March
24th - 28th  Year 12 Half Yearly Exams - THS Hall
31st  Regional Vocal Camp - Lake Keepit

April
1st - 3rd  Regional Vocal Camp - Lake Keepit
2nd  Prefects & Year 7 Disco - 5.30pm to 9.00 pm
3rd  Gold Awards Assembly - Cafeteria
4th  Whole School Cross Country
7th - 11th  Regional Dance Camp - Lake Keepit
11th  Last day of Term 1
28th  Term 2 begins - Staff only
26th - 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 - THS Hall
28th  Bandwagon - 5.30pm to 10.00pm

Congratulations
Pictured above are some of the students who received Sports Awards from Mr Allen for their participation, enthusiasm and effort at sport.

Back (L to R): Georgia Taggart, Jessica Vongphachan, Abbey Bridge, Lara Follington, Max Gardiner

Front (L to R): Noah Hession, Sean Aslin
As we near the end of Term 1, the senior assessment program moves into the next phase with the Year 12 Half Yearly examination commencing next week. Students should have their exam schedule already and have their preparations well underway. As the first formal examinations for the HSC assessment process, these are an important milestone for students as it will provide important feedback regarding their progress in each subject. I would like to take this opportunity to not only wish all Year 12 best of luck for these examinations, but also to remind all students of the need to prepare for examinations thoroughly – Year 12 students should be spending a significant amount of time revising for each subject and ensuring that all aspects of each course covered up to now in class are well understood. In addition, it is essential that students have all the equipment they need for each examination – if in doubt, they should ask their teacher this week, well before exams commence. Remember the simple phrase – ‘failing to prepare is preparing to fail’.

Consistent with the strong reputation for sportsmanship that Tamworth High School has long enjoyed, I had a very positive report from staff supervising our North West Water Polo Knock-Out team who competed earlier this week. The referee for the game, Gail Salter made a point of passing on the message that the Tamworth High Boys all displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the game. In particular, Jackson Crelley and Daniel Pyne contacted the referees individually and thanked them for their time. Gail said the boys are a credit to the school and their families. Well done to the THS Water Polo team!
And the winner is....

During the regular PBL lesson on Friday of Week 3, Roll Call groups were asked to create a poem/chant that would encourage and promote school spirit. It had to rhyme and contain the Prefects motto of 'resilience creates brilliance'.

After much deliberation, the winner was decided. On behalf of the PBL committee, we would like to congratulate Napier 4 on their winning entry! Special mention must go to Peel 3 and Napier 6 who were close equal seconds!
Napier 4’s winning entry is below. Keep an eye out for it displayed around the school in the next coming weeks.

Tamworth High School is the best
Staff and students never rest.
Safe Respectful Learners are we
Our hero is the buzzy bee.
Always willing to take a chance
And never give a second glance,
’Cause resilience creates brilliance!

Next term the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test will be conducted. If your child is currently in Year 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. Despite what you may have heard, there is no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. These tests are a diagnostic tool used by schools to assess the progress of students and identify aspects that schools need to reinforce.
If you wish to find out more, visit the following website:

In this day and age of modern technology, parents often mention that they don’t know how to assist their child with school work. The reality is that there are plenty of ways parents can assist – the most important way is to first show a strong interest in what your child does each day at school and know what’s going on at school. More specifically, there are strategies that parents can use to assist their child in particular areas, for example, working with your child with their comprehension skills at home is a very effective way of providing valuable support to your child. Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they’re reading and then use the information in a certain way.

Here’s how to check your child’s comprehension and help them to improve. To find out more visit:

Daniel Wilson
Principal
Bangarra Dance Company Visits Tamworth High School.

Tamworth High played host to the renowned Bangarra Dance Company and students from the surrounding area for a one day dance workshop. The Bangarra Dance Company, which is located in Sydney, travel to the country to take students through a choreographed dance routine as well as teachings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural. The workshop is run as part of the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) Arts Program.

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.
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.

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

Next P & C Meeting – Tuesday 20th May 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.

Cafeteria – Thanks to Cherree 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.

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

Around 90 students from Tamworth High, Farrer MAHS, Westdale PS, Duval High, Peel High and Walhollow PS participated in the one day workshop. The choreography was made up of a combination of contemporary dance with traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural moves. Stephaine Fulwood and Kooriana Boney were handpicked by the Dance Company to represent Tamworth High in the School Spectacular coming up later in the year. Overall it was a fun and productive day for the students with a lot of laughs along with building friendships.
New Prefect Inducted at THS
Sarah Wall was recently inducted into the current Prefect group. The majority of the prefects were present to witness and support her as she was presented with her badge, the signing of the prefect register and the reciting of the Prefect pledge. Mr Daniel Wilson, our new Principal was available to conduct the ceremony in the school library. Congratulations to Sarah and the school wishes her all the best in her office for the remainder of 2014.

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)

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.
Tamworth High School Reward System

Bronze Award

Silver Award

Gold Award

Platinum Award

Remember to hand in your awards to your Year Adviser!

Congratulations to Laura Nicholls who graduated from Tamworth High School in 2009.

Laura is a student at the University of New South Wales and in her third year of study was awarded 1st for the Biotechnology and Biomolecular Science Prize.

She is now completing her Honours year.

Mr Galvin’s class cleaned around the ground of the school contributing to the ‘Clean up Australia Day’ activities on Friday 28th February.
Dear Parent or Carer

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows:

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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-school@det.nsw.edu.au