April 2013
8th - 12th Regional Dance Camp - Lake Keepit
9th Parent/Student/Teacher Night - School Library - 5pm to 7pm
Water Polo - Newcastle
Rugby League Development Program - Oval - Period 3
Prime Lamb Comp. - Glen Inness
12th Last Day Term 1
27th Northern Excursion commences
29th School Development Day
30th School Development Day

May 2013
1st First Day Term 2 - All students return
3rd Athletics Carnival - TREC - 8:30am to 3:20pm
10th Stewart House Day
12th Northern Excursion returns
14th-16th NAPLAN - Years 7 & 9
21st Finance Meeting 6pm - Meeting Room
P&C Meeting - 6.30pm - School Library

June 2013
10th Public Holiday - Queen’s Birthday
13th DJ Festival 2013 - Town Hall - 6pm to 10pm
18th P&C Meeting - 6.30pm - School Library
22nd - 27th State Senior Music Camp

FORMER STUDENT CATCH-UP

Daniel Clements and Rachael Simon, HSC graduates from Tamworth High School in 2012 photographed at the entry to Charles Sturt University where they are continuing their studies in Paramedics.
2013 - Week 10

Next P&C Meeting – Rescheduled AGM will be held Tuesday 21st May at 6.30 pm in the school Library. Life memberships will be an item on the agenda as nominated at the March meeting and the District Guidance Counsellor will also give an overview of his job. General meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month for approximately an hour to an hour and half. We invite all new and returning families to these friendly and informative meetings. Have a cuppa whilst we meet.

Uniform Shop – Open Thursday lunch and by appointment when required. Contact the school office. New and pre loved school uniform items available. New supply of School Ties junior and senior are now available at the Canteen every day or Uniform Shop on Thursdays for just $20. Socks for Hockey and Football also available at the Canteen for just $10. If you are able to help out here we would love to hear from you.

Canteen – Thanks to Cherree and her small band of volunteers for the great service. The canteen is always willing to hear from anyone who has a spare day or two a month to help out. Hot chocolate and coffee machine now installed and awaiting your order.

The P & C outstanding volunteer for term 1 is MICK – congratulations!

The redevelopment of the learning space is almost complete, we look forward to being able to fully utilise our new canteen once the learning centre is complete towards the end of term. The Year 12 seniors should be getting excited about the study area being organised for them near the new Careers Information staff office. The special sports floor will be an amazing area for movement, drama and dance.

School Uniform – Term 2 is our winter uniform time.

Junior girls and boys wear the ice blue shirts in winter with the junior stripe tie.

The P & C supports the wearing of correct school uniform as set out in the school handbook and on the school website. Because of WHS this includes the wearing of fully covered black leather school shoes. We ask parents to support the school by ensuring their children are in a safe learning environment with correct safety equipment and clothes for all classes.

P & C Email Newsletter Group – trying to be ‘greener’

If you would like to receive the school newsletter via email please email thsp_and_c@yahoo.com.au or thspandc@gmail.com.

Like us on Facebook Tamworth High P & C

Country Music Camp Tamworth High 2014 - anyone interested please email us so we can get the organisation happening. P&C Country Music Mobile : 0487 114 030

Information sheet for bookings has been prepared if you know of anyone who would like to use THS as a camp site.
**CANTEEN SPECIALS**

**FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 8TH APRIL**

- BUTTER CHICKEN $4.50
- CHILLI CHICKEN SUBS $4.50
- CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD $4.50

**FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 29TH APRIL**

- ROAST BEEF & GRAVY ROLLS $4.50
- CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD $4.50

**ALSO WE NOW HAVE COFFEE**

- MOCHACCINO $2.50
- CAPPUCCINO $2.50
- FLAT WHITE $2.50
- ESPRESSO $2.50
- HOT CHOCOLATE $2.50

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**Uniform Shop**

Open Thursday lunch and by appointment when required. Contact the school office. New and pre loved school uniform items available.

School Ties are now available at the canteen for just $18.

Socks for hockey and football also available at the canteen for just $10.

If you are able to help out here we would love to hear from you.

Has your son/daughter outgrown their uniform?

If you would like to donation uniforms please leave them at the Front Office.

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**‘The Buzz’ Newsletter**

“The Buzz” is issued to students every second Friday to take home and it is also uploaded onto the school website (address on the front cover). You can also have your email added to the P&C database to receive a copy electronically.

It conveys information about school events and students’ successful achievements in both the school and the wider community.
TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
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10 PRIZES—DRAWN: APRIL, 22ND, 2013
TICKETS $2

1. 3NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN THE HUNTER VALLEY
   AT THE TUSCANY WINE ESTATE
2. D&C PROJECTS BUILDING DESIGN-DRAFTING SERVICE
   $500 GIFT VOUCHER
3. A 2012 SIGNED SYDNEY ROOSTERS JERSEY
4. A 2011 SIGNED NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS JERSEY
5. $100 DINNER VOUCHER
   AT THE SAFARI CLUB
6. AN ACCOUSTIC GUITAR
   DONATED BY P&B MUSIC
7. A MENS/LADIES HAIRCUT AT CUTTING POINT
8. 3 HAND-CRAFTED MITTO'S FISHING LURES
9. MAXIFI GOLF BAG & A ROUND OF GOLF AT THE
   LONGYARD GOLF CLUB
10. IRRIGATION PACK DONATED BY WATER DYNAMICS

Note: 10 people will be drawn out in order and each winner will have the
opportunity to choose from the remaining prizes.

