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CAREERS

Year 12 students have been attending some lunch time forums called “chewing the fat” (we provide some free pizzas) once a fortnight to assist the students to come to terms with the complicated process of applying for university, university accommodation, scholarships, early entry and anything else we can discuss about their transition from school. I am not sure if the students are keen to learn some new things or just like junk food, but pleasingly the forums are very well attended and hopefully put their minds a little more at ease.

Most “big things” like University entry, scholarships and early entry applications occur during Term 3. It is very important students now start making a real plan about what they are doing when they leave school. I am very happy to support students with this and many are doing just that by making an appointment.

Our next big Careers Excursion will be the annual Newcastle University Senior Schools Day on the last Thursday of Term 2 (Thursday 25th June). We are sharing a coach with Chatham High School, but should have forty seats to offer our students from both Year 11 and Year 12. Permission notes will be out soon, but please note that this trip is very popular and a first in basis will apply.

For the diary, the Careers Expo at Chatham High School will again be held on the second Friday of Term 3 (Friday 24th July, 9am to 12 noon). This event will be open to students from Years 10, 11 and 12, with only a small cost for the bus. We are expecting over 60 exhibitors in tertiary training, universities, apprenticeships, Government Services and Defence, with parents most welcome.

The school has had a very big and healthy increase in the number of school based trainees and apprentices. We now have thirty students starting, continuing or nearly completing school based traineeships or school based apprenticeships in areas such as retail, property services, business services, aged care, nursing assistance, childcare and construction. State Training deadlines mean that for 2015 we can no longer sign anybody new to traineeships, but advertised opportunities will exist for 2016 (current Year 10s) for retail, business services, aged care and health assistance.

Towards the end of this Term, I will be starting the Preliminary HSC course selection process for Year 10 students during their PDHPE lessons. Students really enjoy working through their potential pattern of study from the amazing amount of diverse options we can provide for our students, whether they are academic or vocationally motivated. During this time I will also discuss how students can access work experience during Year 10.

Glen Bowman
ANZAC DAY

As April 25th rolled around again, our marvelous THS students came out in large numbers to represent not only our school, but also the past and present service men and women of our country. It was a wonderful morning with crowds of people lining the streets as we marched proudly to support the veterans who fought 100 years ago. Members of the Taree Council and RSL gave inspiring speeches, and our Captains laid the lovely wreath under the war memorial. It was a beautiful morning where we, and the community, came together to remember and commemorate the brave ANZACs.

THS ANZAC CEREMONY

On April 22nd, Taree High School held a moving ceremony in the hall to mark the 100th year of ANZACs. Students in all years represented Taree High and their peers through touching speeches about how the ANZACs inspired them to fulfil their core values. Beautiful singing of war songs and the national anthem were performed by the Singas and Fellas choir group, and the Special Education unit, allowing talented students to musically express their respect and admiration for the honourable ANZACs. Student representatives of the cadets participated in the ceremony, along with many others of the student body, with all students working hard to make this event a touching success. Guest speakers of the Lions Club and many of the staff members of Taree High School played vital roles in the organisation and running of the ceremony; special thanks to Mr May for his outstanding efforts. A truly moving event.

O CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

A few months ago the great four Captains from Taree High School sent out letters to invite the Captains from other local schools to meet for an inaugural ‘Captains Conference’. We invited the leaders from Wingham, St Clare’s and Chatham High schools, as well as the Christian Community and Manning Valley Anglican Colleges.

As this conference was our initiative, we held the first meeting here at THS. We all become really good friends and we are working out to be a great team. We started planning a social gathering and a sport field day for Year 12 students. The conference was a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Wingham High School next held the second meeting on Friday 15th May which proved to be another beneficial gathering.

With great Captains from each school working well together, we have a lot of exciting events coming for Year 12.

Our next meeting will be at the Christian College in two weeks.
SCREEN STARR SUCCESS

Taree High has entered the 21st century in terms of our publicity. In 2013, our Executive Principal, Ms Alliston, asked the SRC Technology Committee, headed by the current Vice Captain Nicholas Starr, to implement a whole school project. Now, in key areas around the school we have six screens that highlight achievements and promote upcoming events on the THS calendar. The SRC Technology Committee should be congratulated on the extensive planning, implementation and success of this amazing project.

