THE BUZZ

Tamworth High School Student Representative Council 2013
The Tamworth High School Student Representative Council annual elections have been held. There was a great response from all year groups with a large number of students vying for the privilege of representing their peers. There were a number of successful re-elections this year with 12 students ranging from Years 8 – 12 reprising their roles in the SRC.

Thank you to the exiting members of the Student Representative Council from 2012. They achieved great outcomes for their peers and school.

The Student Representative Council are looking forward to another successful school year of community involvement, fundraising and advocating for their peers.

The Tamworth High School student representative council members for 2013 are:

Year 7: Hollie Taggart, Joshua McCulloch, Luke Berman, Patrick Hofman
Year 8: Georgina Martin, Georgia Taggart, McKenzie Bath, Peter Urquhart, Shelldon Norris
Year 9: Ashleigh Bridge, Benjamin Crocker, Emily Bishop, Esther Bartlett, Maree Vongphachan
Year 10: Bromley-Jean Nankivell, Jesse Aiken, Katie Robinson, Meghan McGrane
Year 11: Dana Bayliss, Emily Simpson, Samantha Moxon, Zarayn Knight
Year 12: Kieran Betts, Lauren Greentree, Rourke Rose, Shana Byrne
2013

P & C Meetings – Thanks to those that attended Tuesday of this week. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the school Library 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.

Next Meeting – AGM will be held Tuesday 19th March 6.30 pm in the school Library.

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.

Canteen – Thanks to Cheree 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. The development of the learning space means our canteen is serving from the double green doors opposite the TAS department. We look forward to being able to fully utilise our new canteen once the learning centre is complete towards the end of term.

School Uniform.
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.

The P & C will be organising another successful fit and measure afternoon for winter uniforms in March. If you will be utilising this service please let us know via email of your preferred time and date in March and we will then make a decision.

Tamworth High P & C had a review of the whole school uniform six years ago, when we changed from the junior dress to skirt and shirt. We are not changing our uniform in the near future. When we do review the uniform, consultation happens with the whole school community, students, staff and parents. Currently our P and C are very happy with the uniform we have if it is worn correctly.

Country Music Camp Tamworth High 2014 – anyone interested please email us so we can get the organisation happening.

50:50 Funding Project with DEC Assets – The P and C would like to put in a submission to provide more shade in the Year 7 area around the Basketball courts with a cola construction. All submissions are due by 15/3/13.

School Buses – Thanks to Mr Allen for his report on our THS Buses. A great resource for the children at Tamworth High provided by the P and C. We will now get the trailer fixed, painted and Tamworth High Logo added.

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
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

The Benevolent Society delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

To find out more contact Anne Yates, Saver Plus Worker at The Benevolent Society
6762 1344 / 0431 651 571 or anne.yates@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

Canteen Specials

For the week beginning 25th February

- Roast Beef and Gravy Rolls $4.00
- Hot Dogs $3.00

For the week beginning 4th March

- Hokkien Noodles with Chicken & Veg $4.50
- Caesar Salad $4.00
- Caesar Salad with Chicken $4.50

Also we now have coffee

- Mocha
- Cappuccino
- Flat White
- Espresso
- Hot Chocolate $2.50

Year 7

Year 7 have begun the huge steps into high school, and have settled in well into their new classes and routines. The classes this year have been named after superheroes and each student was given a badge of their respective class (superhero) on the first day of school.

There are a few things coming up in the next couple of weeks, the first being a Year 7 ‘Year Day’ which will be on Wednesday the 27th out at Kootingal Pool. The year day will involve getting to know one another in the year, and to deal with the issues surrounding year 7 such as bullying etc. Students will need to remember to return their notes and money for the bus ($5) and pool ($2.60) to Mr V. It’s a great day out and I hope to see all students there!

The next event is one that I’m sure they are all looking forward to and that is their vaccination needles day, which is on the 5th of March. Please ensure that all medical forms are returned to school before the date.

Hope the rest of the term goes well, and the Year 7’s enjoy their time here at Tamworth High.

Mr M Vereyken
Year 7 Year Adviser
The Tamworth High Swimming Carnival for 2013 displayed encouraging levels of participation, plenty of tribal warfare between the houses and a grandstand finish.

