OFFICIAL OPENING - “BOYS STUFF” SHED

This workshop program is designed to inspire and motivate young boys with alternative education to raise awareness about the diverse career paths available to them within the community. The program has a specific focus on achievement and opportunities that will support the young boys.

The program is designed to:

- encourage young boys to think about the connection between education, careers and independence.
- provide access to resources for personal development including networks, activities, contacts, mentoring and role models
- engage student in being creative and mechanically challenged
- Provide opportunities to engage with adult mentors
- Communicate the standards of behaviour, ethics and achievement necessary to be successful in adult life
- Enhance self esteem as a result of gaining new skills and knowledge

Many donations during 2013 have enabled the installation of the shed, fit it out, purchase tools, uniforms and get it up and running. Mr van Doesburg and Mrs Penberthy have been overseeing this project which will continue in 2014.
Next P & C Meeting – Tuesday 18th February commencing at 6.30 pm in the school cafeteria learning centre for approximately an hour. Enter via Jean Street. We invite all new and returning families to these friendly and informative meetings.

Camp Tamworth High – Full- only unpowered sites left. We need help from parents and prefects for the cleaning of amenities each afternoon for about an hour.

Working Bee to Mark Out Sites on Sunday 5th January 10 am
Working Bee for Clean-up on Friday 10th January 5pm.

P & C mobile number: 0487 114 030

App - It’s Free. Great News! Our school now has a mobile phone app. What’s that you may ask, it is a little application that sits on your phone or tablet and gives you instant access to our school information when you click on it, 24/7. The app is going to give parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, or to send in a sick note while you stand outside the school because you forgot to write a paper note! We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but for now download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for our school name, Tamworth High School. Once you have found it press install or download.

Cafeteria - Thanks to Cherree and her wonderful group of volunteers who provide an amazing service to our school community and raise funds for the P & C to distribute at meetings to go back into the whole school to improve facilities and equipment.

Congratulations to all award winners at presentation night.

Have a happy and safe Christmas break.

We look forward to seeing you in 2014.
Variety Club iPad Offer

The Variety Club is offering to support families to purchase an Apple 2 Wi-Fi model 16GB and the Otterbox Defender case.

Please contact Mr Sowden, English Head Teacher, for the order forms.

The first round closes 31st January 2014. Please note that ownership of the iPad is transferred directly from the supplier to the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Tamworth South Primary School students recently received their Tamworth High School P&C 2014 Scholarships at the school’s Presentation Day.

SENIOR SUCCESS PROGRAM

Stage 6 (Years 11& 12) is a very different learning experience for students and for their families. In order to support families in working together to achieve their students’ goals in Year 11 and 12, Tamworth High School runs the SENIOR SUCCESS PROGRAM.

This program involves each student and their selected support person, a parent; a sister; a brother; an aunt or uncle; a friend or a special teacher or any other special person working together to understand and organise themselves through Years 11 and 12.

The program runs on Tuesday evenings in WEEK 2 and WEEK 4 of each term from 7.30pm till 9pm in the Cafeteria at the school. The first meeting will be TERM 1 2014. This meeting will look at how to get organised for Year 11 and Year 12 and will help you to set up some support structures at home to achieve your goals.

We hope that you will come along to this evening. Please see Mrs Kate Roser if you have any questions or concerns. You may also call the school on 6765 7888 or email tamworth-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Northern Schools Steer Show

For the last five months Year 9 and 10 Agriculture students have been preparing three Angus steers for the Northern Schools Steer Competition, held in Warialda in the middle of Term 4. The students taught the steers to lead, monitored their weight and feed intake, and groomed the cattle. At the show, students competed against 18 other schools and up to 60 steers from around NSW, in five competitions.

The first competition was the Parader’s, which saw all 17 students lead a steer. The students were judged on their ability to handle and show off their animal.

The second was where all students competed in a competition where they became the judges. In this Daniel McCulloch of Year 9 was unlucky and disappointed not to make the final 10.

The third competition held was a Farmer’s Challenge where students were required to carry bales of hay, put up part of a fence and throw some eggs without breaking them.

After a long hot day students enjoyed camping under the stars. On the second day of competition the students lead the steers for the Hoof Competition. The cattle were judged and in this THS were placed 3rd, 4th and 5th in the respective classes. Once this had finished students said goodbye to the animals and we headed home. The steers were then slaughtered and judged for the Hook Competition. When the results came in students were very excited to hear that we had been placed 1st, 4th and 9th.

A combination of all the competitions saw us come in 4th overall. All the students performed well and are to be congratulated for their amazing effort and team work. Thanks to Mr Bradshaw for being our bus driver and Peter, for driving the cattle.

Students and the cattle

Cody Evans leading our 3rd place getter

Courtney Taylor and Brooke Fishendon during the Parader’s Competition

Lucy Davis, Claire Smith and Haley Forge during the Parader’s Competition

Merry Christmas
2013

From
Tamworth High School
to all students, parents,
carers, staff and families

May the New Year
be the beginning of a
bright and wonderful year

The 2013 KOALA is now available from the Front Office at a cost of $20.00.

If you have paid ALL your school fees you receive a Complimentary copy.
CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY

- Has had a very interesting and productive year in 2013.
- Music lessons - Band - Choir - String Group - Drum Groups - Dance will be happening again in 2014.

May everyone have a very Happy Christmas and a great start to the New Year.
Stay well and safe.

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.

On Friday 6th December Tamworth High School Open Boy’s Cricket Team versed Quirindi.

Quirindi batted first putting up a fight, with one player getting 87 and the team reaching a total of 169. James Psarakis, and Chris Coulton opened the bowling together and managed to take two wickets each. The team played well together displaying strong fielding skills and not dropping any catches.