YOURTUTOR

The Future Moves team at Charles Sturt University has been working with our school since Term 4 2014 on activities designed to help students build aspiration for tertiary study and then help them achieve these goals. As part of this program, Future Moves is providing our students with access to Yourtutor for the remainder of 2015 as part of a pilot study. Students have been given login details and tutorials on how to use the service. We encourage everyone to use this amazing tool.

CONGRATULATIONS........

- Jacob Straub who is part of the Hunter Boys Basketball Team which WON the CHS Championships! Jacob is the first student from THS to be on this team in over 20 years! A very big accomplishment, well done to you Jacob!

- Massive CONGRATULATIONS to Year 10 student Mathew Croker who has been named Captain of the U16s NSW Origin Team. An enormous accomplishment for one so young.

- Tahni Walters – Member of CHS Hunter hockey Team who won the CHS Championships.


- SRC and P & C for a spectacular May Madness fete.

BREAKFAST FOR CHAMPIONS

Our fabulous foursome - Captains Tom and Lilly, and Vice Captains Nick and Emma, were invited to a breakfast for young leaders hosted by our local MP, Steve Bromhead. As always, these four fantastic students do us proud whenever they represent our school! It is very sad to think we only have them for one and a half terms before they leave us.

TAREE HIGH HAS A NEW ADDITION

How exciting! The new polos have arrived at WorkWise Taree and at Country Embroidery Wingham. This is a new ADDITION to our uniform, not a replacement for any Taree High sanctioned attire a student already owns. $28 each... Limited stock available at the moment so get in quick! More will be available soon.
MAY MADNESS

On Saturday 30th May, the Taree High P&C held the inaugural fete, ‘May Madness’. The COLA was filled with stalls including produce, specialty gift baskets, hardware, bric-a-brac and athletic clothing. Inside the hall was a photobooth, handmade jewellery, cosmetics, and other specialty goods for sale. The SRC ran a number of events including their own clothing stall, balloon fortune, a chocolate throwing competition, a BBQ, plus the popular guessing competition – where they filled Ms Alliston’s Audi with balloons and competitors had to estimate how many balloons were inside! Another big hit was the pop-up café run by Mrs Chapman and her merry band of hospitality students. A very big thank you to the P&C, headed by the effervescent Mrs O’Rourke, Ms Alliston, and the SRC, for all of the time and effort put into this event. Also many thanks go to those parents, carers and community members who came along to support this event.

2015 YEAR 11 SNOW EXCURSION

The annual Year 11 Snow Excursion organisation is progressing well. Currently just under 80 students have made a commitment to participate and are looking forward to their experience at Perisher in August.

The students have recently indicated a preference to either snowboard or ski. We are happy to change this option right up to a week before departure, but please understand that upgrading from skiing to snowboarding involves a small extra cost.

Thank you for the efforts in keeping up with the payment schedule. As we are nearing the stage for full payments, please note that after the 19th June, refunds will come with a cancellation charge, as we have processed payments to our wholesaler.

Please note that elements of the trip such as lift tickets are NON REFUNDABLE or TRANSFERABLE and make up a significant proportion of the total cost. Please note, that students at 19th June with outstanding school fees will have to finalise those fees instantly, or unfortunately they will be withdrawn from the excursion (with full refund).

We will provide information to each student, on the current status of his or her payment schedule, very shortly to assist with budgeting.

No student can attend the excursion with any amount outstanding on the balance owing.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

The Snow Excursion Coordination Team

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.
Grandparents are most welcome.

If ordering fruit salad/salad boxes please pre order in morning.

Hot soup & bread rolls $3.50
Beef & gravy rolls $4.50

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SWANS CROSSING BUSHWALK

Recently the Year 9/10 Outdoor Education classes headed up to Kerewong State Forest for a day trip to Swan’s Crossing. The group was lead by Mr Abbott, Mr Curtis, Mr Bowman and Benn Saunders. The excursion was an opportunity for the students to put into practice some of the skills that they had developed throughout the semester.

