

Tomaree High *NEWS*

2017 Term 2 Week 4

Tomaree High WINNERS for 2017 @Tocal Field Days Bake or Burn Competition



This year two teams from Tomaree High Hospitality competed in the annual Bake or Burn competition at Tocal. It has been two years since we have entered the event and we were keen to reclaim our winning crown. The teams practiced all through the holidays, after school, and the week of the competition. Our dishes were amazing and our win was well deserved. Both teams got a special mention with Team 1 winning the competition and Team 2 winning the dish of the day.

Team 1: The judges all agreed that the stand out dish of the competition was the 'Deconstructed Pumpkin Cheesecake with candied carrot flowers, mint praline, clotted cream and sweet potato frizzles'



THS TEAM 1

- Kirsty Shaw
- Divina Bandilla
- Brad McArthur



Team 2: Winners of 2017 Bake or Burn with their 'Homemade Beetroot Pasta with Green capsicum Puree, Cheese Foam and Parmesan Crisp'



THS TEAM 2

- Chloe Manton
- Sophie Sproule
- Shayla Piley





From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to what is already shaping up to a busy term.

NAPLAN & 2020 HSC

By the time you read this NAPLAN will be over for another year. There has been a lot of talk across the media about NAPLAN and its relation to changes to the minimum standards for the HSC from 2020. To be eligible for a HSC from 2020, students will be required to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. They will do this by either achieving a Band 8 in Reading, Writing and Numeracy in Year 9 NAPLAN or they will take online tests when they are ready to demonstrate their knowledge. The minimum standards are described as 'functional levels' meaning that the students should be able to participate in everyday activities such as reading a bus timetable, taking their drivers test, handling money and being able to complete basic forms. It is NOT expected that all year 9 will meet the standard at NAPLAN- across the state around 50% may reach the Band 8 standard. There are also options in place for students with disabilities. I have posted on Skool Bag and our website some more information and a search of NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority- formally BOSTES) will provide even more information. What THS wants from students is for them to give it their best in NAPLAN so we can identify clearly the students requiring additional support and ensure we are targeting the right areas for the right students. Year 9 this year is the first group who will be required to demonstrate the minimum standards. As information comes through on the test, I will pass that on.

Students Achievements

Sometimes it is hard to keep up with the range of achievements of our students. Recently our Year 12 Hospitality team won their cooking competition at the Bake and Burn Festival which was part of the Total Agricultural Field Days. The Year 11 team missed out by a point of taking out their division- I'm sure we will see them back again next year.

We have had numerous achievements on the sporting field- Rugby League, Touch Football and representatives in South Africa for Rugby Union.

If you haven't already seen, there are numerous photos and stories on our Facebook page to celebrate these achievements.

Through Facebook you will also see achievements in the classroom. Recently Year 7 CAPA completed a unit on Mask Making and their pictures are displayed. Ms Carney and Ms Van Dam also nominate 'Scientists of the Cycle' in their year 8 classes- students who have committed themselves to their work in Science.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

As a school we have been working for some time on the processes we use in the school to support students to choose positive behaviours so they can enhance their learning and the learning of others. The changes implemented over the last 2 years include:

- Re-establishing our core expectations- Respect, Responsibility, Success

Diary Dates

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- ♦ Monday 5th June - Yr11 & 12 Vaccinations combined with catch up day for Yr7 & 8 Students (pg.12 for details)
- ♦ Monday 15th May to Monday 22nd May - No Payments accepted via Office or Direct Deposit
- ♦ Saturday 20th May, Salamander Fire Station Open Day
- ♦ Sunday 21 May, from 10.00am to 1.00pm , DCO National Families Week 2017 @ Australian Reptile Park
- ♦ Wednesday 24th May @ 6.15pm - P&C Meeting
- ♦ Thursday 1st June Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- ♦ Tuesday 20th June 5:30-7:30pm Year 10 HSC Subject Information Evening
- ♦ Tuesday 13th June @6pm & Tuesday 25th July @6pm HSC Wellbeing Support for Parents

For further information check our website: www.tomaree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au or visit us on Facebook

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- Introducing music 3 minutes before the end of a break to signal to students it is time to pack up their space and be ready to move to class when the bell goes
- Developing a Flow Chart that shows students how misbehaviour is dealt with
- A system of monitoring students who are not displaying desired behaviours
- A series of commendations, gotchas, term certificates, end of year reward excursions, principals recognition to recognise positive behaviour

It is the last point relating to positive recognition that we are focussing on this year. The vast majority of our students do the right thing, most of the time. In Term 3 a new recognition system will be introduced. We are excited and think the students will be too. Stay tuned- more information to follow!



is coming.....

NDIS

As the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) rolls out in this area, we are having more parents and organisations contacting us to provide services on site.

While the additional services are welcome we must remember that the implementation must be a negotiated process. Any providers must not only have a WWCC, they must also undergo Department of Education screening to be able to be on site. This is a significant change implemented this year. Additionally we need to work together to ensure that students are not missing out on too much class work and that we have the room available for the service to meet in.

If you are part of NDIS and have a service provider, please ensure they contact the school for a meeting with either the Head Teacher Support (if in the unit) or The Deputy Principal or a Head Teacher Well Being if the student is in the mainstream.

This way we can ensure the best implementation of these services in a coordinated manner.

