August
4th - 15th  Year 12 Trial Exams– Hall
11th -16th  New England Dance Festival - TRECC
19th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
20th  Yr 10 History Excursion - 10A2; 10B2; 10B3
22nd  The Buzz Distribution
27th  Yr 10 History Excursion - 10A1 & 10B1
29th  Yr 11 Drivers Expo

September
1st - 5th  Year 11 Exams - Hall
5th  The Buzz - Distribution
8th - 12th  Year 11 Prefect Camp - ??????
12th  Gold Awards Ceremony - Cafeteria
16th  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
18th  Year 12 Reports issued
19th  The Buzz - Distribution
Last Day Term 3

October
5th  Daylight Saving commences - Clocks forward 1 hour
7th  All Students return for Term 4
8th  Prefect Induction - THS Hall 9.00 am
13th - 7th Nov  HSC Examinations
17th  The Buzz - Distribution
21st  P&C Meeting - 6.30pm - Cafeteria
31st  Year 11 Reports issued
The Buzz - Distribution

On Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th July Tamworth High School welcomed visitors and guests to the activities being held throughout the school.

An extensive photo spread of the events is included in this issue of The Buzz.
Principal’s Report

Education Week Awards
I had great pleasure in presenting several Certificates of Recognition at the 2014 Education Week Celebration recently. These well-deserved awards acknowledge the significant efforts of several key members of our education community. This year’s recipients were as follows:

- **Outstanding Student Achievement Award** - Ashleigh Dedini – Awarded for outstanding achievement in learning and citizenship by demonstrating there are no barriers to accomplishment.
- **Outstanding Contribution to a School by a Member of the School Community** – Ken Hall – Awarded for outstanding contribution to the ongoing development of Tamworth High School.
- **Outstanding Contribution to the School by a Staff Member** – Greg Allen – Awarded for tenacious support of school sport at Tamworth High School.

NAIDOC Week Ceremony
Tamworth High School conducted our annual NAIDOC Week Ceremony on Monday August 28th. This important event was well attended by many local Elders and special guests including our local Member of Parliament, Mr Kevin Anderson, Director of Schools – Wollemi, Mr Mark Young and Mr Pertti Terho, a visiting educator from Finland. Students and guests were given insights to the theme of NAIDOC by Aunty Stella Lamb and Uncle Len Waters who conducted a traditional Smoking Ceremony to commence official proceedings.

From L to R Daniel Wilson, Greg Allen, Ashleigh Dedini, Ken Hall
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.

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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.

Senior Mathematics Study Groups

Math

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.

On the following Tuesday, our Junior AECG and Aboriginal Education Team conducted a cultural activities day in the hall to enable participating students to develop stronger awareness of Aboriginal culture. This significant event was well organised and enjoyed by all involved, including a number of visiting children from a nearby kindergarten. Once again my sincere thanks and congratulations go the team and members of the Junior AECG for their hard work in putting this event together.

Daniel Wilson - Principal

Tamworth High School’s Junior AECG representatives Jessie Browne and Aleara Pearce donated a new BBQ to the Principal Wilson for the whole school to use for the many different events to come.

From Ms S Rixon

CAR PARKING AT TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL

To reduce congestion and ensure student safety, parents are requested to park outside school grounds when dropping students at school and picking them up after school.
The school’s Under 16s Rugby Union side swept St Mary’s Gunnedah aside with a shut-out victory on June 25. The game was the last on a Tamworth Gala Day at Minor League Park that doubled as the first round of the state-wide Buchan Shield and meant THS finished the event with a bang. The 35-nil victory came despite a flood of penalties against the boys in blue. When THS did have the ball they showed their slippery skills with seven tries – many of them from long-range.

Fullback Brayden Jerrard and his dazzling footwork and turn of speed was a constant thorn in the opponent’s side with three tries of his own. Daniel McCulloch was a wide-running wrecking ball with two, skipper Jesse Aiken slid in for one and Brandon Parry went from playmaker to try scorer with the last five-pointer of the day. Those players got on the score sheet but the rest of the team contributed to the win. The side’s goal-line defence was resilient and a clean sheet was a great reward for the tiring tackle tally brought about by so many penalties. Only some wayward goal-kicking prevented the score from reaching greater heights.

