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### February 2012

29<sup>th</sup> Yr 9 Laptop Parents Meeting-6.30pm-THS Library

29<sup>th</sup> Yr 7 Disco-6.30pm-10.00pm-THS Hall

### March 2012

5<sup>th</sup> Immunisation Yr 7 & Yr 10-THS Hall-8.30am-1.30pm

5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Dance Camp- Lake Keepit 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Yr 11 Crossroads Camp 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Tamworth Show-Showground 20<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting-6.30pm-THS Library

### April & May 2012

2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Vocal Camp-Lake Keepit

5<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 1

6<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

23<sup>rd</sup> Staff Development Day Term 2 24<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Day Term 2

25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Day

26th All students return Term 2 21/4 - 5/5 Northern Excursion Yr 10 28/5-2/6 Dance Festival-TREC 29/4—4/5 Band Camp-Lake Keepit



15<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting-6.30pm-THS Library

29<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 2





## Tamworth High School

## THE BUZZ

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### Jessica Speaks Out to Tame the Lions

Jessica Taggart recently won the right to progress to the Regional Final of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest by winning the Kootingal and District Lions Club competition. A 30 minute interview based on achievements, community service and general knowledge, followed by a five minute prepared and five minute impromptu speeches, placed Jessica ahead of contestants from Oxley High and Calrossy Anglican School.

Jessica then went on to the Regional Final conducted at North Tamworth Bowling Club on the 18<sup>th</sup> February where she competed against students from Manilla Central, McCarthy Catholic College and Quirindi High School. A similar format was used, and although she



received outstanding comments, was not successful in moving on to the next level in the competition.



### Tamworth High School P & C **Association Inc.**

L. Courtney Secretary (thsp and c@yahoo.com.au)

**P&C** Meeting – March 20<sup>th</sup> in school Library 6:30pm. Third Tuesday of each month in school term.

Child minding— Our TAFE students that are doing child care have offered their services to assist us in gaining new members. If you would like to come to our meetings but have no one to look after the young ones we will be trialling a caring service at the time of the meeting. There will be videos and other activities for the children to do. Our meetings are usually over within the hour, unless we have special guests or presentations.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AND GIVE US YOUR IDEAS. We welcomed three new members at our first meeting and would love to double that at our next meeting.

**Uniform Pool-**Is open Thursday lunch and by appointment when required, please contact the school office to arrange a time. New and pre-loved school uniform items are available. School Ties are now available at the canteen for just \$18, as well as socks for hockey and football for \$10. We are always



looking for extra help, so if you have a spare hour or so each week, please let us know. We will have new stock arriving shortly and with UNIFORMS R US closing down we are in discussion with the owners on acquiring their expertise to come to the school and size people for new skirts to be made if this is a benefit to our students as they will be working from their homes and will delivered to us. Please email us if you think you would use this facility.

Canteen – Thank you to Cherie and her small number of helpers and members of the student bodies, for their service inside the canteen and patience whilst the canteen is being refurbished, without their help we would have to possibly close at one of the breaks and all the refurbishments will be for your benefit once it is finished.

Country Music Help-Again we thank all our helpers from our main fund raiser of the year-Country Music Campers-the total funds raised were \$9,500. Awesome work everyone. THANK YOU to those that helped.

**Spendings for the month-**We will be purchasing the PDHPE faculty an interactive white board this Semester and will endeavor to purchase the Food Technology one in Semester 2. A comprehensive donation has been made to the PBL team to assist in rewarding students who do the right things at school, i.e. wearing our school uniform with pride, having respect for yourself and fellow students and teachers.

### North Tamworth Bears Minor League Registration Day

Saturday 25th February 2012 between 1-4pm. **WHEN** WHERE Minor League Fields. Cnr Plain & Ebsworth St.

Sausage sizzle & cold drinks available.

Have some fun and learn some new skills with the coaches.

Enquires to Maryann 0418 680 129

Jodi 0407 721 235



## Entries close 30th March, 2012 2012 BIODIVERSITY COMPETITION

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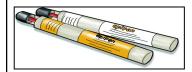
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PO Box 7118 NEMSC TAMWORTH NSW 2340 by 30th March

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### **Anaphylaxis**



Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. The most common forms of anaphylaxis are bee stings or ant bites as well as eating peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish.

THS requires all students who have a diagnosed severe allergic reaction to have an individual health care plan. This plan is formed in consultation with parents and the family doctor.

