March
16th - 21st Regional Band Camp - Lake Keepit
24th - 28th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
31st Regional Vocal Camp - Lake Keepit

April
1st - 3rd Regional Vocal Camp - Lake Keepit
2nd Prefects & Year 7 Disco - 5.30 - 9 pm
3rd Gold Awards Assembly
4th Whole School Cross Country
7th - 11th Regional Dance Camp - Lake Keepit
11th Last day of Term 1
28th Term 2 begins - Staff only
28th - 30th Northern Excursion
29th All students return for Term 2

May
1st - 10th Northern Excursion
13th - 15th NAPLAN
21st Whole school Athletics Carnival
26th - 30th Years 7 - 10 Exams
Principals Report

We are well into the new school year now and it is becoming quite apparent to me, as a recent new arrival, that students at Tamworth High School have a very wide range of opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities in order to develop specialised skills or expand their capabilities in sporting, cultural or academic areas.

For example, on Friday 14 March, 2 dancers / choreographers from the Bangara Dance Company will be leading a workshop for students from THS and other nearby schools in the Tamworth High School auditorium for the day. This will be an outstanding opportunity for participating students to learn from people from one of the most highly regarded dance companies in Australia.

Coming up in Week 8, the well-established Science & Engineering Challenge will commence for Year 9 and 10 students who have a strong interest in these highly specialised fields. This competition allows students to explore a wide range of scientific and engineering problems and develop hands on experience in problem-solving. As such, it is a great opportunity for more mechanically-minded students at Tamworth High School!

In addition to these cultural and academic pursuits, we have the wide range of sporting opportunities for students - most recently, two of our students demonstrated their skills with their selection to CHS squads. Katie Robinson was selected for the NSW CHS Water Polo first side late last year and will be attempting to make the NSW All-Schools team. Earlier this year, one of our school captains, James Psarakis was selected in the NSW CHS Firsts Cricket Team. James was also named Player of the Carnival. Our congratulations go to both students on their achievements!

As a comprehensive high school that focuses on supporting every student achieve to their maximum potential, Tamworth High School implemented a class for Gifted and Talented students some time ago. This well-established program continues to flourish, producing terrific opportunities for high calibre students to maximise their skills and capabilities. The school will be seeking to expand this program in coming years. To assist in this process, we are conducting a Gifted and Talented Information Evening this coming Wednesday, March 12 commencing at 6.30pm in the Cafeteria. Please feel free to come along to hear about the achievements so far and what is planned for the 2014/15.

Finally, just a quick reminder that the next Parent & Citizens meeting will be held on Tuesday March 18th, commencing at 6.30pm in the Cafeteria. The P&C is the ideal forum for parents to get involved with their child’s education and have meaningful input into various activities in and around the school. I’ll look forward to seeing you there.

Daniel Wilson - Principal
Tamworth High School Reward System

Remember to hand in your awards to your Year Adviser!

Tamworth High School P & C Association Inc.
L. Courtney Secretary (thsp_and_c@yahoo.com.au)

Next P & C Meeting – Tuesday 18th March 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 2014 - Thanks to the following people who helped make it a huge success! Organisation, bookings, phone calls, emails during the year an average of an hour a week from Term 2 onwards – Karen Psarakis and Leanne Courtney.


Running the Camp for ten days and averaging approximately four hours a day – Helen Owen and Leanne Courtney.

Thanks to Wayne Woods and Tim McCartney for being available to help during the camp time.

This very successful event that has been going for approximately 18 years run by the P & C has grown to be a very worthwhile activity for our P & C to be involved in and this year raised approximately $17,000. Which is spent on resources and activities that directly assist students at Tamworth High, some of these things over the last few years include:- Stage 4 Scholarships, New Bus and interactive whiteboards into to classrooms.

Cafeteria – Thanks to Cheree and her volunteers who provide this very valuable service to the Tamworth High students and staff. Thanks to the prefects who are rostered on in recess 1 and recess 2 to assist in serving and helping out.
Last Friday a group of 20 Rugby League players had the opportunity to watch the Newcastle Knights train at Farrer oval. The boys were then taken through some training drills by the coaching staff of the Newcastle Knights, most notably Rick Stone, (Head Coach of reserve grade) and Anthony Quinn (former player now on coaching staff) Head Coach Wayne Bennett was also on hand supervising some of the activities.

The boys really enjoyed the experience and took a lot of advice out of it. They saw how hard a professional footballer trains and the level of commitment that it takes to reach that highest level.

I would like to thank the Newcastle Knights for allowing the students the opportunity and also Mr Porter for the organisation.

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 9.00pm in the Cafeteria at the school. These meetings 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
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 Smart Phone
- 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
After a hard fought Carnival the winning House was named …..and the winner was PEEL!!!

Peel House won convincingly with a total of 361 points followed by Fitzroy on 341 points. Brisbane was not far behind missing out on second place by only 1 point ending up with 330 points. Napier were let down by their participation and finished on 306 points.

The Houses were well organised by the House Captains who did a fantastic job of getting students involved in all novelty events and cheering for their fellow House members as they swam to victory.
2014 Gifted and Talented Survey

Tamworth High School is conducting a survey into selected practices in our Gifted and Talented program.

The areas being reviewed are:
- Placement in GAT classes
- Structure of classes – Stage 4
- Structure of classes – Stage 5
- Teaching and learning activities
- Equity
- Staffing
- Focus on Creative and Performing Arts

If you would like to participate in the survey, please contact Wayne Woods at Tamworth High School. The survey closes on Friday, March 28, 2014. You don’t need have a child in a GAT class to have your voice heard.
Age Champions
12 years female – Tyneika Self
12 year males - Daniel Wilson
13 year female – Giaan White
13 year male – Trent Bennett
14 years female – Veronica Klepzig
14 years male - Isaac Moxon
15 years female – Georgia Taggart
15 years male – Nick Price
16 years female – Bree Ann Poetshka
16 years male – Thomas Armstrong
17 + years female – Katie Robinson
17+ years male – Jack Pickering

Head Lice - Pediculus Humanus Capitis
Everyone needs to be pro-active with keeping Head Lice under control.

It is good practice to check the hair of every member of the family at the same time and if live lice are found to treat the hair of all family members at the same time.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities have a number of resources available on their website to educate parents and kids about Head Lice.
Information covers:-
• facts about Head Lice,
• treatment and tips,
• removing Head Lice and Nits,

Useful links include: -
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.

Front Office
All visitors must report to the Front Office upon arrival.

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 general enquiries.

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

Uniform Shop

Tamworth High School P&C Uniform Shop would appreciate donations of Junior girls uniforms in all sizes.

If your child has moved from Year 10 to Year 11 and you no longer require their Year 10 uniform your donation can be left at the Front Office of the school.

Any other uniform donations are also welcomed.

Thank you for supporting your school P&C
WHATS HAPPENING IN THE CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY

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. We still have spaces for students wishing to learn a Brass instrument or saxophone or violin. Please see Mrs Sullivan.

Guitar Group: Starts from Week 6 at lunchtime on Thursdays in H Mus 2.

Violin: Commenced on Wednesday 5th March - See Mrs Sullivan for more information.

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 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 Tuesdays. Be on time with your lunch and ready to sing. All are welcome and there is no audition for the choir you just need the desire to have fun and make music with others. The choir is working towards Tamworth Eisteddfod 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: The advanced group will rehearse this term on Wednesdays at lunch in Hmus2.