Sue Xenos



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CAPA: Alita Knaggs

Special Education: Jenn Florey

Wellbeing: Vicki McCleer/Benji Triegeer

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: Anne Gorton

Year 11: Steeve Gillett

Year 12: Leila Courts

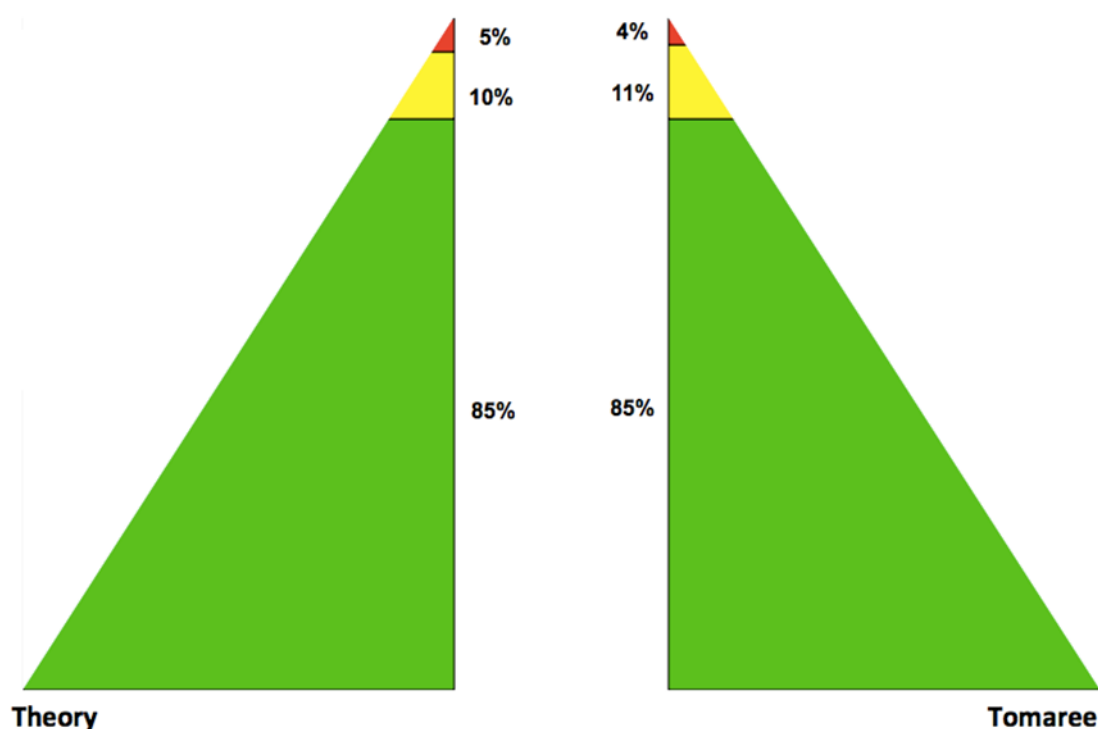
Glenn Sproule

Deputy Principal's Report, Years 8 & 11

Term 2 is underway and already I've seen so many examples of how our students make Tomaree High a great place to work and learn. The classrooms I've been in are supportive, welcoming environments where teachers and students are deeply engaged in learning. Meaningful questions being asked and insightful answers are given. Observing genuine teaching and learning is one of the many rewarding experiences when working in education. Thank you to the staff and students who make Tomaree the outstanding place it is. And we have the data to prove it.

In THEORY: 85% of students turn up to school and simply do the right thing everyday
Only 10% of students make some poor behaviour choices some of the time and
A tiny 5% of students make regular poor behaviour choices and require frequent intervention.

Triangle of Student Referrals, 2017 - Term 1



As you can see, when we compare our Term 1 data against the theory we are nearly perfectly aligned with what the research suggests. Well done, Tomaree. We can actually pin point where students fall within these data triangles. Any student or parents/carers interested should speak to their deputy principal.

Winter Uniforms

As the winter months approach it's time to remind students, parents and carers that at Tomaree High we do not wear hooded jumpers. Students doing so will be asked to remove their hoodie, possibly leave it in a DP office to collect at the end of the day. All students will be offered a replacement jumper to ensure they stay warm. The responsibility falls on the students to make the right choice so the problem doesn't occur in the first place. Additionally, jeans are not school uniform regardless of their colour. Should any family be experiencing financial difficulties they need only contact the relevant year advisor or deputy principal for support options. Let's all work together to get this right.

Thank you to everyone and a have a fantastic Term 2.

YEAR 9 ADVISOR'S REPORT

Welcome back to school for another productive term. By the time this newsletter has reached you, Year 9 students would have sat their NAPLAN exams and will now be approaching the beginning of their half yearly examinations. It is extremely important that students maintain a consistent level of effort and enthusiasm to ensure success in the assessment programmes set by faculties. This means that students must attend school every day (unless sick), be on time for class, be organised and follow teachers' instructions. By doing this they are setting themselves up for future success. If you have concerns regarding your child's development at school or you would like to discuss ways in which we can work with you to improve your child's education, feel free to call the school and get in contact with me.

We have had some excellent achievements in Year 9 so far in 2017. I am amazed at how talented and outstanding many of our students are. Academically, we have high achieving and hardworking students and outside of school we have a range of students with different abilities and talents. Some do volunteering work in the community, many represent the school and community in organisations and we have had a huge number of sporting accolades achieved in Year 9 in a wide range of different sports and teams. Keep up the great work Year 9!

To finish, on the last day of Term One I had the privilege of accompanying 106 Year 9 students (and some other Tomaree students) to the Royal Easter Show at the Sydney Showground in Sydney. We were blessed with brilliant weather and the day was fantastic. The students must be commended for their outstanding behaviour and their maturity on the day. It certainly made our jobs easier and the excursion was an enjoyable end to the term. Well done Year 9, it was a good dress rehearsal for the Year 10 Gold Coast trip and you all passed with flying colours!

Cheers



Joel Ross
(Year 9 Advisor)



ANZAC Day 2017



On Wednesday 5th April Tomaree High School conducted an ANZAC Assembly. Squadron Leader Mike Dayne was from RAAF Base Williamtown gave the student's a wonderful insight into his own personnel experience whilst serving in the RAAF his family connections to WWI & WWII.

School captains Mitch Evans ,Ki McClelland, Ellie Wagland & Jessica Ballard accompanied by Deputy Principal Glenn Sproule, laid a wreath at our Lone Pine which is thriving beautifully.

National Families Week –

The DCO Hunter office invites Defence families to their National Families Week 2017 event at the Australian Reptile Park, on Sunday 21 May, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. The free event will include live shows and a sausage sizzle lunch.

RSVP by 16 May – Dco.HunterRIMS@defence.gov.au

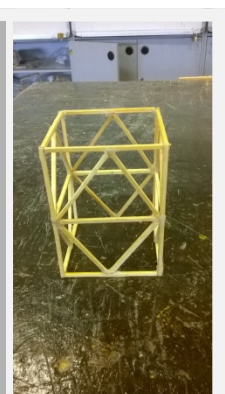
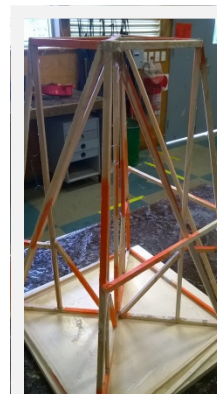
Industrial Arts Update

Year 9 Industrial Technology Engineering



Year 9 are currently completing a task on Water Towers. Each student is to design, draw and build an individual 1:4 scale prototype of the tower using skewers. Then in groups the students collaborate and agree upon the best design for the construction of their full scale tower.