Students with a diagnosis of anaphylaxis should carry an *Epipen* with them at all times. This includes trips to sport, the agriculture plot and on excursions. An extra *Epipen* should be provided to the school. It will be kept at SAO.

A second autoinjector device, the *Anapen* is also available. Like the *EpiPen*, it contains a single dose of adrenaline and is designed as a first aid device for use by people without formal medical or nursing training.

There are also new Emergency Response Plans for the treatment of Anaphylaxis. These new plans are:

- Action Plan for insect allergies yellow;
- Action Plan for other allergies (e.g. nuts) red;

General Action Plan for severe allergies - orange.

For further information about anaphylaxis, please speak with Wayne Woods at the school.

### **Deodorant Sprays at School**

There have been a number of incidents at Tamworth High School and at other schools across the state in which students have used deodorant spray cans inappropriately including in classrooms. These incidents have resulted in students suffering asthma attacks. At Tamworth High School students are encouraged to use roll-on deodorant when necessary. Cans of deodorant spray should not be brought to school.





### **Health Care Plans**

Our student's medical conditions and circumstances are constantly changing. THS wants to be prepared to meet these changes. To do this we need to update the medical information that we hold on our students

If there has been any change in medical conditions that may affect a student's learning, that may be life-threatening, or may result in a student requiring medical treatment whilst at school, please let us know via a note or phone call to the school.

Medical notes sent with a student should be passed on to SAO or given to Mr Woods in the Deputy Principal's office.

# Vear 9 Laptop Information Session

You are invited to attend an information session regarding the laptop handover to Year 9 students.

Date: Wednesday 29th February, 2012

**Time: 6.30pm** 

Venue: Tamworth High School Library

Tea and coffee will be available.

The session will comprise of a 20 minute presentation followed by signing of the laptop user charter document. We look forward to seeing you at the session.



# Prefect News



It's been a big two weeks for the Prefects with both the swimming carnival and Valentine's Day taking place. Prefects ran a BBQ and milkshakes for the swimming carnival raising \$1000. Thank you to everyone contributing, we also held Valentine's day selling sing-a-grams, roses, heart shaped cookies and Styrofoam hearts. Everything sold very quickly and the day was very successful raising a further \$300.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Prefects are holding a disco to welcome Year 7 of



2012 to Tamworth High School, Year 7 have chosen the theme as black and white. Tickets are \$3 for Year 7 and \$4 for Years 8-12. The disco will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February, in the hall, doors open at 6.30pm and close at 7.00pm finishing at 10.00pm. Tickets will be for sale this week at the bottom of the quad.

## TOO CLOSE TO CALL.....



The Tamworth High Swimming Carnival for 2012 displayed encouraging levels of participation, plenty of tribal warfare between the houses, one new record and a grandstand finish.

The weather was forecasted with rain & while the clouds threatened, the rain stayed away. The carnival commenced with the traditional 'fashion parade', judged by our fashion & tribal march-past specialist, Mr Greg Allen. The judging panel brought forward some interesting rulings which resulted in deductions to the Peel house;- for entering the Pool early. The vocal, visual and organisational display for the loudest and proudest house went to Brisbane, much to the disgust of all Peel patrons.

The early enthusiasm was followed up with a great turn out in the "all in" house relay, with more than 600 laps being completed by students in all sorts of interesting swimming attire. Peel emerged the winners of this event, with their lane always full of participants, trying to earn as many points as possible, urged on by captain Taggart & the blue Barry!

Carnival organiser Mr Desmid altered the program, removing the water-polo novelty and kickboard events in an attempt to keep the program on schedule. The survival island relay seemed to be the biggest drawcard, attracting extra participation points if you could attract a staff member or parent on board. The female staff relay team showed elegance and grace through the water blitzing their senior counterparts, while the male staff are now in training after a lacklustre performance against the senior boys.

One of the highlights for the day was the Pool Swan Novelty event which featured not only the senior students but several staff members trying to obtain bonus points for their respective houses. Various strategies were employed to remain in the saddle, but as most discovered, these swans were not designed for water or big kids. With the previous ponies replaced, the success of the swans will be reviewed after 4 casualties from an original 8 starters. The age and weight of our competitors could be the explanation to a number of our swan's not staying afloat!

Laura Robinson featured in the record books, breaking a 17+ 50m Freestyle record held by N. Rock, since 1993.