The carnival commenced with the traditional ‘fashion parade’, judged by our current fashion & tribal march-past specialist, Gina Ostle. The vocal, visual and organisational display for the loudest and proudest house went to Brisbane, much to the disgust of all Peel patrons.

The early enthusiasm was followed up with a great turn out in the “all in” house relay, with more than 600 laps being completed by students in all sorts of interesting swimming attire. Peel emerged the winners of this event, with their lane always full of participants, vying to earn as many points as possible, urged on by captains Lucille Woods, Brock Rogers & the blue “my body is a temple” Barry!

The swimming program was altered with the removal of the water-polo novelty and kickboard events in an attempt to keep the program on schedule. These events were replaced with a third “all-in” relay. The survival island relay seemed to be the biggest drawcard, attracting extra participation points if you could attract a staff member or parent on board. Peel again dominated the survival island race, almost doubling the score of the second place Brisbane house, courtesy of our current Scully Park pool lifesavers and former Peel house Captains – team Wallington, Rickard and Taggart! The female staff relay team showed elegance and grace through the water, blitzing their senior counterparts, while the male staff are continuing their intense training program, after a lackluster performance against the senior boys.

One of the highlights for the day was the Pool Swan Novelty event which featured not only the senior students but several staff members trying to obtain bonus points for their respective houses. Various strategies were employed to remain in the saddle, but as most discovered, these swans were not designed for water or big kids! The age and weight of our competitors could be the underlying factor to a number of our swan’s going under!

Eventually the carnival came to a close at 7.55pm after the completion of all the 100m events. The competition for overall house winners went down to the wire, with Peel trying to topple Napier and prevent the unlikeliness of another draw. So it would be Peel that would take out the Tamworth High School Swimming Carnival, claiming the Ron Surtees Shield on 494 points, ahead of their nemesis Napier on 443 points & Brisbane taking bronze on 396 and Fitzroy faltering to fourth and claiming their successive wooden spoon, finishing on 306 points.

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**TAMWORTH BMX CLUB - COME AND TRY DAY**

**WHEN:** Sunday 24th February - 10am to 2pm

**WHERE:** BMX Track Marius Street  
(opposite Peel Health Clinic)

**COST:** Free - Boys & girls of all ages try BMX and have fun

**WHAT TO BRING:** Long sleeved shirt and pants. If you have gloves and full faced helmet bring them along, but we will have these to borrow.
Does your Daughter or Granddaughter like to DANCE?

Do you have a daughter or granddaughter who loves to DANCE? Tamworth BJP Physie Club offers dance classes for girls aged 3 to 103. Dance choreography is age appropriate and combines elements from Jazz, Ballet, Pilates, Hip Hop and strength routines set to modern music. We promote fitness and self confidence in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Come and give us a try! Your first lesson is FREE!! Classes are held at St Patrick’s Hall, Denison Street Tamworth. View our website www.tamworthphysie.com, visit our facebook page (Tamworth Bjp Physie) or contact Jenny on 6765 6446 for more information.

DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION? DO YOU LIKE TO ARGUE? DO YOU WANT TO BE HEARD?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider joining a Debating Team at Tamworth High School! Last year, the Year 11 Debating Team were New England Regional Finalists. This year we are seeking more people to join our ranks across all years.

If you can argue, enjoy working as a team and want your opinions to be heard, please come see Miss Deaves in the English staffroom to express your interest.

ART CLASSES

My Giddy Art is an art studio opening up in March which is offering small group art classes for both adults and children. The year is kicking off with a 6 week ceramic beginner’s course for juniors and a 9 week printmaking and collage workshop for adults.

If you are interested or want more details, please contact Cathy on 67617308 or email for a brochure at mygiddyart@hotmail.com

Congratulations to the following students who finished age champions:

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A big thankyou to all staff and students for a fantastic carnival.

A number of THS students will now travel to Armidale for the North West Swimming trials, in the hope of gaining selection in the North West team. We wish them well in qualifying for the NSW Swimming titles in April, at Homebush.

Meanwhile, the house competition will be reignited in Week 10 with all students running for the ‘Allen Shield’ for champion Cross Country House.

