

Tomaree High **NEWS**

2017 Term 4 Week 8

Year 12 Formal

On Wednesday 15th November, Year 12 celebrated the end of their schooling and HSC examinations in style at their Year 12 Formal. The evening commenced at the Shoal Bay waterfront and lots of family, friends and past students braved the wind for photo opportunities. All the girls looked simply stunning and every boy looked suave. It was a pleasure to see them all dressed up and looking so grown up. They have come a long way since Year 7! The Formal, held at Wests Nelson Bay Diggers, commenced with many delicious canapés and allowed friends



and family to share in part of the official celebrations. This was followed by the Formal Dinner for students and several staff. Mrs Baillache, their Year Advisor for all but this year, would not have missed the night and students were extremely grateful for her presence, and speech, on this special evening.



Not only did Ki McClelland, school captain, act as a fantastic MC for the entire evening, his opening words were passionate, thought provoking and inspiring. The evening also included a lively and entertaining performance by Chanel Marley and Francis Giepmans which was very well received. As in past years, the photo booth was extremely popular and Year 12 had a great time creating memories with lots of fun and silly props.



A suitcase, labelled 2027, was used to store notes that Year 12 wrote – notes to their future selves – which will be opened at their 10 year school reunion. A special mention to Lachlan Bruning, Eden Wright and Nicholas Gallagher who created a



superb video capturing the fun times Year 12 had at Tomaree High School. They did an incredible job!

And of course, the Formal could not have occurred without the organisation and planning of Miss Liddell (Assistant Year Advisor) and the social committee who supported her throughout the year. Everything was just perfect! It was a wonderful evening with a wonderful year group. Year 12, 2017, you will be missed. All the best for your future.



Leila Courts

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs Sue Xenos



It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another school year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all your families a safe and restful end of year break.

It's also time to reflect on the many achievements and progress this year right across the school. This includes:

Embedded a whole school literacy strategy known as

TEEEEC. This strategy particularly targeted writing and we have been working hard for 2 years to have this strategy as common practice across the school. Faculties report an improvement in written responses from students, in particular senior students

Introduced Roll Call to start the school day. This seems to be working in settling students at the start of the day and giving us an opportunity to collect notes, read notices and monitor attendance.

Introduced VIVO's as a reward system. In the first 6 months they have been well received by students and enabled greater, immediate recognition of more students who are following our core expectations

Reviewed and modified the student forum to become the Student Representative Council (SRC) and instituted a more rigorous system for selection of Captains and Vice Captains. We are also currently working on a whole school Student Leadership Strategy that will identify more opportunities and pathways for students to be involved. This includes the Ambassador Program, White Ribbon Ambassador Program, Junior AECG and Transition mentor program.

Improvements to the playground- opened up more areas with benches and covered seating and the installation of 3 new bubbler systems that incorporate bottle fillers. Also the BBQ has continued to be improved by students with the latest addition being senior student laying a concrete border around the area.

Introduction of a new subject for Year 9- STEM. This course has allowed students to learn many new skills- especially in the area of robotics.

Establishment of the Big Picture Academy with 2 classes of students across years 9-12. This program is proving very popular for students who really want to learn differently and are able and willing to work independently

Introduced Millennium Parent Portal. This portal allows parents to see student timetables, class teachers, student notices and past reports. If you do not have access to the portal, please send an email to the school requesting access.

As we move into the next school year, we are working hard on a new 3 Year Strategic Plan. We have been evaluating what we have done over the last 3 years and determining future directions for the next 3 years.

While the plan is not yet finished, (to be published on the school website early next year) the 3 main areas have been identified as:

Staff Success- this direction will focus on supporting staff through professional learning and clear processes for student management to enable quality teaching in the classroom

Student Success- this direction will build upon numeracy and literacy strategies through the implementation of a wide range teaching and learning strategies

School and Community Success- this direction will be looking at a range of factors that influence how we are seen in the community and how we interact with the wider community. This may involve things such as a strengthening of our communication methods across all platforms (website, Facebook, Skoolbag etc.) and looking at our school identity, especially as we approach the schools 20th Anniversary next year.

As the year comes to a close we still have a number of events happening. On Monday 4th December there is a parent information evening for 2018, Year 7. While parents are in their meeting students in Year 6 & 7 can attend a 'disco' in the MPC. This will be run by our SRC and year 12 students. I look forward to meeting our new students. On Tuesday 5th December- Year 6 will attend school for their final orientation day. The highlight of this day will be the Playground Sounds event, that will be available for all students to have an opportunity to mingle in a fun environment. Year 10 have their camp to the Gold Coast in Week 9 of the term.

On Tuesday 12th December at 6:30pm we have introduced a Presentation Evening. We will still be having individual year assemblies to hand out reports and recognise students, but the Presentation evening will be to present all the prizes donated by the community and to recognise formally the top 10 students in year 7-11. All students are welcome to attend to support their classmates. Students receiving awards will receive notification so family and friends can attend.

In early December Up & Up will again be working with students to create unique artworks for the school. This time they will be focussing on the toilet blocks. We are hopeful that student art in those areas will curb vandalism and students more readily report any vandalism to their work. I am always perplexed that students (I'm only referring to a very small number) would vandalise the toilets that they have to use. We are in the process of installing new toilet paper holders and soap dispensers and urge you to encourage your child to report any issues to a Deputy as soon as they see it so we can try to track the few problem students.

Finally, thank you to all students, families and staff for your continued support of our great school.

Again I wish you a safe and restful summer break.

From Ms D'Arcy, the Deputy Principal's desk.....

End of Year

It seems just a moment ago we were welcoming you to the start of the new school year and here we are nearly at the end of it. What a busy and productive year it has been! There have been so many achievements by our students throughout the year that we are all very proud of them.

