WHAT’S BUZZING
TERM 4 Week 2
Date Issued 17/10/2014

October
21st  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
29th  Vaccinations Year 7 in the Library
31st  Year 11 Reports issued
     The Buzz - Distribution

November
7th   Final day for HSC Exams
14th  The Buzz - Distribution
18th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
28th  The Buzz - Distribution

December
3rd   Orientation Day - 12 noon
5th   Gold Awards Ceremony
9th   Presentation Night - 6.30pm - Hall
12th  The Buzz - Distribution
     Years 7 - 10 Reports - Issued
16th  P&C Meeting - 6.30pm - Cafeteria
17th  Last day for students

Tamworth High School 2015 Captains and Vice Captains
With Year 11 Advisor, Mrs K Roser, and
School Principal, Mr D Wilson

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Welcome back to term 4!

Our term commenced with the Induction Ceremony of our incoming Prefects for 2014-15 on Wednesday October 8th. This important occasion celebrates the tradition of identifying and developing student leaders at Tamworth High School. It was my honour to present these students with their Prefect Badges and observe the signing of the Tamworth High School Prefect Register – a book that holds records of prefect from 1957! Our P&C President, Mrs Karen Psarakis then lead our new student leaders thought the THS Prefect Pledge and our new captains, Brooke Fishenden and Jack Pickering outlined the Prefects plan for their year in office. My congratulations go to the prefect team and my thanks to all staff involved in coordinating this important event.

I also took the opportunity after the Prefect Induction ceremony to meet with our entire Year 11 cohort in their new capacity as the senior students of the school. At this meeting, I outlined the requirements of the new Senior Learning Policy that provides clear guidelines regarding the rights and responsibilities of senior students, especially with regard to attendance and academic application. Parents will be able to access this document from the schools website or request a copy via our school office.

On Monday October 13th, the 2014 Higher School Certificate commenced in our hall. Under the careful supervision of our Presiding Officer, Mr Ken Hall and his team of supervisors, our 2014 year 12 cohort quietly and efficiently undertook the first examination – English. Our best wishes go to every student!

The staff of Tamworth High School have commenced the critical process of developing the next three year plan for the ongoing development of the school to ensure that we are providing the best opportunities for every student at our school. The development of an effective School Management Plan not only requires input from staff, which there has been no shortage of, it also needs input from students, parents and the wider community. I will be seeking input from the P&C in coming weeks and with their assistance, exploring ways to give parents the opportunity to play a role in the development of this plan.

Daniel Wilson
Principal
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.

Mr Allen

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Senior Secondary Student Cards

Students 16 years and older travelling on NSW Trains and coaches require the Senior Secondary Student card to get the student 50% discount fare.

Students need to see SAO to obtain these travel cards.

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Japan Excursion 2014

Here are some photos taken during our memorable trip to Japan in July. They show just a few of the highlights: Tyrone in genuine samurai armour, the Golden Pagoda in Kyoto, the tour group with the mayor of Sannohoe and Ms Daley trying the tea ceremony.
ED Art Class

Our students have begun a Visual Art program based on painting. The subject matter has been our faces, painted in different styles. The first is abstraction where our portraits have been broken up into stained glass window style and resembles a Picasso work of the last century. Here we see Jessica Kaizer, Mitchell Love, Tom Ross and Joshua Finch with their finished works.

What’s Happening in the Creative Arts Faculty

Stage Band: The THS Stage Band is starting again. We are in need of a guitarist and a bass player. Any students interested in joining please see Mrs Sullivan in the Music Staffroom or Music Classrooms. Rehearsals will be Tuesday lunchtime in HMus2.

Music Lessons: Our lessons will be continuing on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8.30am in the Hall. Please be on time and ready to play. Fees are now due.

Guitar Group: Continuing during lunch time on Friday in HMus2.

Violin: Lessons continue on Wednesday mornings - See Mrs Sullivan for more information if you would like to learn the violin

Band will continue on Monday mornings at 8:30am in HMus2.

Choir: All members of the Choir are needed at rehearsals on Tuesday mornings at 8.30am in HMus1.

Drum Groups: The group will rehearse this on Wednesdays at lunch in HMus2.
Items of Interest

Public speaking made easier.
Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence.

Here are practical tips any parent can use: [http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB](http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB)

Motivating “laid-back” children
Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?

Find out more: [http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z](http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z)

Senior Mathematics Study Groups

Attention Senior Mathematics Students and Parents

All Year 11 and 12 students studying Mathematics are encouraged to come to ACOM at the following times to study.

