

Terrigal High School NEWSLETTER

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Principals Report

Another great term with many highlights and personal best achievements across all facets of the school. I would like to thank the students and parents and carers for their continued support and commitment to success at Terrigal High School. I would like to thank the entire staff for their ability to respond to the growing changes and demands placed upon them each year. Our students are able to experience many opportunities due to the dedication of the staff.

I would like to congratulate Mr Mitch Baty on gaining a permanent Mathematics appointment to Terrigal High School. Mitch went through a rigorous and competitive interview process to gain selection and we are fortunate to secure his services for many years to come.

We are still awaiting upon DoE staffing to finalise decisions in relation to the vacant Head Teacher English position. We thank Deanne McIntosh for acting in this position. Dr Stephen Nugent remains on leave at the moment and Nicholas Staniford remains relieving as Head Teacher Science leading into Term 3. Vikki Austin will remain as relieving Year 12 Year Advisor. Dylan Parbery is currently relieving as Head Teacher HSIE with Katie Allen relieving as Year 10 Year Advisor. I would like to thank Amanda Surya for her very caring nature whilst relieving as Year 8 Year Advisor. She did a tremendous job and Tom O'Rourke will return to the role in Term 3.

It is with great sadness that we farewell Janet Westerdyke from Terrigal High School. Janet has been associated with the school for the past 25 years, firstly as a parent before spending the past 13 years as a Student Support Learning Officer. We thank you very much for the care and support that you have provided the students, staff and community of Terrigal High School over the years.

The building works forecasted for completion at the end of the school holidays now look like

continuing early into Term 3 due to the recent weather. DoE School infrastructure are replacing the roof and skylights of half the school. This is a massive undertaking and will benefit the school both aesthetically but also secure the buildings from the weather.

On any given school day in NSW there are approximately 80,000 students absent from school. One day absence per week equates to 250 lost hours to learning each year. When this translates to actual learning activities within the class room, those lost hours make the continuity of learning very difficult for students and perpetuates the issues. I am asking for the support of all parents and carers in monitoring the attendance of your child. The school deems 90% and above attendance to be an acceptable level (considering illness). This equates to approximately 16 days absence per year. As part of the new attendance procedures we will be acknowledging and rewarding students at the end of each term that have gained 90% or higher.

The parent teacher meetings for Years 7-10 will occur on Wednesday 21st July from 4pm – 8:30pm. After receiving parental feedback from we will return to 5-minute face to face meetings for the evening. Due to the Covid restrictions and the Trial HSC we will be holding these meetings in the Library and some of our classrooms. Booking details will become available shortly.

Our Mid-Year Academic Awards will occur on Wednesday 14th July in the school hall. The ceremony for Years 7, 9, 11 will commence at 9:30am. The ceremony for Years 8, 10, 12 will follow, commencing at 11:45am. Parents and carers of award recipients have been emailed an invitation to attend.

Mr Montgomery
Principal (Rel.)

SRC News

Pyjama Day for a Cause

Congratulations THS ! You've done it again, showing your big hearts and generosity for a good cause.

Pyjama Day was held on Friday June 11th raising money for our monthly contribution to purchasing of food for Central Coast Shelter where our students volunteer each month. Gold coin donations collected by SRC during period 1 amounted to a fantastic \$710.45. This will go a long way. Thank you for showing your school spirit by getting involved and for your sense of social justice.

Our Youth Frontiers group also organised a fabulous cake and sweet sale to raise money for their charity of choice Twenty10. It was a fun event that was the "icing on the cake" for what was a fun and purposeful day.



Mrs Rankin
SRC Coordinator

Celebrating Attendance

Attendance has been a focus for all school across the State this year including at Terrigal. Mr Staniford has been working hard to keep everyone in class whilst I have been monitoring for students who have falling attendance.

The Department of Education and NESA push for students to have attendance rates above 85%. However, at Terrigal High we have decided to celebrate those students who are always with us. We are going to be celebrating attendance rates above 90%.

In Term Two alone, the number of students who have attendance of 90% or greater grew by 5% on the Term One attendance figures. Congratulations!!!

To celebrate, at our first full school assembly back next term there are going to be some prizes for our over 90% students. There will be one set of Air pods raffled which any student with an attendance rate of over 90% will have the chance to win regardless of year group. There will also be six \$10.00 canteen vouchers per year group will be raffled off for students who have an attendance rate of over 90%.

School Attendance is so important and to emphasise this point, we intend on repeating the prize draw in Terms Three and Four.

Keep up the good work, keep attending school and remember that everyday counts!

Below is a figure that looks at % attendance per school year and equates that to lessons missed.

