket Team

Charlotte Creek

Hunter Girls Softball Team

Navren Willett

Hunter u18's Boys Rugby League Team

Congratulations to the following Teams who advance in next rounds of Knockouts.

Open Boys and Girls Touch Football

Open Boy Cricket

Wed 19 April 10am – 1pm

SONG WRITING WITH JAKE DAVEY



ARE YOU 12 - 24 YEARS OLD?

If yes, this FREE workshop is for you.

Learn the process of writing music and lyrics including melody writing, song structure and more!

If you have an instrument, bring it along. Don't play? That's okay! You can sing or just focus on the writing process.

Come along to explore music as a new hobby or discover a passion that could turn into a career.

Workshop numbers are limited to 20 participants – get in quick!

This event is brought to you by MidCoast Council's ACE team.

The ACE (Arts, Culture, Environment) Team is a group of local young people aged 12 to 24 who are working with MidCoast Council to co-create workshops and events for young people in the region.

**Wednesday 19 April
10am – 1pm
Taree Universities Campus,
1 Pulteney Street, Taree
NSW 2430**

Scan QR code
to register
or visit:
<http://bit.ly/3vQEyTE>



THS Quiz Page

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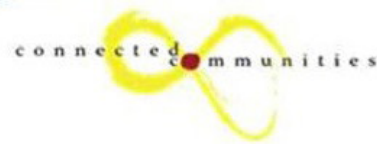
6 DISNEY TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. In The Lion King, where does Mufasa and his family live?
2. What is the name of the snake in the Jungle Book?
3. What type of animal is Abu in the Disney film Aladdin?
4. Can you unscramble the following letters to reveal the name of the Rabbit who features in the film Bambi : PUMTHER?
5. What colour is Winnie the Pooh's top?
6. Which Disney movie feature a song called, 'I just can't wait to be King'?

Answers on page 18

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*Respecting the past.
Embracing the future.*



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Freeing Your Voice*



Miller Voice technique training with Grace Callaghan

**Two FREE 90 minute workshops
at Taree Universities Campus for 12 – 24
year olds**

Date: Wednesday 12th April
**Times: from 10 am and again at 1pm (join
one or the other)**
Venue: Taree Universities Campus

Grace is a young local performer who recently travelled to New York to undertake training in the renowned Miller Voice technique. Grace is now qualified to teach this transformational method that helps to build confidence, harness the power of presence, and engage audiences..

These interactive workshops will help participants to learn about and respond to their unique breathing and vocal habits and discover new ways to free their voice. No experience or prior training needed....

All you will need is yourself, water, clothes you can move in and an open mind.

Numbers will be capped at 12 participants per session, so get in quick!

For more information or to reserve a place contact marlo.slavin@tareeuni.org.au OR call 1300 16 9990

Answers to trivia questions?

1. Pride Rock
2. Kaa
3. Monkey
4. Thumper
5. Red
6. The Lion King