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REDCROSS CALLING

On the 8th April 2014, Year 9 students participated in the Red Cross Calling Door Knock Appeal. This was a great activity for the students to show themselves in our local community and to give back to the Red Cross for all the amazing work they do. The Red Cross are a regular member of the Tamworth High School Community, running Breakfast Club out of one of our kitchens every day. This is a well-used program with many students and sometimes staff enjoying a breakfast together before school.
Welcome back to Term 2!

In this edition of The Buzz, you will be able to read a report submitted by Mr Woods regarding the recent ANZAC ceremony in Tamworth. Our School Captains proudly represented all Tamworth Public Schools by laying a wreath at the dawn service and a significant number of students represented their schools with pride in several ANZAC Day marches in the area.

As ANZAC Day fell over the holiday break, a very well organised ceremony was conducted on the last day of term in the hall. Once again, THS students proudly conducted the ceremony in a very skilful manner whilst the student body behaved impeccably throughout the ceremony. In addition, the THS Community Band provided a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem. My congratulations go to all concerned, especially Ms Ostle and Mrs Sullivan for their expert organisation.

I had the opportunity to farewell the year 10 Northern Excursion as they packed the bus just prior to their departure. Since then I have had several reports about the terrific progress made and the wonderful experiences the group are having already. Mrs Murray informs me that besides some travel sickness, the trip is going very well, with our students demonstrating outstanding tent pitching skills in particular. When we spoke earlier last week, they had reached Uluru but unfortunately rain prevented them from taking the climb on that day. I am sure there will more to report in coming weeks.

As mentioned in previous editions of The Buzz, Year 7 and 9 students will be undertaking the NAPLAN tests during week 3 – these tests are important diagnostic tests that provide the school with valuable feedback about individual students and the work the school is doing to improve student learning outcomes. I urge parents and caregivers to assist the school by encouraging their child to actively participate in this important process.

Daniel Wilson
Principal
CAR PARKING AT TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL

The front car park is for staff parking and taxi drop off / pick up only.

Parents need to pull up outside school grounds when dropping students at school and picking them up after school.

This is for the safety of our students and due to the congestion of the car park.

EARLY LEAVE PASSES

On occasions your child may need to leave school early, eg; for an appointment. Please provide your child with a signed, dated note stating the reason and time required for the early leave. This note needs to be given to the staff in SAO PRIOR to roll call. An early leave pass will be processed and available for your child to collect in the first recess break.

This ensures their name is listed on the absentee sheet for the day with the time of departure, and that they are waiting to be picked up at the appointed time.

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.

Northern Excursion students at Uluru

Clint Jeffree

Owen Cameron

Clint Jeffree and Cameron Owen graduated at Newcastle University on 24th April 2014. Clint completed his degree in Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics Engineering with Honours Class II Division 1. Cameron was awarded Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering with Honours Class II Division 2. Both have employment with Robotics System in Newcastle and are proud to note Tamworth High School as an important part of their education.
Waterpolo Grand Finals

After a great season of Waterpolo, Tamworth High School once again dominated the final series with school teams participating in 5 out of the 6 Grand Finals last week at Scully Park. First in the pool on the night were the 14 girls, successfully beating Calrossy 5-0. It was a fantastic team effort and the future of girl’s water polo looks bright with standout players Georgia Taggart and goalie Giaan White both having great games. The somewhat “hamstrung,” Marlins team then played in the 16’s against Carinya. It was a close game and while the girls lost by 1 point (3-2) they had a great season, with fitness and fun being their top priority.

Unhindered by any grading restrictions, our girls were able to emphatically win the Open’s game against Calrossy 6-0 in another superb team effort. The girls dominated the pool for the entire match, Sam Moxon, Brittany King and Monique Guy performed well, as did Nikita Neville in goals. Finally allowed out in the water, Katie Robinson lead by example lead scoring and most deservedly, named ‘Player of the Grand Final’.

