WHAT’S BUZZING
TERM 3 Week 6
Date Issued 5/9/2014

September
8th - 12th Year 11 Prefect Camp - TBC
12th Gold Awards Ceremony - 2:00pm - Cafeteria
16th CAPA Evening - 6:30pm - Hall
P&C Meeting - Cancelled
18th Year 12 Reports issued
19th The Buzz - Distribution
Last Day Term 3

October
7th All Students return for Term 4
8th 2015 Prefect Induction - 10:00am– Hall
9th Parent-Carer/Teacher Night - 4:00pm - 7:00pm - Hall
13th HSC Examinations commence
17th The Buzz - Distribution
21st P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
31st Year 11 Reports issued
The Buzz - Distribution

November
7th Final day for HSC Exams
14th The Buzz - Distribution
18th P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Cafeteria
28th The Buzz - Distribution

The staff of Tamworth High, who provide valuable support in Front Office, Student Admin Office, Library, Science Department, Food Technology, Aboriginal Education, student classroom support, Ag Centre, grounds maintenance and care, gathered to acknowledge SASS Recognition Week 1st to 5th September 2014.

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The end of Term 3 is rapidly approaching and with it, the last few weeks for our Year 12 students. As such, all assessment programs have concluded, Year 12 reports are being finalised and preparations are well underway for the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony. Having said this, it is essential that all Year 12 students continue to focus upon their studies and revision programs for the HSC which is only a month away.

Similarly, our Year 11 students have just concluded their Preliminary HSC examinations this week and should be ensuring that they continue to focus upon their studies despite the temptation to reduce effort towards school work that often comes about when holidays are approaching. It is always better for senior students to think of the HSC as a ‘two-year project’ that requires steady, persistent effort right up until the last HSC examination, rather than suspending efforts at the end of the Preliminary HSC.

In support of our seniors, Tamworth High School will be strengthening the range of support strategies over the coming year, thus enhancing Year 11 and 12 students’ ability to cope with the various aspects of the HSC year. A key aspect of this plan will be the introduction of the Senior Learning Policy at the commencement of term 4. This policy will outline all privileges and support processes offered to senior students and will also provide clear guidelines for the flexible leave arrangements available to senior students. All Year 11 students will be provided with a copy of this policy and parents will be able to obtain a copy upon request from school or as a download via our website.

Continuing with this week’s focus upon senior students, I took great pleasure in viewing the major projects produced by our senior Industrial Technology students in both Wood and Metal strands of the course. With a background as an Industrial Arts teacher, I certainly appreciated the extraordinary effort that goes into producing projects of such high quality and the associated efforts in producing folios that are used to support the project during marking. My congratulations go to all students and especially two of our hard working Technology staff, Mr Ingram and Mr Van Doesberg for their efforts.

Daniel Wilson
Principal
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.

Tamworth High School P & C Association Inc.

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P&C Stage 4 Scholarships- Applications have now closed. Thank you to everyone who has sent in applications. Successful recipients will be notified in Term 4. We look forward to meeting the parents of these students and working with them in 2015.

Sale of the new bucket hats and caps is progressing well. Remember the $10 cost is only available while current stocks last or until the end of Term 4.

School jackets have arrived into the Uniform Shop and are available for $75.

Country Music is around the corner. Anyone interested in helping the P&C with cleaning duties between 16/1-26/1/15 please text your interest to 0487114030. Shifts are approx. 1hr. All money raised goes directly to our students’ education.

Next P&C Meeting: Due to the CAPA night at school our meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16th September will NOT be held. Therefore our next meeting will be Tuesday 21st October in the school cafeteria. 6:30pm start. Come and make a difference to your child’s schooling!

Canteen Helpers: Urgently needed. If you are able to assist please contact Canteen Supervisor Mrs Judy Watson on 6765 9602.

Parent email addresses required!

The school is currently compiling a data base of parent email addresses. This will allow us to notify you of special events, information evenings, P&C meetings etc.

If you would like to receive emails from the school please either send an email to the school at tamworth-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or contact the school on 6765 7888.

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.

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CAFETERIA SPECIALS

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 8TH SEPTEMBER

BUTTER CHICKEN $4.80
WING DINGS $1.00
JELLY SLICE $2.00

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 15TH SEPTEMBER

ROAST BEEF & GRAVY ROLLS $4.50
MINI KEBABS $1.50
MARS BAR SLICE $2.00

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

SUSHI ON THE MENU MONDAY TO THURSDAY $3.00

FRESH FRUIT NOW AVAILABLE $1.50

WHATS 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. 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.