Student	Event	New Record	Old Record
Laura Robinson	17+yr50m Breastroke	30.25	N. Rock 30.51 (1993)

Eventually the carnival came to a close at 7.45pm after the completion of all the 100m events. The competition of overall house winners went down to the wire, with Peel trying to prevent Napier achieving a 3-peat and restore their past glory of 2009. In what appears to be a first for the Tamworth High School Swimming Carnival Napier & Peel tied for Gold on 718 while Brisbane took Bronze on 490 and the "mellow" yellow Fitzroy faded with the wooden spoon, finishing on 402.

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## TAMWORTH BUSLINES IS NOW ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

What I'm hoping is that parents will either look us up on facebook or follow us on twitter and be able to receive information directly from us about such things as diversions, run changes due to flooding or other events. I think this is a good way to quickly

communicate with a lot of people if it is required. They would obviously also be able to give us feedback this way as well.

Our facebook page is: Tamworth Buslines – they need to Like it, and or follow us on twitter @TamBuslines



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### Does your daughter like to DANCE?

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67656446.

## Please read this

### **Parking in Willis Street**

Tamworth Police have advised the school that they will be undertaking a blitz on parking and dropping off/picking up students in Willis Street. The blitz will be over the next few weeks. The street is a 'No Parking Zone' so cars cannot stop there. Fines will range from \$150.00 to \$265.00. You can quickly drop off/pick up students but this cannot take more than 2 minutes.

There are more suitable places that are close to the school where you can stop and drop off/collect students. These are:

Jean Street Kathleen Street Anne Street Jenkin Street

We understand that you would like to collect your children from a location as close to the school as possible, particularly with the recent wet weather. However, police want to enforce safe driving and parking practices around the school so as to avoid accidents to school students.

Please DO NOT drop off/pick up students in the staff car park located at the front of the school, this is not a permitted drop off/ pick up zone.

### Swimming Carnival Continued

A big thank you to all staff and students for a fantastic day.

Meanwhile, the house competition will be reignited in Week 10 as the battle for the 'Allen Shield' for Champion Cross Country House aims to separate Peel and Napier.

Congratulations to the following students who finished age champions:

Age Group	Boys	Girls
12 years	Clayton Thompson (Peel)	Charli Kenny (Fitzroy)
13 years	Nicholas Price (Napier)	Georgia Taggart (Peel)
14 years	Thomas Armstrong (Brisbane)	Bree-Anna Poestchka (Napier)
15 years	Jack Pickering (Napier)	Katie Robinson (Napier)
16 years	Chris Coulton (Fitzroy)	Samantha Moxon (Napier)
17+ years	Daniel Clements (Brisbane)	Laura Robinson (Peel)

A number of THS students will now travel to Armidale for the North West Swimming trials, in the hope of gaining selection in the North West team. Our THS swimming team consists of:

Student	Age	Events
Jack Pickering	15yrs	50m & 100m Free
Brittany King	15yrs	4x50m U15 Relay
Katie Robinson	15yrs	100m Breast, 50m & 100m Free, 4x50m U15 Relay
Bree-Anna Poetschka	14yrs	100m Back, 100m Breast, 100m Fly, 50m & 100m Free, 200m Ind. Med & 4x50m U15 Relay
Monique Guy	13yrs	50m Free & 100m Back
Georgia Taggart	13yrs	100m Back, 100m Breast, 100m Fly, 4x50m U15 Relay

We wish them well in qualifying for the NSW Swimming titles in April, at Homebush.

D. Desmid Carnival Organiser

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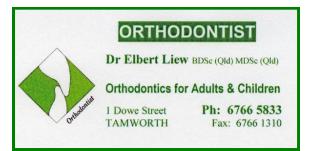


### Our Aussie Big Birds

Last week students from the ED Support classes joined senior Visual Art students to design and create a large mural for the rainbow lorikeet enclosure at the entrance to Tamworth Regional Council's Endeavour Park. Students focused on cooperating as part of a team, learning new skills, and working in partnership with Endeavour Park volunteers Marlene and Bill Patmore. The painting day, which included a communal lunch, was a huge success, with everyone looking forward to the installation and official handover in March.









# Year 11 Crossroads Camp

Year 11 will be going to Mount Seaview for their Crossroads Camp 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Please return notes and money as soon as possible. Students not attending will complete the Crossroads course here at school. Any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs K Bricknell.

### Year 7 Music

Year 7 students are learning to play an instrument in class. Students Tech 1 and Tech 2 will all learn an instrument in Music this year. It is an exciting new initiative to encourage students to learn an instrument.











