State Dance Festival has presented the work of over 1,500 students from Kindergarten to Year 12. The Festival showcases these students in six diverse performance programs throughout the week-long festival. The programs highlight the range of styles explored through the study of dance in public. Each performance reveals the determination of students and teachers to explore the art of dance and to achieve performances of the highest quality. These performances are underpinned by technical training, stamina, creativity, confidence, cooperation and respect for one another fostered by their dedicated and talented teachers. Within the New England North West 16 students from a range of public schools were successful in their audition to be a part of the festival. The students make up the New England Regional Dance Ensemble and are from Duval High School, Glenn Innes High School, Tamworth High School, Oxley High School and Peel High School. The work they will perform at the Seymour Centre next week is titled “Conform” choreographed by Tamworth High School Dance Teacher Breanna McFadyen. This dance was developed in March at the Regional Dance Camp an initiative by the Department of Education. (more pics on page 2)
Principal’s Report

Over the past two weeks, we have conducted our Semester 2 Parent Teacher evenings for Years 7-9 and Years 10-12. These two events were well attended, especially the Years 7-9 evening. An evaluation of the structure of parent teacher evenings is being conducted with very positive feedback about the online booking system and two-evening structure. From this we have ascertained that parent teacher evenings will be conducted earlier in the school year (late Term 1 and early Term 3) and we will be considering some adjustments to the structure of the evenings to improve parent convenience.

Our Year 12 students are rapidly approaching the end of their time at Tamworth High School as they get closer to the end of Term 3, and the year 12 Graduation Ceremony to be conducted on Friday 28 September 2018. The HSC has been scheduled to commence Thursday 18 October which is Week 1 Term 4 which is a little earlier than normal and this will have an impact upon some other Term 4 events such as the 2019 Prefect Induction. We will update the school calendar once amended schedules are determined.

You may have noticed that the Tamworth High School website has been given a new look as a part of modernising our digital communication systems. We have a new website address (https://tamworth-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/) although an automatic re-direction will be in place for some time. We are still working with DoE IT staff to sort out some technical issues but I’m sure you will find the new format and content pleasing and very useful.

This coming week on Tuesday evening we have our September P&C meeting commencing at 6.30pm in the cafeteria. Last month we had the first of our staff information presentations with our Student Support Officer, Ms Sue Warden updating parents on her support role for students at THS. This month we have our relieving Head Teacher of HSIE, Mrs Erinn Scott who will provide parents with an outline of HSIE faculty curriculum and activities - I am sure parents will find this very worthwhile. I look forward to seeing there.

Daniel Wilson
Principal

Our Dancing Superstars

THS Dance Students who participated at the NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival as part of the New England Regional Dance Ensemble.

Lucy Hofman
Kaylah Daly
Keegan Baker
Hayley Flemming
Charli Irvine
Sarah Vermeulen (shared enrolment)
CHS Tennis Champs
Well Done Cameron

A huge well done goes to Cameron Blundell, Year 9, who has just spent the last 3 days representing the North West at the C.H.S Tennis Championships in Inverell.

The North West Team came 4th in the state which was a great team achievement. Cameron personally won 6 and lost 3 matches playing doubles and singles.

Top Left: Cameron Blundell, Year 9. GREAT EFFORT!

A Report from the SRC
Legacy Appeal

On Friday 7 September 2018 the SRC and some of the Year 9 students were asked to assist with the “Legacy Appeals Day”. Legacy is a charity supported by the veterans, servicemen and women and volunteers that provide help and services to the families of injured or deceased veterans.

We were happy to show our support by selling merchandise such as badges, pens and wrist bands. Although the weather wasn’t the best it was a good day and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to help such a great cause.

