October 2013
7th  Public Holiday - Labour day
8th  Term 4 begins - Staff & students return
10th  Prefect Investiture - 10:45am - Hall
14th  HSC Exam begin
15th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
18th  The Buzz - First issue for Term 4
22nd  Small Schools CAPA Day - Hall
29th  2014 Yr 7 Orientation Day - Hall
28th - 31st  CAPERS rehearsals

November 2013
1st  The Buzz
1st - 2nd  CAPERS performances
6th  HSC Exams - Last day
7th  Year 12 Formal - 7pm - West Leagues Club
15th  The Buzz
19th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
29th  The Buzz
29th - 30th  School Spectacular - Sydney Entertainment Centre

December 2013
3rd  Sports Awards Assembly - 11am start—Hall
4th - 6th  Bandlink Workshops - Narrabri
10th  Presentation Night - THS Hall - Commences 7pm
11th  Finance Meeting - 5:00pm
13th  The Buzz - Last issue for 2013
18th  Last day of Term for students
19th - 20th  Staff Development Days

Montana Godley

New England Girls School at Armidale had its inaugural art show and student competition.

Works had to be A4 in size and the competition was open to students from Years 7-12.

Montana won first prize with a delicate portrait drawing and was presented with a cheque and a trophy on the Opening Night.

Congratulations to Montana for her success especially as Montana is in Year 9 and students up to Year 12 could enter this competition.
DELAYED RELEASE OF NAPLAN 2013 STUDENT REPORTS TO PARENTS

“On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.”
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 school has celebrated the achievements of an ever-growing number of students this term achieving Gold Awards at the recent Award Ceremony. Parents of many students shared in the celebrations followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea provided by the Busy Bee Cafe. Platinum Awards for Kayla Jeffery and Tyrone Cross reflect the growing student interest in the school’s PBL Merit Award program which promotes academic and creative success where students are encouraged to develop their talents and achieve their best.
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Students from Peel and Tamworth High Schools played host to over one hundred primary students from three local schools on Thursday 12th September at the White Ribbon Junior Rugby League Gala Day. The carnival was created in order to raise awareness of White Ribbon Day among Tamworth and Peel High School’s feeder school. Fourteen teams were entered from Hillvue, Westdale and Tamworth South Public Schools.

Twenty young men from both high schools ran the carnival under supervision of Mr Hodgson (Peel) and Mrs Vanessa Penberthy (Tamworth High School). The young men had responsibility for every facet of the day – from refereeing, score keeping, league safe, time keeping, maintaining a points tally and running the presentations for the winning teams. It was a great opportunity for these young men to use the skills they have gained through participating in Refereeing and Leagues Safe Courses run by the local NRL Development officers. All the young men participating were a credit to their schools, keeping the carnival running smoothly and efficiently.

It was a fantastic day for all teams involved with some high quality Rugby League played in Under 8’s, Under 10’s and Under 12’s divisions. South Tamworth was the most successful school on the day, managing to get two teams into both the Under 8’s and the Under 10's Grand Finals. The Under 12 Grand Final was played out between Westdale Bears and Hillvue and was won by Hillvue after a very tough game.

With such a successful day and fun being had by all the students involved I am sure we will see a repeat next year as this becomes an annual event.

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.

On Wednesday 18th September THS Band members joined Oxley High students for a Band Day with Chatswood High School Concert Band.

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 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 lots going on in Dance. In Term 4 we will continue our preparation for CAPERS.

NEW INSTRUMENT GROUPS will be formed starting Term 4. We have places for one Oboe, Alto and Tenor Sax Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute and French Horn. Also looking to start a beginners Strings Group with spaces for five violins. For these we will provide the instruments, we just need the bodies.
CAPERS 2013

We are looking for drummers. Names to Mrs Sullivan.

Dancers need to be doing Dance for Sport.

Singers need to attend Choir at lunch on Thursdays Term 4.

String players are needed.

There will be massed rehearsals organised leading up to Capers watch for further information.

Buses need to be ordered to go to Capers so please confirm your involvement and commitment with Mrs Sullivan.

TERM DATES 2013

TERM 4 (Eleven week Term)
Begins Tuesday 8th October for Staff and students.

