



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 11 September 2020 Term 3 Week 8

## BEANIES RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH



Students and staff wore Beanies on Friday 28 August to raise funds for brain cancer. There were some colourful and funny beanies to be seen around the school! Thankyou to the SRC for organising this fun initiative.

## PANCAKE FRIDAY'S A HUGE SUCCESS



Once a fortnight, (Week B) staff and students provide a fun arrival to school with pancakes and music! Students can enjoy plain or chocolate drop pancakes with maple syrup, cream and fruit. So far, 'Pancake

Fridays' have been a great success. So come on down to grab a yummy pancake (or two) on Friday 18 September. You may even be lucky enough to get a 'smiley face' on your pancake by none other than our Principal Ms Conroy who claims to be a real whizz on the squirt cream! Hope to see you there :)





## SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

### **Congratulations BASE leadership finalists**

Congratulations to Rubin Duroux, who was today announced as the winner of the Men's BASE leadership award for school spirit. Unfortunately, the awards ceremony for 2021 had to be cancelled as a result of COVID 19 restrictions, but fortunately not before the finalists had a chance to be interviewed by a panel of judges.

This is the second year of the BASE leadership awards and Tweed River High School students were well represented with finalists for both the men and women's awards. Finalists for the men's awards were Rubin, Lachlan Finch, Adam Lewis and Luke Jefferies. It is a great honour to have so many of our young men represented among the finalists selected from all high schools between Byron Bay and the border.

I am incredibly proud of the contribution these young men have made to our school and the broader community. I am often impressed to discover the wonderful contributions our students make to the wider community, though I rarely hear about it from the students themselves, who are very humble about their efforts. I would like to thank our students and their families for supporting them in making a positive contribution to our world.

### **Year 12**

Our year 12 students continue to show remarkable resilience as they near the end of their formal schooling. The students of 2020 will go down in history as the young men and women who completed their HSC in the midst of a pandemic. Despite the difficulties of the year our students have continued to engage with their studies, working hard to complete class work and assignments while studying for exams. In addition, many students have taken on additional responsibilities within their families and across the community.

I would like to congratulate every student on their commitment and capacity to keep going under the most trying of circumstance and I am confident that the lessons learned during their time at Tweed River, and particularly during the course of this year, will hold them in good stead as they move out into the world. I have every confidence that they will make a significant contribution to our community and the wider community.

Mrs Mackney has arranged a year 12 pizza lunch each week since trial exams finished enabling students to catch up with one another and their teachers. We've also had some support people from The Family Centre, along with our school psychologists, available for students to talk with.

We are expecting information from the Department late this week providing guidance about how school formals can be conducted in Term 4. We will be sharing this information with Year 12 students as soon as possible so that we can plan an event to celebrate the completion of the HSC.

### **COVID restrictions**

Thank you to the many parents who are supporting us to minimise visits to the school by paying school fees online and waiting outside when collecting their children for appointments. It is important however, that any student who knows that they will be leaving early take a note from their parents to their Deputy Principal before school. This will allow a leave pass to be written so that the student can be released from class at the appropriate time and will prevent delays to their departure.

*Ms Leisa Conroy, Principal*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon	14 Sep	YR 11 Exams all week
Fri	18 Sep	White Card Training SRC 2021 Captain Speeches to staff
Mon	21 Sep	P&C Meeting via Zoom
Tues	22 Sep	YR 12 Last day of Classes
Thur	24 Sep	YR 12 Graduation
Fri	25 Sep	Last day of Term

