June
11th  Bandwagon - 5:30pm to 10:00pm
17th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
17th - 20th  Yr 11 Business Studies Excursion - Sydney
20th  Gold Awards Assembly - Cafeteria
20th  “The Buzz” - Distribution day
25th - 26th  School Photos - Hall/Library
27th  Last Day of Term 2

July
14th  School Development Day
15th  First Day Term 3 – All Students return
P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria

August
4th - 15th  Year 12 Trials - Hall
11th - 16th  New England Dance Festival - TRECC
19th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria

September
1st - 5th  Year 11 Exams - Hall
16th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria

The Tamworth High School Choir performed at the launch of the Regional Business and Community Awards Ceremony on the 22nd May. It was our first public performance in quite a while. The students performed well and thanks to Mrs Ostle for her assistance on the keyboard.

Congratulations to everyone!
Recently, Tamworth High School had the pleasure of hosting a visit by Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education & Communities, Mr Greg Prior. Also attending were Executive Director, Mr Frank Potter, Tamworth Principals Network Director, Ms Ruythe Dufty and Wollemi Principals Network Director, Mr Mark Young. After a brief inspection of the THS Cafeteria/Learning Centre, Mr Prior provided a presentation to local Principals outlining the significant developments and directions for education in NSW.

In the near future, Tamworth High School will be implementing a revised Anti-Bullying Policy. This policy will be introducing enhanced reporting and follow-up procedures to assist students when dealing with incidents of all forms of bullying and anti-social behaviour. The aim of this policy revision has been to build upon the significant range of educational and awareness programs already being utilised at the level of impact of this issue.

Parents should note that a copy of this new policy will be available via various means (hard copy, and digital download from the THS website) from the commencement of
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.

Well done to all and my thanks to Mrs Sullivan for her ongoing commitment to the band and music program at Tamworth High School.

Daniel Wilson
Principal

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.
In May, School Captains Samantha Moxon and James Psarakis joined the combined schools of our region, to travel to Sydney to attend the NSW Parliament House sitting and meet the Governor at Government House. Samantha, James and 13 other Captains from our area saw the Members of the House speak and debate a range of topics and listened to a talk from Governor Marie Bashir. They also enjoyed a guided tour into parts of both buildings not normally able to be seen by the visiting general public. Accompanied by Miss Loeve, the Captains had a chance to meet other leaders from around the area and establish networks that will surely come in handy as they prepare to leave school.

The trip was seen by the Captains as a worthwhile activity that allowed them to expand their peer network and experience Sydney in a new light. Both Samantha and James would highly recommend this experience for future leaders.

Report by Miss C Loeve

**WHATS HAPPENING IN THE CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY**

**New Instruments:** Two Cellos have been purchased and there in now there is the opportunity for students to learn to play these. Interested students please see Mrs Sullivan.

**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. 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 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.

**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

Painting by Year 8 student Jyler Nean has been entered in the NAIDOC Logo Competition for this region. We wish Jyler good luck and will await the results.

Report by Ms S Warden

Jordann Lavers participated in the Music Strings section of the Tamworth Eisteddfod on Thursday 29th May.

She performed three pieces very well, achieving two First Places and one Second Place.

Report by Ms Kelly Cornwell
Tamworth High School P & C Association Inc.
L .Courtney Secretary ( thsp_and_c@yahoo.com.au)

Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 17th June 6.30 pm in the school Cafeteria Learning Centre. Enter via Jean Street. Guest speaker will be invited. AGM will be held on Tuesday 15th July, 2014.

School Uniform - The P&C supports the wearing of correct school uniform as set out in the School Handbook and on the school website. Due to WH&S this includes the wearing of covered black leather shoes. We ask parents to support the school by ensuring their children are in a safe learning environment with correct safety equipment and clothes for all classes.

Uniform Shop - Open Thursdays at lunch time and by appointment when required. Working Bee in the Uniform Shop on Saturday 14th June - 9:30am to 11:30am

Canteen – Thanks to Cherree and her small band of volunteers for the great service. The canteen is always willing to hear from anyone who has a spare day or two per month to help out. THANK YOU TO THE PREFECTS WHO ARE AGAIN HELPING INSIDE THE CANTENE ON A ROSTERED BASIS in break one and two, we look forward to the other student bodies in the school assisting in the lunch break. Great community service.

Stage 4 P&C Scholarships 2015/16 - P&C again decided to sponsor up to ten scholarships worth $500 each for students entering Year 7 at Tamworth High in 2015. Scholarships are in the areas of academic, music, dance and all rounder categories. If you have a child moving to high school next year please email P&C or ask Mr Woods, Mrs Scott or the Front Office about applying for a Scholarship. Applications close on 1st August , 2014.