D. Desmid
THS Carnival Organiser
URGENT INFO from the MATH DEPT.

Are there textbooks hiding in your home? Perhaps they have taken refuge under an adolescents bed? If yes, please return them ASAP, no questions asked. Bronze award and lollipop for every student who returns a textbook in the next two weeks.

The following classes are expected to have access to a textbook at home in order to be able to complete set questions and homework as directed.

* 7MASUP: borrow the CD overnight or bring in a USB
* 8MARIK: pay $5 to hire the textbook for the year or borrow the CD overnight or bring in a USB
* 9MAAA1: pay $5 to hire the textbook for the year or borrow the CD overnight or bring in a USB
* 9MAAA2: pay $5 to hire the textbook for the year or borrow the CD overnight or bring in a USB
* 10MAAA1: pay $5 to hire the textbook for the year or borrow the CD overnight or bring in a USB
* 10MAAA2: borrow the CD overnight or bring in a USB
* 11 Mathematics: pay $5 to hire the textbook for the year or borrow the CD overnight or bring in a USB
* 11 General Mathematics: buy the textbook from Narnia approx. $70 or bring in a USB or student to talk to class teacher about booklets
* 12 Mathematics: pay $5 to hire the textbook for the year or borrow the CD overnight or bring in a USB
* 12 General Mathematics: buy the textbook from Narnia approx. $70 or bring in a USB or student to talk to class teacher about booklets

ALL OTHER CLASSES will be issued homework by the class teacher as appropriate.

SPORTING CONGRATULATIONS

Nathan Mann of Year 12 is into the Semi-Final of the North West Golf Matchplay. He disposed of Jock McPherson 4-2 and now awaits the winner of Tom Gill from Farrer and Joel Beveridge from Ashford Central. Well done Nathan!

Andreas Wolkerstorfer in Year 11 was selected in the North West Boys Volleyball team and will travel to Minto in Week 9 of Term 1 to compete in the NSW CHS Volleyball titles.

Andreas is new to THS and is one of our exchange students.

Nathan Pyne of Year 11 has been selected in the NSW CHS Boys Water Polo team and will compete against the State’s best in Sydney in Week 6 of Term 1, hoping to gain selection in the NSW All-Schools team. All the best Nathan.

Katie Robinson in Year 10 has gained selection in the NSW CHS Girls Water Polo team

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Math

Attention Senior Mathematics Students and Parents

All Year 11 and 12 students studying Mathematics are encouraged to come to ACOM at the following times to study.

Week 1 - Tuesday & Thursday - Period 4
Week 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday - Period 4

There will always be a Mathematics staff member on hand to help.

OPENS BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The boys played in the North West Tournament on Friday 15th February. Unfortunately we lost our first game in two sets as the boys played an experienced Armidale team (also the eventual winners). The boys were still learning the subtleties of the game in the next game against Farrer and went down in two sets.

Things were not looking good for the boys in the third game against a well organised Quirindi, until a master stroke in the coaching department by Mr Barry, who pointed out that if we actually scored more points than the other team we should win! The boys came back in this game to win the final 2 sets and achieve their first win for the day.

In the final game we came up against a well known volleyball school in Glen Innes. Once again the boys made hard work for themselves losing the first set. They came back in the second set to tie it up. The final set the boys looked like they had bottled it and were down 8 - 1 only to make a huge come back and take out the third set. With such a poor start the boys ended up with a win/loss ratio of 2:2 and roasted up the table to finish equal second in the tournament. If only we played Armidale last, who knows what could have happened.

Congratulations also to Andreas Wolkerstorfer who made the North West Representative Team.

The team members: Andreas Wolkerstorfer, Sam Crelley, Joshua Lewis, Nickone Sayabath, Sam Bartlett, Joshua Larkham, Joel Bewley, Nicholas Blake, Tim Hassan, Jay Neville and James Lutgerink

TAMWORTH WATER POLO COCKTAIL WHITE WATER BALL

Date/Time: Saturday 2nd March at Tamworth Racecourse - 6.30 - 7pm start
Dress/Cost: Cocktail Dress; Tables of 10-12; $80 per person (includes 3 course meal)
Activities: Entertainment (Michael Bryers), Guest speaker, Auctions and Lucky Door Prizes
Tickets available form Southgate Inn - Kent St South Tamworth or ring Sean Hofman (TWPA President) on 0404 468 448.
The NSW Ministry of Health has been informed that a small number of Parent Information Kits which contain forms for parents to read and sign for school vaccination may be missing important information.