### PRINCIPAL'S QUALITY WORK AWARDS

**2020**

**Term 3, Week 8**

**Year 7**

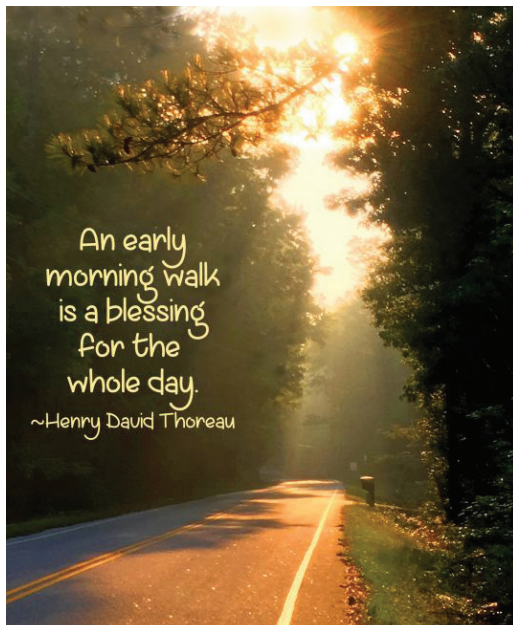
**HSIE - Mrs Wolthers**  
Alex Wills

**Year 9**

**PDHPE - Mr Swaddle**  
Lilly De Belle; Riley John

**Year 11**

**HSIE - Mrs Ryan**  
Carly Villiers



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### UNIFORM SHOP

Open Every Tuesday & Thursday  
8.00am—11am  
(Located Next to the Canteen)  
Coordinator - Lisa King

### TRHS CANTEEN

Check out the daily menu on the canteen window for some great meal deals. Eftpos available. Open for  
**Breakfast Recess Lunch**

### P&C: NEXT MEETING

Due to COVID-19 there will be no P&C Meetings on site until further notice. The next meeting will be via Zoom on the 21st September.



## YEAR 7 STUDENT WRITES IMAGINATIVE STORY



"One day Mrs Wolthers was at home doing what she was normally doing but then she heard something in the basement. There was a portal and she got curious so she went through it and on the other side was a kingdom. At first she was confused so she went for a walk to have a look. As she started to walk away the portal closed behind her so she kept walking. As she got to the gates she realised that this was the Kingdom of Emperor Qin. She wanted to walk around to have a look at stuff but then the Emperor had seen that there was someone that he had not seen before. He sent two guards to get Mrs Wolthers so the guard got her. As she was taken to the palace the kingdom was attacked by Vikings and a dragon. In fright Miss rang inside the

palace as the Emperor sent guards to go attack but the dragon spat fire at the palace. The palace started to burn down so Miss ran to the portal gate. She tried to get the portal started and then it worked so she went through and she was home. Then she had a lie down but she heard yelling in the basement. Two of the Vikings had followed her through the portal so miss grabbed a sword and battled them and she won but not without a knock to the head and that's how she got a bruise".

THE END!!

By Alex Wills - Year 7

## YEAR 8 ART ELECTIVE STUDENTS GET CREATIVE



Year 8 Art Elective students have been exploring the conventions of sculpture this term. These artworks were constructed using an armature of wire or wood and then some have added plaster for the finish. It was messy and tricky, and lots of fun. *Mrs Alsop, CAPA*

## TALENTED EX TRHS STUDENT WINS MUSIC AWARD

LOCAL RAPPER WINS COVETED TRIPLE J AWARD.

JK-47 aka Jacob Paulson has taken out the annual Triple J Unearthed National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMA) after a national search for the best Indigenous music talent. Jacob attended Tweed River High School from Year 7 2009 to Year 12 2015.

Jacob a 23-year-old Minjungbal/Gudjinburra man is also a dad to his new, six-week-old son while sending a message with his music. "I have always been into rap since I was in third or fourth grade. My brother and cousin used to rap and so I always wanted to be a rapper but didn't really know if I had what it took until I started getting better at it." JK-47 said.

After spending his early years listening to American hip hop artists, JK-47 said he started to become more interested in music that addresses bigger issues such as Indigenous disadvantage. After continually receiving positive feedback from his music posts on social media, the young rapper finally decided it was time to get serious with his career and entered the Triple J Unearthed NIMA Competition.

JK-47's debut album *Made For This*, which is a culmination of his single releases to date, was released on August 7, the day before the official ceremony crowning him as the Triple J NIMA competition winner.