Year 12 Formal

On Wednesday 15th November we had our Year 12 Formal as a final celebration with our wonderful Year 12 students. I hope you saw the photographs on our Facebook page. The students looked amazing and it was a fun filled evening. Special thanks to Jacqui Liddell and Leila Courts for working with the students to organise the event and for their ongoing support of Year 12 this year. Mrs Courts has an article about the formal at the beginning of this newsletter.

Year 6 Transition to High School

I have been busy visiting our Primary Schools with some Year 7 students to speak to Year 6 students about moving to High School. We are all very excited about our new intake in 2018. We are holding an information evening on Monday 4th December for our Year 6 families. Students will have a disco in the MPC with Year 7. This will be organised and run by Year 12 students, with staff support.

Tuesday 5th December is the orientation day across NSW Public Schools for Year 6 students to spend a day at the High School they will be moving to.

End of year exams

Students have been sitting their end of year exams and staff have been busy marking them and providing feedback. We are now writing end of year reports that will be given out on at the year assemblies in week 10.

This year we are also holding an End of Year Award evening on Tuesday 12th December. The evening assembly will deliver the major awards including first in subjects, highly commended and sponsored awards for each year group. The evening assembly is scheduled to commence at 6.30pm in the MPC. Invites will be sent out shortly.

Assemblies

On Tuesday 12th December Stage 5 will have their individual Year assemblies where reports will be handed out and the school year celebrated. **Year 10 will be period 2, at 9.30am and Year 9 will be period 4 at 12o'clock.**

Wednesday 13th December will be stage 4 assemblies. **Year 8 will be period 3 , at 10.30am and Year 7 will be period 5, at 1pm.**

All assemblies take place in the MPC and parents are warmly invited to attend.

School uniform

Over the summer holidays when you restock from LOWES with school uniform for 2018 can I remind you that students need to wear black enclosed leather shoes to school. This is to meet the health and safety requirements of subjects such as Science and TAS. These can be purchased at LOWES. Please don't buy black and white converse shoes for your child for school!

2018 start of the new school year

The new school year starts on Tuesday 30th January 2018 for years 7, 11 and 12 at 8.15am. Year 7 students should go to the MPC.

Wednesday 31st January years 8, 9, and 10 will join us at 8.15am. We will start the day with an outdoor whole school assembly to welcome everyone back and get organised for the day with the distribution of timetables.

To end, can I thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support of your child and our school this year. It really does take a village to raise a child and by working together we provide the best support and direction for our students to flourish and excel.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a restful holiday.

Very best wishes for the New Year!

Kind regards,
Sue D'Arcy



PARENTS, CARERS & GRANDPARENTS CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you could spend a couple of hours 1 morning a week, fortnight or a month helping out our great canteen team it would be deeply appreciated, enjoy a barista cappuccino and the company of our wonderful canteen staff while helping keep our students in steady supply of nutritious, tasty & great priced lunches and snacks, please **contact Liz Langsford on 49 811444** ask for High School Canteen.



Diary Dates:

- **1/12/17 Wet n Wild—Rewards Excursion**
- **4/12/17 Parent Information for 2018 Year 7's**
- **5/12/17 Year 6 Orientation Day**
- **12/12/17 Presentation Evening 6.30 pm**
- **15/12/17 Last day of term for students**
- **30/1/18 First day of term for students in Years 7, 11 & 12**
- **31/1/18 First day of term for students in Years 8, 9 & 10**

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Year 9 & 12: Sue D'Arcy

Faculty Leaders

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Admin: Brad Foley

Science: Linda Hazell

Teaching/Learning: Stacy Hinks

CAPA: Anne Gorton (Rel)

Special Education: Dan Hutchinson (Rel)

Wellbeing: Vicki McCleer & Leila Courts

P/D/H/PE: Jim Papworth

English: Mark Wagland

H/Ec: Karen Shaw

HSIE: Craig Windon (Rel)

Industrial Arts: Shane Fitzpatrick

Year Advisors

Year 7: Gary Stuart

Year 8: Averil Jarvis

Year 9: Joel Ross

Year 10: Karen Smith/

Scott McLennan

Year 11: Steeve Gillette

Year 12: Leila Courts

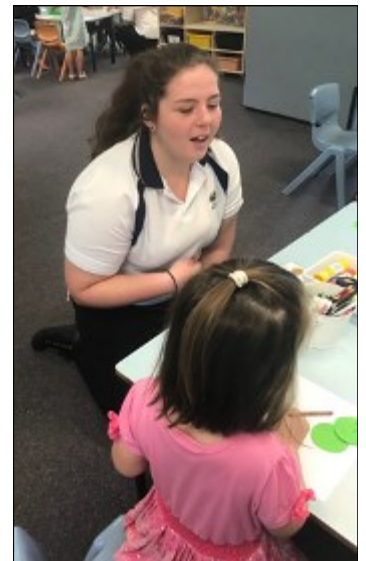
For further information check our website: www.tomaree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Keep in touch by signing up for Skoolbag on your mobile device for school messages.

Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood helping out with Kindergarten Orientation

Senior Exploring Early Childhood students are studying their last module for the year titled "Starting School". As a part of this unit, students have been participating in the Tomaree Public School Kindergarten Orientation Program. This allows our students hands on experience and to see the course theory in action. The students have been learning about when the best time to start a child in school is and what skills and abilities children should have before starting school.

This is wonderful experience for our students and would not be possible without the flexibility of the already busy early stage 1 teachers. I would like to extend a big thankyou to Donna Abraham and Sue Holland who have been very helpful in organising these events and allowing our students to be a part of them.



Karen Shaw



HSIE News: Dan's Day in Parliament

Dan Vu (right) of Year 11 recently participated in the NSW Schools Constitutional Convention at NSW Parliament House as a Legal Studies enrichment activity. Below are Dan's reflections of the day.



"I was one of the 120 students selected around the State to participate in the annual NSW Constitutional Convention. Throughout the day I had the opportunity to discuss important legal and human rights constitutional issues with other likeminded students from all over NSW.