Earlier THS put up a brave effort but went down to a rampant Farrer team in the first game of the day. It wasn’t all one-way traffic as Brayden Jerrard scooped up a loose kick and streaked away for his first points of the day. He also converted the try. It was the only time THS crossed the stripe in that game but it went close on several occasions. Without a bench to call on the boys in blue ran out of puff against a more experienced Farrer outfit.

Coach, Mr Te Rangi, was proud of the boys’ efforts, especially the defence close to the line.

Farrer will progress to the next stage of the competition in Coffs Harbour, but THS won’t miss out on a trip to the coast. The Under 16s have been given a wildcard entry into the Coast to Country Cup tournament to be held at Forster in September.

New England Dance Festival: THS students are involved in the event which is happening from 11th to 16th August at TRECC

Dance Workshop: Students had a wonderful opportunity recently to attend this and learn from the very experienced Kristi Cini.

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.
INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/ CARERS

of
DANCE FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS

Dance Festival is quickly approaching. We have close to 40 students participating in Dance Festival this year, which is a great indication of the dedication and enthusiasm of our students.

Rehearsals at school: There will be no more after school rehearsals due to lack of numbers. INSTEAD there will be an extra rehearsal WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 8.30am-9am for ALL GROUPS. Please remember your other rehearsal times!

REHEARSAL TIME: Tamworth High School will be rehearsing Monday 11th August from 12pm-3pm at the TRECC. We will be catching a bus to and from this event.

PERFORMANCE TIMES:
- Thursday 14th August at 7pm: We have no groups performing at this time.
- Friday 15th August at 10am (Matinee): IN THE WILD & A NEW WORLD
- Friday 15th August at 12.30pm (Matinee): CANNED BALLERINAS
- Friday 15th August at 7pm: GUUMALI, CANNED BALLERINAS & IN THE WILD
- Saturday 16th August at 7pm: GUUMALI, A NEW WORLD & CANNED BALLERINAS

TICKETS: All tickets EXCEPT for matinees are available at the Tamworth Information Centre, the Capitol Theatre and via the internet at visittamworth.com.au. Limited tickets will be available at the door.

Cost: $25 per person OR $75 for group booking of 4 people OR $70 season ticket (1 seat per evening performance).

There will be limited seats for parents to purchase on matinee performance times, and will only be available once all students are allocated seats.

PHOTOGRAPHS & DVD: 7 x 5 photos: $8 each or 3 for $20. Orders must be taken and paid for at the Festival.

DVD orders must be placed and paid for at the Festival. A recording of each night performance program will be made available for purchase: $25 each. The set of 3 night performances is $65. Cheques may be made to Woolomin Public School. Eftpos will be available at TRECC.

MERCHANDISE: Wristbands $1, T-shirts (old stock) $10, T-shirts (new stock) $25, Tattoos 50c each or 3 for $1, Lanyards $2 each.

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

Congratulations to the P & C Executive elected at the meeting on 22nd July, 2014.

President: Karen Psarakis
Vice Presidents: Mara Dedini and Simon Burke
Secretary: Cherie Willis  Assistant Secretary: Leanne Courtney
Treasurer: Leanne McMillan  Assistant Treasurer: Judy McClelland
Canteen Treasurer: Leanne Courtney  Assistant Canteen Treasurer: Al Hofman

Next meeting: Tuesday 19th August in the Cafeteria commencing at 6.30pm.

P & C priorities for the year include cola shade in junior school areas.

P & C Stage 4: Scholarships applications closed on 1st August

Tamworth High Hats and Caps Available at the canteen or uniform shop for $10 for the remainder of this year, a subsidised price from the P & C.

The new Canteen Supervisor Position: Good response to the advertisement. Interviews conducted and Judy Watson has commenced her appointment.

Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays at lunch. New supply of Spray Jackets - sizes S to XL - $65.00 each
Jessie Browne and William Fraser commenced Tamworth High’s NAIDOC Week Celebrations as MCs for the special Smoking Ceremony, speeches, the raising of the Aboriginal Flag and an Aboriginal dance performed by the Tamworth High Aboriginal dance group, Guumali.

**NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

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**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.

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.