*Reference to Story in the Tweed Valley Weekly by Megan Albany.*

Check out Jacob's winning track at...

<https://www.triplejuneearthed.com/artist/jk-47-0>



## CONGRATULATIONS RUBIN!

Congratulations to Rubin Duroux, winner of the BASE Leadership Youth Spirit award and to TRHS finalists, Lachlan Finch, Adam Lewis and Luke Jefferies. Bec Hogan, founder of the BASE Leadership Program said "We were really disappointed that we couldn't go ahead with the Young Men's Awards Breakfast. Instead we have made a short film with the winners from each category. The young men spoke beautifully about leadership, mental health and being a good mate. They were all brilliant.

Each school will receive a parcel this week with framed certificates for all the finalists and trophies/shields for the winners."

Please take a few minutes to watch the video in the link below which is a collage of interviews with all the winners.

<https://youtu.be/CaMDosTXjJk>



## CANTEEN UPGRADE

After operating from a temporary canteen (affectionately dubbed the Caravan) for one and a half terms with a limited menu and facilities, the upgraded TRHS canteen has been completed and is open for business. Jo, Jenny and Janet were overjoyed on Friday 21st August when they received the long-awaited news that the canteen was ready to be moved into on Monday 24th August.

Jo has operated the canteen for 12 years, providing breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks to the students and staff of Tweed River High School. She also donates the annual graduation cake for the outgoing Year 12 students. Some of the most popular items purchased are toasties, burritos, sushi, homemade pasta meals & a variety of fresh burgers and wraps.

The canteen staff appreciate the support of students and staff, in particular during the upgrade of the canteen. They were happy they could continue operating in the modular/caravan while enjoying closer interactions with students and the fine weather.



## LIBRARY NEWS

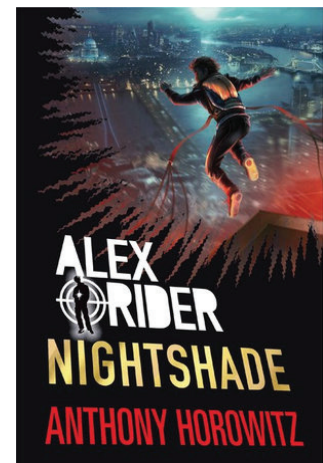
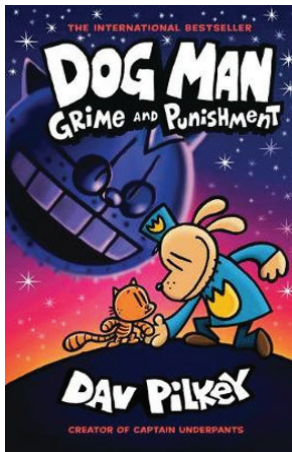
Reading for pleasure is not as common as it used to be. Apart from the joy of exercising one's imagination, research shows that reading improves literacy, social skills, community participation, general knowledge, understanding of one's and other cultures and our health. Reading can have a very positive impact on our lives if only we'd remember to put our phones away once in a while.

*"A book is made from a tree. It is an assemblage of flat, flexible parts (still called "leaves") imprinted with dark pigmented squiggles. One glance at it and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, the author is speaking, clearly and silently, inside your head, directly to you. Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people, citizens of distant epochs, who never knew one another. Books break the shackles of time—proof that humans can work magic."* — Carl Sagan (American astronomer)

Ms Monniot-Kerr, Teacher Librarian



### SOME OF OUR NEW ARRIVALS...



### LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Closed until 8.30am	from 8am	from 8am	from 8am	from 8am
Recess	<b>Recess</b>	Recess	<b>Recess</b>	<b>CLOSED</b> Recess
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch





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## 2020 TRHS READING CHALLENGE SPONSORS



Justine Elliot, MP



Geoff Provest, MP



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# SPORT NEWS

## TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2020

The Annual Tweed River High School Athletics Carnival was held on the Tweed River High Ovals on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of August. Due to the carnival being postponed earlier in the year and the restrictions in place due to Covid-19, this year's carnival was a little different. With field events completed in PDHPE lessons and track events being completed at the carnival. It was great to give the students the opportunity to participate in an athletics carnival, represent their House Groups and displaying their exceptional talent. Well done to Alana Hardy and Luke Jefferies who won the School Age Championship Race. Thank you to the SRC for the running of novelty events and a BBQ on the day.

