



## Principal's Report

Term 2 has presented us with many challenges with the ongoing teacher shortage. COVID and Influenza A are still impacting on staff and students. I would like to thank parents for having students vaccinated, alerting the school to positive cases and keeping unwell students at home. The impact on staff has also been great with a shortage of casual teachers to replace them. I would like to thank the staff for taking multiple extra classes over the term to prevent students sitting in the playground due to teacher absence. We are also combining classes to enable students to continue with their learning. This will continue into Term 3. We are always seeking more staff to be able to fill the gaps available and through welcoming new casual staff to the school. Term 3 will see timetable changes for students in Year 8-10 due to staffing restrictions. We have had to collapse one core (English, Maths, Science, PDHPE and HSIE class in both Years 9 & 10. This includes class combinations and staff changes. Elective classes will not be collapsed but will see some staff changes. Mrs Starke (DP) has been teaching and will continue to fill the shortfall in TAS staff and from Term 3 Mr Reece (DP) will be teaching in English and Ms Alliston will be supporting Uncle Russ and the Aboriginal Education Team when they deliver the Gathang Language and Culture Program to Year 7. This will affect the availability of our Senior Executive Staff.

Despite the shortage of staff, they have and will still facilitate extra-curricular activities for students to enable them to develop their talents across multiple areas. You will see examples of these events in this newsletter. These events include many sporting teams, participation in the Lower North Coast Dance Festival, Taree Eisteddfod, our Aboriginal Dance groups performing at cultural events, the annual NAIDOC Community Concert, Elders Lunch, Wingham Beef Week, Student Representative Council fundraising events, Rainbow Day, and to finish the term the Triple M Concert. These events are only possible because of the generosity of staff who give their time beyond their teaching loads.

Our school is undertaking many maintenance works to improve our facilities including the installation of air conditioners in all classrooms. This installation will be completed over the holidays and will provide comfortable learning environments for learning both in winter and summer months.

We say goodbye to four staff members at the end of term. Mrs Chivas, Ms Whitfield and Mrs Lewis will take a break to welcome babies into their families and will return in 2024. Mr Benn Stewart leaves us to take a position as an Aboriginal Language and Culture Consultant with the department to advise and assist schools across the district to develop strategies in Aboriginal Education. We thank Benn for all his service to the school and honour the significant impact he has had embedding Gathang Language and Culture into our school. All of these staff will be missed but we wish them all the very best over the coming months and into their futures.

We wish all students a happy and safe break and look forward to welcoming them all back on Tuesday 18th July.

*Allison Alliston*

*Executive Principal*

## Taree High School P&C and Canteen News

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](mailto:thstuckshop@gmail.com)

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

For more information email [tareehighpandc@gmail.com](mailto:tareehighpandc@gmail.com)

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TAREE HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATION

**To be eligible for school representation, Taree High School students must meet the following criteria:**

- Have attempted all assessment work due for completion and submitted it to the relevant teacher on time.
- Maintain a satisfactory standard of attendance of 80% or above, including punctuality and attending all lessons.
- Consistently demonstrate the school's core values of Cooperation, Participation, and Respect by maintaining a positive behaviour standard.

### **Ineligibility Criteria:**

**Students are ineligible if:**

- Assignment/assessment is incomplete or not submitted by due date without reasonable explanation or a warning letter has been issued, without a satisfactory redemption.
- Attendance is less than 80%
- 5 unexplained lates or truancy recorded in the past 5 weeks
- Behaviour is unsatisfactory and is under review (placed on a Yellow Level).
- Received a formal caution to suspend in the previous 3 weeks OR they've resolved a suspension in the previous 5 weeks.
- Banned from non-compulsory excursions for 10 or more uniform infringements in the previous 10 weeks.

### **Finalising Student Lists**

- Excursion Coordinators should email the teaching staff a list of potential students and seek feedback on the ineligibility criteria before organisation is complete.
- Students cannot be considered for representation and should not receive permission notes while they are considered ineligible.
- Excursion/Team lists must be finalised and be included with the blue Excursion Form no later than 2 days prior to the event.