Professor Anne Twomey from the Faculty of Law at Sydney University delivered her address on recent disqualifications of Members of Parliament by the High Court under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution. Her address gave me an insight into the role of the Constitution and dual citizenship status of MP's. Following Anne Twomey's address we were split into groups where we introduced ourselves and discussed the various subsections of Section 44.

My group chose subsection ii) where any person who "is attainted of treason, or has been convicted ... shall be incapable of being chosen or of sitting as a senator or a member of the House of Representatives." We discussed between ourselves if this part should be amended. Issues of terrorism, hacking, manslaughter and sexual abuse were raised. We concluded that any person who commits treason or any other crimes that undermines the political system of Australia should be disqualified. On the other hand, for crimes that are an offence to society, the media will bring up the person's past to full transparency and it will be left for society to decide if they want to elect the person. Crimes committed by youths are often during a transitory phase and some may have undergone rehabilitation before they run for Parliament. We also concluded that it would be unjust to prevent everyone who has committed a crime to run for Parliament.

After lunch the 120 students gathered together in the Legislative Assembly chamber and each group selected two students to present the group reports. During this section many brilliant ideas and opinions were raised relating the dual citizenships of Members of Parliament. These included the idea of Australia being multicultural country, whether Australia should risk spilt allegiance, does giving up your citizenship mean giving up your heritage and if a referendum be held on amending Section 44 because out of the forty four referendums held only eight have been successful.

After the group reports we held a mock referendum on amending the constitution to allow people with dual citizenships to run for parliament. Each of the six groups acted as States, the referendum passed in the majority of States with the majority of people voting yes.

Other legal issues also discussed in an open forum such as the 600 people left on Manus Island with no food, water or electricity and the Same Sex Marriage Plebiscite. The NSW Constitutional Convention was an amazing opportunity for me to hear and talk to other students who all showed an interest and knowledge of the Constitution and contemporary legal issues in Australia."



Craig Windon
(Rel) HT HSIE



HSIE News - Year 11 Geography

The Kooragang Wetland Rehabilitation Project (KWRP) is located on Ash Island next to the Hunter River and a large urban area of Newcastle. The KWRP was launched in 1993 to protect, restore and create habitat for wildlife in the Hunter estuary. It is one of the largest active coastal rehabilitation projects in Australia. KWRP was also initiated to compensate for the loss of fish, shorebirds habitat in the Hunter estuary caused by 200 years of draining, filling and clearing. The wetlands feature expanses of mangrove and saltmarsh, and in non-tidal areas, riparian woodlands, remnants of lowland floodplain rainforest and ephemeral freshwater wetlands.

Students as part of their HSC topic-Ecosystems at Risk recently conducted mandatory fieldwork through the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre to investigate the Ash Island intertidal wetland in terms of:

- Biophysical interactions of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and biosphere.
- Threats to the ecosystem and management strategies.
- Issues related to climate change.

Craig Windon
(Rel) H.T. HSIE



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It is our mission is to work closely with Port Stephens schools and their community to implement responsive initiatives that support and motivate all young people, in particular those most in need, to engage fully in education, training and meaningful employment.

Students from Tomaree High School were joined by fellow students from Irrawang High School, Hunter River High School and St Philip's Christian College at Salamander Bay in a unique program delivered by the WesTrac Institute.

The 12 students who were selected to participate in the program underwent a competitive application process, just as they would if applying for an apprenticeship.

They worked in real workplace conditions and had to live up to an exacting set of safe work practices. The program which was run over a four week period saw the students' complete units of competence such as Working at Heights and learning about the careers available in the heavy vehicle mechanics field including electronics.

This opportunity was only possible due to the collaboration of Real Futures Foundation, State Training Services and the WesTrac Institute.

The program was funded by the NSW State Government and the students who participated were congratulated by the management team at WesTrac as well as Scot MacDonald Parliamentary Secretary for Planning Central Coast and Hunter and Member of the Legislative Council. Mr MacDonald will be mentioning the program and the participants in an address to parliament in the near future.

The Foundation hopes to be able to make this program available to students again in 2018 as well as programs of a similar nature which allow students to gain real life hands on experience and qualifications which will give them a competitive edge in the workplace.

The Foundation is funded through corporate sponsorships, private donations and fundraising activities. You can find out more at www.realfutures.com.au



Scot MacDonald Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and Hunter and Member of the Legislative Council with Tomaree High Students on a tour of the facilities and workplace at WesTrac

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Charity Golf Day

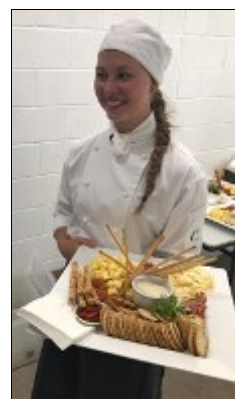
The Real Futures Foundation's inaugural Latitude One Charity Golf Day was held on 20 October at Horizons Golf Resort at Salamander Bay. Conducting an event, like the golf day, allows the Foundation to gain positive exposure and assist in the delivery of youth programs in Port Stephens. Participating on the day was not only great fun but gave members of the community an opportunity to support our youth programs. Over \$15,000 was raised on the day to support programs that are held at Tomaree High School, St Philip's Christian College at Salamander Bay, Hunter River High School and Irrawang High School. The day was heavily supported by Horizons Golf Resort, Valley Homes, and Soldiers Point Marina.

Anyone interested sponsoring or volunteering to help out at future days like our golf day should contact Marian Sampson on 0459 333 851 or email info@realfutures.com.au

Another Year - Another Tastes at the Bay Opening Launch

On Thursday 2nd December Year 12 Hospitality students once again catered for the opening launch of Tastes at the Bay Food and Wine Festival. This prestigious event saw our students catering for VIP's such as Kate Washington and Ryan Palmer, representatives from NSW Tourism and local business owners. The students worked all day in the commercial kitchen at school preparing the food then took it all down to a vacant shop in Magnus Street where they plated up and served.