The final House Championship Points for the day were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Boyd 560
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Burgess 426
- 3<sup>rd</sup> McGregor 351
- 4<sup>th</sup> Morgan 318

## ATHELTICS AGE CHAMPIONS 2020

Age	Gender	Name	House
12	F	TJ Kleeman	McGregor
12	M	Kobe Wilson	Boyd
13	F	Eliza Constandinou	Boyd
13	M	Connor Lloyd-Ford	McGregor
14	F	Shar Merchant	Boyd
14	M	Malcolm Mitchell	Boyd
15	F	Jalamari Noter	Boyd
15	M	Aiden Clifford	McGregor
16	F	Ulani Nelson	Morgan
16	M	Cody Douglas	McGregor
17+	F	Jasmin Morrisey	Boyd
17+	M	Luke Jefferies	Burgess



## TRHS Cross Country results 2020

The annual Tweed River High School cross country was held on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, following the event having to be postponed in March. Due to students not being able to advance onto the next level this year the event was run a little differently with all students completing a 3km course. All students participating put in an exceptional performance in completing the event and are to be commended on their effort.

### House Championship Score

1<sup>st</sup> Boyd 19 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Morgan 15 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> McGregor 11 points, 4<sup>th</sup> Burgess 8 points.

Congratulations to all age champions. Age Group results:

U/12 Girls (3km)	Time	Boys (3km)	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Kiara Searle	18:00		
2 <sup>nd</sup>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>			

U/13 Girls (3km)	Time	Boys (3km)	Time
1 <sup>st</sup>		Kale Nelson	13:19
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Kai Stannard	15:02
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Kayden Wilson	16:36

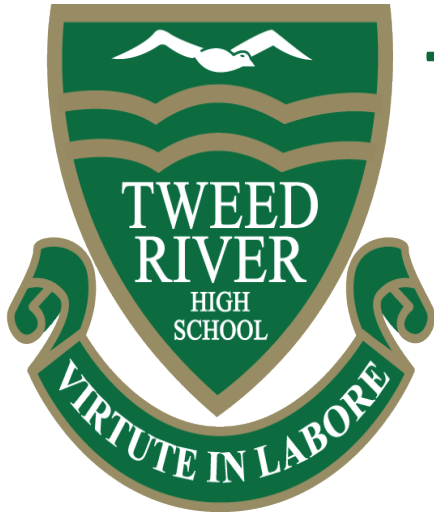
U/14 Girls (3km)	Time	Boys (3km)	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Alana Hardy	26:48	Xavier Pereth	13:26
2 <sup>nd</sup> Shar Merchant	27:37	Lachlan Marshall	13:44
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jamaica Byrnes	30:55	Jacob Douglas	14:56

U/15 Girls (3km)	Time	Boys (3km)	Time
1 <sup>st</sup>		Jack Robinson	13:38
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Riley John	14:08
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Rueben Andrews	14:49

U/16 Girls (3km)	Time	Boys (3km)	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Ulani Nelson	13:42	Cody Douglas	11:50

U/17 Girls (3km)	Time	Boys (3km)	Time
1 <sup>st</sup>		Luke Jefferies	16:00





## TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

*Innovation, Opportunity and Success*

## 2020 HALL OF FAME

Expressions of interest are called for nominations for the  
Tweed River High School's 'Hall of Fame'

*The criteria for nominations are as follows:*

*The Candidate must:*

- 1. Be a past student of Tweed River High School.*
- 2. Have achieved in their chosen field and/or made an outstanding contribution to the wider community.*

*All previous nominations will be considered and are invited to update existing submissions.*

*Nomination forms are available from the Administration Office at Tweed River High School,  
9.00am to 3.00pm weekdays.*

*Closing date: Friday 6 November 2020*

*Ms L Conroy, Principal*

*Enquiries: (07) 55243007*

*[tweedriver-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tweedriver-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)*



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### *Hall Of Fame*

Tweed River High School Hall of Fame was established to celebrate the achievements of its past students. It also serves as a means of encouraging current students in their post school goals, that achievements can continue at TAFE, University and beyond.

