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Class of 2021

We remember your first day in high school. Take a moment to look back on your achievements. Realise all that you've accomplished and the footprints that you've laid. Each step has been a building block for your life. Congratulations on your 'INFORMAL' Graduation. We couldn't be prouder.





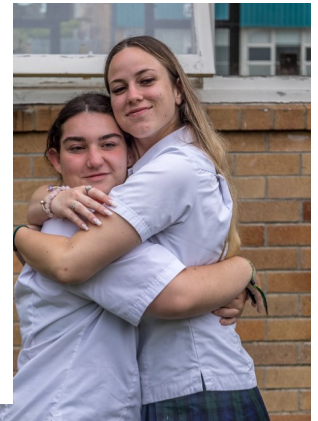
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SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

FAREWELL YEAR 12 2021.

Last Friday we farewelled Year 12 on their last day of classes before the HSC began this week. Thank you to Mrs Mackney for organising a farewell breakfast in the morning and a farewell assembly in the afternoon. We were treated to some very talented music performances from our Year 12 students ably supported by Mrs Gerrand and Mr Craigie. Thankyou also to Ms Cupitt for her support around these activities, being the Master of Ceremonies for the Assembly and her care of Year 12 as Year Adviser for the last few years; taking over from Ms Aungles. Thank you also to Mr Mackney for his support of all the activities and for his support of Year 12 as Deputy Principal.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

We are pleased to announce that we will hold the Year 12 Graduation at school in the SEC on December 8 at 9am. Parents will be able to attend if they can provide evidence that they have received their double vaccination for COVID 19. Light refreshments will be held at the completion of the Graduation Ceremony at the Memorial Water Fountain, in memory of our students, Brad Hope and Jacob Grunow.

WISHING YEAR 12 LUCK WITH THE HSC.

HSC Examinations began this week for Year 12 and will continue until the last exam on December 3. Year 12 are encouraged to continue to consolidate their learning and utilise teaching staff who are available up until each exam is completed. Students are reminded to arrive at school no more than 30 minutes before their exam so that they have plenty of time to comply with COVID check in requirements. We wish each and every Year 12 student the best of luck with their exams and congratulate them on their progress to date.

YEAR 12 FORMAL

The Year 12 Formal will now be held at the Mantra at Salt on The Beach at Kingscliff on December 15. Arrivals will be from 5pm. Parents are encouraged to come along and watch their young people "arrive" at this significant milestone. Students who are not double vaccinated for COVID 19 will still be able to attend but will have alternative take away arrangements made on the night for food and beverages. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of Secondary School with the Class of 2021.



SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT Cont...

WELCOME YEAR 12 2022

Year 12 2022 are by now well into their HSC studies. Students are encouraged to be disciplined in their approach to their HSC study. A slow and considered approach to learning that allows building and consolidation of knowledge works best. Continuous revision is required along with keeping up to date with studies, consistent attendance at school and in class along with the timely completion of assessment tasks is required for success.

TRANSITION NEWS

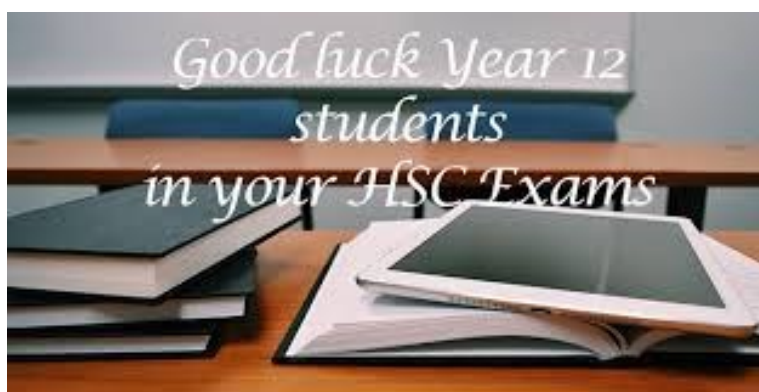
We had a wonderful day on Tuesday this week when we welcomed approximately 150 Year 6 students from our Tweed Learning Community (TLC) to Tweed River High School. Students were ably led by a number of our SRC and Peer Support students through a number of "Taster Activities" designed to give Year 6 students a 'taste' of High School life. Thank you to TRHS staff who were very giving of their time taking Year 6 students through various STEM/CAPA/PDHPE activities, including Pizza making, Textiles, Aero - rangs, Bottle Rockets, Polymers, Music, Agriculture, Elephants Toothpaste and PDHPE. These activities don't happen with out a tremendous amount of work from our staff; it is appreciated.

