November 2013
19th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
29th  The Buzz distributed
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

Relay4Life is an important event in the year for the Tamworth community and was held this year on the 2nd and 3rd of November at the old netball courts in Taminda. It acknowledges and seeks to give hope to all patients, carers and survivors of Cancer and their families. The Prefects of Tamworth High for 2014 made an effort to participate in the event and put in many hours of preparation. Toffees and milkshakes were sold over the first day in order to help raise some money for the Cancer Council and we are proud to say that we raised more than $214.

“Sting” - the school Bee mascot, was also a huge hit with those participating in the relay and many children and adults alike were keen to get their photo taken with the THS representative. Another event organised by the newest Prefect elect was a horse race and obstacle course for teachers and students held on the field for Melbourne Cup Day. This was set up in order to try to get both teachers and students involved in a fun activity for the day. Toffees and milk were left over from Relay4Life and these were sold over lunch time in order to fund future events for the school and to help contribute to the gift which will be presented to the school at the end of 2014 by the Prefects. A further $323.15 was raised from this effort.
Earlier this week our newly elected Captain, Samantha Moxon and Vice Captain, Chris Coulton represented Tamworth High School at the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony, held at the Town Hall. They attended amongst many other schools who laid the traditional wreaths during the ceremony.

It was a very moving ceremony, with particular emphasis on the younger generation carrying on the respect and pause in the day of remembrance to mark those men and women who fought in the many wars and paid the ultimate sacrifice for those living today.

Mr Rands ‘shouted’ the Captains and I morning tea with the Principal and Captains from Oxley High! Congratulations Samantha and Chris for performing this role with the respect and dignity it deserved.
The Busy Bee Coffee Shop wishes to acknowledge the support of Baker’s Delight, City Plaza for the delicious Focaccias our staff enjoy so much.

Baker’s Delight is also offering a voucher to receive $1 off your next purchase.

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 – The last meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 19th November 6.30pm in the school cafeteria learning centre for approximately an hour. Enter via Jean Street. 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 and C have decided to trial an app for messages and newsletters to help with communication with parents, more information to come.

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

Tamworth High P and C
During the recent severe hailstorm which hit the South Tamworth area, students from the tennis sports group sheltered in the COLA area as the storm suddenly hit. It was deafening as the wild weather intensified, leaves and debris flying everywhere and hail the size of jagged ping pong balls pummelling the area.

After the storm, with leaves shredded from trees and an eerie silence falling on the school, students noticed a number of native birds lying injured or stunned on the ground nearby. After a rigorous search of the school grounds, a number of empty photocopy paper boxes later and assistance from School Administration Staff, the injured birds were carefully collected and transferred to the Greencross Veterinary Clinic on Werris Creek Road. Injuries included broken wings, broken legs, and stunned, stressed birds.

Students and staff wish to sincerely thank:-

- Mrs Caron Lasscock for transporting the injured birds to the vet,
- veterinary staff at Greencross for kindly treating the birds,
- WIRES organisation for continuing to care for the birds as they convalesce and recover from their injuries, and
- the Silvey family for nursing one very lucky little bird back to health.

Last reports say that ALL the injured birds have survived and are on the road to recovery as the result of a combined community effort and the quick and compassionate action of several amazing and quick-thinking students: Brady Greentree, Nikita Neville, Dylan Ryan, Brodie Frazer, Brandy Carmichael, Callum Thorncroft, Kyla Emerton, Khyeesha Geale and Celine Berger. Well done everyone!
Everyone needs to be pro-active with keeping Head Lice under control.

It is good practice to check the hair of every member of the family at the same time and if live lice are found to treat the hair of all family members at the same time.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities have a number of resources available on their website to educate parents and kids about Head Lice.

Information covers:-
- facts about Head Lice,
- treatment and tips,
- removing Head Lice and Nits,

Useful links include: -

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8 Rik Transforms Shakespeare

Peter Urquhart, Paige Elliott, Felicity Forge, Georgia Taggart, and Hannah Gordon took Shakespeare to a whole new level recently. With the help of Mr Forgeard, a trainee teacher from Walcha, Miss Deaves’ 8 Rimsky English class helped these 5 students put together a scene from Shakespeare’s play, Twelfth Night.

The class have been reading Twelfth Night this term. For his last lesson with us, Mr Forgeard decided to help us bring it to life. The Art Centre was booked then we “took to the stage”!

Each student had a part to play:
Peter as Sir Andrew, Paige as Sir Toby, Felicity as Fabian, Georgia as Malvolio, and Hannah as Maria. The rest of the class got to be the directors, providing ideas on how each character may say their lines and what actions they may do.

On behalf of 8 Rimsky, we would like to thank Mr Forgeard for making Shakespeare fun. It was sad to see him leave but we wish him all the best in his future studies and teaching.

By Charli Kenny
**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, Cole-dale, 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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**CAFETERIA SPECIALS**

**FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18TH NOVEMBER**

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ALSO WE NOW HAVE COFFEE $2.50
MOCHACCINO CAPPUCINO FLAT WHITE ESPRESSO
HOT CHOCOLATE $2.50

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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 an 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. 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

**NEW INSTRUMENT GROUPS** formed at the start of Term 4. Oboe, Alto and Tenor Sax Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute and French Horn.