The boys were sent in to bat and the task of chasing down the score put on by Quirindi. James Psarakis lead the team scoring 112 runs without losing his wicket carrying the team to a glorious victory. Lucas Constable was the second top scorer scoring 12 runs on the day. Sam Fulwood showed great technique and was unlucky to get out.

The boys played well as a team and have progressed to the region’s semi finals, which means the team will play Farrer in the new year.
On Monday the 2nd of December, Tamworth High School held its Annual Sports Assembly recognising the sporting achievements of our students. Tamworth High School continues to enjoy sporting success with 106 students receiving awards. Four teams won the North West Regional finals, with 39 students representing the North West, 10 long-term North West Retirees from Year 12 and three students representing NSW.

Samuel Crelley received the NSW Sporting Challenge Medal for his commitment and achievements in Water Polo.

Nathan Mann played in the National Golf Titles and finished a creditable 17th in Australia. Students who excelled or displayed exceptional skills in their chosen sports were awarded Outstanding Performance pennants while all Age Champions in the school Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnival were recognised for their efforts. Champion House was awarded to Brisbane, winning the Athletics, placing second in the Cross Country & third at the Swimming Carnival. Nicholas Price broke a 28 year old THS record by 2.71m in the U14 years Discus, while the Open Girls Water Polo team were named the THS team of the Year, finishing 4th in the State.

The Open Boys Water Polo finished 5th and both the U15 Girls Water Polo and the Open Boys Hockey finished 6th in the NSW CHS knockouts. Perpetual Trophies were awarded to students, nominated by their coaches in a variety of sports.

Special thanks for the musical items that were performed by Meghan McGrane, Alex Bennett and Harry Webster. Congratulations to all students that received awards and we look forward to similar results in 2014.
Tamworth High School’s two dance classes went to Oxley Vale this week to teach workshops to a group of Year 5 students.

The girls have worked hard to create a warm-up, stretching routine and a dance to teach their groups. At the end of the workshop each group performed what they had learnt.

The whole afternoon was an absolute delight, with every single student (both boys and girls alike) enjoying an amazing dancing time.

Well done girls! You were amazing!
Miss Bricknell
Last fortnight the Captains, Samantha Moxon and James Psarakis, along with Vice Captains, Dana Bayliss and Chris Coulton travelled to Sydney, in the company of Mrs Murray, for the annual Halogen Leadership Conference. This was held at the Sydney Convention Centre at Darling Harbour and there were over 2500 students and teachers from across the state attending.

The students were inspired by the panel of guest speakers including: Mike Martin, Markus Zusak, Sarah Wilson, Lt David Morrison Chief of Army, James Arvanitakis, Avril Henry and Tom Tilley.

Our favourite speaker of the day was Lieutenant David Morrison, Chief of Army. He was a fantastic role model for all young and old to look up to. His life experiences and the manner of educating and encouraging our younger members was a credit to experience.

Although the weather was not the best, all students and Mrs Murray managed to get a swim in at Newport Beach before the rain set in for the weekend.

The trip was a great opportunity for the Captains to bond together and also see the sights of Sydney.

The student leaders would like to thank the P&C for assisting and supporting our Captains to attend the conference.
Dear Tamworth High Community,

Great news to share with you. Our school smartphone mobile app is now available on both the Apple and Android networks for you to download and start using.

These instructions will help you;

How to Install Our School App

On Apple
- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our school name Tamworth High School
- Press Install
- Enter your iTunes password
It will commence downloading immediately

Android/Google Play
- On your SmartPhone
  - open the Android/Google Play market
  - Search for our school name Tamworth High School
  - Press install
Your app will start installing instantly

To Open Our School App
- Look for our schools app icon on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
When prompted select yes to receive notifications and use your location (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)

If you encounter troubles;
- Shut down the app and or your phone to refresh the phones memory
- Uninstall your app and reinstall it
On Wednesday 4th December the Under 15’s boys and girls teams embarked on a trip to Raymond Terrace to face off against other regions in a Water Polo tournament. Lead by super coach Jackson Crelley they were in good hands.

The boys team: Patrick Hofman, Isaac Moxon, Tom Price, Tom Dietrich, Tom Armstrong, Josh McCulloch, Kyle Jennings and Addison Coutman.

The girls team: Monique Guy, Paige Elliott, Georgia Taggart, Hollie Taggart, Lara Follington, Kaitlyn Self, Veronica Klepzig and Nikita Neville.

Although young, they were eager and ready for the challenges ahead.

The girls were unlucky in the draw, having to face the strong teams of Alstonville, Riverside, and Lambton. The girls played well as a team, with Georgia Taggart and Monique Guy strong in defence aiding Nikita Neville in goals, often keeping the opposition to only one goal a half. Monique and Veronica were hard pushed in attack constantly orchestrating counter attacks and moving the ball up into attacking positions. Kaitlyn, Lara and Paige played their parts helping move the ball up the field into scoring range.

The boys were outnumbered and outsizes by the opposition. Like our girls only having one substitute meant more work for our players and less rest time. When competing with teams that had the ability to substitute an entire team at once, and who had members who looked like Ian Thorpe. It did not stack the odds in our favour. This didn’t faze our boys though with two of the smallest players Patrick Hofman and Isaac Moxon showing that size is no comparison for skill, as they weaved their way through the opposition to score goals.

Tom Armstrong was strong down the side of the pool showing great pace and endurance as he frequently beat the opposition to the ball. Tom Price was firm in the middle providing a beneficial outlet for getting the ball down the pool.

Josh, Kyle and Addison were key in the middle of the pool weaving the ball between themselves to get it to Tom Dietrich, Isaac and Patrick in the attacking end of the pool.

Both teams played extremely well in physically demanding games and with growth in age and ability will be a force to be reckoned with in the upcoming years.