### **Appeals/Special Circumstances**

A student can enter a written submission no later than 1 week prior to the event to the Senior Executive or Head Teacher for consideration of special circumstances. This submission will be considered, and the findings communicated to the student and organiser of the event.



# NAIDOC 2023





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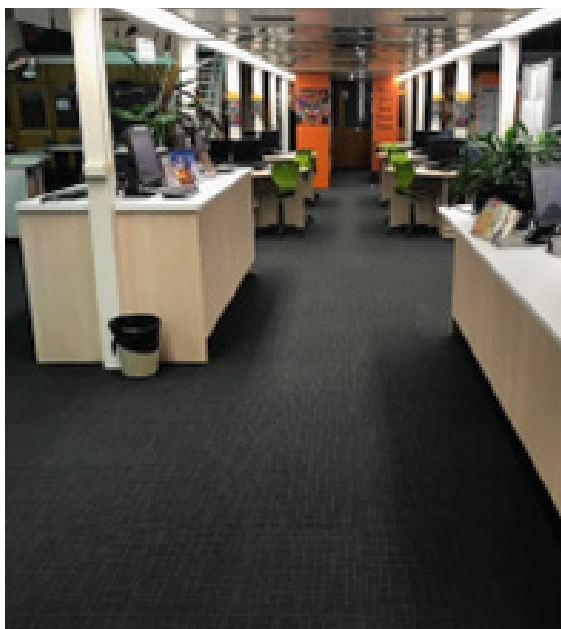
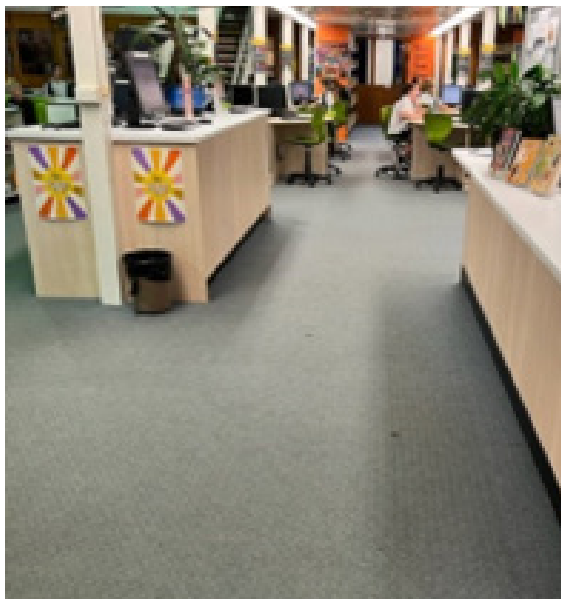
NAIDOC THEME Aunty Eileen McGrady and Allison Alliston





## Library Report

The first and most exciting thing this term was that we came back to school to find new carpet in the library! The stained old blue carpet has been replaced with slick dark grey carpet that makes the library look very modern.



### Visiting Author – Jacqueline Harvey

With the sponsorship of MidCoast Libraries, we were able to have a real-life, successful Australian author come and do a workshop with Yr 10 students. Her name is Jacqueline Harvey and she is the author behind the Alice-Miranda series of books, as well as many others including the Willa and Woof series. It was inspiring to have her talk about where she got

ideas for stories, and what motivates her to write. She has had two animated movies made out of her Alice-Miranda books and there are plenty more stories to come. Our students left the session feeling very inspired indeed.



Evie Barton, Hailey Urquhart, Mya Weiley, Bonnie Minett, Olivia Mather, Sommer Abbott, and Jaqueline Harvey.

One of Jaqueline Harvey's books



Jacqueline Harvey working with year 10 students.





## Yarning Circle

Uncle Russ and the Aboriginal Education Team along with the assistants from NSW Bicentennial Gardens, have put together this amazing yarning circle for the whole school to use. Great space for outdoor learning.

We can't wait to see what it will look like when it's completed.



## Beef Week

9 students represented Taree High at Wingham Beef Week. They did amazingly well preparing the 2 cows, considering the rain and limited time being able to access the Ag farm. Anabelle Starr, Sommer Abbott, Marcus Smith, Tyler Burgess and Ibanez Lovell all had a chance to lead the cattle. Rory Murray, Mya Weiley, Nate Roach & Aaron Merchant helped prepare the cattle.