Please check that all information is included in the Parent Information Kits:

* parents of **Year 7 female students** should receive a pink **Year 7 Girls** envelope that includes a checklist, privacy statement and 4 Consent Forms and Information for you and your child sheets for:
  - Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (pink)
  - Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) (blue)
  - Hepatitis B envelope (green)
  - Varicella (chicken pox) (yellow)

* parents of **Year 7 male students** should receive two envelopes:
  ~ a blue **Year 7 Boys** envelope that includes a checklist, privacy statement and 3 Consent Forms and Information for you and your child sheets for:
    - Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) (blue)
    - Hepatitis B envelope (green)
    - Varicella (chicken pox) (yellow)
  ~ an olive green **Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** envelope that includes a Consent Form and Information for you and your child sheet

* parents of **Year 9 male students** should receive an olive green **Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** envelope that includes a Consent Form and Information for you and your child sheet.

If all the information is included and you would like your child to be vaccinated, please read the Information for you and your child sheet, sign the Consent Form and return the signed Consent Form to your child’s school. If you do NOT wish your child to be vaccinated, do NOT complete or return the Consent Form.

If any information is missing from your Parent Information Kit, please contact your child’s school immediately and a replacement Kit will be provided.
Tamworth High School

The school is checking that correct uniform and shoes are being worn by the students daily, occasionally holding random assemblies. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear daily, this not only looks nice but it is for the safety of your child whilst at the school.

**Wearing Appropriate Footwear at School**

The Department has identified particular areas of the school where **enclosed leather footwear** (or other material confirmed by the manufacturer to be suitable and in accordance with Australian/NZ Standard 2210: Safety Protective and Occupational Footwear) is required these are:

- Industrial Arts and trades workshop areas
- Science laboratories
- Canteen or Food Technology (Kitchen) areas.

These areas include classrooms with areas used for Food Technology (e.g. C3, B8, HMP). Visual Arts classrooms are also practical classrooms because of the lino floor covering, practical activities (including use of knives and lino cutters) and use of chemicals (e.g. paints). The agriculture plot is another practical area where fully enclosed leather shoes are required. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes are not permitted in these areas. If students present for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear the Department of Education and Communities has stated that the students should not participate in practical activities and must be offered alternative educational activities.

**Why School Uniforms?**

This question is often asked by students and sometimes by parents and community members.

Tamworth High School has been a uniform school for over 90 years: a decision regularly confirmed by its representative parent group, the Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association.

There are many good reasons for having and enforcing a school uniform policy. Here are some of those reasons, under our PBL headings of Safe Respectful Learners.

**SAFE:**

- students in uniform can be quickly and clearly identified, if necessary, as members of the school community,
- to comply with Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) legislation, students engaged in ALL practical classes (such as Science, Agriculture, Technology etc) must have their feet covered with leather.

**RESPECTFUL:**

- students correctly wearing the full school uniform, demonstrate pride in themselves as a human beings and respect for their school community,
- a common uniform demonstrates respect for equity; there is no competition where students feel the need to have the latest, expensive brands – a fair go for all, less arguments at home.

**LEARNERS:**

- many members of the workforce are required to wear a uniform; it is a valuable life skill to learn a uniform routine for each day,
- all learners need to experience belonging and effectively interact with their teachers; a uniform increases a student’s sense of belonging and increases positive interactions with their teachers.

For better or for worse, community perceptions of a school are directly linked to the quality of presentation of students in their school uniform.

When Tamworth High School students leave school and look for jobs in the local community, they want to approach business people who know of Tamworth High’s great reputation; a reputation that is strongly linked to the students’ school uniform.

As parents, it is our responsibility to ensure that our children have, and wear, the correct school uniform each day to ensure our children are Safe Respectful Learners.