What's Buzzing?

Term 3
Week 2

July 2013
29th - 31st  Education Week
30th  THS NAIDOC Week Activities
       9am - 2pm

August 2013
1st - 2nd  Education Week
8th - 13th  Outback Camp - Turelle Station
20th  Finance Meeting - 5:00pm
       P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - School Library
30th  Driver Expo - TRECC

September 2013
11th  Yrs 7 and 9 Immunisation - Round 3
17th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Library
20th  Last day Term 3

October 2013
7th  Public Holiday - Labour day
8th  Term 4 begins - Staff & students return
15th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Library

November 2013
4th - 7th  CAPERS rehearsals
8th - 9th  CAPERS performances
19th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Library
29th - 30th  School Spectacular - Sydney Entertainment Centre

December 2013
4th - 6th  Bandlink Workshops - Narrabri
11th  Finance Meeting - 5:00pm
17th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Library
18th  Last day of Term for students
19th - 20th  Staff Development Days
Welcome to Term 3

NEXT P&C MEETING: Tuesday 20th August 6:30 pm in the new canteen learning area, enter via Jean Street. Financial reports will be presented.
P & C Annual Conference will be held in Sydney this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

CANTEEN – We look forward to seeing the Year 11 prospective prefects helping out in the canteen whilst Year 12 are doing their trials.

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.

Stage 4 P & C SCHOLARSHIP: Applications for these close soon. 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.

THS P & C BUS AND TRAILER – Thanks to Mr Allen for organizing the refurbishment of the trailer. We are looking forward to seeing the finished product.

Tamworth High School P & C Association Inc.
L. Courtney Secretary (THSpandc@gmail.com)

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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.

The Ministry of Health has made available free HPV vaccine for 15 year old males in Year 10 via their local doctor.

Gardasil is free for 15 year old boys in Year 10 - this is only available through General Practice this year for these boys - use recall and opportunistically vaccinate these boys

IMPORTANT MESSAGE
FROM
MR RANDS
RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

As part of The Department of Education and Communities push for a better education for all, a proposal has been put forward to rebuild Parry School on a new site. This has been published in the Northern Daily Leader just after the State budget was announced.

A number of government owned sites have been investigated and it was found that part of Tamworth High Schools agriculture farm was a very suitable site. Negotiations are currently underway to determine the impact on students at the schools as well as a possible building proposal.

I must emphasize that Parry School will not become part of Tamworth High but simply occupy some land across the road from the school behind where the new Bullimbal School which was built in Degance Street. Students from across the Tamworth area access this school and they perform a vital role in the education of students in their care and have a very supportive and caring staff.

The three Schools will continue to be separate facilities and there is no plan to amalgamate, as this would defeat the function of each school. A number of parents have contacted staff at Tamworth High school with concerns. I can assure Parents that the impact of a new school nearby will be very minor and any reduction in land space from our farm will be negotiated so that the students of Tamworth High School are not disadvantaged in any way. In fact, having Parry School nearby will actually benefit many families from all Tamworth Public Schools regarding access to its facilities, as it will be able to take more students and will be more centrally located to better serve Tamworth.
Year 9, 2013 Elective Selections

Year 8 students have been given their Course Selection booklet for 2014 electives. All subjects are compulsory except for the 3 electives (X, Y and Z).

The date of the elective selection is Wednesday 14th August, 2013 from 7.30am – 9.00am. Students should line up outside the library. On entering they will have a chance to pay for their first choice on each line (X, Y and Z). They will then show their receipts to Ms Loughrey and Mr Allen who will record the choices.

Students who are unable to pay for their courses must submit an application for Student Assistance and have it accepted BEFORE submitting the selection sheet. Mr Bradshaw or Mr Rands must sign the Student Assistance application. No courses can be selected without prior payment.

Students need to select their electives carefully. There will be NO changes after the selection sheet has been submitted. This is particularly the case for students who claim that they are not with friends – this is not an educational reason for elective selection. Students cannot submit their elective selections before the date and time.

All elective selection sheets will be individually numbered. Classes will be formed on a “first in, first served” basis. Students who do not select their courses will be placed in classes where there is a position. It is important to fill in a second choice on each elective line (X, Y and Z) in case their first choice does not run.

Only the 5 most popular courses on each of these lines will run.

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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 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.
Mobile Phones at School – Our Policy

Tamworth High School does not adopt a blanket ban to mobile phones at school. We feel that this approach is neither age appropriate nor does it teach students to use mobile phones in an appropriate manner.

However, there is an Acceptable Use of Mobile Phone and Personal Electronic Device Policy. This policy outlines what is and what is not permitted by students with mobile phones at school.

Here are some guidelines listed in the policy:

- **Mobile phones are to be switched off and kept out of sight during classes inc. sport, outdoor practical classes (e.g., PE and Agriculture) and band practice. Mobile phones that cannot be turned off in the usual sense must be switched to flight mode.**

- **Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school front office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.**

- **In the rare and exceptional circumstances where the arrangements given above will not meet requirements an exception may be permitted if the parent/guardian specifically requests it. Such requests should be directed to the Deputy Principal who will write a note allowing the student to leave class to make the phone call.**

- **Students are permitted to use mobile phones before school, at recess and lunch breaks and after school in an appropriate manner.**

- **Mobile phones should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school e.g. on assembly.**

- **Students should protect their phone numbers by only giving them to friends and keeping a note of who they have given them to. This can help protect the student’s number from falling into the wrong hands and guard against the receipt of insulting, threatening or unpleasant voice, text, picture and hands and video messages via the usual phone networks, the internet or blue tooth and infra red connectivity.**

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CONGRATULATIONS

Matika Porter of Year 10 has been selected in the North West team for Tennis.