The group will then construct a 600 x 400mm tower using supplied materials.





Industrial Arts Continued..



Year 10 Industrial Technology Engineering

Year 10 are currently designing and constructing a CO2 Racer.

The students will look at the aerodynamic aspects of designing and incorporate this into their final design. At the end of Term 2 the three Engineering classes will spend the day in the MPC competing against one another to determine a winner with the most reliable and quickest car.



Year 12 Excursion

Weathertex and Bessant Fine Furniture Excursion

Industrial technology Timber students in year 12 attended an excursion to Weathertex and Bessant Fine Furniture on Wednesday 29th March.

The class had the opportunity to look at and discuss aspects of the operation of both industries. This visit was used to provide information for an Industry Study Report.

Students experienced the manufacturing process from start to finish and the raw materials and processes used at Weathertex. This company makes building products for the local market and exports to many countries as well. Weathertex uses 36000 tonne of timber to make 1.7million square metres of weather board cladding each year.

At Bessant Fine Furniture students had the opportunity to discuss the industry and look at processes, tools and equipment used to manufacture top quality furniture. Students were shown around by a fourth year apprentice who found employment in this industry after completing a successful major project and folio for Industrial Technology Timber, when at school himself.

Tomaree students really appreciated the opportunities provided by these industries and would like to thank both Weathertex and Bessants for their time and effort.

*Excursion report by
Mikeal Christiansen*



Air Filtration Units

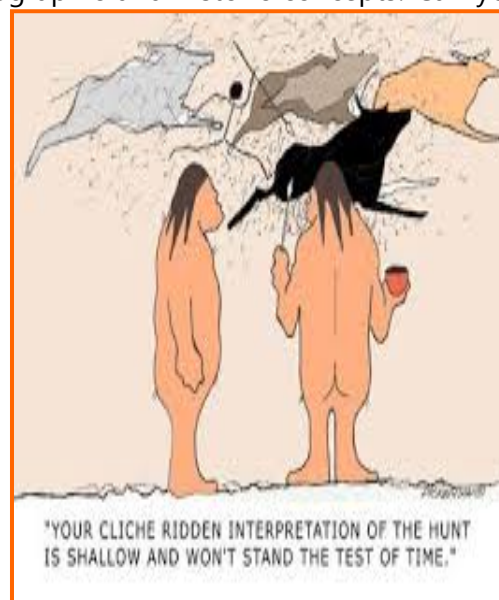
The Industrial Arts Faculty have been fortunate enough through the access of Initiative funds to purchase Workshop Air filtration systems for each of the woodwork workshops, Materials 2, 3 and 4. These units are an excellent addition to the workshop as they filter the airborne dust within the workshop to provide a safe and clean environment for staff and students.



HSIE News

Inferential Comprehension

An inferential question is a literal question in which the answers sought are indirectly provided by hints and clues from the text. They are questions whose answers require students to have carefully read the text and comprehend everything in the text. NAPLAN questions often require students to infer the meaning from set readings. The cartoons below present a humorous look at geographic and historic concepts. Can you infer their hidden meaning?



Australian Geography Competition

Year 11 Geography students participated in the 23rd annual Australian Geography Competition earlier this term. Nearly 60,000 students from around Australia have entered the competition, which is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland.

The study of geography allows students to understand place and people, and the socio-economic and environmental interactions at local, regional, national and international levels to help the world plan for a sustainable future. Geography develops student's critical thinking skills which are in high demand by many employers.

The competition provides an important extension and enrichment activity for students to build their geographic skills. Questions required students to interpret maps, photographs, graphs and statistics on a range of contemporary geographical issues such as urbanisation, water use/scarcity and the Ebola crisis in Africa. Students will receive their results and certificates later this term.

Australian History Competition

Year 10 History students later this term will have the opportunity to participate in the Australian History Competition. The competition provides an important extension and enrichment activity for students to build their skills in interpreting and analysing historical sources. Students can enrol by speaking to coordinator Mr Ross.

Do you know?

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of which revolution?

Which person who led their country for 50 years died in December 2016?

Craig Windon (Relieving Head Teacher-HSIE).



T.H.S. P&C NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The well attended meeting was held on April 26th

In his report the outgoing President suggested there needs to be a focus on improvements to our school outdoors environment.

Purchase of additional seating , shade covers , painting of the current outdoor wooden benches, mulching of all garden beds to make our grounds more pleasant and sun smart.

He also mentioned the need to have our current a.m. traffic congestion addressed.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2017 : President – Richard Davis Secretary – Sue Cocking

Vice- President – Bruce Cocking Treasurer – Colin Marley

As we are now affiliated with the State P&C body we are required to have two vice -presidents. We are confident the position will be filled at our next general meeting.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

“Big Picture Classes”

Head Teacher of Teaching and Learning Stacey Hinks presented an interesting outline on the purpose of our two classes and the criteria for eligibility. There are classes throughout N.S.W. under the banner of Big Picture – Education Australia.

The classes cater for students who want to do things differently in Years 9,10, 11 & 12. To be eligible it is ultra-important that students are independent learners with a passion for a particular interest.

For detailed information visit our school website.

Band 8 Literacy and Numeracy Standards for HSC

At the close of last year we brought to the attention of The Minister for Education and State Member for Port Stephens, our concerns in relation to the changes.

We received responses from both. Ms Washington pursued the matter on our behalf in a face to face meeting with the Minister.

Due to the concern raised by us and many P&Cs there has been clarification and further information released.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/initiatives/stronger-hsc-standards/minimum-standard>

DRIVER BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOL ZONES

The police are teaming with local schools to ensure safety in school zones.

Just be extra vigilant in school zones , slow down and park lawfully.

There are at least 140 road rules for school zones that carry fines and demerit points. Just one example : Approach children’s crossing too quickly to stop safely (school zone) 4 demerit points and a fine of \$541.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

We have sales totalling 15 in a three week period, a great start. Thank you to those who have supported us thus far.

You are able to purchase on-line or at the school admin. Your preference may be an app for your phone rather than a book.