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 10TH JUNE
CURRY PIES $4.80
VEGETABLE PATTIES $3.50

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 16TH JUNE
CHILLI CHICKEN SUBS $4.80

ALSO WE NOW HAVE COFFEE $2.50
MOCHACCINO CAPPUCINO FLAT WHITE ESPRESSO $2.50
HOT CHOCOLATE

SUSHI ALSO AN THE MENU MONDAY TO THURSDAY $3.00

come and... DISCOVER ENGINEERING

TOPICS
Areas to be addressed include:
Why be an Engineer?
What do Engineers Do?
How DoYou Become an Engineer?

Guest speakers include:
Engineering professionals & University students.

REGISTER
Registration essential by: Thursday 19th June 2014

CLICK HERE, or phone
Engineers Australia on 02 4911 7310.

Further information available at:
www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division/events

DATE
Monday 23rd June 2014
from 5.30 pm
in the Grand Ballroom, Wests Diggers Kable Avenue, Tamworth

This Free Forum is for all students in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 who are interested in Engineering as a career choice.

Light Refreshments will be served
On occasions your child may need to leave school early, e.g.; 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.

**EARLY LEAVE PASSES**

**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.

Tamworth High students were invited to a private showing of the documentary Utopia at the Aboriginal Binaalbaa Centre in Tamworth. Utopia is a movie directed by Emmy and BAFTA winning journalist John Pilger. It is based on the place called Utopia which is a vast region of northern Australia that is home to the oldest human presence on earth and it is also the poorest in Australia. Pilger takes you on a journey to raise the message of how oppressed indigenous Australians still are. The message is that living conditions for Aboriginal people have hardly changed since his 1985 film “A Secret Country.” Indigenous people in remote areas, he argues, are suffering the “equivalent of apartheid”. Utopia is shedding a light on the hidden truths of Australia’s history and the years of injustice, inequity and poverty in Australia’s indigenous communities.

Report from Ms Sandy Rixon

**Team members:**

Dylan McClelland, Patrick Hofman, Peter Urquhart and Nick Lysaught

The boys met an exceptionally well drilled Oxley High team on a sunny Thursday morning in May. This was the first year back in the Tennis competition after several years in hibernation. We soon realised that we were in a spot of bother when our number one seed was drawn to play against his coach.

The boys all played well and enjoyed themselves, however we were convincingly beaten by our opponents. We wish Oxley High School all the best for the rest of the competition and hope they are successful in taking out the North West title.

Report by Mr M Ingram
On Wednesday 21st Mat, senior students from the Support Faculty took a break from the Athletics Carnival to visit the annual Careers Expo at the TRECC. It was a valuable experience, offering students the opportunity to chat, network and gain information regarding courses on offer from various organisations including TAFE, the State Training Centre, Universities and other trade services for both in-school and post-school options. It was a valuable gathering of resources for students from around our region to access - all under the one roof.

Report by Mrs C O’Connell

Pictured: Students and Relieving Heat Teacher from Support with a representative from the TAFE Tamworth Animal Care stand nursing Frankie the rescue dog.

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

The Chooky Dancers are spreading the message of “Keep Healthy and Remember your Culture”

The Tamworth Capitol Theatre was the venue where twenty four Tamworth High students watched on with joy and interest at the performance. The Chooky Dancers combine traditional Aboriginal with contemporary moves and costumes. They danced with umbrellas and dressed in loincloths for songs from Gene Kelly’s “Singing in the Rain” and for Michael Jackson’s “Billie Jean” they dressed in a flat cap and britches.

The Chooky Dancers went on YouTube with a global recognition in 2007 when Margaret Nyungunyungu, the wife of Frank (known as Big Frank) videoed her son Lionel and his mates dancing on a Darwin basketball court. The dance that took them to stardom was done to Greek music with the boys performing a playful interpretation of Greece’s famous Zorba dance dressed in loincloths and body paint. The boys have since performed on Australia’s Got Talent, at the Opera House, at Melbourne International Comedy Festival and are now going on tour around the world.

The birth of the Chooky Dancers happened as a way to keep healthy in Arnhem Land. Lionel’s father, known to all on the island simply as “Big Frank” uploaded Margaret’s video and thrilled by the success he coached the group to greater heights. Stardom, for Frank as not the main focus. Promoting healthy living, community participation and lowering the shockingly high rates of Indigenous youth suicides were his goals.

Since Big Franks passing the group keep his memory alive through the mixed media of merging the dance with a video to show the history of the group, to promote a healthy message of a better lifestyle and to be proud of their culture.

