CONGRATULATIONS
Tamworth High School’s Construction and Industrial Technology students who won first place in the school’s division of the Tamworth Building and Renovation Expo competition.
2013
P & C Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6.30 pm for approximately an hour to an hour and half in the school Library. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st May. Life memberships will be an item on the agenda as nominated at the March meeting. The District Guidance Counsellor will also give an overview of his job. We invite all new and returning families to these friendly and informative meetings Have a cuppa whilst we meet.

Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays at lunch and by appointment when required. Contact the school office. New and preloved school uniform items available. New supply of Junior and Senior School Ties have arrived - just $20 each.

Canteen – Thanks to Cheere 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. Also available at the Canteen every day socks for Hockey and Football also available at the canteen for just $10.

The redevelopment is done – WOW what a fantastic facility. The Year 12 Seniors should be getting excited about the study area being organised for them. 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 OH & S 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 Phone Number: 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.

Joint Project with Community Partnerships – Proposal Mr Allen - Coordinator - To rejuvenate the playground area used by Year 8 student.
If anyone would like to be involved with this project please contact Mr Allen at school.
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 the Tamworth Eisteddfod, 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.

Dance: We have had lots going on in Dance both last term and coming up. During Term 1, we had students attend the Regional Dance Camp, and our two Elective Dance classes show their amazing talents in their end of term Assessment Task. This term is very busy in Dance. We have two workshops with local dance star Kristy Cini here at school. We also have the Tamworth Eisteddfod this term with several groups and ensembles entering. Following this we will begin our preparation for CAPERS… an exciting term ahead.

We also have a number of tickets to the Queensland Dance Academy’s R & J at the Tamworth Capitol Theatre available to any student wishing to see an amazing dance performance on stage.

CANTEEN SPECIALS

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TERM DATES 2013

TERM 2 (Nine week Term)
Term ends Friday 28th June.

TERM 3 (Ten week Term)
Begins Monday 15th July for all staff (Staff Development Day).
All students attend Tuesday 16th July
Term ends Friday 20th September.

TERM 4 (Eleven week Term)
Begins Tuesday 8th October for staff and students.
Term ends for all students Tuesday 18th December.
Staff Development days Thursday & Friday 19th & 20th December.
EX TAMWORTH HIGH STUDENT
RETURNS TO THE CITY

Todd Power left Tamworth and attended the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. Todd is an accomplished Pianist and has now taken up teaching at the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music. Any students from Tamworth High who go to the Conservatorium will be welcomed to say hello to Todd.
Year 11 Purple Bee Party

On the last day of term 1, year 11 celebrated being the winners of the second purple bee party of 2013. They were very eager to end period 4 early to eat cake and guzzle down ice blocks, being the first time their year group won the purple bee party. A big thank you to Mr Allen, Mrs Nelson and Mrs Murray (our photographer!) for their supervision during this time.

The next purple bee party will be week 6 this term and will be the start of our winter menu of cake, fairy bread and chocolate crackles. So don’t forget to get those purple bees into the hive!

Support students and Staff conducting BBQ at Bunnings

ANZAC Ceremony was held at school end of Term 1
ANZAC Day is significant to Australians and New Zealanders as an annual commemoration of the Gallipoli landings on April 25th, 1914. But this year, 2013, is special. It has been ninety nine years since the outbreak of World War One and this year marks the hundred year anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy’s first fleet review. In 1913 seven vessels steamed through Sydney Harbour and from that day forth the heroics of the Australian Navy that have taken place in all seven oceans throughout the last century, have been remembered.