**Week 1** - Thursday - Period 4

**Week 2** - Wednesday - Period 4

There will always be a Mathematics staff member on hand to help.

Mrs Roser

Year 12

Finally the examinations are underway! Most year 12 students have completed at least their two English papers this week. Many parents would be glad that day by day each exam can be ticked off the list and all the paper work filed in some manner. Hopefully NOT in the circular filing system.

Best wishes for the remainder of your HSC examinations Year 12. Don’t forget as you complete your last exam to bring the signing out of school paperwork to complete. I am looking forward to catching up at the Formal.

To all Parents of Year 12, save the date, the Formal is on Thursday 6th November at Wests Leagues Club, starting at 5.30pm for photographs, with dinner served at 7pm. Payment and seating plans should be completed by Friday 31st October.
CAPA Night
On the 16th September, students from CAPA- Music Dance Drama and Visual Arts put on a showcase of the Talent at Tamworth High School. On display were art works from stage 4 and 5; a wonderful collection of shoes, water colours and sculptures.

On stage we saw performances from senior music students ranging from vocal works to instrumental solos. Supporting the seniors were a number of performances from students in the junior school. The year nine class showed a depth of talent, whilst students from year 7 and 8 displayed some awesome talent for the future. Our instrumental program was also represented through our budding flute trio.

Throughout the night the musical items were balanced by dance items from the regional dance festival. These works had been choreographed by a number of students studying dance in the stage four dance class under the guidance of Ms Bricknell. Not to be outdone the Drama crew also presented a drama skit with great humour.

The entertainment class also contributed to the night looking after the sound and lighting. Great thanks go out to Peter Scott for his help in the sound lighting and also for the use of the back drop which added the extra touch of class to the night.

P&C Stage 4 Scholarships- Applications have now closed. Thank you to everyone who has sent in applications. Successful recipients will be notified in Term 4. We look forward to meeting the parents of these students and working with them in 2015.

Sale of the new bucket hats and caps is progressing well. Remember the $10 cost is only available while current stocks last or until the end of Term 4.

School jackets have arrived into the Uniform Shop and are available for $75.

Country Music is around the corner. Anyone interested in helping the P&C with cleaning duties between 16/1-26/1/15 please text your interest to 0487114030. Shifts are approx. 1hr. All money raised goes directly to our students’ education.

Next P&C Meeting: Our next meeting will be Tuesday 21st October in the school cafeteria. 6:30pm start. Come and make a difference to your child's schooling!

Canteen Helpers: Urgently needed. If you are able to assist please contact Canteen Supervisor Mrs Judy Watson on 6765 9602.

Parent email addresses required!
The school is currently compiling a data base of parent email addresses. This will allow us to notify you of special events, information evenings, P&C meetings etc.

If you would like to receive emails from the school please either send an email to the school at tamworth-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or contact the school on 6765 7888.
What is the structure of the program?
The program is run over nine 2.5-hour sessions run fortnightly.
Telephone follow-up is conducted between sessions and after completion of the program.

The program sessions will explore:
⇒ Understanding the impact of trauma and attachment difficulties.
⇒ Skills in building a firm relationship foundation with your child such as "special play" and emotion coaching.
⇒ Developing safety plans and plans to look after you.
⇒ Problem solving techniques and strategies to optimise compliance
⇒ Using limits to manage anxiety.

Guest Speakers
Sue Hombsch - Speech Pathologist, Tamworth Community Health.
Guy Porter - Psychologist, Dept. of Education, NSW Public schools
Quentin Dignam - Senior Clinical Psychologist, CAMHS
Jodi Barton - Psychologist, FaCS FTamsTamworth TaTTamworth)

Where:
Tamworth Community Health
“Boronia Room”
Johnson House
101 Johnston St
TAMWORTH

Contact:
Sarah McMurtrie
OOHC Coordinator
NSW Public Schools
Ph: 67 555 045
THS Girls Hockey—Division 2 Premiers

Tamworth High was successful in winning the Second Division Grand Final of the Schoolgirls Hockey Competition. After being extremely strong and consistent throughout the season the girls were on top of their game in the Grand Final winning 2-0.

The team was: Back Row: Mel Courtney (coach), Teagan Corbett, Brittany Vallance, Kate Rummery, Gabi McCrohon, Lara Follington, Sally Rummery, Ashley Scott.

Front Row: Georgia White, Lucy Hofman, Lauren McGill, Giaan White, Anna Little, Penny Rummery, Sarah Jackson.

Mr Allen

CAFETERIA SPECIALS

WEEK COMMENCING 21-10-14

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