Marcus Smith placed 6th in the British White section with Oereo who also placed 6th in the carcass section. All students had an excellent time and learnt so much. The show team have already started preparing and breaking in the new cattle for upcoming show.



### Upcoming Events for Term 3 2023

Week 1B	Monday 17th July	Staff Development Day
Week 1B	Tuesday 16th July	Term 3 commences for all Students
Week 1B	Thursday 20th July	SPIRIT DAY
Week 2A	Tuesday 25th July	Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Interview
Week 2A	Wednesday 26th July	Regional Athletics
Week 2A	Thursday 27th July	Careers Expo
Week 5B	Monday 14th August	HSC Trials
Week 5B	Monday 14th - Friday 18th August	Year 11 Snow Trip
Week 7B	Thursday 31st August	Year 7 Immunisation
Week 8A	Thursday 7th September	Year 7 Immunisation
Week 9B	Tuesday 12th September	Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 10A	Wednesday 20th September	Year 12 Presentation Night



## TRIPLE M





## Crative and Performing Arts

Visual Arts and Ceramics students have been very busy throughout Term 2 creating some very exciting and successful artworks and community projects. With the growing popularity of Ceramics, the volume of work the students are producing is outstanding and the kilns are running 24/7.

Year 11 Visual Arts were invited to work on a community project in collaboration with Taree & Wingham Produce. They were supplied with two fibre glass cows and were given a design brief. The students produced two beautifully designed and painted cows that are now displayed in the community out the front of Taree & Wingham produce. This project was completed alongside the students assessable components of work so all were very busy and it was a project that all enjoyed and were very proud of the outcome. The students enjoy giving back to the community when the opportunity arises.

Year 7 Visual Arts have been doing a process of self-discovery focussing on abstract self portraits. These portraits were mixed media where students experimented with a number of techniques including blind contour drawing, painting, blending, text use and collage to symbolise personal aspects of themselves. This was completed with a showcase exhibition of all works in the library.

Year 10 Ceramics have been building beginning skills in the art of ceramics creating windchimes and furthering their skills with texture boxes using slab construction techniques and decorative qualities.

Year 11 Ceramics have been delving into some 3-dimensional formations creating spherical bas relief sculptures and focusing on carving and glazing techniques.

Year 12 Ceramics have completed their final structured project producing life size bust sculptures inspired by artist Ah Xian. They are now busy creating pieces for their personal projects which will demonstrate all the skills they have learnt.

All students in CAPA are to be congratulated on their efforts this Term and we are very excited to see skills developing and more exciting projects in the future.





## Crative and Performing Arts

### DANCE

Congratulations to our Dance Ensemble who successfully auditioned for this year's Lower North Coast Dance Festival. The students are performing their piece entitled, "Lift Me Up", at three shows this year. They will be featured at both shows on Tuesday 20th June, as well as the prestigious Showcase evening on Thursday 22nd June. Here is a photo of the dancers rehearsing in the Hall this term and stay tuned for the professional photos from the festival!

### DRAMA

This term has been busy with Drama extra-curricular! Well done to Riley Donovan, Samantha Hollis, Bonnie Minett and Bayley Read for participating in a variety of scenarios at the UoN's Manning Clinical School. The students had to enact various illnesses for the undergraduates training to be doctors. Both the trainers and trainees were highly impressed with our students' performance skills.

It was also fantastic to once again participate in the Annual Taree Eisteddfod, after a couple of years' hiatus due to COVID. Drama students from Years 9 to 11 competed in small groups in their Unscripted Drama sections. We achieved a 1st place, as well as a Highly Commended. A huge round of applause to all involved!





## Youth Arts Festival

Thursday 27th April saw 23 Taree High School students get on the school bus and venture out to the Manning Entertainment Centre for the inaugural Youth Arts Festival. This festival was created by MidCoast Council's ACE Team and Headspace Taree's Youth Reference Group and was a collaboration with MidCoast Council, Taree Universities Campus and Headspace to celebrate Youth Week in the Manning.