Next week we are hosting Year 5 from our TLC Community on Thursday November 18. We are looking forward to another fun filled day at Tweed River High School.

BUILDING NEWS

The ground floor of L Block has now been handed back to the school today. We now have a refurbished Marine Studies space and some refurbished Science rooms downstairs available for our use again. Our Art spaces are now being refurbished and new Senior Learning Spaces are being created which will be close to the new library; the next area of development. Thank you to all staff who have been involved in this latest series of moves and to Mr Mackney for overseeing the build and all of its transitions.

Mrs K. Taylor - Principal



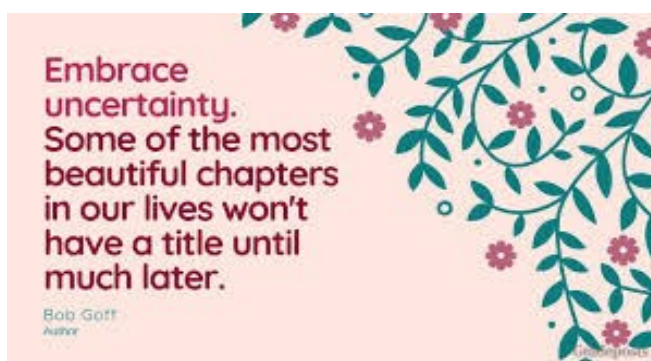
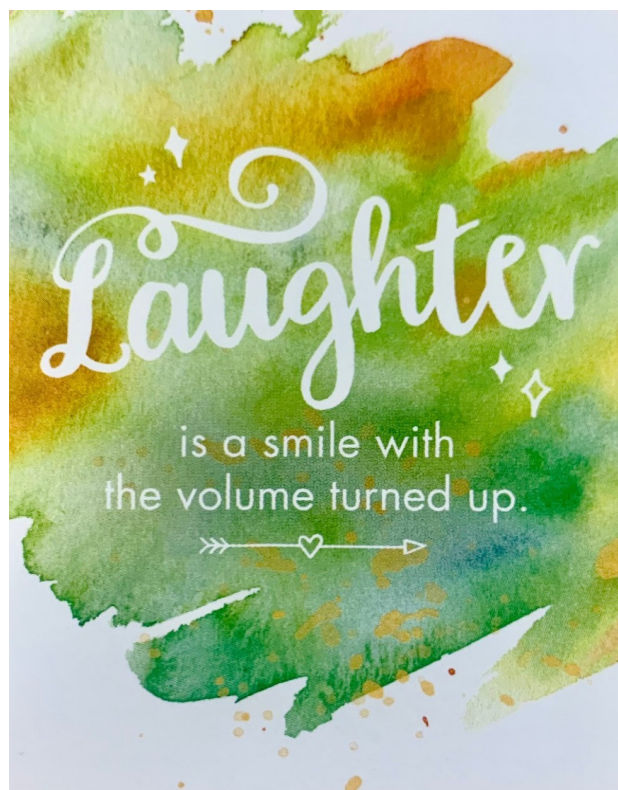


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri	12 Nov	Pancake Friday
Tues	23 Nov	Yr7 2022 Orientation
Thurs	25-26	T5 Market Stall
Fri	26 Nov	Pancake Friday
Wed	8 Dec	Year 12 Graduation
Thurs	9 Dec	Annual Presentation Day
Fri	10 Dec	Pancake Friday
Wed	15 Dec	Year 12 Formal
Thurs	16 Dec	Students' Last Day



[Find out more about Stymie](#)



UNIFORM SHOP

Order online via our school website

<https://schoolshoponline.net.au/tweedriverhspandc/index.aspx>

TRHS CANTEEN

Check out the daily menu on the canteen window for some great meal deals.

EFTPOS available.

Breakfast Recess Lunch

P&C: NEXT MEETING

November 18
All welcome



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GREEN TEAM NEWS

Many students and teachers are openly concerned about the effect of discarded face masks in the playground and in the street.