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## **PBL News**

Tamworth High School's PBL Student Team has made a good start to 2012. We are currently working on a system to encourage students to take more pride in their year areas in the playground and use it to promote school values to the public. We are also setting up a program to support the Women's Refuge, and will be working with students from the SRC and White Ribbon team - stay tuned for more news on this as it develops, as your own involvement will be much needed and appreciated, whatever your contribution may be. Students have responded well to the new merit system and we will soon be handing out Gold Awards, which will be a major achievement for the recipients. A new design for the Gold Award is needed though, and all suggestions would be greatly appreciated - you might not be artistic yourself, but you could still have just the idea we're looking for! If you are interested in becoming involved with these projects, or have ideas for some projects yourself, please come along to a meeting and make yourself known. Meetings are held in B7 at lunch time on Tuesdays of Week 1, and Wednesdays of Week 2.

Lara Cramp & Tyrone Cross

#### **PBL Lessons at THS**

This year, Tamworth High School is taking the next steps in the Positive Behaviour for Learning framework by enacting PBL focused lessons every Friday during Roll Call.

The lessons started in Week 3, with students focusing on what is meant by the school's motto, Safe Respectful Learners, and further understanding the student matrix. This week the focus will be what it means to be 'safe' in all areas of the school. In Week 5, students will be able to put into practice what they know and have learnt by completing a fun quiz.

The PBL lessons allow students to become actively involved and engaged in the Safe Respectful Learners mantra, working in groups to openly discuss and analyse how everyone can be a Safe Respectful Learner at Tamworth High School.

### **Public Education Stop-Over in Tamworth**

Just prior to the release of the long-awaited Gonski Review, the Public Education Bus rolled in to Tamworth to further publicise the importance of this review and the Government's future response. This is the first review in a number of decades to critically look at the federal funding in education. Many people in the community made submissions to the Gonski Review urging a better deal for public schools who



cater for the vast majority of students from the lower socio-economic backgrounds.

The tour group was made up of students studying to be teachers, the President of the Australian Education Union, Angelo Gavriolitis, the newly elected President of the NSW Teachers Federation, Morrie Mulheron, President of the Federation of P&C Associations of NSW, Helen Walton and P&C Publicity Officer Rachael Sowden. Attending the meeting in Tamworth were many local teachers, P&C representatives and Teachers Federation representatives.

We eagerly await the Government's response to this important review.

### It's Bowling for Alyse

Alyse Peters-McMillan has a passion for her sport of bowls. Recently Alyse was runner-up in the Fours competition at the South Tamworth Bowling Club.

"It's a friendly sport and a great way to meet new friends and it's not too competitive like some other sports".





### Going, Going, Gone!

THS neighbour of almost 50 years has now departed.

The well-known Southgate Shopping Centre is no more.

Southgate was the first, non-central business district (CBD) shopping centre in any country centre in Australia. It was seen as an ultra-new move in urban development and 'Jetson-style' spheres on the original two masts were signs of the move into a new age.

All this is now forgotten.

The old building has been demolished; materials recycled or disposed of, and the site preparation is under way to allow for the construction of a new shopping centre.

The new building will have a large loading dock in Anne Street, servicing a large supermarket. The Post Office and a small number of other retail outlets will be housed in the new building.

We look forward to the development of our new neighbour and there will be further discussions with the Tamworth Regional Council Traffic Committee regarding pedestrian movement around the school area as the site further develops.









# BULLIMBAL PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN DAY

18-36 Degance Street

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012 10:00am to 3:00pm

The Tamworth Local Community are invited to our Open Day

Please come and enjoy a day of fun at our new school

Tour our Classrooms and Hydro Therapy Pool See our new Sensory Room Watch our Cineliteracy Films

Morning Tea Drinks Raffles Sausage Sizzle



# Senior Mathematics Study Group

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 - Tuesday and Thursday 7.45am to 8.45am Week 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday 7.45am to 8.45am

There will always be a Mathematics staff member on hand to help.

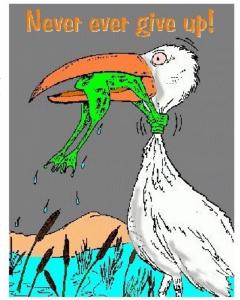
This is not compulsory, but you are welcome at any time. It doesn't matter if you come at 8.30, that's still 15 minutes to ask questions.

Yah!

So far we have had a good turnout, but there is plenty more room!!