The day gave students opportunities in experiencing cultural activities, workshops and performances in the Arts and Taree High students embraced everything that was on offer with excellent participation and enthusiasm. From stilt walking, dancing and signing (for prizes), role plays and dress ups to watching or participating in technical or song writing workshop, the day provided experience for all.

The afternoon culminated with a showcase of performers signing their own songs on stage in front of a very supportive and receptive audience.

All students were outstanding and a great day was had by all. Congratulations Taree High.



## Year 7 PODS Report

Year 7 PODS have been learning the topic how can we force change, during this unit the students learnt how to write a persuasive text to force change. In science, they learnt all about forces and energy, then they used this information to research, design and build bottle rockets with the aim of flying the furthest and staying in the air the longest. The rockets were fantastic! The students also got to practice buoyancy force by making paper boats that had to float weights and they also competed in a paper plane challenge using different types of aerodynamics.

In HSIE, the students studied warfare weapons and the impacts they had on society. The highlight was building catapults out of paddle pop sticks and having a "battle" in the class.

All year 7 PODS were able to see a fantastic weapons demonstration by the talented Mr Dunning. The students were very captivated and inspired by his martial arts and weapons training.





## Sports

### Under 15's Girls Soccer

On Wednesday 3rd May, the U15 girls soccer played MVAC in round 2 of the Bill Turner Trophy competition. After a quick start, Taree scored first through some excellent skill by Rosie Eggins. MVAC levelled just before half time, and we went into the break at 1-1. MVAC come out strong in the second half and scored two quick goals and unfortunately our girls were unable to recover from this eventually going down 6-1. The girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and were a pleasure to take out. A big thankyou to Lachlan Murray and Ben Wallace for assisting on the day as Linesman and Sommer Abbott for helping coach the team.

### Under 15's Rugby League

The 15's Boys competed at Harry Elliot Oval in Tuncurry last Thursday the 4th of May. They played 3 games, Game 1, Taree High School vs Great Lakes College. Zane Hopkins scored a try in the last 2 minutes of the game to make it 10-10. Henry Davies converted the last try to seal the game at 12-10

Game 2, Taree High School vs Great Lakes College This was a physical game, our front rowers Noah Alliston and Jackson Allen lead the way up front, allowing our backs to capitalise. Frazer Merrick scored two tries, having a standout performance. Score 24-10

Game 3, Taree High school vs Wingham High School. Blake Murray started at fullback, scoring two amazing tries. In the 2nd half Jake Hunter returned to fullback showing his class and finishing the game with 3 tries.

Overall we had a great day and came out on top, sending Taree High School to the next level. Special mentions to all of our players who competed and turned up all day. Henry Davies kicked 6/6 goals showing his sharp shooting prowess.

### Open Boys Soccer

Taree High participated in the Open Boys 2023 Puma Cup Knockout late in Term 1 in Maitland. Our team played Francis Greenaway High School in an away match on Wednesday 29th March in Week 10. The team consisted of a mix of Year 12 and Year 10 boys with a range of experience. The boys all played a full game as we weren't able to take any reserve players on this day. The boys put in their best efforts and gained some good experience in playing this football (soccer) match. They enjoyed the day and played on a well drained ground. Unfortunately our opponents were too good for us on the day and they advance to the next round.

Well done boys for representing Taree High in good team spirits!

The team included:

Jie Hepworth, Caleb Mitchell, Jayden Manus,, Jasiah Cusbert, Ethan McGilvray, Josh Brawn, Ben Robinson, Ben Wallace, Connor Neal, Luke Croker, Thomas Kennewell, Mr J. Kelly (Teacher/Coach/Manager)"

### YEAR 9/10 Touch Football Gala Day

The boys and girls had an outstanding day at years 9 and 10 touch football gala day, located at Wallsend on Thursday the 8th of June.

The boys started slow having to run straight on the field without a warm up. They showed that they were still cold with an unfortunate defeat the first game, however, coming second game they came out red hot with a 6-0 win. Unfortunately the boys were knocked out, coming home with a 1 of 4 games win. Players player for the day is Hudson Deas.