Georgia Lock & Kandeita Self
SRC - Year 8
Exercise: First Look

From the 22-25 August 2018, Jayleigh Riley and Mitchell Love attended the Exercise First Look Program, the Army’s Indigenous Flagship Work Experience Program, at Duntroon, ACT. Exercise First Look is a three-day residential program designed to give aspiring students a comprehensive overview of life in the Army. Jayleigh and Mitchell were 2 out of 25 students selected across the Nation to be involved in the program.

During the program Jayleigh and Mitchell were exposed to the day-to-day activities of life as an Army Officer. The activities included hands on experience with the Weapons Training Simulation System (WTSS) and weapons demonstrations, field craft lessons, physical training and outdoor obstacle course, group orienteering, leadership drills and courses as well as attending information sessions about the recruitment process, training and degrees at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA).

Jayleigh and Mitchell enjoyed their experience and would recommend the Exercise First Look Program to Aboriginal students interested in a career in the Army.

Kelli Allen
Aboriginal Education Officer

THS Year 11 student Jordann Lavers has been accepted into the prestigious Sydney Theatre Company work experience week. Jordann was also chosen to receive the regional scholarship- $1500 to cover her accommodation and travel to Sydney for the week.

Jordann will get to experience all of the different aspects of running a professional theatre company- from acting and lighting, to promotional design and set building. This is an amazing opportunity and achievement for Jordann. Well done!

Chelsea Roulstone
Drama Teacher
Emmi Kingdom of Year 8 has been accepted into the Melbourne City Ballet’s Junior Elite Artists Program (JEAP) for 2019. The program allows young dancers to join the Melbourne City Ballet for two weeks each term. As part of their visit, the JEAP students have the opportunity to watch a Melbourne City Ballet professional level class and rehearsals for the current production at the time. The course is designed as a stepping stone into part or full time training, giving young artists a greater understanding of the training methods of Melbourne City Ballet whilst allowing Artistic Staff the opportunity to see and develop talent from outside metropolitan Melbourne.

The classes include classical, contemporary, pas de deux, pointe, masculine technique & delivery, repertoire, technical development and pilates.

How did you get into the program?
I auditioned for the role of an orphan in the regional touring performance of Carmen and was offered that position. Two months after that I was offered a position in the JEAP program.

What are you looking forward to in the program?
The professional experience of being able to train with an elite ballet company.

What are you goals for the future?
I can either audition for the full time elite program or move to Melbourne, or I can stay in Tamworth until the end of Year 12 and audition for the pre-professional program. This program is a stepping stone to becoming a professional ballerina.

Congratulations Emmi!

Kate Daley
Year 8 Advisor

PE4E1 is a program being run in partnership between Tamworth High School and Hunter New England Area Health that aims to improve the health and wellbeing of young people by increasing their participation in regular physical activity.

Families of Year 7 students would have received a mail out and we ask you to fill out the green consent form and return to SAO by 21 September 2018.

Thank you for your support!

Steve Porter
PE Teacher
Year 12 Industrial Tech
Wood - Major Works

Neil Wall - TV Unit
Isaac Moxon - Canoe
Wayne Fermor - Bedside Draws
Bailey Warren - TV Unit
Amber Hall - Round Table
Daniel Dunn - Esky Stand
Making Mountains

The HSIE faculty has looked at ways to engage our students in basic geography skills. Growing from a video seen online the faculty has built its own Augmented Reality (AR) Sandbox to help students gain a greater understanding on how Topographic Maps relate to the real world.

The AR Sandbox allows students to take a 2D map and turn it into a 3D shape. Students can create their own maps on paper and then have fun creating them in the sand. Students gain a better understanding of how Contour Lines depict how landforms look in 3D. By reproducing their maps students gain an understanding of how contour lines relate to how steep or shallow a slope is.

Students may have fun making their maps.... but they get a lot of enjoyment from wiping out their creations!

Chris Spann
HSIE Teacher

Daniel Myhill (Year 8) and Tahlia Tull-Watkins (Year 7).

