

# NEWSLETTER

# Friday 5 August 2022 Term 3 Week 3

# SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3, it continues to be a jammed pack term of student achievement and the start of preparations by staff and the school for 2023. It was pleasing to see parents attend the junior parent teacher night to work in collaboration with staff to boost student performance and engagement with TRHS. The Stage 6 VET and SBAT evening was also an opportunity for parents to consider additional pathways for their Year 11 and 12 children.

#### TRIAL HSC

Year 12 Trial HSC exams are commencing next week. We wish all Year 12 students the best for these important exams as they are an essential part of student's assessment and will replicate exam length and exam conditions for the HSC in Term 4. Any students who cannot attend an exam will need to apply for illness/misadventure and arrange to sit the exam on Friday 12th August.

#### SUBJECT SELECTION

All students have been given information on choosing subjects for 2023, with students accessing the Edval online portal to make selections for next year's electives. Year 10 students will attend interviews on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th August to ensure the correct pattern of study has been selected. All students will be notified of their final choices by the end of Term 3.

#### **SPORT**

Tweed River High School has seen a wide range of sporting success at the start of this term. The Year 9/10 boys Touch Football Team travelled to the Central Coast and finished 7th in the State. Well done to Mr. Winter and Mr. Wood for taking this team. Ben and Sam Adams competed in the NSW Golf Championships in Yamba and finished among the top 30 players in NSW. The Year 7/8 girls' Netball Team finished second in the Netball Schools Cup zone finals and now progress to the regional finals next week in Ballina, good luck to the girls and Mrs. Gerrand.

#### **BUILDING WORK**

Another major stage of the building has been completed with Visual Arts moving back into art rooms on the top floor of F block, Mr. Williams has relocated his careers office to the bottom of the refurbished F block along with new classrooms along the bottom floor. The Clontarf Foundation room is in progress, and we should see its completion by the end of term.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

We saw a larger number of students recognised for their outstanding academic, sporting, and cultural achievements in Semester 1 at both the Academic and Sport Assembly and NAIDOC Assembly. We value the input of parents and community members attending these events to acknowledge the brilliant students we have within the walls of Tweed River High School.

#### **Mr Terry Simpson**

#### Relieving DP

I would like to acknowledge the Nganduwal/Minjungbal people of the Bundjalung nation, who are the traditional custodians of this land.

I would also like to pay my respect to the Elders, both past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions and the culture for future Indigenous Australians.

I extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



#### <u>"Bittersweet Bequest" to make a difference to Tweed River High School Students.</u>

Tweed River High School students will benefit in 2022 and beyond, with a very generous bequest from the estate from a former Head Teacher of the school, Carol Chambers. The bequest has been very generously gifted by Carol's partner as part of Carol's legacy, to help make a difference in the education and opportunities for Tweed River High School students.

Carol was tragically killed in 2019 in a car crash caused by another driver, who was drunk, unlicensed and in a stolen car. Her death was shocking, for her partner, family, work colleagues and friends. The funds arise from compensation, following Carol's death. While bittersweet, as nothing can compensate for Carol's death, part of the money is being gifted for the benefit of the students at Tweed River High School.

Carol Chambers was a highly valued Head Teacher at Tweed River High School from 2004-2008 and continued to work on special projects for several years post retirement. In her working life, Carol was steadfastly optimistic that education was the key to individual success in life, and public education was the underpinning foundation for a just and egalitarian society in which to live. Teaching was her passion, and she sought out a range of approaches in and out of the classroom in which to serve the best interests of students. The well being of students, their academic and personal development in education, was paramount to Carol.

The bequest, generously provided through Carol's estate will provide significant funding for three scholarships, reoccurring for 10 years, in the areas that Carol was passionate about, including:



- 1. The next generation of Teacher Scholarship for a Year 12 Student, who is accepted and proceeds to university to complete a primary and/or secondary teaching degree. This scholarship supports Carol's passion of teaching as a career.
- 2. Stage 6 Aspiring Student Scholarships for two Yr. 11 Students continuing their studies in the senior school who have academic and career aspirations and require financial support. This scholarship supports Carol's kindness for students in need.
- 3. Special Project Funding for Stage 4-6 Students for Value Added Projects. This funding supports the importance Carol placed on well being and enrichment initiatives, additional to classroom learning.

