Tamworth High School students acquitted themselves well at the Interschool Chess Challenge 2013, held at Farrer Memorial Agricultural School on Wednesday 12th June.
Next P & C Meeting - Tuesday 16th July 6.30pm in the 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 are 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. THANK YOU TO THE PREFECTS WHO ARE AGAIN HELPING INSIDE THE CANTEEN ON A ROSTERED BASIS.

Country Music Camping - We look forward to our biggest fundraiser each year. Planning is underway, please contact Karen or Leanne if you would like to help. If you know of anyone wanting accommodation for Country Music@ Camp Tamworth High in 2014 have them email the P & C.

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 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 thspande@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook Tamworth High P & C

Stage 4 P & C Scholarships 2014/15 - P and C again decided to sponsor up to ten scholarships worth $500 each for students entering Year 7 at Tamworth High in 2014. Scholarships are in the areas of academic, sport, music, dance and all rounder categories. If you have a child moving into high school next year email the P & C or ask Mr Woods about applying for a scholarship.

GONSKI - The Gonski reforms to education could make a big difference for educational opportunities for our children at Tamworth High and at all schools across the state. Google GONSKI and support the education funding change.
This term we had two dance groups participate in the Tamworth Eisteddfod. Both groups achieved an excellent result coming first in both sections. These students were an absolute pleasure to take and represent the school. Congratulations girls, and Zane.

TERM DATES 2013

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

TERM 3  (Ten week Term)
Staff Development days
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.
Thursday & Friday 19th & 20th December

For the Week Beginning 24th June
Butter Chicken  $4.50
Home Made Chicken & Veg Soup with a Roll  $4.00

For the Week Beginning 16th July
Beef & Gravy Roll  $4.50
Potato scallops  $1.00

Also we now have coffee  $2.50
Mochaccino  Cappuccino  Flat White  Espresso
Hot Chocolate  $2.50

Visitors to School
The Front Office is located through the double blue doors at the front of the school. For the safety of students, staff and visitors anyone who comes to the school is to go to the Front Office.

Office hours are from 8:00am to 4:00pm on school days.

Please telephone 6765 7888 during these hours to make appointments with staff or for general enquiries.

Payment of any monies (eg school contribution, elective fees, excursion costs etc) are made at this office.
Yr 11 Business Studies Excursion

In week six, Year 11 Business Studies students attended the annual Sydney excursion. This trip is aimed at allowing the students to observe, investigate and question different business and government organisations relevant to the HSC course.

The students attended a marketing talk by Ted Hellier, the head of operations and marketing at the Easts Group (Roosters) to hear of the importance of marketing to the organisation. Luckily for the students, the Roosters players were having a gym session and they were able to secure some autographs and photos with the stars.

The group also had a presentation at the ACCC (Consumer watchdog) which provided them with information on consumer protection, consumer rights and issues relating to scamming. Also over the first two days, students were able to study and compare retailing at the Pitt St Mall, Queen Victoria Building and along the Manly Corso. This was a very successful exercise with students being quite satisfied with their performance during this part of the trip.

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.
As luck would have it, the excursion coincided with State of Origin 1 and the group were able to attend to put their full support behind the ‘mighty blues’ and cheer them home to a decisive victory.

Over the three days, staff were impressed by the maturity and the high degree of responsibility shown by the students and they are to be congratulated on the excellent fashion in which they represented their school. This made the trip not just rewarding educationally, but a whole lot of fun socially as well.
On a wet Wednesday in June the Chess Team did us proud as they took on the region's finest. The chess clocks clicked incessantly for almost 5 hours and for seven gruelling games each as the boys produced surprise openings, traded knights, promoted pawns, and fought daring rear guard actions in the pursuit of individual and team glory in the prestigious Interschool Chess Challenge 2013, held at Farrer.

Tom Waterhouse was rumoured to have been nervously working the phone during the early rounds as it became apparent these unheralded lads had arrived full of fight, and with some cunning tricks. Jackson O'Brien, Jacob Cooper and Keegan Tunbridge landed early blows, with strong victories. E.C. Flores was twice unlucky to have opponents seemingly down for the count, only to squirm their way to undeserved draws. All boys improved through the day, as they got the hang of tournament conditions, and settled into steady styles of play. At one stage it seemed possible a famous upset might occur adjacent to the Rugby League ground on which so many local battles have been fought, but none it would seem more fiercely than this contest. By days end, Scott Freeman was really hitting good form, along with all the boys he was finishing strongly. Cooper and Flores especially warmed to the fight as the rain began to fall, whilst Tunbridge was a consistent point scorer throughout the day, finishing 2nd among the Tamworth boys.

Introducing Bully

Over 13 million American kids will be bullied this year, making it the most common form of violence experienced by young people in the United States. Bully profiles five victims of bullying, the children and teenagers behind the statistics. Twelve-year-old Alex Lockwood, fourteen-year-old Ja'Meya Jackson and sixteen-year-old Kelby Johnson share their stories of ongoing persecution by their peers. Seventeen-year-old Tyler Long and eleven-year-old Ty Smalley's experiences of being bullied are recounted by their parents. The torment of their situations eventuated in both boys taking their own lives.