The boys also performed well with the 14 boys mirroring the girls to win 5-0 against Farrer. New to the game, goalie Tom Price kept Farrer from scoring, while ‘veterans’, Pat Hofman (2 goals) Isaac Moxon (3 goals) dominated out in the field.

Our last Grand Final of the series, the 16’s boys didn’t go as well, with the team not quite at their best against a fast McCarthy squad. Flashes of form from Jay Neville, who scored from the half- way mark and consistent efforts from Dione Lowe, Jack Pickering and Jackson Crelley were not enough and THS went down 10-5 in this entertaining game.

Overall, it has been a highly successful season for our school. Jackson Crelley was named 2014’s Most Outstanding Player in recognition of his commitment to not only playing Waterpolo, but also refereeing and coaching duties. And, after a powerhouse individual season, Isaac Moxon, was awarded ‘Best and Fairest’ in both the 14’s and the 16’s competitions.

The school would like to thank players in all teams for their outstanding sportsmanship and commitment to Waterpolo this season. Special mention goes to those who regularly give their time to referee matches and assist younger teams, including Nikita Neville, Monique Guy, Katie Robinson, Sam Moxon, Pat Hofman, Isaac Moxon and Jackson Crelley.

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.

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: Continuing during lunch time on Thursdays in H Mus 2.

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. This term the Band will be playing at the Tamworth Eisteddfod. This is an evening performance in full school uniform. Leading up to this competition it is very important that all rehearsals are attended. Our band has a very successful history at the Tamworth Eisteddfod and as the only public school band our continued commitment is vital.

Choir has two performances this term. The group has been invited to perform at the launch of the Regional Community and Business Awards 22nd May. This is a great opportunity to show off great things we do at Tamworth High School, so great commitment is required. The second performance is at Tamworth Eisteddfod in the last week of May.

All members of the Choir are needed at rehearsals if we are to perform at our best. Rehearsals are continuing on Tuesday mornings at 8.30am in HMus1.

String Group: A newly formed group will be continuing with rehearsal conducted on Tuesday at lunch in HMus2. All string players in the school are welcome. I am looking forward to working with this group.

Drum Groups: The group will rehearse this on Wednesdays at lunch in HMus2.
THS 40 Year Reunion 2014
For 4th Form 1972 and 6th Form 1974

Join your THS colleagues for some reminiscing and fun after 40 years in the real world

EVENTS
Fri 3rd Oct - 5pm Catch up at West Leagues
Sat 4th Oct - 10am walk down memory lane at THS
   6pm THS Auditorium - BYOG
   Provided - Nibblies, Buffet Main Meal, Dessert, Coffee
   Dance to your favourite songs from that era!
   Share stories about the good and bad times!
   Share photos and memorabilia on a “Table of Memories”

Sun 5th Oct - Remember how we always beat Oxley at everything!
Well... they are having their reunion this weekend too, so we are challenging them to a game of Barefoot Bowls at the
   North Tamworth Bowling Club at 10 am

Cost: $40 for Saturday night and $10 for bowls morning

RSVP: By direct deposit before 22/9/2014
   Bank: Northern Inland Credit Union
   Account Name: Tamworth High 40 year Reunion
   BSB 802-298 Account Number: 71775
   (Reference your deposit with name and number attending, eg H Owen 1)

Contacts
Find our page on Facebook - “Tamworth High School reunion for Fourth form 1972 - Sixth Form 1974”

Helen Varga: Mob: 0438 279 699 or whowen@hotmail.com
Julie Fishenden: Mob: 0427 633 432 or fisho2@bigpond.com

THS MARLINS

The school would also like to thank our coaches Sean Hofman (boys) and Cassie Wallington (14 girls) for all their efforts over the season. The expertise and time given to our players is most valued.

Mrs Poder

SUPPORT STUDENTS VISIT RESIDENTS AT MCKAY NURSING HOME

Students from the Support Unit visited residents at McKay Nursing Home in Week 11 of Term 2 to participate in carpet bowls. The students interacted with the residents, sitting and talking with them and helping out with the running of the carpet bowls game along with the volunteers that assist at McKay Nursing Home. It was a wonderful experience for our students and the residents greatly enjoyed having them there along with the Easter Eggs handed out by the students.