I have the utmost respect for all veterans; however it is important that in a year that represents ninety nine years of ANZAC involvement in combat around the world, that we do not allow the smaller, but no less significant engagements to fade into obscurity. My Pop, Able Seaman Leslie Mason Johnson, saw action in Korea, Malaysia and parts of Indo-China as a gunner on the HMAS Condamine in the Royal Australian Navy. He survived his duty, returned home and lived with pride for his service to Australia. But my education and that of my peers, always left me seeking more knowledge about our history. Unfortunately, during our Australian history units, the engagements that my Pop was involved in were referred to as ‘incidents’ or not covered thoroughly by the syllabus. The Korean War is sometimes even referred to as the ‘The Forgotten War’. This lack of recognition does not do justice to those that served, their loved ones and most importantly the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice. 340 Australians lost their lives in Korea and a further 39 were killed in Malaysia. They fought to protect their country from the threat of Communism in South East Asia and for their fellow soldiers. For their sacrifice it is our duty to give them our respect and recognition.

It is brilliant to see that, almost a hundred years after Australia’s first war fought as a whole country, ANZAC Day has recently seen a growing number of young people becoming involved in services across Australia. They possess a keen interest in Australia’s military history, and this interest is ensuring that future generations will be able to look upon their heritage with pride and continue to commemorate the actions of those that have fought for

Gipps St Service Speech
ANZAC Day 2013
by School Captain Kyle Goward

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 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. 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.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-18 May 2013.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 17 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:
- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the tests) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/ carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your child’s school.

Please make an appointment with the school Principal if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:
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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.

**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.

**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.

Australia and in assistance of other nations. We indeed possess a strong and respectable history of aiding others, and many of the ways that we have done this have been through peace keeping roles. Australia has been involved in peace keeping missions since 1947, and since then has been involved in maintaining stability in over one hundred separate operations, which have taken place in almost forty countries. We have been a core part of the United Nations and have been instrumental in the organisation’s affairs across the globe. All too often the combatant and non-combatant members of the Australian Defence Force who are involved in these operations do not receive the acknowledgement that they deserve. Peacekeeping, as the name suggests, is only required in volatile nations, and sadly, ten Australians have been killed in peace keeping roles.

The ninety ninth year of Australian war history signals our entry into a new era. Already the first battles are being fought, the first heroes being forged. War in Afghanistan has recently been the subject of political debate, but despite your political views, I urge everyone here today to remember that the men and women on duty, as I speak, are risking their lives in service of your nation. Those that have been killed and wounded in this ongoing conflict and those that continue to be involved make sacrifices every day and have earned the right to our recognition of their actions.

The aim of my speech today has been to ask one thing of you all. The Ode ends with the line, ‘We will remember them’ and I believe that now, on the cusp of a century of Australian distinction, we must ensure that we do in fact remember all of them, all of the veterans that have served and continued to serve throughout the past ninety nine years. Every Australian veteran has my respect and gratitude, and it has been an honour to speak before you all on such a prestigious day that means so much to me. I thank you all for your time and attention.
ANZAC Day 2013

This year Tamworth High School students and staff once again proudly participated in the annual Tamworth ANZAC Day March. Our march was led by the school Captains and Prefects. About 80 senior and junior students followed. Each wore the THS uniform.

Members of staff who participated in the event were Mr Greg Allen, Mr Wayne Woods, Mr Steve Porter, Ms Kate Roser, Mrs Erin Scott, Mr Darren Desmid, Mrs Kate McCrohon, Miss Emma Bricknell and Mr Luke Barry.

Students who marched with the Tamworth High School group included:

Jordyn Rolfe    Rebecca Hunt    Timothy Hassan
Courtney Hathway    Kyle Goward    Emily Smith
Karena Howarth    Yolanda Handsaker    Faith Howarth
Jessica Vongphachan    Alyse Peters-McMillan    Kahlee Greentree
Lauren Greentree    Natasha Meyer    Aimee Wright
Zara Lowder    Kathleen Inman    Lisa Kelly
Bianca Ham    Angela Havenstein    Kyle Abrahams
Adam Richter    Taliah Loffel    Jorja-rose Choice
Jayana-Jayde Mangan    Lauren Hunt    Megan Hunt
Brittany Ryan    Sarah Wall    Amber Minett
Brock Rogers    Lauren Liddle    Bradley Goward
James Psarakis    Luke Berman    Patrick Hofman
Jordan Barber    Joshua Shanley    Crystal Shanley
Susan Sayabath    Louise Brown    Isobel Brown
Amy-Lee Silvey    Natasha Silvey    Ashleigh Dedini
Tarhnee Blair    Lucy Davis    Abbey Bridge
Ashleigh Bridge    Bree-Anna Poetschka    Tobias Guy
Ashley Scott    Rebecca Willis    Natalie Willis
Andreas Wolkerstorfer    Ruby Williams    Jasen Scott
Ricki Brown    Georgia Taggart    Hollie Taggart
James Hassan    Alison Sheedy