Karen Shaw



Talented student performs at Sydney Opera House



On Monday 6th November, Bethany O'Sullivan from the Year 8 CAPA class represented Tomaree High School and the entire Hunter Region at the Sydney Opera House.

She is a clarinet player in the Hunter Wind Ensemble and the only student in the ensemble from the whole of the Port Stephens area. We are extremely proud of Bethany (pictured middle) and look forward to seeing her skills develop even further in the future!

Congratulations Bethany

Grip Leadership Conference

On Monday 6th November student leaders from the SRC, Real Future Ambassadors, Transition Leaders and the Junior AECG attended the Grip Leadership Conference at the University of Newcastle. Various schools from around the Hunter district attended the conference, which gave our students the opportunity to network and work collaboratively to share ideas with other student leaders from public, Catholic and private schools in our local area. The day was filled with various hands-on sessions that expanded the students knowledge on a range of theoretical and practical leadership skills. Monopolead and Loud Noises were just a few of the interactive games played throughout the day that allowing our young leaders to work with other schools to develop their teamwork skills in a fun and collaborative way.



Students also attended plenary sessions that focused on topics such as Transforming School Pride and the Effectiveness of a Leadership Team. These skills will be transformative for the various leadership roles these students hold and the way they lead our school in 2018 and beyond.

Experimenting with Senior Support

This term the Senior Support Students have been lucky enough to be involved in some hands on science experiments, courtesy of Mrs Garrett. Mrs Garrett has been kind enough to give up her spare time to teach our students once a week and involve them in some really exciting experiments. We have done things such as using Bunsen burners to cook popcorn, making gas pop, working with electricity and currents as well as using the van de graaff. The Senior Support Students have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the science labs each week. A massive thank you to Mrs Garrett and the Science Faculty.



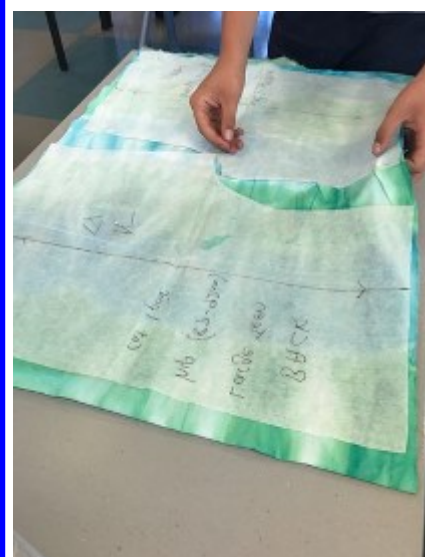
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A Short Story.....

After a semester in Textiles, Year 7 students are quite the clothing designers. The students have designed and constructed their own unique, individual pair of shorts based on their design vision. After experimenting with fabric decoration techniques, the students were asked to draw a picture of their shorts and this formed the basis of their design task.

Karen Shaw



From the Labs and Farm

We are very pleased to be working on a potential partnership with Huon Aquaculture to provide a range of opportunities for our agriculture students. Closer ties are also



being forged with the Fisheries, Shark and Ray Centre and Sibelco. This week Agriculture students attended a presentation from Huon Aquaculture at our school. The current Primary Industries course will be continuing in 2018 but we are also reintroducing Agriculture in Year 11. The popularity of elective Agriculture in Stage 5 has increased with 3 classes for next year's Year 9.



Students in Years 7 to 10 have recently completed their final examinations in Science



for the year. Teachers are now busy marking these and other assessments so that they can collate the marks for ranking and reporting on student progress. For those in the current Years 7, 8 and 9 the results will help to place them in classes for next year.

The current Year 10 will have the choice of four new courses in Science in 2018. Physics, Chemistry and Biology have been updated to include more student directed learning and a brand new course, Investigating

Science, will commence to replace the old Senior Science. Teachers are also working on producing programs, resources and assessment tasks for these new courses. Students in the current Year 11 will still be studying the old courses until they complete the HSC.

In Science, work continues to be important even though formal assessments have been completed, except for Senior students who have begun the HSC course. All students need to note that the usual standards of effort and behaviour will still apply until the end of term.



The topics covered will have interest value and closer links to everyday life. Year 10 are studying Forensic Science, whilst Year 9 students are taking a closer look into Consumer Science. Students in Year 8 cover

Microbes and Health and Year 7 delve into Earth's Resources.



Pictured left is our latest addition, one of the twin lambs born on our Tomaree High farm.



Linda Hazel
H.T. Science



SUPER SPORT STARS

2017 was a very successful year for sport at Tomaree High School. Sport continues to play an essential role in the building of a positive school culture and actively promotes the school values of respect, responsibility and success. The school had over 20 teams competing across a range of sports in knockout sports, gala days and regional trials, demonstrating the school's commitment to sport by both staff and students.



There were six new school records set at the Swimming Carnival and six records at the Athletics Carnival showing the depth of sporting talent currently at Tomaree High.

The weekly sports program is complemented by a variety of opportunities at Zone, Regional and State level. Tomaree High won the Zone Championships in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. Thirty five students represented the Hunter Regional Team in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. Overall, the school had a total of 37 students selected to represent the Hunter Region in AFL, Athletics, Cross Country, Hockey, Rugby Union, Touch, Soccer, Surfing and Swimming.



At the NSW CHS Athletics Carnival, Cooper Luff won the 14 Year 400m, Ben Esquilant placed 2nd in the 14 Year 100m and 200m and Jack Kenny placed 2nd in the 14 Year Javelin. At the NSW All Schools Athletics, Jack Kenny placed 2nd in the 14 Year Javelin and Cooper placed 3rd in the 14 Year High Jump. Jack Kenny was then selected as part of NSW All Schools Team to compete at the Australian All Schools Championships.