Tweed River High School will administer the funds through a selected panel, who will meet to shortlist applications at the start of each year to decide the lucky recipients of the scholarships.

When Carol was killed, her partner received many messages from those she had touched. The most meaningful was a card that said:

'She was here, she was loved, her life made a difference.'

Carol did make a difference to the lives of very many people. With this bequest, she will continue to do so.

Narelle Howell, Former Principal Tweed River High 2004-2012



#### Semester 1 Presentation Assembly and Carol Chamber's Legacy

The Semester One Presentation Day Assembly was a fantastic way to be able to celebrate the achievements of our students in partnership with our staff in their academic, cultural and sporting pursuits.

It was also the inaugural presentation of the Next Generation of Teacher Scholarship and Stage 6 Scholarships as part of the Carol Chambers Legacy (see earlier article). This year the Next Generation Teacher Scholarship of \$5000 was awarded to Talia Lewis from Year 12 2021 who is studying to be a teacher at Southern Cross University.

The applications for the Stage 6
Aspiring Student Scholarships of
\$1000 each to support the academic and career aspirations of
Year 11 students were of such a
high quality that the panel were
unable to separate the top four
applicants. The recipients are
Rylee Ogston, Rory Cousins,
Rayah Gould and Feem Parana.

Congratulations to these students for their commitment to their own education and to their own personal growth as well as to the growth of others.



Back Row: Narelle Howell, Feem Parana, Rory Cousins, Talia Lewis. Front Row Barbara Clark, Rayah Gould, Rylee Ogston.

Thank you to Kim Alden, Carol's partner, for this generous donation, Barbara Clark, Carol's sister, for sharing Carol's memory and announcing the awards and to Narelle Howell, friend of Carol Chambers and former Principal of Tweed River High School for presenting the awards and her support of the establishment of the Legacy fund at our school. Thank you also to the panel members, Bronwyn Mackney, Jan Ryan and Elaine Cunningham, friends of Carol Chambers and current staff members, for their help with selecting the students. This is a tremendous and meaningful way of celebrating Carol's life.

Ms. Kim Taylor Relieving Principal



From left:Narelle Howell, Kim Alden, Barbara Clark, Kim Taylor







# Semester 1 Presentation cont..

Year 9



Year 10

Year 10







# **Semester 1 Presentation**



Year 12



MC 12/13/14 Carnival Age Champions

15-17+ Age Champions



FNC & NC Representation





FNC & NC Representation

Boys Buckley Shield FNC Champions



9/10 NSW Touch State Finalists



Junior Sports Leadership Refereeing



#### **VET Information Evening**

As we have been recognised as a Lighthouse School for Vocational Education and Training (VET) and will be offering a wider selection of VET frameworks, linked to local employment opportunities, in Year 11 in 2023 an Information Evening was held for Year 10 students and their parents to support their Stage 6 subject selections. These VET subjects will complement our traditional subjects in the attainment of the Higher School Certificate and also foster real world skills in our students.



The evening was very informative with some inspiring School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT) Ambassadors from Alstonville and Grafton who were able to speak about their experience and how they have benefitted from the inclusion of VET and SBATs in their pattern of study.

SBATs are a way to have paid on the job training in the form of a Traineeship or Apprenticeship, while still going to school, that can count towards students' HSC attainment and also support the Certificate 2 or 3 in the chosen VET framework.

The Head Teacher Careers,
Deborah Paige Thomas and the
SBAT Engagement Officer, Toni
Bellos were also in attendance
and were also able to inform and
boost parents understanding and
confidence in how VET and
SBATS can be successfully
included in a HSC pattern of study.

Thankyou to Mr Mackney for organising this evening and for co-ordinating VET across our school and thankyou to all of the staff that supported the evening, in particular, Mr Troy Williams, Ms Perkins, Mr Simpson, Mr Kelleher, Mrs Martinez and Mrs May.