This year Mr Barry collected the school Prefects in the school bus and arranged for transport to the Gipps Street morning service and the march in Peel Street. He also worked with the Prefects to hold a barbeque at the school following the service in the Town Hall.

We would also like to thank the Tamworth High School students and staff who marched with other community groups such as community bands and Girl Guides.

We would also like to thank all students and staff who marched in other towns such as Somerton, Nundle, Werris Creek, Kootingal and Manilla.

All students who participated in ANZAC Day will receive a Silver Award. If your name is not in this article, please see Mr Barry to get your Silver Award.
We than went sightseeing and more shopping and shopping and shopping and……
Disneyland was next on the agenda. We performed to roaring crowds and then got to ride on rides and have fun for the rest of the day.

We even got to see Mickey!

Our week ended too quickly and we had to head home.

Thank goodness for the holidays.
WINNERS of the Building and Renovation Expo

CONGRATULATIONS to Tamworth High School’s Construction and Industrial Technology students who won first place in the school’s division of the Tamworth Building and Renovation Expo competition.

Over the first weekend of the April school holidays a small number of Tamworth High students represented the school at the Tamworth Building and Renovation Expo held at the TRECC. All schools in the Tamworth area were invited to compete in the Schools division of the competition, judge by the renowned builder/designer and television personality, Mr Luke Van Dyck.

Mr Van Dyck spoke very highly of the students and was very impressed with their work ethic and dedication to the projects. Mr Van Dyck even compared their detail to work and proficiency to that of some of his second and third year apprentices.

Brock Rogers of Year 12 Construction and Jacob Maiden of Year 10 Industrial Technology – Timber built a nature inspired bookshelf in the form of a tree. The project was very challenging and required a great deal of skill and workmanship. There were many people interested in purchasing the tree bookshelf on the day due to its overall design and uniqueness, but it now lives in our school’s front foyer.

The first order of the festival consisted of workshops with world renowned musicians and conductor and also a workshop with one of the ensembles. We had a Gala Dinner in one of the top restaurants in Hong Kong followed by a day of competition.

The next day the students played for the final concert and were given the results. We won GOLD !!!!!!!!! The only other group to win gold was a choir who were absolutely amazing.
On the 9th of April 2013, 45 students from west of the great divide made their way to Sydney for the Hong Kong International Youth Music Festival.

Three students from Tamworth High school were part of this ensemble; Kurt Prentice, Amber Minett and Austin McGrane. Kurt played bass guitar, Amber played the Flute and Austin was lead Trombone. These students had been selected for the West of the Divide Wind Ensemble through participation in School Band and the Regional Camps.

Sydney was our first stop with two days of rehearsal and then at the lovely hour of 5am we went to the airport to fly out.

We were met in Hong Kong by our guides Ricky and Hermon who made our stay in Hong Kong very memorable.

We checked into the motel and hit the night markets and started our shopping.

The second project was undertaken by Bree Colgate and Matthew Vella both of Year 10 Industrial Technology – Timber. These students designed and constructed an outdoor storage box that requires no maintenance. They chose to use a composite material made from bamboo and plastic, commonly used for outdoor decking and requiring no painting or oiling.

The students should be very proud of their accomplishments and have all been awarded Silver Awards for their contribution to their schooling and the commitment shown.
Mrs Barnett, Mrs Roser Mr Desmid and Mr Sowden together with Year 10 students embarked on the annual Northern Exursion.

Some of the highlights of the trip have been captured in these photos of Coober Pedy, Alice Springs and the Northern Territory border.