We would like to remind families that medical face masks are very handy but they are NOT SUSTAINABLE. Please, try to use ONE MASK PER DAY ONLY. Ideally, we would like to see more of you using FABRIC MASKS. They are very efficient and are easy to hand-wash in 1 minute using soap and hot water and hang to dry.

If any students like to sew, the Green Team would love to team up with Ms Marriott to try and produce some fabric masks cheaply at school. Please come and see me in the library if you are keen and can sew).



Thank you for caring

Mrs Monniot-Kerr (Green)

SRC SPOOKY DAY

Two weeks ago, Friday 29 November, Tweed River High School got a little **SPOOKY!**

The school was overrun by Witches and Vampires and our SRC members were making sure to keep an accurate track of arriving monsters!

It was a very close competition, with Team Vampires overtaking Team Witches by only 4 people!

Great job Team Vampire!

Sergey Nikitin, SRC Co-ordinator





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THANK YOU KRIS FOR YOUR SERVICE

Kristine Dinsey is a much-loved member of Tweed River High School. This week she formally retired after a long and dedicated association with our school. We value the knowledge, passion and commitment she has shown to us during her long tenure.

Kris was a student at Tweed River High School from 1966-1971.

She joined the Women's Royal Australian Air Force (WRAAF) in 1972 and in 1976 was granted a Queens Commission, resulting in her becoming the 1st female Air Traffic Control Officer in the (now) RAAF, monitoring and controlling the flights of both civil and military aircraft.

In 1984, Kris was attached to the 'Multinational Force and Observers' in the Sinai Peninsula, between Egypt and Israel. In 1992 there followed a 2½ year posting to the UK and on her return to Australia she was promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader.

After 25 years of service Kris retired taking on various community projects, including public speaking, career seminars in schools, junior sports administration plus a variety of community organisational roles for public functions.



In 1999 Kris returned to Tweed River High School where she designed and established literacy projects and senior enrichment study days.

From 2002, Kristine was employed as a School Assistant, working with the school executive across a wide range of programs.

Not to be idle, Kristine involves herself with various community projects including the South Tweed Junior Rugby League Club and as the Secretary of the Tweed Heads & Coolangatta R.S.L. Sub-Branch.

In 2004 Kristine was inducted into the Tweed River High School 'Hall of Fame'. As an ex-student who was a pioneer in female career paths, setting new levels for others to follow, creating a respect and professionalism, she is a true role model for both our male and female students and highly respected at Tweed River High School.

Thank you Kris for your wonderful contribution to our school and community. Best wishes for your retirement from all of us here at Tweed River High School.



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TRHS MARKET STALL

This year for Mandatory Technology, students from our Support Unit have been making various products to sell at a market stall as part of the T5 network.

The T5 Market Stall Program is an integrated unit which builds students skills in Technology, Mathematics, English, and Work Studies. 100% of the profits will go towards supporting access for our students to innovative and inclusive learning experiences at school and within the community.

The four main products are polymer clay keyrings and Christmas decorations; planter boxes; dry ingredient gift jar and indoor plants that grow in water in recycled glass vases/ jars.

Students also had to complete a business plan for the Market Stall, which included coming up with a market stall name and designing a logo. The logo design had to stand the test of time and encompass aspects such as the diversity of products students will be selling and marketing for the many years to come.

Students across Support Class 1,2 and 3 did an exceptional job and submitted their logos via email. Faculty staff collaboratively chose the strongest three and, with minor adjustments to include elements from the top three, the logo above is the final design for the TRHS Support Unit Market Stall called Unlimited Creativity.

The Market Stall will be set up in the Quad in Week 9 on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th of November during recess and lunch. The perfect time to buy a Christmas present for a family member, friend or your favourite teacher. Prices will start from \$2.00, so you'll definitely catch a bargain.





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LIBRARY NEWS

What a year it's been! Although our reading challenge was disrupted by Covid restrictions and lockdowns, many students managed to complete the challenge. Congratulations to those students who despite all the technology in the world are still able to grab a book and travel to another world/time. I look forward to handing out the wonderful presents from our sponsors.

A presentation date and time will be announced soon (it will be early December).

A very big thank you to Geoff Provest for sponsoring our reading challenge again this year!