Erin Clark, Alyssa Coggan, Andi Law and Maddison Mitchell were all selected in the NSW CHS 15s Touch team. Andi was also selected in the NSW All Schools Team to play at the Australian Championships. Elle Clayton-Brown was selected in the NSW Surfing Team to compete in the Australian Surfing Titles. Jason Allwood was selected in the Open NSW CHS Rugby Union team whilst Jack Vincent was selected for the U16 NSW CHS Rugby Union team. Jason Allwood, Jordan Byfield and Ryan Duffy were selected into the NSW CHS South African Squad. Jason Allwood, Andi Law and Cooper Luff were awarded Hunter Region Sports Awards.



Tomaree High's Open Girl's Touch, Open Girl's Soccer were all successful in winning the Hunter Regional Knockout Competitions with the Open Girls' Water Polo placing second; 9/10 Girls Touch Team placed second and 7/8 Boys Touch Team made the Semi Final at the NSW State Carnival.



The Open Girl's Touch placed second in NSW CHS, the Open Boy's Rugby Union made the NSW Quarter Final, the U16 Boy's Rugby Union made the NSW Semi Final and the Open Girl's Soccer place in the Top 8 of the State.



Congratulations to all the students who achieved the excellent results above as well as those who participated in a variety of sports as you have all contributed to the positive school culture at Tomaree High.

Charnelle Crossingham



Cooper



Ben



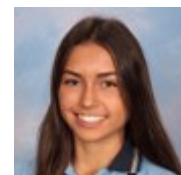
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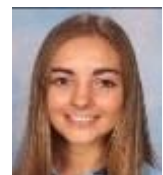
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Andi



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Remembrance Day



On Friday the 10th of November at 11am the students and staff at Tomaree High School came together to commemorate Remembrance Day in a lovely assembly hosted by Mr Ross and addressed by Miss Kirkland. This years Remembrance Day address focused on the role of women during wartime. Miss Kirkland acknowledged the entire history of Australian womens' involvement in war with a special video and mention of heroic World War I nurse, Alicia Kelly. Following the assembly our

Captains, Molly Fraser and Isaac Haynes, laid our wreath in the school's Lone Pine Garden where a Gallipoli Rose was planted for the occasion. The wreath was laid to commemorate and remember those members of the Forces who have fallen in the line of duty.



**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM
LEST WE FORGET**



Pictured above: Deputy Principal Mr Stevens, with School Captains Isaac Haynes, Molly Fraser, Olivia Williams, Andrew Fletcher and Miss Kirkland at the Lone Pine Garden.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY

Tomaree High School staff & students would like to recognise the relationships with many of the business, industry & community organisations in our region. The organisations noted below have particularly contributed in the areas of work experience; work placement; provision of career advice; coaching; training; contributing to programs for students & a host of other activities that are assisting the youth of Port Stephens in their transition from school to work. Tomaree High would like thank all those who have been involved in the careers program throughout 2017.

Port Stephens Council	Bunnings Warehouse Taylors Beach
Westrac Training Institute	Salamander Bay Pharmacy
Coolwater Constructions	Hogs Breath – Nelson Bay
Horizons Golf Resort	Environmental Property Services
Fresh Salon – Hair & Beauty	NSW Police
NSW Ambulance	NSW Fire Brigade
Enigma Communications	Newcastle Airport
Marquis Kitchens & Bathrooms	Advanced Finance Solutions
UqPower	Oaks Pacific Blue Salamander Bay
ADF – Newcastle	Flight Centre – Salamander Bay
Tomaree Public School	Bohemia Interactive
St George Bank	Greater Bank Nelson Bay
Woolworths – Nelson Bay	Port Performance
Tomaree Community Hospital	Gumnuts Child Care
University of Newcastle	Hunter TAFE
Salamander Bay VET	Newcastle Jets
Newcastle Knights	Port Stephens Automotive
History Facilitator – Dave Benson	A Beautiful Occasion
Just Jeans – Salamander Bay	Saraha Horse Trials
Nice Café – Nelson Bay	GTS Building
Coretuned Autos	Anna Bay Paint & Panel
Diemar Oysters	Lodge Cornucopia
Coaches – Wendy DuPont & Brian Hodges	Rotary Club Salamander Bay
Oakvale Farm	Harvey Norman Salamander Bay
LJ Hooker Nelson Bay	Blue Water Landscape Supplies
Boeing Defence Australia	Target Salamander Bay
Colours of the Bay Tattoo Studio	Mercure Hotel Williamtown
Mullins Contractors	Wanda Beach Pharmacy
Salamander Bay Recycling	Oaks Pacific Blue Salamander Bay
Clean Eats	Fix N Go Mechanics
Ben Warrington Plumbing	Tomago Aluminium
A&J Auto Body Repairs	Steve Mudge Auto Electrics
BAE Systems Australia	Patrick Connaughton
Good Start Early Learning	Adept Pools
Nelson Bay Bowling Club	Nelson Bay Building & Carpentry
B&B Brick & Blocklaying P/L	Port Performance
Salamander Child Care Centre	Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters
Nelson Bay Electrical	Coles Supermarket Salamander Bay
Maas	NSW Dept Primary Industries – Fisheries
Defence RAAF	Spec Savers Salamander Bay
Igym Salamander Bay	Strands Hair Salon
Vollar Park Breaking & Training	Nelson Bay Radiator & Automotive
Manta Aqua Resort Nelson Bay	Shoal Bay Primary School
Zone Active	Trendelect P/L
Bluewater Stainless	Head Office & Co.

Year 10 Child Studies go back to Kindergarten to 'Play' around.

Last term, year 10 Child Studies students studied a unit of work on play-based learning. The assessment for this unit was for the students to design and create a game to stimulate an area of development, for example cognitive, social or physical development. Once the games were created, the students then had the opportunity to take them to the experts to get a firsthand look at how their games played out.