AT OUR NEXT MEETING OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE OUR SCHOOL STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER CALLUM BAILLIE.

Your attendance would be most welcome **WED MAY 24TH 6:15 p.m.**



World π Day 14/3/17

As part of the Mathematics activities in 7M the class celebrated World Pi day this year. Students competed in three categories which were all judged by the class as a whole:

1. Best π food item, all items had to incorporate 3.14 or π in the item as part of their design, dimension, decoration
2. Recital of the most decimal places of π
3. Recital of the best Piem. A Piem being a sentence where each word contains letters in the same sequence as Pi

The winners of each category then competed in the 'hands-free' π Eating Challenge to determine the overall Pi Person.

Food items were many and varied but definitely dominated by cake as opposed to pie. The winner, with a spiral of cupcakes numbered with the digits of Pi, being Harrison Watson.



Kai Kabayama, Bryce Johnston, Harrison Watson, Nicholas Dayman, Caitlin McEvilly



Cooper Lack, Harrison Watson, Gabrielle Lewis, Caitlin McEvilly, Eli Doolan

The recital of Pi saw a number of students remembering around 50 decimal places of Pi but the outstanding winner here was Cooper Lack who took a minute and a half to recite 201 decimal places.

For those who would like to challenge Cooper here they are:

3.1415926535 8979323846 2643383279 5028841971 6939937510 5820974944 5923078164 0628620899
8628034825 3421170679 8214808651 3282306647 0938446095 5058223172 5359408128 4811174502
8410270193 8521105559 6446229489 5493038196

The Piem recital may not have pleased the English purists but produced a variety of amusing statements, the best as judged by the class belonging to Eli Doohan.

Some of the Piems included:

'Can I make a hippo microwave an alpaca'

'Wow I wish I could eliminate my fungus heads and nails'

'See a ship a train zigzagging to Sydney shore wow crazy aircraft squeezing through squeezing low to see giraffes'

'How I want a yummy delicious if cooked berry pie could gorillas celebrate kwanza? Antelopes are so, soo creative don't wonder to myself don't eat the kangaroo'

'You r lazy y crazy pizza face'

'Are u able 2 taste meringues in Earth's world pie house'

'How I plan a jelly raspberry to strike cheer and happy thoughts'



Eli Doolan, Brandon Ballard, Blake Edwards, Olivia Squires, Miranda Newsome, Olivia McEvilly



Harrison, Cooper and Eli then squared off for the Pi eating challenge.

Tomaree High Students Leading the way in Youth Mental Health Forum



Ten Tomaree High students from year 10, 11 and 12 were selected to take part in the annual Youth Mental Health Forum organised by Port Stephens Council's Youth Advisory Panel. They joined together with students of Hunter River High, Irrawang High, St Philips, Medowie Christian School and ALESCO. The goal of the day was to determine focus areas to increase the mental health and wellbeing of the youth of Port Stephens.



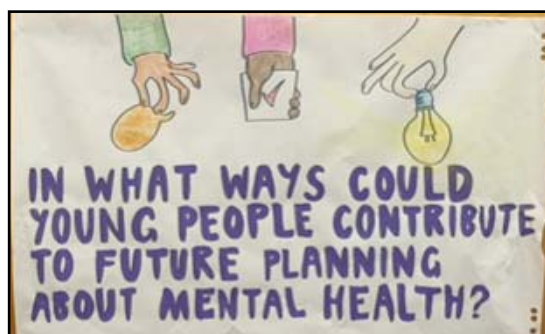
The students were fortunate to hear from Nic Newling, who provided them with an insight into his life and help them understand the seriousness of Mental Health issues. It encouraged the students to open their hearts and minds and search for solutions.



Students took part in a number of workshops including "Soulfire Circus", "Slam Poetry", Art, Crafts and Drumming. These activities provided students with a creative way to explore what is important to them at the moment.



At the end of the day students brainstormed and discussed the focus areas for developing Mental Health in the region, coming up with many great ideas.



Christine Haynes
Learning and Support Teacher



Wellbeing News

I: Respect Program

Tomaree High School is committed to working with students to develop positive attitudes towards themselves and others. This is done through the delivery of various programs that target groups within the school, the programs fall in line with the overall school wellbeing goals and framework.

One of the programs that the wellbeing staff at Tomaree High School are delivering this term is a course for male students in years 7-10. This course is a peer support program that is being facilitated by Cal Baillie, the school's Student Support Officer.

The program is called 'I: Respect' and is a Young Men's Initiative. The program aims to give young men skills to maintain healthy respectful relationships with other men and women, combat body image concerns and objectification of men and women in the media and assists the boys in addressing young men's mental health and development.

The students will also cover areas including gender stereotypes, building an understanding of sexual harassment, introducing the concept of domestic violence, developing strategies to assist with healthy manhood and healthy relationships.

The 'I: Respect' program is being delivered across the country and is rolled out in the Port Stephens district with the assistance of the benevolent society and the Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Service. Tomaree High School is appreciative of their support with this program.

We are all excited to give as many of our male students as possible the opportunity to work with Cal in the delivery of this program as the term continues.

CANCER COUNCIL'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Here it is that time again **BIGGEST MORNING TEA**. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you along to Tomaree High School's **BMT** to enjoy the delicious scones & morning tea baked by our talented Hospitality students along with their dedicated teacher Mrs Shaw.

DATE: *Thursday June 1st*
VENUE: *TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL HOSPITALITY ROOMS*
TIME: *9:30 – 11.30*



G'Day USA

On the 30th December 2016, 9 students from Tomaree High and Mr Stuart set off on a trip of a lifetime to the USA for 21 days. The trip took in the cities of San Francisco, Sacramento, L.A, San Diego, Hollywood and Seattle. The trip was made up of 11 days of sightseeing and 10 days of hosting in Seattle, where we got to experience what American schools are really like and yes what you see on TV and in the movies is actually what happens right down to the cheerleaders and the dancing.

The trip started in San Francisco with cable cars and seeing in the New Year on Pier 39, a memorable trip to Alcatraz and a gentle stroll across the Golden Gate Bridge. From there we travelled to LA where we hit the rollercoasters of Knott's Berry Farm, a day at Disneyland and a visit to Universal Studios. The trip also included a walk along Hollywood Boulevard and a drive to San Diego with a lunch next to the battleship Midway.