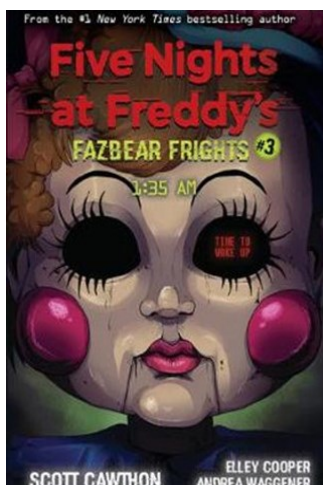
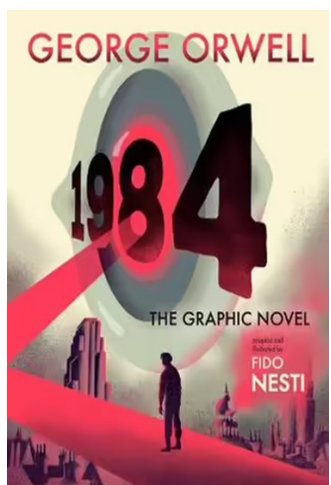
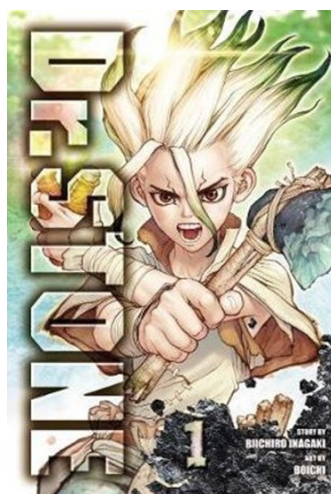


Geoff Provest MP

Mrs Monniot-Kerr (Teacher Librarian)

NEW BOOKS!

Now available in the Library!



Orientation Day

Tweed River High School

WHEN: Tuesday 23rd November 2021

WHERE: Tweed River High School

TIME: 8.35am - 2.00pm

WHO: Year 6 students only – all day
(Sports & Entertainment Centre)

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

8.35am – 11.00am in the Library **ONLY** to purchase uniforms, calculators, Visual Art diaries and pay Year 7 Camp 2022 Deposit.

Due to COVID restrictions parents must show proof of being double vaccinated and remain in the front area of the school.

Students attending must have a completed enrolment form.

Please feel free to contact TRHS for

Further information

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Mr Chris Swaddle
2022 Year 7 Year Adviser

Bronwyn Mackney
HT Welfare



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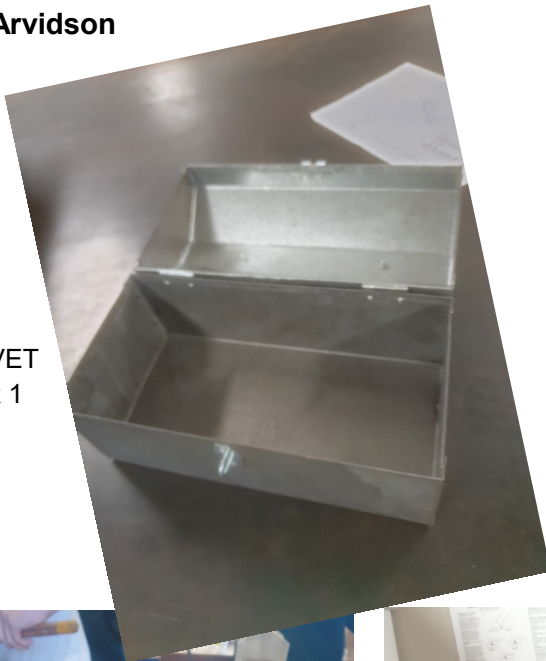
TAS DESIGNS

Year 11 VET Manufacturing and Engineering are progressing well through their practical projects, many are starting their Major Projects. The most recent project focussed on sheet metal skills. Students made either a letter box or a tool box.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory students have also been achieving good results, one materials bird feeder project included wood, metal and plastic as well as using the laser cutter to burn in a personalised design the students created themselves.

Year 9 Metal Work students have been developing their welding skills, usually done on scraps and left-overs. This years class channelled their inner artists and welded the scraps together into what became known as Stickatron!