ASk RU OK?™
It can make a big difference

At Tamworth High School we will be hosting the national charity “RUOK Day” on Tuesday 18 September 2018. The purpose of the day is to raise the understanding of mental health and wellbeing with in the school community. We believe that asking “are you ok?” is something we can do to make a difference. This is a collaborative, student directed, leadership project, which will promote the purpose and importance of asking “are you ok?”

The students have invited local Youth Services to showcase how their organisation can support young people within the Tamworth community. This showcase will be delivered as a student fair day where each year group will have the opportunity to participate within a designated timeslot. Different faculties within the school are also participating to show our students how their wellbeing is supported at school.

The youth services and school faculties represented on the day will provide a short interactive activity, relevant to their work which will encourage students to become aware of all the diverse aspects of wellbeing. Students can learn strategies to improve their mental wellbeing, as well as, developing skills towards identifying when they or a friend may need to seek help.

Dress in Yellow for the day and bring a gold coin donation, Sausage Sizzle will be provided.

Tamworth High School
RUOK? Day Team
In Week 5 our students were treated to an interactive and practical workshop presented by Questacon Smart Skills. These workshops were attended by six of our Year 7, 8 and 9 Science classes on the development of a drone platform.

The workshops focussed on their engineering and problem solving skills and was a great opportunity for our students to have instruction from this renowned organisation and work together collaboratively.

Belinda Gleeson-Barker
Community Liaison Officer
This year, I'm making time to ask

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WEEK 9

17 September 2018 - TGA Year 12 Graduation Lunch (Tamworth Girl's Academy Year 12 Students) Carmen's Italian Restaurant 11.22am to 2.28pm
18 September 2018 - THS P&C Association Meeting (All Welcome) THS Cafeteria 6.30pm
18 September 2018 - R U OK? Fair Day (All Students) THS Front Concourse 10.00am to 3.20pm
19 - 21 September 2018 - Prefect Camp (Incoming 2019 Year 12 Prefects) Lynchwood Scout Camp
19 September 2018 - iTrack Program (Year 9 & 10 Selected Students) THS Library 10.00am to 10.52am
19 September 2018 - White Card Course (Registered Students) THS Library 9.00am to 3.20pm
20 September 2018 - Bro Speak (Support Students) 10.00am to 10.52am
20 September 2018 - Bro Speak (Years 7 to 10) 11.22am to 1.06pm
20 September 2018 - Year 7 2019 Transition & Future Leader’s Day (Year 7 2019 Students) THS Concert Hall 8.45am to 3.20pm
21 September 2018 - Peel Valley Leadership Skills Development (THS SRC Students Year 7-10) Woolomin Public School 9.08am to 3.20pm
21 September 2018 - TGA Reward Activity Laser Tag (Students with Attendance 85% +) 11.22am to 3.20pm
Breakfast Cafe - Everyday 7.30am to 8.50am in HT1. 30c donation appreciated and all students welcome
Homework Centre - Every Wednesday 3.20pm in the THS Library and all students welcome

WEEK 10

24 - 28 September 2018 - Toorale Station Bourke (Indigenous Cultural Experience for Boys/Girls) All Day
24 September 2018 - Gomeroi Gaaynggal (Year 10 TGA Students) 1.36pm to 3.20pm
26 September 2018 - iTrack Program (Year 9 & 10 Selected Students) THS Library 10.00am to 10.52am
26 September 2018 - Support Unit Safety Day
27 September 2018 - Bro Speak (Support Students) 10.00am to 10.52am
27 September 2018 - Bro Speak (Years 7 to 10) 11.22am to 1.06pm
28 September 2018 - Year 12 2018 Graduation Assembly (Whole School & Families) THS Concert Hall 10.00am to 11.22am
28 September 2018 - Last Day of Term 3
Breakfast Cafe - Everyday 7.30am to 8.50am in HT1. 30c donation appreciated and all students welcome
Homework Centre - Every Wednesday 3.20pm in the THS Library and all students welcome