It was from here that we then flew to Seattle and an experience none of us will never forget, where lifetime friendships were built with our host families and we managed to see some of the most beautiful scenery. From the snow fields of Snowqualmie, Seattle underground, Space Needle Tower, to the incredible mountain ranges.

It was a trip that none of will never forget and a trip that is already in the planning for 2018/19. If you are interested please see Mr Stuart and let him know so planning can start and fund raising can be organised.



MATHS MATTERS

Assessments – Reminder to bring your own calculator

Semester exams are just around the corner and students should start to knuckle down in class and start doing some revision at home.

Year 7 from the beginning of Week 6, 29th May

Year 8 Period 2 Tuesday 27th May week 6

Year 9 Period 2 Tuesday 27th May week 6

Year 10 Period 3 Friday 26th May week 5

Year 11&12 assessment task in week 7 on Thursday 8th June

Best of luck to all students and hope your extra effort pays off.

Annual Review of Processes

As part of Tomaree High's annual review of processes, the Mathematics faculty is looking at "**the delivery and effectiveness of the THS Mathematics faculty assessment strategies on student learning**". Parents will be invited to complete a short survey to give us some feedback from a parents' perspective to enable us to review our performance.

Reports

When students receive their Mathematics report for Year 7-10, they are class based but with an indication of overall rank within the course. Working hard in class, achieving good results in topic tests and completing homework will all impact on the final result. Class changes may happen after this period if students deserve the opportunity of moving up based on the teachers judgement.

Musical Notes : YOUTHROCK 2017

Congratulations go out to our Year 10 Rock Band, "Brink of Heaven", who represented THS at the prestigious YouthRock Competition held at Sutherland Entertainment Centre on the 5th of April. Brink of Heaven features Tommy Grunsell-Richter (lead vocals), Josh Serrao (rhythm guitar) and Bayden Sproule (drums) from THS, with Jack Drummond (lead guitarist from St Philips) and Isaiah Brewer (Bassist from HSPA). Brink of Heaven are an alternative heavy metal band who give an engaging, dramatic and energetic performance designed to entertain and stun. They were well received by the audience and judges alike.

YouthRock has been a popular Sydney schools competition over the last twenty years, but has recently expanded to include schools state wide. It is held in Youth Week each year and this year had entrants from as far afield as Taree, Nowra and Wagga Wagga.

Each band submits a video for initial selection. Our band got through to the semi-finals, which included 28 bands in all. The rules regarding performances are quite stringent as student bands have to compose and perform their own songs. They need 4-5 songs to fill in a 16 minute performance slot. The boys chose songs from some that they had composed over the last 12 months : Brink of Heaven, Done, Reborn and Hold your Breath.

Although Brink of Heaven did not gain a place this year their music was well received and commended by the judges. We look forward to more material from the band and wish them well for their future.

Rose Bartley



STARSTRUCK 2017: Shine On (Celebrating 25 years!)

We have so many talented students in our school that this year we have a massive 64 students performing in, and one directing Starstuck!! We have 32 dancers, 32 actors and 1 student director involved this year. Miss Clunies-Ross and Mrs Jarvis have already attended the rehearsals with our students and can guarantee it's going to be an amazing show!!



Our dancers will be performing in *Eye of the Tiger* and some are also in *September*. Our drama students will be performing as Australian goldminers in *The Roaring Days* and comedic geniuses Lucille Ball and Marcel Marceau in *I Wanna Make the World Laugh*. All students will perform in the finale!

Year 11 student, Maddison Bennett, was chosen earlier in the year to be the student director for Drama which has allowed her to have input into the characterisation and dramatic plot of many songs in the show. We are very proud of her and thank her for representing her school in a creative and enthusiastic manner.

TICKETS

WANT TO SEE OUR TALENTED STARSTRUCK STARS???

We are organising a student bus to go see the Friday 16th June matinee performance (10:30am). If you are interested, please collect a note from the CAPA staffroom as soon as possible so we can organise numbers.

If you wish to purchase tickets yourself, they are available through Ticketek for the following performances:

Friday 16th June – 10:30am & 7:00pm

Saturday 17th June – 2:00pm & 7:00pm



Some of our talented Drama students rehearsing in Newcastle:



The Year 7 CAPA class has been very busy!

Getting to Know You Task

Students created a performance for the class where they talked about themselves, their passions and why they auditioned for the CAPA class. They also incorporated a demonstration of their talent into the presentation.

There were so many creative performances, such as:

Abdul Omotayo's dramatic history lesson about a very famous student... Abdul Omotayo! (followed by a drumming performance)

Keira Mamotte's exciting saxophone performance, dressed in a colourful costume.

Jorja Donnelly's sing-along including a 'Graph of Awesomeness' to explain just how awesome she is.

Megan Bailey's newsreader performance with "up-to-date information about Megan"

Anti-Bullying Rap Task

In groups, students wrote a rap, telling teenagers not to bully and listing the reason why. Some groups made their raps humorous yet affective, while others chose to show the real consequences of bullying. Students could perform their raps with or without music.

One of our groups chose to perform in 'rap' costumes (90s sideways caps and sunnies) while another performed theirs to the tv show *How I Met Your Mother's* song 'Let's go to the Mall'. Some groups also added choreography, showing off some awesome hip hop, break-dancing and pop moves.

Below are two of the groups performing for the class.

Miss Clunies-Ross



Neighbourhood Watch Excursion

On March 16th, nineteen Drama students from Years 9-11 attended a performance of *Neighbourhood Watch* at the Newcastle Civic Playhouse.

The play tells the story of Anna, an elderly Hungarian-Australian, and Catherine, a young unstable actress, as they become friends and have a positive effect on one another. Our HSC Drama students study this play in their Contemporary Australian Theatre Practice unit of work, so seeing a live production was extremely beneficial to our current Year 11 students.



Mask Task:

Students were given a blank Drama mask and asked to design their very own mask. The mask would be for a character that they needed to design. Each student then needed to present their mask and character to the class, explaining how the masks' different visual elements matched the character. Costume was optional.

Some stand-out masks and presentations were from:

- Gypsy Donovan - "Dark Storm" – controls the weather
- Aidan Gordon - "Manly Man", covered in hair
- Ruby Mason - "Glam Girl", makes everyone glamorous
- Jenna Morris - "Lore", a spirit who cares for the land
- Charli Scott - "Smooon", child of the sun and moon



Here are some of the masks presented by our creative CAPA students.