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Astronaut, Commander at International Space Station.
WHATS ON IN THE THS MUSIC FACULTY

Instrument lessons
Students have the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments from experienced professional instrumental teachers.
These range from flute, clarinet and saxophone to trumpet, trombone, French horn and tuba.

Next term we are looking to start string program with violin lessons. We have places for 10 students. See Mrs Sullivan in the Music classroom or staffroom for more information.

Performing Ensembles
Concert Band      Monday morning 8.30- 9.20 in HMUS2
Vocal Group       Tuesday morning 8.30-9.10 in HMUS1
Drum Group        Thursday lunch in HMUS2
String Group      Tuesday Lunch in HMUS2

ACTIVITIES:
DANCE CAMP 8TH-12TH APRIL AT LAKE KEEPIT.
It is very exciting to see numbers in our attendance at the vocal and Dance camps growing. I hope everyone has a great time. From vocal and Dance camp, students may gain selection in Regional ensembles and performance opportunities in select ensembles at Schools Spectacular.

TAMWORTH EISTEDDFOD
The Concert Band and the Choir will both be entered in the Eisteddfod this year it is great to the music section reinstated.

CAPERS
We will be looking for participants in all areas of the creative and performing arts for Capers. Held in November we will need musicians, dancers and singers and back stage/ sound and lighting. Any students wishing to be involved or try for featured artists see Mrs Sullivan.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR.
We are taking a Dance group and a vocal group to Schools spec this year. Dancers will be selected by Miss Bricknell and singers will need to be members of the vocal group. So get involved!!!!!
Disease Detectives Wanted!

“Flu tracking” is an innovative program running through the state government’s Hunter New England Health Local Health District and is looking for disease detectives to assist with tracking influenza across Australia. “Flu tracking” would like to invite students and families to participate in the weekly online survey. All you need to take part is access to a computer and an email address. Students can sign up individually (13 years and older) or you can sign up as a family with multiple household members.

Surveys are sent on Monday mornings between May and October.

The surveys are quick and easy (they take less than 10 seconds) and ask you if you have experienced any flu symptoms in the previous week. By participating you are allowing researchers to build a system that can quickly identify the onset of influenza and as the flu season progresses, we learn more about the severity of the particular strains in circulation, how well that season’s vaccine is working, and whether the virus has mutated.

If you would like to participate in the “Flu tracking” survey this year visit www.flutracking.net and click the join now icon and fill in the registration details. If you have any questions about the research you can contact the team on:

flutracking@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Sign up at www.flutracking.net
**National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools in May. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-16 May 2013.

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**Writing**

In Numeracy tests Year 7 and Year 9 students will require a calculator.

If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests please contact Mr Sowden, Mrs Penberthy or Mrs O’Sullivan at the school on 02 67 657 888.

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**NAPLAN – Calculators**

All students in Years 7 and 9 will need a scientific calculator for one of the numeracy NAPLAN tests to be held on Thursday 16th May, 2013. These calculators can be purchased from the School Canteen at a cost of $32. Students should consider borrowing a calculator from older siblings or friends if they do not own one.

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**Disability Provisions for the Higher School Certificate and the School Certificate**

Students in Year 12 who are sitting Board of Studies HSC examinations later in the year are able to apply for provisions which can assist them during those exams. These were previously called ‘special provisions’ and include using a reader/writer, diabetic provisions, extra time and separate supervision.

Any student in Year 12 who would like an application made to the Board of Studies should see Mrs O’Sullivan. Parents are invited to contact either of these teachers at the school to discuss disability provisions options.

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**My Favourite Number Assignment**

**Year 7 Batman**

We are Year 7 Batman. Ms Gouvoissis (our math teacher) gave us our first maths assignment called My Favourite Number.

We had a lot of fun doing it because we had to think of reasons why we picked our number, interesting facts about our number, mathematical facts about our number and where our number occurred.

We also had to create a model or poster of our number. Two students Chloe Palmer and Lucy McDonald made cakes out of their numbers.

The best part was that we got to eat them. YUMMY!!!!
Open Girls Football

After the rally call at the start of the game of “THS – Bee better than the rest!”, the Open Girls Football team got off to a winning start for 2013 with a comfortable 3 nil victory over local rivals Oxley High.

The girls had a slow, nervous and sometimes rusty start, but after a quarter time break (due to heat) we went ahead with a great run and finish from Ashleigh Bridge.

The girls were comfortable throughout the half but only had a 1 nil lead at the half time break. In the second half the girls never looked threatened and even when Oxley game close to our goal Abbey Bridge always had it covered. We took a 2 goal lead before the three quarter break when Emily Warner and Ashleigh Bridge made sure of it with her second for the day. The team constantly peppered their goal with Georgia Taggart a menace on the right.

This year we have had a turn around on some of our players, due to leaving or injury, and so we welcomed some new players. Special mention needs to go to our two new Year 7 girls who played extremely well; Anna Little and Veronica Klepzig. Also our defence was reshuffled this year with Lauren Liddle and Louise Brown playing in new positions but were very solid in the backs. We also welcomed Hollie Taggart to the team and we thank her for her efforts.

Finally the girls want to say a HUGE thankyou to this schools hardworking P&C. After the debacle last year of the girls wearing the same strip as the boys (on the same day) after their game in Gunnedah; the P&C decided to purchase two new strips for the school. The girls looked amazing and they claim they were very comfortable. So once again, Thankyou!