Inductees to the Hall of Fame include;

**1992 - Larry Corowa** – recipient of Order of Member of the British Empire (MBE) 1978 for services to the Aboriginal Community. 1978-79 representative of Australian Rugby League.

**1996 – Wayne (Rabbit) Bartholomew** – World Champion Surfer, established the world’s first surfing academy, Author of “Bustin’ Down the Door” autobiography in 1996.

**2005 – Lisa Finch** – Winner of Florence Taylor Award “Best Building Apprentice of the Year – QLD”  
- Winner - Master Builders “Apprentice of the Year – Gold Coast Region”  
- State Master Builders Housing & Construction Apprentice of the Year  
- National Master Builders Housing & Construction Apprentice of the Year.

**2019 – Dr Gene Slockee** – Medical Officer with rotations in Anaesthetics, Intensive Care & Emergency Medicine. He is currently an Intensive Care registrar at Gold Coast University Hospital.

Nominations for the 2020 Hall of Fame are to be submitted by Friday 6 November, 2020. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the school website, newsletter or from the Administration Office.





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### NOMINATION FOR ENTRY TO TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL'S

# Hall Of Fame

#### Criteria and Selection Process:

*I/We, the undersigned, wish to nominate the following person to be entered in the  
Tweed River High School Hall of Fame.*

NAME OF NOMINEE(S): ..... TELEPHONE: .....

CURRENT CONTACT ADDRESS: .....

YEARS OF ENROLMENT AT T.R.H.S: .....

FIELD OF ENDEAVOUR/EXPERTISE IN WHICH APPLICANT HAS ACHIEVED SUCCESS:

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NAME OF NOMINEE(S): .....

ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE NO: ..... DATE: .....

*Please forward to the Principal, Tweed River High School by **Friday 6 November 2020**.*

*Applications: Please see the attached sheet on how to apply.*



## TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

### HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

The 'Hall of Fame' is located in the front foyer of our school to recognise present or past students who have achieved a high level of success. The Hall of Fame displays a photo of the student and a citation of their achievements.

The Hall of Fame award is presented at our annual Presentation Day.

#### **CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION IN THE TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME:**

- Must be a past student of Tweed River High School and had attended the school for at least 2 years.
- Has achieved great heights or even international fame in their chosen field of endeavour
- Made an outstanding contribution to the wider community

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

- **Complete the Nomination Form attached**
- **Attach current resume**
- **Attach a 1-2 page explanation of why you are nominating the person and a list of achievements since attending Tweed River High School**
- **(A 10" x 8" black and white photo of the applicant will be required if they are the successful candidate)**

#### **PROCESS OF SELECTION:**

- The Principal receives all nominations and forwards them to the School's Promotion Committee
- The Promotion Committee considers all nominations and makes a recommendation to the Principal
- The successful applicant is notified and invited to attend the yearly Presentation Day
- The citation and framed photograph are prepared by the school to be placed in the 'Hall of Fame' Gallery





## *Tell Them From Me* student survey: Information and consent form for parents and carers

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

### ***Tell Them From Me* student survey: Information and consent form for parents and carers** Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by **Friday 25 September 2020**.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

**Leisa Conroy**  
Principal  
Tweed River High School

Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation



## ***Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form***

### **Please complete in English**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by **Friday 25 September 2020**.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me student feedback survey***.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carers .....

Signature of parent/carers .....

Date .....