Tomaree Agricultural

The past few months have been extremely busy in the Ag department with many changes and new animals appearing.

The student forum held a competition to name our newest addition to the alpaca family and after much deliberation it was decided to call our little boy 2Pac. A big thank you to the Student Forum that raised over \$400 by holding a barbecue. The money will be spent on grooming equipment and accessories to be used to show the alpacas at regional shows.



April also saw Tomaree High enter the Royal Easter Show for the first time in the meat bird section. Schools from across NSW were given 14 day old meat chickens from Steggles and had to raise them for 6 weeks, weighing and recording them on a daily basis. Four of the chickens were then chosen (2 male, 2 female) and taken to the Easter Show for judging. The chickens were judged alive for their size and condition and then slaughtered and dressed and judged on their quality. While Tomaree didn't get a place, the experience was worthwhile and a few tips for next year have already been recorded. Years 10 and 11 were then shown how chickens are commercially dressed with the remaining birds.

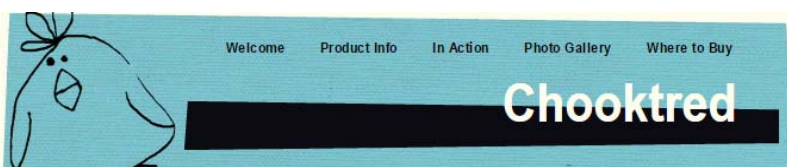
Tomaree will take part in the 2017 NSW Dairy Farmers, Cows Create Careers, where students in teams will either create a 3D model or power point presentation displaying what careers are available. As part of the competition Tomaree has been given loan of 2 calves for the term, so they can feed them and measure their growth.

Last week, Years 9, 10 and 11 visited Tocal Field Days and looked at everything from tractors and drones through to alpacas and chickens with both teachers and students coming home with a long wish list for the Ag plot.

It was during the day and a lot of questions being asked by Mrs Garrett and Mr Stuart about all new products that we came across an automatic chicken feeder built by Chooktred which is 100% Australian made and owned. After a discussion on the Chooktred and how it worked, the company was nice enough to donate one to the school. The Chooktred is a unique design as its environmentally friendly; feed is not wasted on wild birds or pests, like rats and mice and the feed remains free of droppings.



The feeder can hold enough food for 10 chickens for 10 days and due to its design and anti-flick grill it minimises the amount of wastage due to chicken flicking through the feed tray. If you have any questions on the Chooktred feeder please support them and visit their website at <http://www.chooktred.com.au>



Tomaree Agricultural Continued...

To add to the busy past few months changes are underway with 4 new chicken coops under construction so that Tomaree Ag department can go into more specialised breeds and start showing birds at regional shows. This will all start this week when we put down 48 eggs into our newly purchased incubator. Eventually we will have pullets for sale from 1 day old through to point of lay as well as some exotic breeds. With the setup of 2 new fish tanks the Ag plot will soon have more Murray Cod, Silver Perch and catfish fingerlings, which will eventually stock our new aquaponics setup. Later this term will also see the introduction of New Zealand white rabbits and the start of a new enterprise in meat rabbits. More to come on this in the near future.

Tips: May is the time to plant citrus trees and the last chance to plant spring time flowering bulbs.



Year 9 Gardens



Year 10 hydroponics assignment



Year 8 relaxing with rabbits

Industrial Arts – Technology Mandatory

Ms Murray's 7 TEC 5 class have been busy learning some basic skills in the timber workshop completing their first project, the Tower of Hanoi.

Well done year 7!



Home Economics – Technology Mandatory

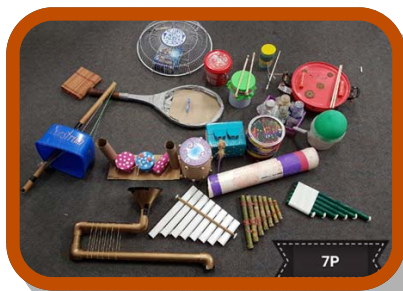
Ms Murray's 8 TEC 11 have been busy taste testing biscuits for their design task...it's hard work, but someone has to do it!



Year 7 Recycled Instruments

Year 7 have been learning about the instruments of the orchestra. As part of this topic, they have been busy creating their own instruments using recycled materials that they can find around the house and even the recycle centre. Here are some pictures of what 7A, 7K, 7P and 7U created for me. Well done Year 7! I was very impressed!

Ms Karen Smith Music Teacher





SPORTS Report..

Tomaree High has had a very successful start to the sporting arena. All three annual school carnivals (swimming, athletics and cross country) were fantastic with many students qualifying to compete at Zone and beyond. To date, Tomaree High has had 27 students selected the Hunter Regional Team across six sports which shows the depth of talent of our students. Additionally, we have had four students be selected into the NSW CHS team for U15 Touch and three for the NSW CHS South African Squad.

Athletics Carnival

What an amazing two days of athletics we have had. The weather held out for us and it proved to be a winning formula for fast times. Participation levels was high, records crumbled and smiles were everywhere.

Four students smashed individual school event records as well as one relay team earned there way into the record books. Ben Esquilant - 14 Year 100m and 200m, Dylan Baillache - 15 Year 100m, Cooper Luff - 14 Year 400m, Alex Howarth – 12 Year High Jump and Nelson (Dylan Baillache, Jarrod Dixon, Cooper Doyle and Dominic Dynes) in the 4 x 100m 15 Years Relay. Congratulations boys on these amazing achievements!!

Stephens was awarded the House Champion at the end of the carnival, closely followed by Nelson, Tomaree and Yacaaba.

Congratulations to the following students who were named age champions:

- 12: Alex Howarth and Megan Bailey
- 13: Samuel Orton and Jacinta Carter
- 14: Cooper Luff and Tara Helly
- 15: Dylan Baillache and Daetona Mayer
- 16: Tristan Esquilant and Emily Harman
- 17: Mitchell Harrison/ Dennis Allen-Peckham and Amy Dufour



Tomaree High is very proud of the age champions and record breakers as well as everyone who showed their school spirit and participated in events and dressed in their house colours. Thank you to the organising staff for making it a successful carnival.