Ms. Kim Taylor Relieving Principal



Left to right Toni Bellos SBAT Engagement Officer, Chelsea McInnes SBAT Ambassador, Jordan Petersen SBAT Ambassador and Deborah Paige Thomas Head Teacher Careers.



# **SPORT NEWS**

#### Year 9 and 10 State Touch Football Championships in Tuggerah

On Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 11 boys and two teachers travelled to Tuggerah on the Central Coast to participate in the NSW Combined High School's State Touch Finals. The boys had recently won the Far North Coast Division and were excited by the challenge against the best in the state.

After a long trip to Tuggerah the boys were excited. The draw was very competitive, and we knew we were up for a challenging day with most representatives being sports high schools and colleges from Sydney and Newcastle.





The boys competed well and challenged each team they played with some narrow losses and one draw.

The whole side played with a lot of pride and were determined to work together and to the best of their ability, even at the end of the day when fatigue and injuries began to take its toll.

Tweed River High School 9 and 10's Touch Football Team are positioned in the top 10 in the State with a final position of 7<sup>th</sup>. The boys should be super proud of this result and the respect and maturity they displayed over the two days.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in making this event possible, and a huge thank you to Mr Williams who spent countless hours organising the trip.

Team: Max Anderson, Blake Smith, Kalani Green, Bodhi Perandis, Connor Murphy, Jaden Robson, Kobi Togo, Jordan Billing, Riley Weaver, Zac Wilson, Kobe Wilson

Coaches: Mr Wood, Mr Winter







# SPORT NEWS Cont...

#### **Netball news**

It has been a busy 2 weeks of Netball competitions.

Firstly our Under 15's Netball Team went to Murwillumbah on the 26th of July to compete in the Far North Coast Netball Competition The girls were up against some tough competitors, beating Mullumbimby 27-19 in the first pool to then face Kingscliff in the second. Against Kingscliff, Tweed were down 8 goals after the first half but came back strongly in they 3rd and 4th quarters to win 25-17, taking them to the finals against Banora Point. Our girls played with heart, however, the Banora Point team were too good on the day winning 33-13.

The next competition took place this week on the 2nd of August. The same girls, as well as more of our Netballers, represented our school at the Netball Schools Cup at Arkinstall Park. Two teams were sent, our Year 7's team and a combined Year 8, 9 & 10 team. The older girls put in a great effort playing as a team for the first time and beat Pacific Coast, however, the other teams on the day were just too good.



However our Year 7 team, came through with 2 wins against Pacific Coast and 1 win against Kingscliff which placed them equal 2nd with Kingscliff. After a nail biting goals tally, our team had more goals and scored 2nd place to Xavier Catholic College. This means our junior girls (7 & 8 netballers) will be moving up to the next level and will compete at Ballina next week.

A lot of the girls have worked extra hard in SDP Netball on Wednesdays and their team work and skill is definitely paying off!

Tweed River wishes you the best of luck! Go get em!

**Miss Gerrand** 













# ABORIGINAL EDUCATION NEWS

#### **NAIDOC Assembly**

Our NAIDOC Assembly was held on Tuesday 19th July.

This years' theme "Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up", can be translated into action:

"Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism—we must do it together...

It's also time to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations—they have been the heroes and champions of change, of equal rights and even basic human rights."

It was a privileged to have our Elders and community join us at such a special event. Thank you to Aunty Chris for presenting the "Welcome to Country" and Aunty Charline Emzin-Boyd for delivering a very powerful speech, which had our students, teachers, Elders and community captivated.

A big thank you to Jaydee Weir and Grace Brady for running the Assembly, they both did a fantastic job at short notice. Congratulations to our students who received Awards for their "Outstanding Leadership Skills".

Tracey Kingi - Aboriginal Education Officer







# ABORIGINAL EDUCATION NEWS Cont...



# NAIDOC Week Assembly GETup! STANDup! SHOW up!









## **LIBRARY NEWS**

REMINDER: If students wish to participate in the TRHS Reading Challenge they must write down the book titles on their reading log (located in the library).

The Reading Challenge involves reading 15 books (they have until late November) and every student who completes the Reading Challenge will receive a generous prize.

We are ordering books on a regular basis and welcome students' recommendations. If there is anything YOU want to read, please come to see us in the library.