Term ends for all students Wednesday 18th December.

Staff Development days
Thursday & Friday 19th & 20th December

CLINIC

Students should let their class teacher know if they are unwell and they will be given a note to take to the Front Office, where parents/carers will be contacted to pick them up.

If a student is unwell at home, please do not send them to school.

Students should not phone parents to pick them up.

If any new medical conditions are diagnosed eg asthma, epilepsy, heart condition, diabetes etc, the school needs to have written notification from the treating Doctor as well as a health plan for the school to follow when needed.

With Spring in the air, students in the Special Education unit are stepping up their work in the Memorial Garden to make it a colourful and special place for quiet reflection and healing. The seating and sign have been restored, the watering system has been repaired and a sea of floral colour is blooming. The class recently planted four very special Governor Macquarie roses to mark his significant impact on the early history of NSW. Students and staff really appreciate the support of Mr Rands and Mr Patfield for their ongoing assistance and advice.
WHITE RIBBON DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Strapping & Preparation

Referees

Official Moments

Pre-game warm-up with Mr Steve Porter and Mr Nathan TeRangi fully involved

Teams take the field clapped on by the White Ribbon Committee and Supporters

Wild Thing!
A School Holiday ART play Day Wednesday 25 September 10.00-12.30pm; 1.00-3.30pm Cost: $50 whole day; $25 half day. BYO morning tea and lunch. Prepayment essential 6772 5255 Come and spend the day making your own special Wild Thing creature to live in NERAM’s Smart Tree using clay, cloth, paint and found objects, and make one to take home. Materials supplied. Suitable for Ages 5-12. Under school age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Drop-in Activity
Come and check out our Smart Tree! In conjunction with the North Western Regional Science Hub this is an opportunity to learn how trees respond to their environment. Our sculptural recreation has a weather station, solar panel, sap flow and girth measurement monitors and a wireless transmitter Go inside and listen carefully... what can you hear? Help our tree to grow and make an insect or leaf.

James Roy Writing Workshop
How to Tell the Perfect Lie
Tuesday 14 September 10am-12pm Cost: $5 per student (for senior primary/junior secondary students)

Writers are liars. They’re really good liars. But telling the perfect lie is also about telling the truth, so in this workshop we’ll be coming up with the most outrageous fibs and working out how to make them believable, as well as playing with a number of fun and frantic writing exercises designed to unleash young imaginations. Part of the UNE Writers and Illustrators in Residence Program at NERAM.
CHANGES TO BUS LINES

At the end of the school day it is expected that students walk home, are picked up by parents/carers or stay in the school grounds until their buses arrive.

No student is to be outside the school fence/gates or at the Southgate Shopping Centre.

If your child catches a bus to Limbri, Carroll Gap, Bithramere, Quirindi, Coledale, Westdale, Oxley Vale, Nundle, Dungowan or Longyard they are to wait in the Year 7 area until the bus arrives and depart through the top gate.

All other buses pick up at the gate closest to B - Block and the Front Gate. These students must wait in the Year 12 and Year 10 areas. These changes are in an effort to ensure a smooth and safe exit from the school at the end of each day.
It is not an Oxymoron

In 2014 Tamworth High School will be offering a Gifted and Talented students program. This program will refine students’ basic skills and provide opportunities for students to engage in enriched cross-curriculum learning activities that cater for a diverse range of learning styles.

- All students will have individual learning needs catered for, through explicit consultation between the teacher, parents and support staff.
- Students will have the same teacher for Science, Mathematics, History and Geography, and Personal Development/Health/Physical Education. They will study the same programs as other students but further their development through cross-curricular enrichment activities.
- Students with interests in extracurricular activities will have access to specialist teachers to develop and enhance their skills in these areas.
- Students will have a large homeroom to facilitate regular group work and tailored individual learning tasks.
- Students will be invited to participate based upon a written application to be supported by primary school staff.

For further information please contact the school on 02 6765 7888
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Tamworth Rugby Union Club

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Under 16s 2014

On the back of such a successful 2013 season, Tamworth Rugby Union Club is preparing for 2014 and beyond to bring even greater success. As part of our future, we realize that families are an important connection of any club and it is important to encompass all players and supporters.