A huge thank you to Primary School Teachers, Donna Abraham and Sue Holland for having us yet again in their rooms and to the Tomaree Kindergarten students for their expert advice.



Karen Shaw
HT Home Ec



The Australian Breast Feeding Association Port Stephens visits Year 9 Child Studies

Year 9 Child Studies enjoyed a visit from two local representatives of the Australian Breast Feeding Association, two “mums” and their extremely well behaved babies and toddlers. The students have just completed the Care of the Newborn unit of work and the visit from these representatives, mothers and babies was a fabulous opportunity for the students to ask questions and review their knowledge about breast feeding and the general day to day caring of a newborn infant.



We would like to thank the representatives of the Australian Breast Feeding Association and the mums and children that visited us for taking the time out of their day to provide this very special opportunity.

Ms Murray – Home Economics

SUPPORT UNIT STUDENTS

Some of our Support Unit Students have once again participated in the TAFE YES Program. TAFE has funded free programs for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to access short taster courses across all trades such as Hair and Beauty, Bricklaying, Tiling, Massage/Light Fitness, Café/ Bakery, Small Motors and Horticulture, to name a few.

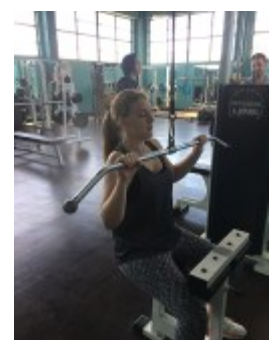


Stevie-Ray (Left)
Café/Bakery—
Cappuccino &
Cakes

Jaidan (Right)
Bricklaying



Cooper (Left)
Tiling
Jackie & Lucy
(Right) learning
massage
techniques.
Lucy (Right)
working out in the
gym.





SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS 2018

Congratulations to the following students (pictured below) who were elected to be the Sport House Captains for 2018.

TOMAREE		
Captain	Joshua Murchie	Isabella O'Donohue
Vice Captain	Curtis Nunn	Chloe Newman

YACAABA		
Captain	Carl Stewart	Erin Smith
Vice Captain	Kean Thomas	Taylah Smith

NELSON		
Captain	Tim Anderson	Taylor Bennett
Vice Captain	Jason Allwood	Madison Bennett

STEPHENS		
Captain	Aeddan Holliday	Angela Helly
Vice Captain	Bradley Fletcher	Claudia Ivankovic

CONGRATULATIONS



Little Dresses for Africa

Tomaree High Child Studies students are making little dresses again this year. As a part of the unit of work titled 'Children and Culture', students are introduced to the Little Dresses for Africa project where pillow cases are made into little dresses and sent off to villages in Africa.

Little Dresses for Africa Founded in 2008 by Rachel O'Neill is a registered non-profit 501c3 Christian organization.

MISSION: To provide relief to vulnerable children throughout the Continent of Africa and beyond.

The road is especially tough for little girls and young women. Often small children are left as primary care-givers of even younger children, because of disease and poverty. These little dresses, given freely to those in need, plant the seed that they are worthy. **We plant the seeds; God sends the harvest.**

So much more than just a dress!

These little dresses are so much more than clothing. These little "Ambassadors" offer a way into homes and villages where they teach simple lessons about **clean water**, sanitation and promote good health and family skills knowledge. As relationships are formed, the foundation focuses on helping through **3 things**: clean water, education and community.

How you can help:

Please help us to get behind this wonderful project by sending donations of pillowcases to the front office.



Recognition of excellence in Vocational Education for former year 12 student Divina Bandilla.



Early last Tuesday morning Divina was invited to attend the Youth Express Robert Beggs Memorial Award breakfast as she had been nominated by her teacher, Mrs Shaw, for an award of excellence in Vocational Education specifically in the area of Hospitality.



Divina received this nomination for her two years of dedication to Hospitality. She represented Tomaree High School in numerous out of school events including this year taking out the 'dish of the day' at Tocal field days with their deconstructed pumpkin cheesecake. Not only was Divina a star in the kitchen, she also excelled academically and finished year 12 with the highest mark in the trial HSC exam. For all of these reasons, Divina was nominated and whilst she did not win the award, it was an

honour to be recognised amongst all of the schools in the Hunter region for her hard work and dedication. Divina leaves us to pursue a career in hospitality and we know she will excel in her chosen path and we wish her the best of luck.



Year 7 & Year 8 2018 Important Information Book packs only available online (No longer sold at office)



Year 7 & Year 8 Book packs for 2018 are now purchased online through our supplier Kookaburra Educational Resources.

Kookaburra Educational Resources has been appointed as the official Book pack provider for Tomaree High School for 2018.

Pricing:

Year 7 - \$50.84

Year 8 - \$35.32

Please be aware that the suggested quantities have been stipulated by Tomaree High School. Each child will require the suggested quantities as a minimum requirement for the start of the school year.

To avoid disappointment, ensure that your orders are placed prior to the **cut-off date of Monday 8th January 2018**. This will ensure delivery by **Tuesday 30th January 2018**.

Orders received after the cut-off date above:

- * will still be accepted.
- * will receive a lower priority.
- * may not be received prior to the start of Term 1 2018.
- * will be packed in a box and delivered to your nominated daytime delivery address (signature required).
- * **School delivery is not available.** Associated fees and charges will apply.
- * **All orders are Firm Sale (i.e. non-returnable).**

Here is the link to order your Book pack: <http://www.kookaburra.com.au/login>. This link is also available via the Tomaree High School website under the tab "Our School" and then "Schooling costs".

Please refer to the instructions on the following page on how to order.