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.

Drum Groups: The group will rehearse this on Wednesdays at lunch in HMus2.

NAPLAN – Student Reports

Students in Years 7 and 9 were given their individual NAPLAN result letters to take home this week.

NAPLAN provides useful data on the Literacy and Numeracy skills of individual students and our School as a whole. Results will be extensively analysed and strategies put in place to support individual students and improve whole-school Literacy and Numeracy.

Please contact Mrs O’Sullivan, Mrs Penberthy or Mrs Porter, at the school, if you would like to discuss your child’s NAPLAN results.

HSC TRIALS and CAPA

Year 12 students recently sat the HSC trials in music.

In the picture is Harry Webster presenting his performance.

These students will be performing at the THS CAPA Night on 16th September.

Mrs R Sullivan
Tamworth High School Transition Week 2014

Throughout last week, over 100 students from our many partner schools were introduced to the life of a High School student. To prepare for the exciting beginning our future students enjoyed the wonders of Tamworth High School. A range of subjects including English, Maths and Drama, just to name a few were available as tasters.

Students were very excited, asking numerous questions, many about homework and amount of work that will be expected from them! There was also a keen desire to be involved with many extra-curricular activities, which is very exciting for all avenues of our school. For some, the opportunity to catch a bus helped to ease any fears of coming to high school.

Transition is an important time for us to build a rapport with students. Last week created a positive and realistic expectation of high school, helping students to be able to thrive or secondary experiences in the future. We hope that all students are starting to develop a sense of belonging in our school. We will see you all soon...
Mrs Scott

Student attending THS next year? Please add the following to your calendars:

- Wednesday 17 Sep 9:30am - 2:30pm, for our “Future Leaders Resilience Day”
- Orientation Day 3 December beginning at 12:00pm in THS Hall

Gold coin donation
Coffee & cake provided
Tamworth High School celebrated Book Week from Monday 25th to Friday 29th August with a colourful Library created through displays celebrating the theme “Connect to Reading”.

To Celebrate the week there were some activities including making Crazy Monster Book Corners and painting Pet Reading Rocks. A lot of fun was had by all and some creative book accessories were made.

In the Library were many new fiction books for reading including a number of the Short Listed Books by the Children’s Book Council of Australia. Already available for loan are some of the winners in the Young Adult Section, including “Wildfire” by Fiona Wood, the “Sky So Heavy” by Claire Zorn and “Fairytales for Wilde Girls” by Allyse Near.

Students are encouraged to come in and borrow some great fiction books before the school holidays.

Mrs K Ewin (Relieving Librarian)
8 Wonder Woman has been learning about the Aztec Civilisation in History this term. They have been discovering all the features of this gruesome, successful, powerful group of people and have recently created and undertaken a practical lesson as though they were a part of an Aztec School.

The students learnt about the history of the Aztecs with a creation story and the religion of the Aztecs by composing a song to worship the gods. The students then went on to warrior training where they learnt to dodge opponents. They then participated in a mock court where a member of the class was charged and tried to be found guilty and sacrificed to the gods. The class then participated in a sacrificial ceremony (with their edible people) and learnt what it was like to be a human sacrifice. Finally there was an Aztec feast to be had, with dark chocolate and tortillas.

Overall a fun, action packed day in Aztec School was had by all.

Miss E Bricknell
During Week 5, the Year 11 SLR/PDHPE class travelled down to the ski slopes of Blue Cow.

This excursion gave the students the opportunity to partake in an outdoor recreational pursuit of snowboarding and experience the challenging nature of such an environment. We stayed at the Snowgate Motel in Berridale and travelled to Jindabyne each day to catch the ski tube up to Blue Cow.

The THS students combined their excursion with Year 10 Farrer Agricultural Memorial High School. We had two whole days on the slopes, experiencing beautiful blue skies Saturday and enjoyed boarding while the snow fell on Sunday. Our students spent both mornings on the beginner’s slopes, mastering the craft of heel and toe slides. The afternoons were allocated to free time giving the students the opportunity to develop their skills by tempting fate on the blue and green runs. They tried their luck at the jumps on the Pleasure Valley run and a variety of tricks such as switches, 180’s and riding regular or goofy. It would be the ski lift that brought a number of our boarders undone, Lucy Davis must be given recognition for her efforts to end up under the chair she intended to sit on.