The group set off along the ‘Gorge Trail’ which is a challenging walk that follows Upsall’s Creek, before climbing up the ridge to the forest trail. Benn managed to find some bush tucker along the way which had many scrounging about on the ground looking for some ‘pudin’ to try, as well as sarsaparilla vine and bush raspberries. Once back at the camp ground the group successfully cooked their own lunch on trangia stoves. A good day was had by all despite a few reports of leech attacks leaving most of the troops looking forward to the camp at Diamond Head at the end of Term 3.

MAGICAL FIELDTWIP TO THE EISTEDDFOD

On the mystical morning of Friday, 8th of May, SOAR attended the Taree eisteddfod, performing in three different sections, including Soft Rock, Hard Rock and their age group section. They took out two 1st places, and a 2nd place throughout the day. The usual gang included Banjo Hunt, Josh Clarke, Jordan Terry, Cam LeMessurier, Ben Stevens and Sampson Hillyard, playing two originals – Refurb and Day Dreams – and various covers including Big Jet Plane and Feel Good Inc. Tears were shed, mics were thrown, long socks were worn, and heaps of other cool stuff that you all missed out on. Ginormous thanks to Mr Bull and Mrs Ralston once again. The day was enjoyed by all, and they’re definitely looking forward to the next eisteddfod. Also, they’ve got a heap of albums down in the music rooms for you to sink your ears into, so come get one, or go find one of them in the quad.

Yours musically,
Sampson Hillyard.
Oh… and Brendan was there.

RUGBY UNION GALA DAY

Taree boys were undefeated champions at the Coffs Harbour Rugby Union 7’s Gala Day. They will now compete in the state championship at Narrabeen, Sydney later in the year. Well done to all of the players and a big thank you to the time and effort put in by their coach, Mr Williams.
PEER LITERACY 2015

A big **thank you** to our Year 7 students who are volunteering to train our Year 10 students to be tutors. It looks like they are having a lot of fun too. A big **congratulations** to the tutors! They surprise and delight us with their inventiveness and ability. These committed group of students are gaining a TAFE certificate at the end of Term 3 which will be great for job and scholarship applications. They are having fun too and learning about the tutoring and mentoring role.

And there is the chocolate...

CHS STATE BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Jacob Straub of Year 11 gained selection to the Open Boys Hunter Basketball Team. This was a fantastic achievement considering Taree High has not had a representative in this team for nearly 20 years. The team travelled to Sydney to compete in the three day State Carnival. Playing in his preferred position of ‘Small Forward’, Jacob was an integral part of the team that was unbeaten over the first two days (five games) of competition leading into the knockout stage. In the Semi-Final game against Sydney North the Hunter Team came away with a last second 1-point victory to move through to the State Final and Championship game against South Coast. The Hunter Team kept their winning streak alive with an 8 point victory to be crowned State Champions. Congratulations Jacob on this outstanding achievement!

SOCIAL

Wow wow wow!!! Thank you everyone for one of the best socials we have had for a very long time. Your behaviour was impeccable, your energy was impressive, and you coped with the sudden storm very well! A very big thank you to our resident DJs Hayden and Tom for spinning some truly sensational tunes and the SRC for keeping bags in check and tummies full of lollies. We hope everyone - hippies, hipsters and ALL those lads (about 200 lads we think) had a great night.
TAREE HIGH SCHOOL LEADS THE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS’ SCIENCE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

As part of the 2015 Primary School Syllabus, the new Australian Curriculum outcomes are being implemented in our local schools. In conjunction with this, Taree High School’s Science Faculty has developed a Science Enrichment Program for students attending Mitchell’s Island Public, Old Bar Public, Oxley Island Public, Taree Public and Taree West Public schools.

Mrs Ariana Lawrence, the Head Teacher of Science at Taree High School, states “the program has aimed to provide primary school students with an engaging, hands-on experience, where the kids are excited to do Science. Due to its specialised nature, Science can sometimes be seen as hard to teach, or is often limited by budget restrictions, making it hard to afford all of the equipment for each experiment. Taree High Schools aims to ensure that every student has the opportunity to engage in the exciting, ‘magical’ side of Science”. The program consists of three main phases:

- **Syllabus Implementation:** Specialised Science teachers from Taree High School have worked closely with the teachers at the primary schools, to produce a modern, interactive and engaging Science curriculum program. As a result, each of the primary schools are working from a common, interactive syllabus program over a duration of 14 weeks, with hands-on activities featuring in every lesson.