The next step for Matika will be participation in the State titles which will be held in Bathurst on 20th August.
Tamworth High School’s annual Athletics carnival was held on Tuesday the 18th of June, after our carnival was washed out two weeks prior. The attendance of students was encouraging and the participation and behavior were commendable.

The beautiful conditions peaked at 21 degrees and this provided the perfect opportunity for records to be broken. The field events provided some strong performances and memorable moments, especially at high jump. Nicholas Price was successful in breaking a 28 year old record in the 14 years Discus. This record was held by J Weaver and Nicholas was able to break it by 2.71m.

The Novelty events run, by Mr Barry were very popular amongst the different age groups. The novelities included three-legged races, sack races, tug-o-war and this event was made more entertaining when athletes were made to compete backwards. This challenged the equilibrium and coordination of many, especially one of our age champions!

As for the much anticipated Athletics House Champions, it would be Brisbane that would prevail on top of the podium. Fitzroy pushed Brisbane right up to the last event of the day – the 4x 100m relays. Fitzroy could not close the gap of 38 points holding onto second place ahead of Peel, with Napier finishing with the coveted wooden spoon. Fitzroy had 5 age champions (1 shared), Peel had 4, while Brisbane had 3 and Napier 1. Age Champion for the 16 years boys could not be separated with Tim Hassan & Dione Lowe sharing the title. In the 12 years girls, Rikki Brown was pushed by Deanna Holley-White with only 9 points separating these two athletes. The same margin separated Georgia White & Jessica Vongphachan, in the 13 years girls. The 17+ girls was the closest of all age groups with Laura Robinson fending off the challenges of Alle Kay and Emily Smith.

All students who placed in the top two of each event had the option to compete at the Arinya Zone Athletics trials.

A special thanks must go to Tamworth Little Athletics for supplying all their athletics equipment. We appreciated the help provided by Mrs Blacker and Mrs Price who assisted in the setting up and officiating at various events.

Discussions with a counsellor will be confidential between the counsellor and the student, parent or carer who has sought assistance. The only time that counsellors can pass on information without permission is when they are required by law to report a situation where someone might suffer serious harm if information is withheld.

Consent is required before any psychological assessment is undertaken.

This service is part of the Department of Education & Communities’ commitment to ensuring that students have every opportunity to do well at school.

The School Counsellors at Tamworth High School are:

Guy Porter District Guidance Officer- Monday
Di Kelly School Counsellor- Tuesday to Friday

All students and parents are very welcome to make contact with the School Counsellor. Students can make an appointment through the front office, or their teacher. Parents can ring the school and ask to speak with the School Counsellor.

**TERM DATES 2013**

**TERM 3**  
(Ten week Term)

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.
Nathan Mann has completed an excellent year in golf with his selection in the NSW All-Schools Golf team. In the last week of term 2, Nathan travelled to Wagga Wagga to compete in the NSW State Golf Championships. Nathan led the way for the North West team, with two rounds of 73, 2 over par. In the individual Stroke competition, Nathan’s consistent scoring had him finish third in the state. Nathan is currently playing with a -1 handicap, with all the top three finishers sharing a handicap better than scratch.

In August, Nathan will travel to Melbourne & play four Championship courses including, Thirteenth Beach, Barwon Heads, Curlewis and Lonsdale, in the Australian Schoolboys Golf Titles.

Nathan won the North West Matchplay Championships, giving him automatic selection into the North West team. Early in May, Nathan travelled to Sydney to play in the NSW CHS/All Schools Matchplay Championships. Nathan reached the quarter finals after easily disposing of Jacob Tomkin 5&4 where he played Zac Stolz, the son of the professional golfer, Andre Stolz. Zac was the eventual winner of the competition, requiring all 18 holes to beat Nathan in their encounter.

Congratulations Nathan on these outstanding achievements and all the best for selection in the Australian team.

Well Done to this years age champions who were:

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The following students gained selection in the Arinya Zone Athletics team and will be competing at the North West trials in Tamworth on the 2nd of August. We wish them well in their selection for the North West team, which will compete at the NSW CHS titles in Homebush, later next month.

Thomas Armstrong – 3000m, 800m
Dylan Bateman – Shot Put
Max Gardener – Shot Put
Ryan Higgins - Shot Put, Relay
Bailey Holcombe – Relay
Jay Neville - Relay
Nick Price – Discus, Shot Put, Javelin
Tyson Waters- Discus, Shot Put
Ricki Brown – Long Jump
Montanna Ellsley – Relay
Stephanie Fulwood – Relay
Taylor King – 100m
Chloe Palmer – 800m, Long Jump
Jessica Vongphachan – 100m

Sean Aslin – Relay
Cooper Faint – Relay
Josh Guy – Javelin
Tim Hassan – Long Jump, Relay
Dylan McClelland – 800m, Relay
Lachlan Nihill – Discus, Relay
Matthew Sing- 200m
Jamie Blackler – Long Jump, Triple Jump, Relay
Brandy Carmichael - Relay
Kimberley Flett –Long Jump, Relay
Cassidy Gross – Relay
Sophie Langenbaker – 400m, Discus, Shot Put, Javelin, Relay
Mikayla Todd – Relay
Toni Ward – Shot Put
Students participation

Cheering squads - House pride on the line

Staff join in the activities

Tug-a-war was popular event that all enjoyed

Students staff and Sting the Mascot getting involved

Students get involved in lots of events and activities