**Unfortunately the session on Tuesday 12th August has been cancelled.**

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

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**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)*

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**EARLY LEAVE PASSES**

On occasions your child may need to leave school early, eg; for an appointment. To assist the school 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 process will ensure your child’s 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.
310 SQUADRON TAMWORTH
AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a voluntary youth organisation which aims to be the premier air minded youth organisation in Australia. It is administered by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), through a national command structure and provides quality training and experiences to young people from the Tamworth region.

310 Squadron will be holding information session on 12th August, 2014 from 7.00 pm at 6 Rentell Street, Tamworth Regional Airport. Prospective cadets and their parents or guardians are invited to attend one of these sessions to learn more about the AAFC. 310 Squadron are also seeking expressions of interest from parents or teachers who are interested in becoming AAFC staff members.

For more information, please visit the 310 website www.aafc.org.au
After the formal opening all special guests, parents/carers, other visitors, students, and staff gathered to enjoy the cutting of the celebration cake and the special morning tea.

The second day was NAIDOC Activity Day. The Elders came along to watch and chat with the students as they participated in painting rocks and boomerangs, face painting, creating beaded necklaces and wrist bands in the Aboriginal colours of black, yellow and red.

Students got to see the Golden Pagoda in Kyoto.

Keep an eye out for more tales from Japan in future editions of the Buzz.

From Mr G Allen
JAPAN EXCURSION

During the last school holidays four students; Georgia Bradley, Amelia Moyses, Tammisha Miller and Tyrone Cross, accompanied by Ms Daley and Mr Allen, headed off for 11 days in Japan.

The trip comprised four nights in Tokyo at the beginning and four nights in Kyoto at the end. In between was the key element of the trip – a visit to our sister city Sannohoe and our sister school Sannohoe Senior High School. Here the group was involved in school and cultural activities as well as a visit with the Mayor and an evening reception.

A highlight was the presentation to the school of an original Aboriginal dot painting, which was painted by Mr Wayne Nean.

Tamworth High was joined by 21 children from Coledale’s Preschool Community Kids and Kootingal Primary School who all enjoyed the activities day.

From Ms Sandy Rixon

Whilst visiting all enjoyed the experience of a wonderful Japanese meal.
The Glue Sticks - The Road to Victory.

I haven’t reported on the Glue Sticks progress in the past few weeks as it has been a busy time here at Tamworth High since the beginning of Term 3. The Glue Sticks have played some impressive games in the last fortnight, winning two from three. We are currently sitting pretty up near the top of the ladder and hope to hold onto this position for the remaining games of the season.

The team has acquired a few more players which have been pleasing to see, Kathryn Tynan Pickel and Alicia Pickel have acquitted themselves nicely into the fold, adding dynamic play to the backline. Giving a wrap to a few of the other players who also make up this team, we have the likes of Anna Little, Gabbie McCrohon and Ashley Scott all backing up from 2nd grade to support the team.

The coaching and support staff also deserve a mention, with Abby Lewis (stats guru), Nic McCrohon (skills coach), Dylan McClelland (assistant coach) and Mr Allan (team manager) all providing support and guidance to this electrifying team.

Susan Sayabath has been hitting career best form, scoring a goal last week and setting up many chances the following game. Samantha Wilson was again strong at the back, stopping wave after wave of attack from the opposition. Special mention to Kelly Abrahams, who has finally learnt how to run and is now baffling opposition and team mates with her speed down the side-line.

We also had the return of Megan Su and Bromley Nankivell, who, after being hyped up on red frogs played a solid game.

I look forward to the future results of these superstars, and to quote the great Ricky Bobby “if you ain’t first, you’re last!

Mr M Vereyken

Name: Susan Sayabath
Nickname: Ahn Do
Position: Pointguard
Favourite Food: Sub-quarter bun+cheese+4:1 beef +lettuce + pickles + onion + big mac sauce and large fries
Favourite Movie: ‘Big trouble in little China’
Life Ambition: I don’t need ambitions I’m already great!
Quote: “I’m better than

Name: Bromley Nankivell
Nickname: LeBrom/Kiwi
Position: Prop/Winger
Favourite Food: Protein
Favourite Movie: ‘Footrot Flats’
Life Ambition: To become an All Black
Quote: “Sweet as Bro!”

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 - Nibbles, 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)

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