From

All the Mathematics Staff
P.S Keep your eye out for a
junior study group coming
at a lunch time soon!



## Waratahs visit Tamworth High School

NSW Waratah School Visit.

Last Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February Tamworth High was visited by three HSBC NSW Waratah players in conjunction with the game being played at Scully Park on Friday night against Samoa. The three players; Berrick Barnes, Kane Douglas and Atieli Pakalani spent the morning with the students in the quad signing autographs and posing for photos, with Berrick being very popular with the girls!

After, the players and North West Rugby Co-ordinator Stephen O'Brien spent time out on the oval with some keen students going through some rugby training drills and a quick game of touch footy. The students enjoyed the morning activities and the players also had a great time mixing with the students at Tamworth High.

I'd like to thank Stephen O' Brien and the HSBC NSW Waratahs for their time spent with the students. Hopefully we will see some future players out there on the rugby paddock this year! Yours in Rugby

Michael Vereyken











# **Working Bee**





Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Tamworth High School 9.00am –12.00pm Please bring any gardening tools and your enthusiasm



#### North West Volleyball Gala Day

Last Monday Tamworth High sent two teams to compete in the North West Volleyball Gala Day at the Tamworth Sports Dome. This is a day for students of the North West to become exposed to the great game of Volleyball playing a number of round robin matches. This day also acts as a selection trial for students wanting to make the North West sides.

The THS boys got off to a great start facing last year's finalist Farrer and outclassed them with skill and teamwork to win 2-0. James McClelland made a strong start to the tournament dominating through the centre position and Daniel Clements led the team well. THS then faced Glen Innes who have won the North West Knockout for the last 6 years. Tamworth High played really strong all game and took the second set from Glen Innes. THS went into the third set but after a dubious call went down 15-13. Matt Lysaght played a gutsy game saving many points and Brent Walton worked hard as a setter. THS then moved into the semi final match against Armidale High and again played a hard fought, entertaining game of Volleyball. The boys played well as a team but unfortunately went down in a three setter, 2-1.

Throughout the day the games were watched by a number of selectors and three of our boys impressed. Daniel Clements, Matthew Lysaght and Joshua Tan were all selected to represent the North West boys in the CHS carnival, Congratulations.



Boys Volleyball Team (Preparing for the match!!) James McClelland, Luke Blackler, Matt Lysaght, Joshua Tan, Joshua Lewis, Daniel Clements, Brent Walton

Our girls side, coached by Mrs Broderick went to the gala day to learn more about the game of Volleyball, with only one girl having played before. The girls had a great day playing a number of games with the highlight of the day being when they won a set from Oxley High. The girls are to be congratulated for their sportsmanship and conduct on the day.

THS Girls Volleyball Team: Katie Robinson, Gemma Lamb, Georgia Bradley, Isobel Brown, Bromley Nankivell, Paiton Muller, Madeline Park



### In Memory of Geoffrey William Falkenmire OAM

Recently the family of the late Geoffrey Falkenmire made a generous gift to the Tamworth High School community.

Geoffrey Falkenmire was a student of Tamworth High from 1933. In 1938 he was appointed as a school Prefect and was an active and successful sportsman achieving awards in tennis, swimming and hockey.

After his graduation he was a scholarship holder at the Armidale Teachers College. During the Second World War, he served in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) as a corporal in the 41<sup>st</sup> Landing Craft Company, serving in New Guinea and North Borneo.

Post-war, he pursued a successful teaching career at a variety of locations, including Neutral Bay and Merriwa. He served in Ballina and Tamworth as Inspector of Schools and then Deputy-Director of Education in the Wagga Wagga Office. In his final professional years, he developed the Adult Migrant Education Service in Sydney, serving as Superintendant until retirement in 1981.

Post retirement, he studied at Sydney University and taught adults in the fields of literacy, literature and history in a variety of metropolitan suburbs.

He was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 1997 for services to education, particularly literacy programs and to veterans.

Mr Falkenmire always had a love of poetry and he loved to share this passion. On his tombstone is engraved his words as follows:

This body that I've occupied is dead. But I am not! I still live in your mind And when e'er you choose to call for me, I'll come to you at once.

When e'er you need me,

I will come!

We sincerely thank his family members, Sue, Sandi and Geoffrey for their kind gifts to the school, including Mr Falkenmire's blazer and copies of the annual school magazine, The Koala, from 1928 to 1945. All items are now part of the school archives and can be accessed through the THS Library.





