On the 21st of February, the Open Boys Basketball Team played Peel High School. As soon as the buzzer went the boys were very dominant and took control of the game. Phenomenal skills and outstanding decision making were shown by well-known rising star Brodie Peak which could not be matched by Peel High. The hard to miss, Cody Miller, scored an impressive 16 points and was feared by the opposition due to his vicious rejections and solid defence. Not far behind him on the scoring board was Dean Woods with 15 points. He wore the number 6 jersey and certainly mirrored the game of the famous #6 LeBron James.

James Psarakis’ fast breaks and excellent ball handling skills were also hard to match. He summoned confidence in the team and came to the game with the right attitude. Mitchell Burger played an exceptional game with his aggressive rebounding and consistent assists towards goals. Brandon Parry, Zach Smith and Tyson Waters also played well and were a valuable contribution. The team produced a comprehensive performance disposing of Peel High, 44-21.

The team’s next game against Manilla, on Wednesday 6th March in Round 2 of the Knockout resulted in a loss for Tamworth High School.
Tamworth High School P & C Association Inc.
L. Courtney Secretary (thsp_and_c@yahoo.com.au)

2013.
Next P & C Meeting - AGM Tuesday 19th March 6.30pm in the school Library for approximately an hour to an hour and half. General meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. 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. School Ties junior and senior are now available at the canteen for just $18 – new supplies will be $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 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. Hot chocolate and coffee machine now installed and awaiting your order.

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.

If demand requires it 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 thspandc@gmail.com of your preferred time and date in March and we will then make a decision.

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.

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.

Auditor: P and C would like to thank Mr Jeff Budden for his decade of volunteer service to Tamworth High P & C. Thankyou!

Please see Mr Allen in the Deputy’s Office for registration forms.
**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

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**Music Activities**

**CHOIR** meet each Tuesday morning at 8.30am in the Music Room.

Choir will be participating in the Eisteddfod, Capers and Spec. All students welcome.

**BAND** meet in the music Room Monday mornings at 8.30am. All musicians welcome.

**DRUM** group meet Thursdays at lunch in the Music Room.

Students wanting to learn instruments, we have violins, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone & tuba available.
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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In Numeracy tests Year7 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.

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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11th MARCH
2013

Bullimbal Special
School P&C
&
Variety Club

Red Neck & Feral Night

ONLY $40
A TICKET
BOOK A TABLE OF
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Transport by bus to
Tangaratta Winery, departing
Tamworth Railway at 6.30pm
and Bullimbal School at 6:45
Return approx. 10:15pm
3 Course Meal
Entertainment included

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TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
YR 10 2013 NORTHERN
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10 PRIZES—DRAWN: APRIL, 22ND, 2013
TICKETS $2

1. 3 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN THE HUNTER VALLEY
   AT THE TUSCANNY 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 ACOUSTIC GUITAR
   DONATED BY P&B MUSIC
7. A MENS/LADIES HAIRCUT AT CUTTING POINT
8. 3 HAND-CRAFTED MITTO’S FISHING LURES
9. MAXIFLIG 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.
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.

School Uniform

The Tamworth High School Parents and Citizens Association together with the School Executive have agreed to accept a modification to the way in which students can wear the school uniform. Students are now permitted to wear their sports uniform on any day that they have Sport or a Physical Education class. However, students must bring fully enclosed leather shoes to school to change into if they have Science, Agriculture or Technology classes (Food Technology, Metal Technology, Wood Technology, Electronics etc.)

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.