Tamworth Rugby has achieved many outstanding grand final victories over its era, especially in our junior grades. We believe that this demonstrates how the club fosters dedication and enthusiasm in individuals, which in turn brings our players together as a team on and off the field.

We would like to invite you and your son/s to join our junior development training sessions held these school holidays at Tamworth Rugby Park, on the Thursday 26th of September and Thursday the 3rd of October. The training sessions will be facilitated by our young 2013 1st graders and will see a number of skill stations. Following these two sessions you will be invited to join our Summer Development Squad.

Session 1: Thursday 26th September
Where: Tamworth Rugby Union Club Clubhouse
Beginning: 9.30am - 2.30pm

Lunch (BBQ) and refreshments will be provided both days
We look forward in helping your child take their next step in their rugby career

For further enquiries please contact Andrew Burke on 0400469731
Boys Hockey – CHS Knockout

The team is: Jay Neville, Josh Worpel (captain), James Psarakis, David Willis, Tom Smith, Shane Purdy, Nathan Mann, Dylan McClelland, Matt Sing, Jayden Mann, Brodie Alderson, Addison Coutman, Luke Albertson, Isaac Moxon, Patrick Hofman, Sean Aslin, Dean Woods (manager), Mr G Allen (coach).

The THS Open Boys team recently travelled to Narellan in south west Sydney to compete in the NSW Combined High Schools hockey finals. They earned this right after a convincing 9-2 victory over Blackwattle Bay High School (the senior campus of Sydney Secondary College). This game was played at Concord and was a free flowing contest that highlighted the good team play that THS is capable of. In the quarter-final at Narellan THS came up against eventual runners-up Moss Vale. Unfortunately, the combination of inexperience, lack of size and dubious officialdom proved our undoing and we lost 4-1. Despite this the team showed tremendous courage and determination. In their next game, THS played Albury High School. Here THS completely outplayed the opposition but couldn’t score in regulation time due to the brilliance of the Albury goalie, who made numerous good saves. The game went to two periods of extra time without the deadlock being broken. Penalty strokes were then taken, with the five THS players (James Psarakis, Dylan McClelland, Matt Sing, Dave Willis and Josh Worpel) slotting their shots in brilliantly. Our goalie, Jay Neville, then saved Albury’s last shot and we triumphed 5-4.

The team had to back up an hour later for another game against Dubbo. We were locked at 1-1 at half-time, but a series of injuries and fatigue saw Dubbo pull away to win 4-1. Overall THS finished 6th in the state – a great effort from a team that contains seven players from Years 7 and 8. The boys are looking forward to 2014 when they take the same players, but more experience into the next campaign.

Girls Hockey – Tamworth Secondary Competition

The THS Division 2 and Division 3 teams played grand finals this week. Unfortunately, both teams lost, but it was a great effort and meant that THS was the most successful public school. Division 2 were very unlucky, after going through the season undefeated. They played in heavy rain on a flooded field that prevented them playing their natural flowing game. Unfortunately the opposition scored off their only shot at goal and won 1-0. On a brighter note, Tayla King of Year 7 (the majority of the team were in Year 7) was named best and fairest player for the competition. Division 3 were the surprise of the competition, reaching the grand final from 3rd place and being made up of inexperienced players. They played a great game but eventually lost 1-0.

Hockey Honours

During the season a number of THS students have achieved representative success in hockey:
Josh Worpel – NSWCHS Opens team
Addison Coutman – NSW U/13 team
Matt Sing – NSW U/15 development team
Tayla King – NSW U/13 team
Bec Willis – NSW U/13 development team
Natalie Willis – NSWU/15 squad

NSWCHS ATHLETICS

Recently a number of THS students travelled to Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush to compete at the NSW Combined High Schools Athletics championships. Those involved included Nick Price of Year 9 who won gold for the second year in a row in the discus. This year he won the 14 years event. Also competing were: Lachlan Nihell in the 13 years discus; Jamie Blackler in the 14 years long jump and triple jump; Dilan Bateman in the 17 years shot put; and the 16 years relay team of Steph Fulwood, Sofie Langenbaker, Rhiannon Bradburn and Jamie Blackler.