More than anything, Alex Lockwood wants to fit in. He downplays the violence of the bullying at home, telling his parents that his peers are only 'messing with him'. The school administration offer the excuse that 'boys will be boys', dodging responsibility and denying the seriousness of the conflict. Ja'Meya Jackson was picked on every morning and afternoon of the hour-long bus ride between home and school. Her desperate decision to brandish a loaded handgun to scare her tormentors means that she is now incarcerated in a juvenile detention facility. Kelby Johnson's decision to come out as a lesbian has made her the target of her classmates and teachers' intolerance. The occupant of a private vehicle has been forced to give up her sporting commitments and adopt a low profile in her small hometown. Kelby has attempted suicide several times.

David and Tina Long and Kirk and Laura Smalley, tell heartbreaking stories of their son's experiences of bullying. Tyler Long committed suicide in October 2009, after years of abuse by his peers. Ty Smalley's suicide was also bullying related. Both the Longs and the Smallies are now intent on raising community awareness about bullying and forcing school administrations to make a real commitment to confronting the problem.

Hirsch takes us into classrooms and cafeterias, on school buses and inside principal's offices, providing an insight into how bullying is ignored and downplayed. For school administrations, Bully is a wake up call. The crisis is real and the consequences of failing to confront the bullies and change school cultures are devastating. Bully also shows us just how difficult it is for parents to help their children, access support and find solutions.

Recommended viewing for teenagers, their parents and their teachers, Bully is a powerful and provocative documentary that seeks to inspire real changes in the way we deal with bullying in society.

Director's profile

Lee Hirsch is the founder, director and producer of the Local Voices for Obama project, a series of advertisements featuring Barack Obama supporters in small towns in swing states.

Director's statement

'Bully is a deeply personal film for me. I was bullied throughout middle school and much of my childhood. In many ways, those experiences and struggles helped shape my world view and the types of films I've endeavoured to make.

I firmly believe that there is a need for an honest, gutsy film which gives voice to the kids who deal with such torments on a daily basis. Through this unflinching look, we will make a difference for other young people across our communities and improve our collective response to this crisis.

Moving away from the silence, shame and attitude of "kids will be kids," I intend that this film not only reach those who have been the victims of bullying situation and make a positive impact.

Everyone has a story when it comes to bullying, what's yours?'

– Lee Hirsch

A documentary filmmaker, Hirsch's debut feature film, Amended a Revolution in Four Part Harmony (2002), chronicles the history of the South African anti-apartheid struggle through a celebration of its musical heroes. Recently, Hirsch directed and produced for the Discovery Channel's series, Next World, a multi-part series that examines what the world will look like in thirty years. In 2007, Hirsch also directed and produced the History Channel special, Act of Honor. The program paints a portrait of a Mexican-American family dealing with the tragic death of their son, Rafael Peralta, who threw himself on a live grenade and saved the lives of several Marines in his unit during the battle of Fallujah. Hirsch is also an established director of music videos, his most recent being for John Legend's song Show Me.

Hirsch was born and raised on Long Island, New York, and attended the Putney School in Vermont, Hampshire College and the New York Film Academy. He currently lives in Brooklyn, New York.

For more information about Lee Hirsch visit <http://www.leehirsch.net/>.
You are invited to

**Tamworth High School Parent and Student Anti-bullying Evening**

**When: Tuesday 25th June, 2013**

**Where: Tamworth High School Library**

**Time: 6pm – 8:30pm**

All students and their parents are encouraged to attend. There will be a brief welcome and introduction from Georgina Gough, Tamworth High School’s Student Support Officer, followed by a viewing of “Bully” the documentary by Lee Hirsch.

Information packs will be provided on the night along with a light supper.

Please RSVP by **Monday the 24th June, 2013** to Georgina Gough on (02) 6765 7888 or email on georgina.gough1@det.nsw.edu.au

Come along and find out the dos and don’ts of bullying and how to develop “bullet proof” teenagers!

In the days highlight, O’Brien took on the eventual Individual Champion in the last round, whose record stood at 6-0 for the day. Fearless play by Tamworth High’s gun player overwhelmed his more fancied opponent, to see Jackson tie for 3rd in the overall individual standings. Well done Jackson!

In the end our boys had to settle for fourth place in the team standings, literally just one false move away from a podium finish. Next year’s campaign is certain to benefit from the experience gained in 2013, with the boys vowing to return and bring home the crown. Students interested in chess can attend lunchtime sessions, Monday & Thursday in Mr Tankard’s office, near the art staffroom.
On Wednesday 5th June, 45 students and 5 adults travelled down to Sydney to watch the first State of Origin game. The bus trip was all fun and joys, but when we got to the ANZ stadium and the Olympic Park everything just seemed a whole lot more interesting than we imagined. We all had something to eat before finding our seats in the stadium. Teachers and students were getting so into the game, but as we all know, NSW won!

After the game, and without losing anybody, we managed to find our way back to the coach safely, ready to begin our trip back to Tamworth. Before long, everyone was sound asleep. We arrived back at school at 5am with 45 very tired students and 5 exhausted adults, but it was all worth it.

On behalf of everyone that went, I would like to thank all the teachers and adult supervisors that went. Without you we wouldn’t have been able to experience something like this.

Kaitlin Lawlor, Year 9

On Friday 7th June Year 12 celebrated being the winners of the latest Purple Bee Party. It was their second win this year! They munched on fairy bread, chocolate crackles and cake.

Due to the short term, this was the only Purple Bee Party for Term 2. However, there will be two during Term 3, so remember to keep being safe respectful learners and get those purple bees into the hive!