CHS Swimming

Congratulations to Lauren Hughes, Chanel Marley, Lily Hampstead, Angus Tonks, Alex Howarth and Ashlee Seale who competed at the NSW CHS Swimming Carnival last term. They had a number of fantastic results: 17+ Girls Relay 5th, 17+ Girls Medley Relay 12th, Chanel Marley 100m Fly 9th and Lauren Hughes 100m Fly 5th, 200m Free 6th, 100m Free 6th and 50m Free 7th.

Rugby Union

Congratulations to Jason Allwood, Jordan Byfield and Ryan Duffy for being selected into the Hunter Regional Open Rugby Union team to play at the CHS Championships. Good luck in Armidale.



Sports Report Continued...

Cross Country Carnival



The Cross Country carnival was held first this term. The new course proved to be successful with all the students whether they were in the competitive or non-competitive course were challenged.

First across the line in the boys was Alec Clark, Jack Burns was 2nd and Ethan Lambert 3rd whilst Tia Shiner was first across the line in the girls, with Kiara Dixon placing 2nd and Emily Freeman 3rd.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded age champions:

- 12: Cale Graham and Ebony Stewart
- 13: Brady Stewart and Caitlin Smith
- 14: Ethan Lambert and Amy Bourquin
- 15: Ben Anderson and Tia Shiner
- 16: Jack Burns and Kiara Dixon
- 17+: Alec Clark and Taylah Smith



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AFL

Noah Connick, Cooper Luff and Mitchell Walls were selected in the U15 Hunter Region AFL Team and played at the Northern NSW Championships.

From this Noah Connick was selected into the Northern NSW U15 AFL team to play in the NSW CHS championships later this term. Congratulations boys and all the best at the CHS Carnival Noah!



Surfing

In May, THS had a group of talented surfers compete at Dixon Park in the Regional Surfing Championships. Elle Clayton-Brown won the Female Junior Regional Title, Michael Clayton-Brown won the Male Junior Regional Title and Joseph Voyzey came second in that event. This means that Elle, Michael and Joseph will now compete at the NSW State Titles at Port Macquarie later this term. Congratulations to all those surfers.

Squash

Congratulations to Claire Flannery-Livingstone for being selected in the Hunter Squash team as the number 1 player. Good luck at the CHS Carnival.



Sports Report Continued...

Touch Football

Open

THS had a number of students trial for the Hunter Open Touch Football Trials. Alyssa Coggan, Emily Harman, Abbey Malsem and Maddi Mitchell were successful in making the girls team whilst Jack Hutchinson was successful in the boys team. THS also had Kiara Dixon and Andi Law selected in the shadow team. This is an amazing achievement to have to so many students selected at this level and we wish them good luck at those championships in June.

9/10

THS competed at the 9/10 Touch Tournament in Newcastle in May. The boys played extremely well to make the Quarter Final but were unfortunately defeated in a drop off. The girls had convincing wins in the early rounds and came up against Hunter Sports High in the final. They came from behind to win that final 5 to 3 and this means they have qualified for the NSW State Carnival to be played at the end of May.



Girls 9/10 Team

U15

Congratulations to the eight students (Erin Clark, Alyssa Coggan, Andi Law, Maddi Mitchell, Bayley Rae, Tia Shiner, Jacinda Summers and Tarsha Wellings) who represented THS at Mudgee on 29th/30th April as part of the Hunter Regional U15s Touch Team (both Boys and Girls). All the students displayed excellent touch skills and positive sportsmanship qualities. The Hunter Boys Team won the overall Tournament whilst the Hunter Girls Team were runners up.

From these championships Erin Clark, Alyssa Coggan, Andi Law and Maddi Mitchell gained selection into the NSW CHS U15 Touch Team which is an amazing achievement.



U15s

Congratulations to all those involved.

Careers News

Tomaree High will be providing a variety of experiences to help students make the daunting decision of what to do when they finally leave school. Careers opportunities during the term include an excursion to Maitland Career Expo, Newcastle University visit, aboriginal students participating in try a trade at TAFE and careers lessons by Year 10s discussing subject selection. All these activities are designed to help students identify occupational aspirations and begin the pathway to a prosperous career.

Careers lessons have been taking place for all Year 10 classes and students will be spending most of Term 2 identifying which subjects they should choose for their Senior Schooling. The school uses a program known as Ready Set Go, each student has received a draft Set Plan which when completed will help students select subjects appropriate for them. Parents are heavily involved in the process with a parent information evening scheduled for late Term 2 and this year parents will participate in individualised mentoring and subject selection sessions. If parents can encourage students to research and identify a career goal it promotes success during senior schooling as students select appropriate subjects and generally have greater commitment to their academic studies.

An opportunity to explore occupations is provided through work experience and whilst this opportunity is optional the outcomes from the program are well worth the effort. Students have been encouraged to utilise job seeking skills to find a work experience position. Work experience will be available to all students throughout the school year and if students struggle to find a position, then support is available through the careers office.

A huge number of occupations, training groups and education providers will be exhibiting at the Maitland Careers Expo. Students gain valuable insight into possible career paths with over 100 exhibitors. Students need only ask the appropriate questions and they could receive answers that could ultimately change their lives. So I encourage students to make sure they ask plenty of questions. This excursion was limited to 90 students and has already been booked out. Students will be returning with a wealth of new knowledge as this newsletter goes to print.

Newcastle University opens the doors to School Students on the 29th of June and our Year 12 students can experience what University life is like. The University provides special lectures, so students can investigate the vast array of degrees on offer at the campus. Any student who has aspirations of studying at University would be advised to participate in this excursion.

Careers information about potential education and employment opportunities is regularly delivered to students via Facebook, tomareehighcareers or through student's DEC email accounts. If students still need more information about personal career options, they can make their way to the back of the Library and set up a personal appointment with the careers adviser.



The Real Futures Foundation offers an Ambassador Leadership Program at Tomaree High School, and St Philip's Christian College

The program is designed to motivate, inspire and engage the Real Futures Foundation Ambassadors. Helping them to develop a variety of skills. The leadership training conducted in May focused on assisting them with communication and working with others and was facilitated by national & international presenter, Heidi Alexandra Pollard, CEO of UQ Power.

Our student ambassadors completed a personal communication style inventory (PCSI). Learning that these differences exist and the most effective way to work with others of different personality traits. They were also challenged with the development and delivery of their own presentation to their peers. The ambassadors also completed a four-step communication model.