Tomaree High School
Student Packs

Student packs



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TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 & 8 – 2018 INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING PACKS ONLINE

1. Go to www.kookaburra.com.au/login
2. Enter User Name: **TOMAR003** (The first 5 characters are letters and the last 3 characters are numbers) and password: **studentpack** (lowercase)
3. Select Student Packs.
4. Select your student's 2018 Year Level.
5. Add the quantity next to products required by your child, in the "Quantity box".
6. When you are satisfied with your selection, click on "Add selected items to cart".
7. If you have another child to shop for, select their 2018 Year Level from the drop down and add items to your cart.
8. When you've finished shopping for your child/ren, click on the cart icon in the header to go to the cart and complete your order.
9. Once you are satisfied with your order, click on "Continue to Checkout" at the bottom of this page.
(Please note: all orders are Firm Sale i.e. non-returnable).
10. Select a Delivery Method from the drop-down list provided online and complete your delivery details as required.
11. **Note:** If home delivery is available for your school, please ensure someone will be available to receive the goods at time of delivery. All home deliveries require a signature, unless you have provided an Authority to Leave (ATL). Please be advised that once an ATL has been provided, Kookaburra can only guarantee delivery and quality up to the point that the track and trace advises us that the goods were left for you in the place indicated on your ATL.
12. Complete your child's details and contact phone number under "Student Information". If you added more than one child's pack, complete their names and year levels as indicated.
13. Click on "Continue to Payment".
14. Select your payment method.
15. Click on "Process Payment".
Note: If you supply an email address you will be emailed a copy of your order as a receipt once received. Your order has now been placed with Kookaburra. If you have any queries, please contact Kookaburra Customer Service Team at customer.service@kookaburra.com.au

PLEASE NOTE:

- * The cut-off date for all orders is **Monday 8th January 2018** for delivery by **Tuesday 30th January 2018**.
- * Orders received after **Monday 8th January 2018** will be given a lower priority, and may not be received at your nominated delivery address prior to Term 1 2018. Orders will only be available for home delivery. Associated charges and fees will apply.
Please also note that only online ordering is available after Friday 17th November 2018
- * All orders are Firm Sale (i.e. non-returnable).



Kookaburra
Educational Resources

Phone: 1300 766 997 Fax: 1300 768 997
www.kookaburra.com.au

STUDENTS SAY

I really like
English

Tim Ando Yr11

Basketball in free
periods please!!!

Annon Yr 11

Water is not
wetlook up
the definition

Harry Liddell

I think we need to
do school plays
again. We used to
do them in primary
school but now we
don't "It's sad"

Casey Yr 10

The library is a
cool place to
hang out.

B.N Yr 10

Teachers are
AWESOME

A yr 8

Stars can't
shine without
darkness
Kean Thomas
Yr 11

Bring on the
holidays!!

Jason Allwood

New bubblers
are cool

D yr8

The SRC is
currently
discussing the
situation of the
Toilets
Yr 11

I think the
school is pretty
Great
A. Yr 11



2018 HUNTER SPORT TRIALS

Students who wish to trial for any of the teams listed below **MUST** follow the following procedure:

1. Note the date of the trial and then go to the [website nominated](#) on the information sheet to gain details and other information.
2. Complete the consent form online and then print and return it to your school Principal and sport coordinator to sign.
3. **YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ATTEND ANY TRIAL** unless you have **SCHOOL PERMISSION**. If you turn up at the trial without school permission you will be sent **BACK TO SCHOOL**.
4. Once the Sport Coordinator has your permission note they will seek the advice of both the Convener and School Coaches as to your eligibility to attend Trials. Students that are too young or are not of the standard or calibre of a Hunter team cannot attend Trials.
5. Once the Sport Coordinator signs off on your attendance then you take the completed permission note to the trial.
6. NOTE that no transport or direct supervision is supplied by your High School.

Date	Team	Date	Team
Term 1		Term 2	
February 9	Girls Volleyball	May 25	Lawn Bowls
February 22	Boys Volleyball	June 14	WAG/MAG/RG Gymnastics
February 26	Golf	June 26	Boys Tennis
February 27	Diving	July 3	Girls Tennis
March 1	Boy/Girls Touch U/16s	July 3	Orienteering
March 7	Boys Basketball	July 5	Trampoline Sports
March 8	Girls Football	Term 3	
March 13	Boys AFL U/15s	August 7	Mountain Biking
March 13	Girls Basketball	September 26	Boys Cricket
March 14	Boys Football	Term 4	
March 15	Boys/Girls Water Polo	November 20	Girls Softball
March 16	Netball	November 20	Boys Softball
March 21	Rugby League 15's and Opens	November 29	Girls Cricket
March 26	Squash	December 11	Boys Baseball
March 28	Rugby Union		
March 29	Boy/Girls Touch U/16s Opens		
April 4	Boys/Girls Hockey		
July 3	Orienteering		
July 5	Trampoline Sports		

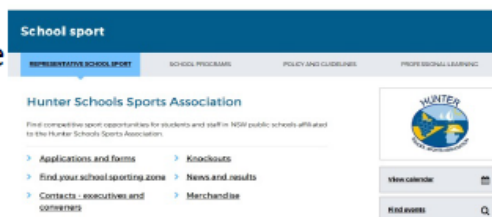
Trial dates and time printed on this form are subject to change, please refer to the Hunter School Sport website for the most up to date information.