The coveted Kamikaze Kid title, for best stack of the weekend was shared between Timmy Hassan and Dylan McClelland. This prestigious award was given for their “evil knievel” antics on the ice, pushing the barriers to the extreme & unfortunately coming unstuck, both now ruling out Aerial Skiing as a future career prospect! Jake Weatherell learnt a valuable snowboarding lesson – bindings down unless you want your board to ride without you!

The staff kept an injury inventory over the two days and it was encouraging to see the injuries diminish as the skill level increased. Or maybe the cold just numbed the pain!
The ‘Glue sticks’ reach the Grand final!!

The whisper has now become a roar with the world famous ‘Glue sticks’ reaching the 3rd Grade Hockey Grand Final after a hard fought victory on Monday night. With spring in the air and a spring in their stride the team took to the field knowing that only a win would allow them to progress to the holy-grail. (Though some players only realised that 7:20 start does not mean you turn up at 7:20!!). It was a dour tussle in the first half with neither team giving an inch. Strong play by Kelly Abrahams, Gabbie McCrohon and Susan Sayabath in the middle of the field with Brooke Fishenden Ashley Scott and Samantha Wilson providing strength in the back line. Finally after some brilliant passing a goal was struck by Katie (KT) Robinson.

After a rousing pep talk at half time by Brittany King and inspiring words from Dylan, “Guys, don’t give them the ball!” (Not that any of the players listen to the coaches they are too busy eating red frogs!) The team went back out to the second half and defended strongly for the remainder of the match. It was a brilliant team effort and I now look forward to the Grand Final in two weeks’ time.

This magnificent display was perpetuated from the rousing win the week before with only 8 players!

This has shown the depth of talent amongst the Glue Stick team and as a coach I couldn’t be more proud. I look forward to seeing a huge crowd down at the Hockey field on the 15th of September to see the completion of this Cinderella story.

Coach Mr M Vereyken

Injuries aside, it was an enjoyable weekend with plenty of fun had by all. The students are to be commended on their behaviour and snowboarding perseverance, being a credit for how they represented our school. Many thanks to Archie Macpherson for organising the trip and ensuring a safe trip for us all.

A special mention must also go out to Miss Loeve for playing mum/nurse and ensuring the safety of our girls and Mr Jackson for only creating two avalanches when he toppled over and keeping our boys well entertained on FIFA.

Mr D Desmid
Year 9/10 Debating

Once again, the Years 9 and 10 debating teams have participated in the Premier’s Debating Challenge this year. The two teams competed in a zone against Narrabri High School, winning all their debates.

However, the team consisting of Kaitlin Lawlor, Charli Kenny, Hannah Gordon, and Ebony Scarth, were victorious in their debate against the other Tamworth High School team, making them Zone Champions and progressing to the semi-finals – a feat not witnessed by a Tamworth High School Stage 5 team in a very long time! Unfortunately, they were not successful in their efforts, losing to Oxley High School.

I would like to commend all the Year 9 and 10 students who participated in Debating this year. They have come a long way, making some excellent progress. We can only keep getting better!

Miss Casey Deaves

Debating Workshop, Term 3

On Friday the 8th August, debating students from Years 7-11 participated in a local debating workshop run by Miss Deaves and Mr Robertson (aka Mr Robo Cop).

The day started off with a little debate where we brainstormed ideas for and against the topic, ‘We should commemorate ANZAC Day in schools’. After this brainstorm, we were given 20 minutes to put it all together so it could be debated in front of some special guests, Mr Kevin Anderson and Mr Victor Dominello. Once they arrived and introductions were made, the debate began.

At the conclusion of the debate, Mr Dominello spoke to us about the importance of debating and his passion for ANZAC Day and associated services. He was impressed by our skills and encouraged us to continue with our debating endeavours.

The remainder of the day involved some helpful lectures, including how we can structure and work on our rebuttal arguments.

On behalf of all the debaters, I would like to thank Miss Deaves and Mr Robertson for giving up their time to provide us with this valuable workshop.

By Peter Urquhart (Year 9)

Parent - Carer/Teacher Night

Week 1 Term 4
Thursday 9th October 2014
4pm-7pm
School Hall

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

Each appointment is for five (5) minutes per subject.

If you are unable to book an interview and believe it is essential to discuss your child’s progress, please contact the school to arrange a mutually convenient alternative time.

An information note and booking sheet will be handed out at year meeting. Your child will then need to arrange booking with their teacher 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.