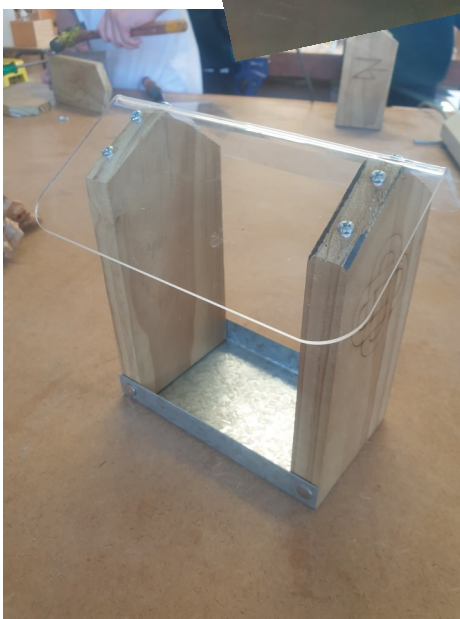
Lance Arvidson



TAS 11 VET
Toolbox 1



TAS 11 VET
Toolbox 2



TAS Year 7 Technology Mandatory
mixed material bird feeder.



TAS Year 10 welding practice took on a life of its own, Stickatron!



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STREET ART

Year 8 Elective Visual Arts class have been doing some street art on D block (the old dance studio) as part of a unit on Environmental Art. Go and check it out before D block gets demolished!





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Wellbeing- Week 6, Term 4

ABOUT WELLBEING

As a parent you know that your child's success at school is linked to their wellbeing.

Wellbeing and learning go hand in hand. When your child feels connected to their family, peers and teachers they feel secure in the knowledge that they will be supported throughout their learning journey. Safe and trusting relationships create a positive learning environment where wellbeing can flourish. Here at Tweed River High School, we aim to empower and create a connected school community for each student.

Let's look at two ways Tweed River teaching staff are aiming to connect with our students:

- 1 Pancake Friday - Every second Friday (week B), staff fire up the BBQ and make delicious pancakes topped with goodies for our students. There is usually juice and fruit to choose from too. Located outside the canteen, encourage your child to come along and join the breakfast fun.
- 2 Front gate - There are often a staff member or two on the front gate of a morning greeting students. This is a great way to start the day on the right foot for young people - by arriving to school on time, and having a positive interaction with a teacher.



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STAFF PROFILE

Name:

Donna West

Previous schools:

Tumut High, Mullumbimby High
and Banora Point High

Where were you born/grew up?

Sydney's Eastern Suburbs: Maroubra,
Bondi

Other jobs:

Jillaroo, Telecommunications and the
NSW Police Department.

Interests outside school:

Horses, mountain bike riding, bushwalking
and travelling overseas.

Hero:

Steve Irwin

Favourite Avenger:

The Lone Ranger

Facts we don't know about you:

I met Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey whilst searching for gorillas in Africa.

Achievements in Life:

When I was 16 I represented NSW show jumping with the Kempsey Pony Club, I have climbed Mt Kenya in Africa and Mt Fuji in Japan and my greatest achievement is to have raised two beautiful boys.





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SUPPORT UNIT FUNDRAISER



Tweed River High School is raffling two signed, limited editions, 2021 NRL jerseys. 100% of the profits will go towards supporting access for our students to innovative and inclusive learning experiences at school and within the community.

Tickets are priced at: \$3 each, 2 tickets for \$5, 4 tickets for \$10, 6 tickets for \$15, 8 tickets for \$20, 10 tickets for \$25.



Click here [Roosters 2021](#) to purchase tickets for the Roosters 2021 signed jersey Click here [Titans 2021](#) to purchase tickets for the Titans 2021 signed jersey

The Raffle will close on 28th February, 2022 and will be drawn at Tweed River High School at 9am on 1st March, 2022.

A big thankyou to both the Roosters and Titans NRL clubs for supporting our school fundraising by kindly donating these prizes.

Cheryl Atkinson

NSW Department of Education

Term 4 roadmap

From 8 November

- All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.
- School sports allowed
 - Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
 - Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
 - Excursions allowed outdoors
 - Dancing and some music classes allowed
 - Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
 - Community use allowed (including P&C meetings)

From Term 1 2022

We can look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allow us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

Stay home if unwell

- Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.



Vaccinations required

- All adults must be fully vaccinated.



Always check in

- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.



Wear masks indoors

- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.



Physically distance

- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.



Maximise ventilation

- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practicable.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.



Stick to your cohorts

- Avoid mingling with other groups when moving around the school.



For the latest information, refer to education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.