HOW TO APPLY TO ATTEND A HUNTER REGION TRIAL

There is a new School Sport Website and all information regarding Hunter trials has been up loaded. The web address is:

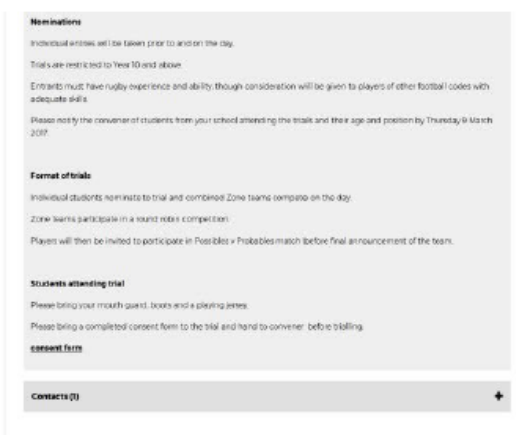
<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/Hunter>

1. This takes you to the Hunter Sports Website



2. Click on the sport you are interested in trialling for on the right hand side under the Hunter logo **<Find event>**
3. Type in the event that you are wishing to trial for and click on the event.
4. Dialogue box with the information comes up, click on the **<more info>** tab on the bottom right





5. Takes you to the specific information, click on the **<+ symbol>** next to Additional information
6. Scroll down to the consent form.
7. Click on **<consent form>**, complete it in full, print and then return it to your School Sport Coordinator/Principal to sign and record.
8. Take it with you on the day of the trial, hand to the Convener/Manager running the trial.



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International Day of People with Disability

We are holding a *Butterfly Season* event that aims to celebrate and connect those living with disability with the local Port Stephens community.

When: Sunday, 3 December 2017
10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Nelson Bay Netball Courts
Tomaree Sports Complex
Salamander Way
Salamander Bay



This is a free event for people living with disability and their family, guardians and carers.

We'd love you to join us for live demonstrations and giveaways from Lifestyle Solutions, Anytime Fitness, Nelson Bay Netball Association, Netball NSW, Jazance Fitness, Port Stephens Council, PCYC Port Stephens, Companion Card, and IPT Gymnastics.

Plus FREE sausage sizzle!

For more details of the event contact Lisa Papasavvas.

ph: 0447 597 191

email: butterflyseason2017@gmail.com



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SWIMMING AND
WATER SAFETY
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SWIM PROGRAM
AND TERM 1
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THANK YOU



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TOMAREE – PRIMARY
HALL
2018

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YOUTH : 12 – 16 YEARS 5pm- 6pm

MONDAYS: Tomaree Primary Hall

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Phone: 02 49 692338

Email: dramacorp@bigpond.com

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- **GIVE AWAYS**

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• **11-14 YEARS BIG KIDS GROUP**
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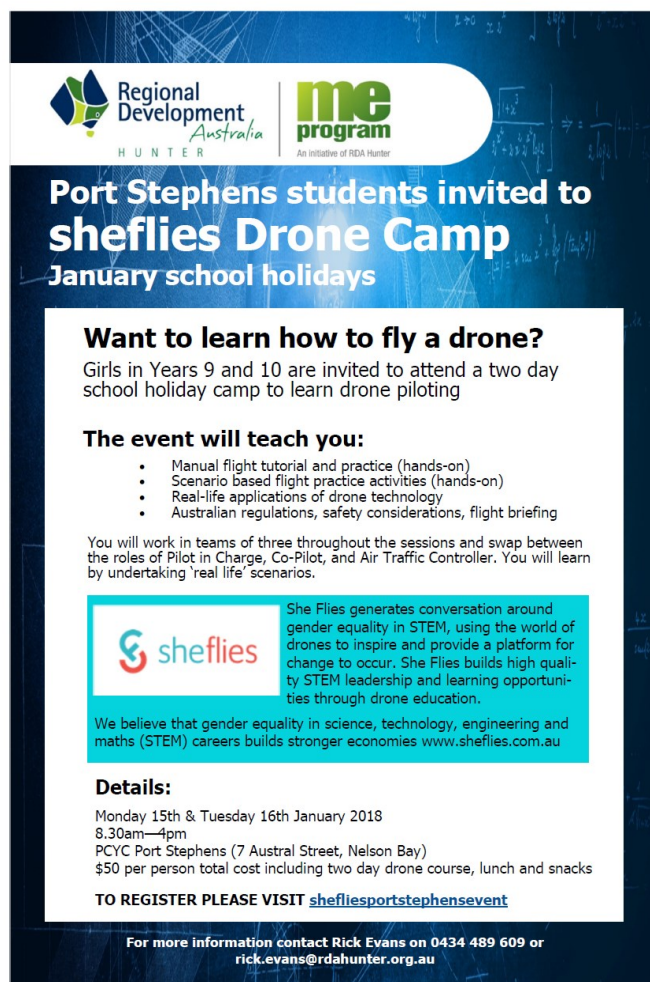
KIDS ACTIVITIES

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podiatry

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Port Stephens students invited to sheflies Drone Camp

January school holidays

Want to learn how to fly a drone?
Girls in Years 9 and 10 are invited to attend a two day school holiday camp to learn drone piloting

The event will teach you:

- Manual flight tutorial and practice (hands-on)
- Scenario based flight practice activities (hands-on)
- Real-life applications of drone technology
- Australian regulations, safety considerations, flight briefing

You will work in teams of three throughout the sessions and swap between the roles of Pilot in Charge, Co-Pilot, and Air Traffic Controller. You will learn by undertaking 'real life' scenarios.

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She Flies generates conversation around gender equality in STEM, using the world of drones to inspire and provide a platform for change to occur. She Flies builds high quality STEM leadership and learning opportunities through drone education.

We believe that gender equality in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) careers builds stronger economies www.sheflies.com.au

Details:
Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th January 2018
8.30am-4pm
PCYC Port Stephens (7 Austral Street, Nelson Bay)
\$50 per person total cost including two day drone course, lunch and snacks

TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT shefliesportstephensevent

For more information contact Rick Evans on 0434 489 609 or rick.evans@rdahunter.org.au



Student - Change of Details

Date:

Name:	DOB:	Year:
Name:	DOB:	Year:
Name:	DOB:	Year:

New Address	
<u>Phone Nos</u>	
Home	
Mother - Work	
- Mobile	
Father - Work	
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New Emergency Details	
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Office use only	
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TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL

ABSENTEE NOTE

(To be returned to the teacher Period 1 first day back after absence or place in box in foyer)

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Reason for absence:

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