Ms Gleeson-Barker
ANZAC DAY 2014

This year Tamworth High School students and staff once again proudly participated in the Annual Tamworth ANZAC Day March. Our march was led by the School Captains and Prefects, with about 70 senior and junior students. Each wore the THS uniform and represented the school in a manner that proudly reflected on their community spirit and commitment to commemorating the importance of ANZAC Day.

Members of staff who participated in the event were: Mr Andrew Urquhart, Ms Emma Bricknell, Ms Marie Clavell, Ms Karen Nelson, Ms Erinn Scott, Ms Jenny Murray, Ms Catherine Loughrey, Mr Luke Barry, Ms Hannah Warden, Ms Kelly Cornell, Ms Kate Roser, Mr Dale Rands and Mr Wayne Woods. Special thanks must go to those students and staff who attended both the Tamworth Dawn Service and the Town March. We would also like to recognise Mr Allen Urquhart who played the bagpipes for the Werris Creek Town March and Service.

Students who marched with the Tamworth High School group included:

James Psarakis Samantha Moxon Zara Lowder Giaan White
Christopher McAlpine Ashley Scott Allan Pike Chelsea Bayliss
Dana Bayliss Zarayn Knight Liam Halbhisch Dylan Ryan
Brittany Ryan Elizabeth Plane Kiamee Mannion Jessie Brown
Jordan Barber Crystal Shanley Joshua Shanley Megan Su
Lara Follington Alyce Peters-McMillan Tamika Andrews Stephen Kelly
Christopher Coulton Brooke Fishenden Johannah Hohnke Grace Endacott
Jessica Berman Sophie McLeod Luke Berman Joshua Worpel
Natalie Willis Gabbi McCrohon Rebecca Willis Susan Sayabath
Ricki Brown Isobel Brown Stephanie Fulwood Katelyn Rich
Jessica Vongphachan Marie Vongphachan Katie McGill Kylie Farrell
Jay Neville Lachlan Smith Luke Albertson Hollie Taggart
Georgia Taggart Lachlan Smith McKenzie Bath Keegan Baker
Sarah Wood Ashleigh Moyses Payton Muller Dylan McClelland
Katie Robinson Amelia Moyses Abbey Lewis Timothy Hassan
Ashleigh Dedini Brittany King

We would also like to thank the Tamworth High School students and staff who marched with other community groups such as community bands including St Johns Ambulance and various bands. Special recognition should go to students who have marched every year for many years, including Joshua Shanley and Crystal Shanley. Alyce Peters-McMillan marched in her 13th Tamworth ANZAC Day March this year!

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
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)

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. Check out the menu changes for the cooler months.

Uniform - Tamworth High P&C support the wearing of correct school uniform and ask parents and carers to support the school in this matter.
The cooler weather is now here and students are wearing their Winter uniforms. Both boys and girls in Years 7 - 10 wear the long sleeve ice blue shirt with the blue & black stripe tie. Ties, woollen jumpers and sloppy joes, both new and used are available for purchase in our P&C run Uniform Shop which is open on Thursday at Lunch time.

Parent/Teacher Night
Thursday 22nd May 2014
4pm-7pm
School Hall

Parent/Teacher Night is an opportunity for you to discuss, with your child’s teachers, their learning throughout this year and their future development.

An information note and booking sheets will be sent home via the student, shortly. Your child will then need to arrange bookings with their teachers to suit.

Tamworth High School would like to thank you in advance for making the time to assist in the development of your child’s learning and we look forward to working with you to achieve the best possible outcomes for them.

Luke Barry
Parent/Teacher Night Coordinator

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.

We would also like to thank all students and staff who marched in other towns such as Somerton, Nundle, Werris Creek, Kootingal and Manilla.

All students who participated in ANZAC Day will receive a Bronze Award. If your name is not in this article, please see Mr Woods to get your Bronze Award.

Mr Woods - Deputy Principal
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period. Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.