#### Mrs Monniot-Kerr (Teacher Librarian)



#### **GREEN TEAM NEWS**

Hello Green Thumbs,

We have been given the green light (ahahah excuse the pun) to do a school Clean Up, here at Tweed River on Wednesday 24th of August from P.1 until lunchtime. We will provide you with a nice lunch afterwards and you will get back to class in P.5 and 6. The permission notes will be issued next week.

Together, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you Green Team.

Mrs Monniot-Kerr (Teacher Librarian & Green Team Coordinator)





#### **TRHS Support Unit Fundraiser**

The Tweed River High School fundraising raffles were drawn on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Congratulations to both winners and many thanks to all those who supported our fundraiser. 100% of these funds will be used to provide financial assistance for families of students to access innovative and inclusive learning experiences at school and within the community.



The winner of the 2021 signed Gold Coast Titans jersey was:

T. Dowell, ticket no. 57

The winner of the 2021 signed Sydney Roosters jersey was: C. Novak, ticket no. 70.







### Hello, Tweed!

#### FREE NDIS NETWORKING EVENT

#### WHO?

Support coordinators, support workers, people with disability, teachers, parents and carers are all welcome.

Thursday 11/08/2022

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Twin Towns Services Club 2 Wharf St Tweed Heads NSW

#### WHY?

Get to know NDIS providers servicing your local area and boost your contacts in a fun and informative networking session.

#### HOW?

Register at one.community.net.au

#### JOIN US

EVENT SPONSOR





One Community warmly welcomes teachers, support staff, parents and carers to attend their disability networking event Ready-Set-Connect being held soon in Tweed Heads.

Register now for this event, to be held at Twin Towns Services Club, on Thursday 11 August from 10:00am – 12:30pm.

Ready-Set-Connect is an informative (and fun!) event. It connects teachers, support coordinators, parents and carers of people living with disability with NDIS disability service providers.

National and local service providers will be sharing information about their services and products. The event will help you keep in touch and up to date with services in your local community.

In the space of a little over two hours, you will build your connections and get to meet and know a variety of providers servicing our region.

It's FREE for Attendees! Let One Community know you are coming by registering at:

https://www.onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set.../ Event/373-tweed

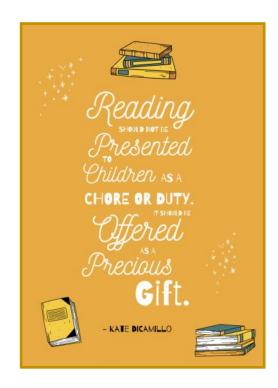
Tweed Heads Ready-Set-Connect Thursday 11 August 2022 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM



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UPCOMING		
Mon	8 Aug	HSC Trial exams begin
Fri	12 Aug	Pancake Friday
Thu	18 Aug	P & C Meeting
Wed	24 Aug	Clean up TRHS
Thur	25 Aug	Byron Bay Writers Festival
Fri	26 Aug	Gold Coast Dance Eisteddfod Pancake Friday



Never say, "I can't."

Always say, "I'll try."







## **Uniform Shop**

Click below to order online via our school website

P&C eStore

### **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**

Thursday 18th August 6:00 – 7:30pm In Common Room All are welcome



#### Kirra SLSC Nippers 2022/23 Sign On

Kirra Nippers is an all-inclusive, family-focused club. We provide some of the best training on the Gold Coast with our nipper Sunday rotation system. All juniors are included in rotating through 4 activity and education stations each Sunday session. Kirra SLSC has won many medals & awards in recent years which is a testament to the level of education & training our club provides. We offer free training sessions for those who want to experience more than their Sunday sessions to further enhance their surf skills.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 at Currumbin State School Pool. 10.30am -12.30pm

Nippers season start Kirra SLSC Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 8:45 am – 11am

Fees paid at sign-on days:

\$60 U6&7

\$70 U8-U14

\$90 per nipper parent for Associate membership. At least 1 parent must also become an Associate member. \$230 per family of 4 (at the same address)

Further info www.kirrasurfclub.com.au







Parking is available at Bilambil Sports Club, a free shuttle bus will operate from Bilambil to Carool throughout the day.