- **Team Teaching Experiences:** Science teachers travel to each Community of Schools primary school, to deliver a workshop on colloids, including the exciting demonstration ‘Elephant Toothpaste’. As a result, students were motivated by the ‘magic’ of Science and rose to the challenge of forming a ‘square bubble’, pushing the boundaries of their prior understandings to encapsulate more complex examples of the States of Matter.

- **Student Visits to Taree High:** Students from each of the Community of Schools primary schools travelled on fully funded transport to Taree High School’s Science Laboratories. Students completed a round robin of 4 possible workshops, based on; creating a rainbow test-tube by layering salt solution density, crushing a can with only atmospheric pressure, examining the colloidal properties of slime and assessing the efficiency of oil slick clean-up methods. Each workshop also focused on the development of Laboratory Safety and the use of Scientific Equipment such as Bunsen Burners, mild chemicals and glassware, which are not accessible in a primary school setting.

Although only in the early stages of implementation, students have already had access to a range of additional resources and specialist Science equipment that can sometimes be limited in primary school settings.

Mrs Lawrence continued “Over the past four weeks, Taree high School has opened the door of the Science Labs to welcome close to 300 students into one hour workshops, focusing on identifying and describing the properties of Solids, Liquids and Gases. Best of all, the kids got to make slime! Just seeing the grins on their faces as they boarded the buses to go home makes it worthwhile… they loved it!.”
SINGAS AND FELLAS

Tuesday 2nd June saw sixty students in the Singas and Fellas get on Jim’s bus and journey to the Manning Entertainment Centre to compete in the Vocal Eisteddfod, while giving Jim a taste of what we were about to do. Maybe compete is the wrong word…as we were the only ones in the section after another school pulled out…scary competition perhaps?? We sang a Coldplay song, Fix You followed by Some Nights by Fun and the sound was amazing, especially the acapella part!! And of course we won!!

The following section saw SOAR with the addition of Brendan Thode and Caitlin Lannoy perform Big Jet Plane and Feel Good Inc. in the Secondary School Group section and, considering they had only prepared the songs a week earlier, were outstanding. The smiles and happy faces from all on stage were priceless! They were awarded a second place, only missing out on the first place by one point. Amazing what can be achieved when you put effort into something!!!

We then went to McDonalds for some well-earned refreshments followed by some chill out time down by the riverbank where we had some of Ralston’s rocky road chocolate and we were given our ribbons. A great day was had by all and the school has since been chosen as the best choir on the day and received a voucher to spend on music. Can’t wait to do it all again next year!!!
So far, this show season has seen Taree High School’s show team participate in Wallambah and Wauchope shows, where we were placed amongst a competitive field.

Wallambah Show Results:  
- Second in heavyweight steer competition, comments from the judge saying’ he’d love to take our steer home for his BBQ’  
- Senior Judging - Jack Carter 2nd, Chet Clark 4th and Georgia McCarthy 5th

Wauchope Show Results:  
- 3rd in the led steers  
- 3rd in the school bred steers

During the show season, we also saw some of the team mates take on some stronger leadership roles. Particular recognition to Megan Lalor who acted as the group herdsman, keeping students calm and organised for all their events.

Well done to all students involved in the 2015 show team!

WHAT:  
TRIPLE M MUSIC CONCERT

WHY:  
TO SHOWCASE OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS  
FUNDRAISE FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT  
SHOW OFF OUR NEW HALL EQUIPMENT

WHERE:  
TAREE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

WHEN:  
WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2015

TIME:  
6.30-9.30PM

COST:  
$ 5.00 PER PERSON  
$15.00 PER FAMILY (4 OR MORE)

OTHER:  
REFRESHMENTS INCLUDING LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED BY TAREE HIGH SCHOOL’S HOSPITALITY CLASS AND AVAILABLE FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION

A RAFFLE WILL BE HELD WITH PRIZES DURING INTERVAL

SO:  
COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR AMAZING CHILDREN AND OUR TERRIFIC SCHOOL FOR A NIGHT OF FABULOUS ENTERTAINMENT.  

Natalie Hunt and ‘Locky’ at Wauchope Show