Outcomes from the evaluation survey undertaken by students in the program showed overwhelming agreement on the success of this program and the desire for the Foundation to deliver similar programs in the future for other students.

The Real Futures Foundation is proud to be able to bring such quality programs to the students and is developing new programs to be run throughout the year. Our Careers information session is being held on June 20, 2017.

These programs are only possible through donations and sponsorships to the Foundation. Find out more at www.realfutures.com.au or call 0459 333 851.



Volunteer to coach a young person today

Support the Real Futures Foundation... Support Local Youth...

The Real Futures Foundation is helping local youth through specific coaching relating to jobs. We need your lifetime of experience to help make a young person ready for their chosen industry.

Our mentoring and coaching programs are starting soon for 2017.

Be a part of the future. Join us. All volunteers are trained free and have access to support throughout the program. You can also volunteer in our fundraising activities - why wait? Call today...

Find out more about the Real Futures Foundation at

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Making a real difference for youth living in Port Stephens...



What's Happening in Aboriginal Education...

Junior
AECG
2017



Meeting daily

**National
Reconciliation
Week 2017**
27 May to 3 June

Coming Up...



**The 7 Stages
of Grieving**
Civic Theatre
Thurs 2nd June

School 2 Uni Day
Years 9 & 10 Students
Thursday 29th June

THE
WOLLOTUKA
INSTITUTE



Interested in becoming a Diesel Mechanic??
Coming up a guided tour and info session at both workshops.
Register your interest with Lisa Martin or Mr McElwain.

WesTrac



Ongoing in Term Two...

Burray Aboriginal Boys Group
Starting Wednesday 24th May
10.30-11.30am—Aboriginal Resource Room



Shine
worth~strength~purpose

Shine for Girls
Weekly
Aboriginal Resource Room

Runs continuously
throughout the year,
helping students to
reach their potential



Garden Group
Fortnightly
Aboriginal Resource Room



Justin and Joey leading the students in
resume creating and job application
writing.

Thursday 8th June





NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2017 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses in 2017 at least 6 months apart*
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
	Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) – catch-up	Single dose
Years 11-12	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

* The second dose of HPV vaccine is being delayed to later in the year (at least 6 months after the first dose) to allow the recently-announced Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Program to be offered to students in Years 11 and 12 from Term 2 when the second dose of HPV vaccine is usually given. There is no harm for Year 7 students in delaying the second dose of HPV vaccine and further advice for parents will be provided later in the year regarding HPV course completion.

THE DATE OF THE NEXT VACCINATION DAY IS MONDAY 5th JUNE 2017.

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. **Students who have any HPV doses at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.**

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic as a physical card. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.



**Fire &
Rescue NSW**

Media Release

May 2017

Open Day at Salamander Fire Station

Firefighters are encouraging people to visit Salamander Bay Fire Station for the Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) annual Open Day on **Saturday, 20 May**.

Salamander Bay Fire Station will be open from 10am to 2pm and families are encouraged to come along and meet their local fire fighters and learn more about fire prevention.

A range of free activities will be on offer, including fire fighting demonstrations, station tours and fire safety presentations. Fire fighters will also be able to provide advice on installing or replacing smoke alarms, and preparing a home fire escape plan.

Children will be able to see the fire engines and fire fighting equipment up close – always a highlight of this much-anticipated day. They'll also be able to take home a "Brigade Kids" activity booklet, which teaches them vital fire safety lessons.

This year, FRNSW is focusing on fire prevention in the kitchen, urging people to **"Keep Looking When Cooking"**.

Station Commander Malcolm Smith said: "Almost half of all house fires start in the kitchen, usually when people fail to keep an eye on the stovetop. Regrettably, hundreds of injuries and occur every year from cooking-related fires, and people have lost their lives as a result.

"With winter coming, Open Day is a also great opportunity to talk to the experts about replacing smoke alarms.

"We're encouraging residents to replace their out dated alarms with the latest 10-year, lithium-powered smoke alarms.

"Why not come along to Salamander Bay Fire Station on Open Day and come and talk to us about how you can reduce the risk of fire destroying your life," Station Commander Smith said.

Media contact: Malcolm Smith / Glen Blanch

Salamander Fire Station



Phone number: 0414 813 728 / 0403 290 941

GOODS FOR SALE BY TENDER

Point of sale equipment including Terminal Software & Back Office Reporting Software with Stock Control

Closing time and date for Receipt of Tenders: 2:00pm Friday 9th June, 2017

Items available for Inspection: 9:00am to 2:00pm Monday to Friday. See Front Administration Office

Return Tender to:
Mrs Vianney Bills
School Administration Manager
Tomaree High School
Salamander Way
SALAMANDER BAY NSW 2317
Phone No: 4981 1444

NOTE: Tenders must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked:
“CONFIDENTIAL TENDER SUBMISSION”

Tender Applications included in this newsletter

ITEMS FOR TENDER

ITEM

1 x 15inch Flat Resistive Touch Screen Terminal inc WIN 7

1 x Touch Screen

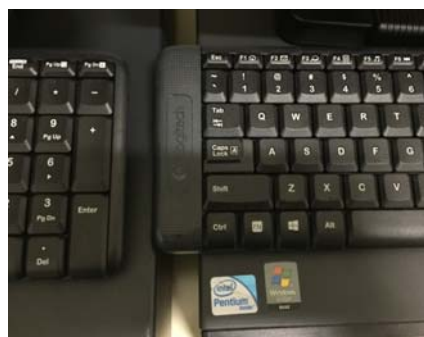
1 x Hard Drive

1 x Heavy Duty Cash Drawer

1 x Thermal Receipt Printer

2 x Logitech Wireless Keyboard & Mouse

Included inPos Terminal Software & Back Office Reporting Software with Stock Control





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BALLROOM - SEQUENCE
Classes for Students**

Thursdays

(commencing 20th July 4.30pm)
(Adults 7.00PM)

NELSON BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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DATE OF SUBMISSION: ____/____/____

TENDER ITEM DESCRIPTION:

TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL & TOMAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C UNIFORM SHOP POINT OF SALE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TERMINAL SOFTWARE & BACK OFFICE REPORTING SOFTWARE WITH STOCK CONTROL

TENDER AMOUNT: _____

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Postal Address: _____

E Mail Address: _____

Phone No: _____ **Mobile No:** _____

Signature:

Please return to: Mrs Vianney Bills

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