The girls showed up today with a 2 from 3 win. They came out on top against Terrigal High (twice) which then allowed them to venture into the quarter finals against Tomaree High. An incredible effort from the girls who strived hard to get into the finals. Players player for the day goes to Luca Merrick.

Well done to you all , huge efforts. A huge Thankyou for Mr Hammond and Miss Mullen for taking the two teams down and coaching them on the day and to Joshua Hopkins and Jasmyn Barringer for putting their hand up to ref the day.

### Open Girls and Under 14's Girls Rugby League

Our teams travelled to Port Macquarie yesterday to compete in the Katrina Fanning Cup on Tuesday 30th May. Both teams came up against some tough teams on the day. Our open girls lost both their pool games which meant they didn't qualify for semi-finals.

Our 14's girls won both of their pool games and qualified for semi-finals which they won. The girls now progress through to the next round, date and location to be advised.

Congratulation to both teams and we wish the 14's girls the best of luck in the next round.

## Sports

### Open Boys & Girls Touch

On Friday 2nd June, the Open Girls and Boys touch teams made their way down to Newcastle to compete in the Hunter finals.

Round 1 for the girls was against Callaghan College. After a slowish start they soon found another gear and finished the game winners. Their second match was against a stinger opponent in Tomaree High. In this match the girls got outplayed going down 4-2 in the end.

The boys first match was against Tomaree. A sluggish start saw them concede early and the teams went try for try for rest of the match ending in a draw at the completion of normal time. A drop off saw some tense moments and when the teams were reduced to 3 and we looked like conceding the winning try a last ditch dive from Billy Buck saw Taree gain possession and ultimately win the game after a nice return pass saw Blake Murray score in the corner.

The second game was a much less stressful affair against Callaghan College. The boys coming away easy winners in this game.

Their final match was against Hunter Sports High, who came away with a convincing win and showed the class you would expect of a sports high school team.

This result saw the boys team progress into the next stage of the CHS touch competition as Hunter B and will now face North Coast A to gain a chance to play in the state finals.

Mr Gollan and Miss Hardy would like to thank all students for their outstanding representation of themselves, our school and the wider Taree community.

Well done.

### Open Girls Soccer

The open girls soccer team travelled down to Merewether High School Yesterday Tuesday 16th May with Mr Gollan and Miss Mullen.

The girls had outstanding enthusiasm throughout the entire game, despite being outclassed by an impressive Merewether outfit. Several students whom were standout players.

A huge congratulations to Stella, Ellie and Luca for being our stars of the match. Well done to you all.

### Open Boys Hockey

On Monday the 15th May, the Open Boys Hockey team travelled to Newcastle for the CHS final 8 series. The THS boys displayed a high level of skill and sportsmanship and won their first two games, 10-0 against Lambton High and 1-0 against Whitebridge High. The final game was against Newcastle High and unfortunately the boys come away with a 4-1 loss.

The boys will now progress in the CHS knockout as Hunter B. We wish them all the best for the rest of the competition.

Mrs Harris & Ms Hardy.

### FUTSAL

Taree High's U16 Boys Futsal team scored an invite to the Eastcoast Hastings School Futsal Titles in Port Macquarie towards the end of Term 1. This round robin event was held at the Port Macquarie Indoor Stadium on Thursday the 30th March in Week 10. The boys had to play 8 games of futsal and qualified equal 1st for the semi-finals. They were unbeaten all day with only wins or draws. In the semi-final is when Josh scored the best goal of the day to help win the semi-final 2-0 (vs Hastings College Port) and making the grand final. The boys were unable to score early after a few close misses and the other side (MacKillop College - Yellow) then did score and after trying to score an equaliser, we let in another two goals for a 0-3 loss. Taree finished with the Runners Up trophy and this qualified them to the next NNSW State stage of the competition later in the year.

A massive effort from the boys with no indoor training possible due to the school gym's floor being replaced. A few notable efforts included:

Golden Boot: Julian

Player of the Day: Blake - super effort as goalie.

Best Goal: Josh (Close to a full court goal)

Everyone put in their best efforts on the day - Fantastic work boys!!

Ben Wallace, Ben Robinson, Joshua Brawn, Connor Neal, Ryan Withers, Julian Jackson, Evan Thomas, Frazer Merrick, Blake Murray, Hudson Deas, Tyler Dillon.