Report by Ms Sandy Rixon
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:

The Glue Sticks

Monday 26/5/2014 - Won 7-1 Calrossy - With the season well underway and the potential of this team limitless, the Glue sticks took to the field on the night with vigour and gusto. Very few opposition would be able to withstand their attacking prowess and even the Ukraine would be getting nervous about their dominating game play. With the strong connection of Megan (Frozen) Su and Susan Sayabath attacking the right hand side of the field, goals were a plenty. The pace and skill of the passing between the players was electric, and it had the opposition and even some of our own players, bamboozled. Having a surge of sugar from 4 minties, Megan was able to net three goals on the day. Mid-field was dominated by Katie (KT) Robinson who snagged two goals of her own. Lucy (Malfoy) Davis had one of her best games, upon realising it’s easier to hit the ball with her stick than her foot and Susan assisted the team with a sneaky little goal. The powerhouse from across the ditch, Bromley, was everywhere on the pitch and finished with one goal for herself. I’m quite certain if an injury happens to any of the hockeyroo’s playing in the World Cup at the moment, I’m confident to be receiving a call for one of our players to make the step up to international level.

LATE NEWS!! To quickly recap Monday’s game (2/6/2014), the world famous, (yes they are reaching global status) won 3-0 against a determined Carinya team. With Dylan (Assistant Coach) McClelland calling the plays and confusing everyone, the first half goal came from Ashley (I’m a back) Scott. After some more uplifting calls from Dylan and some floor gymnastics from Isobel Brown, a goal somehow appeared from Katie Robinson. When finally the girls realised that if you passed the ball to each other it makes the game easier, they completed the play ‘Butterfly-Christmas Tree’ to have birthday girl Bromley Nankivell smash one into the back of the goal. The points went to Gabbi McCrohon, Anna Little and goalie extraordinaire Brittney King.

Till another day, yours in Hockey, Mr Michael Vereyken

Name: Katie Robinson
Nickname: KT
Position: Captain/Cherry Picker
Favourite Food: Protein Shakes
Favourite Movie: ‘Mighty Ducks’
Life Ambition: Be bigger than Brandon Collins. To be as good as my skills coach Nick McCrohon
Quote: “Hey Coach, put me back on the ice!”

Name: Lucy Davis
Nickname: Lucius Malfoy
Position: Front Row
Favourite Food: Mash Potato
Favourite Movie: ‘Cars’
Life Ambition: To go to Hogwarts
Quote: “Float like a Cadillac, sting like a Beamer!”
Toorale Trip

Day One: It was a fresh autumn morning when 16 sleepy boys disembarked on a nine hour trip to Toorale. Packed in like a tin of sardines with a few staff scattered throughout the bus, we left the comfort of phone reception with our supplies of bread, water, mandarins, steak and sausages (a staple diet for any teenage boy). After numerous calls for toilet stops and a ‘healthy’ lunch at McDonalds, we finally reached our destination as the sun began to set. The boys quickly settled in and built a fire that could have warmed the entire town of Bourke 50km away.

Day Two: Rising early the next morning, the boys were treated to a morning fitness session run by Zarayn Knight, much to the pleasure of Mervyn Fermor and Danny Keven. Mr Knight had organised a day of fishing along the Murray River. As Jayden Harris braved the waters venturing in for a quick dip, Bailey Holcombe and Matthew Davis reeled in countless fish. Not to name names, (Jordan Jeffries-Tapper and Tyrone Ruttley), a number of boys were a little nervous when threading their worms and had to ask for some assistance from Mr Jackson and Mr Knight, however this did not affect their fishing ability as they bagged a few as well.

Day Three: The boys were a little harder to rise and were extremely reluctant to go for Zarayn’s ‘light morning jog’. We covered the 50kms back to Bourke High to play a friendly game of Touch Football and explore the town. Bourke IGA was bought out of Coke almost single handedly by Dylan Jeffreys and Michael Price, much to Mr Jackson’s protests, while Bodi Austin came in a close third.

Day Four: Mr Sampson and Mr Knight had organised a cultural day, as there were a number of sacred Aboriginal sites around the station and a visit to a haunted homestead, which Brayden Jerrard was very reluctant to approach. Jye Taggart and Tim Gordon were glued to our guide Ross Morris, who was very informative.

A big thank you to Mr Sowden, Mr Sampson and Mr Knight for organising the trip, along with Zarayn Knight, Dylan Jeffreys and Jye Taggart for all their help.

Report by Mr Sam Jackson

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The week marks two important dates, 27th May is the anniversary of the Referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people., and 3rd June marks the 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title. To celebrate these historic events Peel Street saw musical performances by The Sapphires from Westdale Public School followed by the formal ceremony including a flag raising ceremony at Ray Walsh House. Elder Len Waters gave the Welcome to Country and performed a smoking ceremony before Tamworth Regional Council Mayor, Mr Col Murray gave an address.

Our own Junior AECG members Jessie Browne, Holly Taggart, Carlandra Livermore and Aleara Pearce represented Tamworth High by giving acknowledgment to Country and a speech about the history and importance of Reconciliation. The girls wrote reconciliation messages of togetherness and placed them in the garden along with many others.

Report by Ms Sandy Rixon