November 2013
1st - 2nd  CAPERS performances
6th      HSC Exams - Last day
7th      Year 12 Formal - 7pm - West Leagues Club
15th     The Buzz
19th     P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
29th     The Buzz
29th - 30th  School Spectacular - Sydney Entertainment Centre

December 2013
3rd      Sports Awards Assembly - 11am start - Hall
4th - 6th  Bandlink Workshops - Narrabri
10th     Presentation Night - THS Hall - Commences 7pm
11th     Finance Meeting - 5:00pm
13th     The Buzz - Last issue for 2013
18th     Last day of Term for students
19th - 20th  Staff Development Days

January 2014
28th     School Development Day - Staff Return
29th     Yr 7 & Prefects & New Enrolments commence
30th     All other students commence

MURAL mural on the wall........

On the 15th October, junior students from the Special Education Unit attended the unveiling and hand-over of an amazing mural to the Friends of the Marsupial Park. It was a grand affair with an official ceremony and BBQ lunch followed by time to explore the park.

Throughout Term 3, THS students worked in collaboration with students from Hillvue Public School to create this fantastic artwork. Local Indigenous artists provided the artistic theme and design which incorporates the strong spiritual connection local Indigenous people have to their country and its valued native fauna and flora. All the animals that live within the park appear in the mural, which was installed on the outer wall of the Flight Aviary, during the recent school holidays.

Students have incorporated the mural into their studies of the local Gamilaraay language and really enjoyed seeing their contribution as a seamless part of the whole mural. Students have appreciated the experience and are enthusiastic to continue the connection and volunteer their time to further enhance the park and its facilities.
Tamworth High School has three featured artists in this year’s CAPERS. These artists are:

Jasen Scott
Ashley Scott
Meghan McGrane.

Tamworth High School students are also involved in Dance, Choir, Band and Drums.

CONGRATULATIONS

Meghan McGrane who performed with the State Choir in the Opera House last week!

Canteen Specials

Week Beginning 4th November
Roast Beef and Gravy Rolls $4.50
Potato chips $3.00

Week Beginning 11th November
Chilli Chicken Sub $4.50
Potato chips $3.00

We also have mochaccino, cappuccino, flat white, espresso and hot chocolate. All for $2.50

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The Coffee Shop continues to develop the skills of our students through a range of activities connected to the Coffee Shop such as, cleaning and assisting with cooking. As the students attain a greater skill level they progress to serving and operating the cash register.

The Lioness Ladies, (who offer a mentoring program to the students), come to the Coffee Shop once a week. On these days, the students are learning to take orders, serve the ladies and discuss many things concerning their education and future employment. These skills are all necessary for the student to enter the work force with confidence.

Thank you to all who support the Coffee Shop.

Tamworth High School P & C Association Inc.
L. Courtney Secretary (thsp_and_c@yahoo.com.au)

Next P & C Meeting – Last for the year. Enter via Jean Street. Tuesday 19th November 6.30pm in the school Cafeteria Learning Centre for approximately an hour. We invite all new and returning families to these friendly and informative meetings. Life membership presentation to Jeff Budden, Marg McKenzie Davis and Annette Seagrave will be at 7pm with supper.

Cafeteria Learning Area – the new furniture is a huge hit, come in and take a look.

Camp Tamworth High – well underway with bookings. We need help from parents and prefects for the cleaning of amenities each afternoon for about an hour.

App - P & C have decided to trial an app for messages and newsletters to help with communication with parents. More information to come.

Uniforms - The P & C will be having Uniforms R US ladies coming along to fit girls for Junior and Senior Summer uniforms. Thursday 7th November 4pm – 5.30pm in the school foyer and uniform shop area. Forms will be available at orientation day and a 50% deposit will be required at time of fitting and ordering.

Uniform Shop – Open Thursday lunch (1.30pm to 2.00pm) and by appointment when required. Contact the school office. New and pre loved school uniform items available.

Tamworth High P and C
CHANGES TO BUS LINES

At the end of the school day it is expected that students walk home, are picked up by parents/carers or stay in the school grounds until their buses arrive.

No student is to be outside the school fence/gates or at the Southgate Shopping Centre.

If your child catches a bus to Limbri, Carroll Gap, Bithramere, Quirindi, Coledale, Westdale, Oxley Vale, Nundle, Dungowan or Longyard they are to wait in the Year 7 area until the bus arrives and depart through the top gate.

All other buses pick up at the gate closest to B - Block and the Front Gate. These students must wait in the Year 12 and Year 10 areas. These changes are in an effort to ensure a smooth and safe exit from the school at the end of each day.
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Time and date: Tuesday 12/11/2013
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Venue: Tamworth Services
Club - Russell Room

Ph: (02) 6648 5435
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Who should attend:
- Parents, friends or relatives who are/will be supervising drivers
- Learner drivers are welcome to attend if accompanied by their supervisor

Presentation covers:
- The Graduated Licensing Scheme and licensing conditions.
- New laws for young drivers
- Young driver issues
- The importance of supervised on-road driving experience
- Low risk driving tips
- Developing a partnership with the learner driver
- Planning on road driving experiences
SICK BAY

If a student feels unwell, they are to let their class teacher know, who will write a note to take to the Front Office. The parents/carers will be contacted to inform them of the illness and organise for the student to be picked up.

*Students should not phone parents directly, to pick them up.*

If a student is unwell at home, please do not send them to school.

If any new medical conditions are diagnosed eg asthma, epilepsy, heart condition, diabetes etc, the school needs to have written notification from the treating Doctor as well as a health care plan for the school to follow when needed.

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EARLY DEPARTURES

On occasions your child may need to leave school early, eg; Doctor’s appointment. Please provide your child with a signed, dated note stating the reason and time required for the early leave. This note needs to be given to the staff in SAO PRIOR to Roll Call. An early leave pass will be processed and available for your child to collect in the first recess break.

This process ensures the students name is listed on the absentee sheet for the day with the time of departure, and that they are waiting to be picked up at the appointed time.

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WHATS HAPPENING IN THE CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY

**Music lessons:** Our lessons will be continuing with the same times and days this term. Please be on time and ready to play. Fees are due by Week 6. We still have spaces for students wishing to learn a Brass instrument or saxophone or violin. Please see Mrs Sullivan.

**Band** will continue on Monday mornings at 8.30. We accept all new comers, so if you play and instrument, come join us! The band is competing in the Eisteddfod this month so it is important that everyone is at rehearsals.

**Choir** is continuing to grow but we still need many more voices. Rehearsals are changing to lunch time in Hmus1 on Thursday. Be on time with your lunch and ready to sing. All are welcome there is no audition for the choir all you need is the desire to have fun and make music with others. The choir is working towards CAPERS and School Spectacular.

**String Group:** This is a newly forming group and will be rehearsing on Tuesday lunch in Hmus2. All string players in the school are welcome. I am looking forward to working with this group.

**Drum Groups:** We have two drum groups. The advanced group will rehearse this term on Friday at lunch in Hmus2. This group is working towards playing in CAPERS.

The second group is a junior group for any student who would like to join us and will be rehearsing Wednesday lunch in Hmus2. This is a beginner group. Again there is no experience required other than a willingness to try and have fun.

**NEW INSTRUMENT GROUPS** will be formed starting Term 4.

Places for one Oboe, Alto and Tenor Sax Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute and French Horn. Also looking to start a beginners Strings Group with spaces for five violins. For these we will provide the instruments, we just need the bodies.