Mr J.Kelly

(Teacher/Coach/Manager)



## Sports

### NSW Netball Schools Cup.

On Tuesday 9th May, Taree High School had four teams participate on the day.

Years 7/8 Girls  
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Years 9/10 Girls  
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A tough day for our Year 7/8 Girls, 9/10 Girls and Boy only winning a few games but it saw a successful day for our Year 7/8 Boys team who have progress through to the regional finals at Port Macquarie in August. Team photos will be upload once we have them.

### Open Girls Tennis

Monday the 8th May, the Taree High Schools Open Girls Tennis team played in the CHS KO at District Park, Newcastle. To set the scene ..... let's just say it was very cold and very windy, some of the most challenging playing conditions I have seen in quite some time.

Our first opposition was Newcastle High, a typically sting tennis team. The girls started strongly in the doubles winning both sets in a tight tussle. Singles next - where Samira who is known for her cricket prowess maintained her unbeaten CHS record of 2 wins no losses despite not playing tennis before and only learning the scoring process on the bus trip down. Amarli playing in her first match for THS also had a winning start.

The end result in this tie was a win to Taree and moving into the next round against Hunter Sport High.

The girls had little rest before their next match. Again starting with doubles our pairing made it very difficult and very nearly won both sets but ultimately a few tie break points went against us and saw us go down 2 nil in the tie.

What it did do was give the team some confidence leading into the single match knowing they were able to match the opposition.

Excellent performances from Olivia and Samira saw the girls push the tie into reverse doubles. Jessica and Amarli were very unlucky not to come away with the wins and both girls put up significant performances in their singles matches.

Unfortunately we were not able to win both doubles and the win went to Hunter Sports High.

I would like to commend all the Girls for their respect, determination, cooperation. Such a great bunch.

### Bill Turner Cup

Taree High's U15 Boys Football (Soccer) team competed their first match in the Bill Turner Cup Knockout competition towards the end of Term 1 on Friday 24th March in Week 9. The match was played in the afternoon at Great Lakes College Forster campus at the school's ground. The boys had different levels of experience in soccer but all put in their best efforts to represent Taree High in a good fashion. The boys held the Forster team well in the first part of the game but were unable to withhold a late flurry going in a few goals behind at half time. The second half was a much closer affair (2-1 to Forster) and with Evan scoring a great goal.

Forster moves on in the competition but our boys should be proud of their efforts.

A big thanks to Micah Gibson for also helping transport some boys to the game.

Connor Neal, Thomas Kennewell, Julian Jackson, Evan Thomas, Blake Murray, Frazer Merrick, Leo Allan, Hudson Deas, Jackson Allan, Zane Hopkins, Jim Mitchell, Lincoln Chessier, Lucas Beckley, Zack Randle, Tarin Lester, Great effort boys!

Mr J. Kelly

(Teacher/Coach/Manager)

### Hunter Hockey

Abby Watts, Lillianah Williams, Lily Atkins and Jordan Hardy (coach) have all been away at NSWCHSSA Girls Hockey Tournament representing Taree High School in the Hunter side. They came top of pool B and finished 3rd overall. Abby Watts made it into the 2023 NSWCHSSA Girls Hockey Team that will be played next term. Congratulations to her and Goodluck

Jayden Manus and Brady Cross have both been away at NSWCHSSA Boys Hockey Tournament representing Taree High School in the Hunter side. They finished 3rd overall and Brady was voted MVP for the Hunter side. Both boys made it into the 2023 NSWCHSSA Boys Hockey Team that will be played next term. Congratulations to both boys and goodluck.

# MAD FOOD SCIENCE

## Family Event



**FREE!**

**FRIDAY 7 JULY 2023**

**TAREE, FIRST STEPS COUNT  
CHILD AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**10AM - 12NOON**

An engaging, interactive whole-family program, designed to kick-start behavioural change in homes around food and sustainability, through education and inspiration.

**Registrations essential!**

Register at [www.coastline.com.au/community/partnerships/](http://www.coastline.com.au/community/partnerships/)