Attendance % per school year	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95% =	10 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90% =	20 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85% =	30 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80% =	40 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75% =	50 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70% =	60 days	12 weeks	300 lessons
65% =	70 days	14 weeks	350 lessons

(Based on 200 days per year, 4 terms x 50 days per term, 5 lessons per day)

Ms Roberts & Mr Staniford
Attendance Team Leaders

Support Unit

We've had such a busy term in the Support Unit at Terrigal High with lots of learning and skill building happening! All three classes have been busy developing their hand eye coordination by practicing racket sports in PDHPE, and have enjoyed a day trip to compete at the school athletics carnival. Science has been very interesting! We have been exploring the topic of 'living things' and had the opportunity to experience our very first dissection experiment! During HSIE, we have been learning about Japanese culture and language. We now know how to use traditional greetings and have explored the three different writing systems used in Japan!

Yellow and Blue classes had so much fun during the beach excursion for Outdoor Education. They loved playing team sports on the sand and working collaboratively with each other. The Green class have been busy building skills in community access by catching the bus to Erina Fair for some grocery shopping. Food Technology has also been a highlight this term as we have been learning all about Food Product Development. We've practiced safe food handling techniques, followed recipe procedures and worked in pairs to cook different types of food.

The students in the Support Unit have been kicking goals all year long, big congratulations everyone!

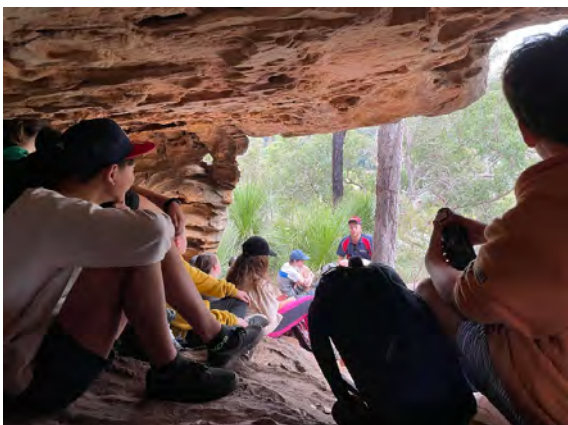


Ms Magin
Support Unit Teacher

Year 7 Camp

On 31st May to 2nd June Year 7 attended camp at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre. 167 Students left school at 8.15am on Monday morning and travelled by coach and ferry to the venue. Students participated in archery, initiatives, canoeing/kayaking, a bush walk, damper cooking and an amazing race along with some team building night activities.

A huge thanks to Mr Staniford, Miss Turisse, Miss Terry, Mr Baty, Mr Lambert, Miss Lambert-Minto, Mr Tremath, Mr Eldridge and Mrs McNamara for accompanying Year 7 and helping them to have a wonderful time away. We were all thoroughly exhausted on our arrival back to school on the Wednesday afternoon.



Miss Alchin
Year 7 Advisor

Science News

Year 10 Marine & Aquaculture Technology

Year 10 have begun visiting the Marine Discovery Centre once a fortnight. This regular visit is aimed at improving student knowledge about our local marine environment and the impacts facing it. Students will also learn about marine aquariums and related aquarium maintenance.



Mr Staniford
Head Teacher (rel.) Science

Year 11 Biology Wonga Point Bateau Bay Excursion

At the beginning of Term 2, Year 11 Biology students went to Wonga Point Bateau Bay as part of their ecosystems Depth Study. During their visit they were led through a series of ecosystem sampling techniques and were able to get hands on experience at collecting data in the field. Students worked in groups to investigate the varied organisms that live within each zone of the rock platform, as well as using apparatus to take measurements of the non-living factors. Overall, it was a great day and students learnt some valuable lessons in ecosystem sampling techniques, as well as discovering that crows are pretty clever at opening bags to steal lunches!!



Mrs Fletcher
Science Teacher

Year 11 Earth & Environmental Science

Students conducted a microplastics survey down at Terrigal Lagoon as part of their Human Impacts module. The students were supported by the Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre and were surprised by the level of waste collected along the tide line in one day. The data collected was sent to Macquarie University as part of a nationwide data base on plastic pollution on our beaches and oceans.



Mathematics News

Year 12 Standard 2

Students have recently been looking at bivariate data. Mrs Surya's class took measurements to see if there was any correlation between their arm span and their height, their foot length and their forearm, their hand span and the length of their face. The findings were very interesting and there were plenty of smiles on faces.



Ms Austin
Science Teacher



Mrs Surya
Maths Teacher

Around TAS

Textiles

Stage 5 Textiles students have just finished up their patchwork cushion covers. They have produced a beautiful array of tonal explorations and stretched their sewing skills to incorporate some intricate features.



Year 8 Technology Mandatory Pinball Wizards!

Year 8s have been investigating engineered systems this semester. Utilising linkages, simple machines and the transfer of energy they have produced some attractive and engaging pinball machine prototypes.



Year 10 iSTEM

The year 10 iSTEM class are currently finishing up their Mechatronics unit. Having met all the teacher challenges, including navigating a maze, they have now set themselves their own challenges. The students are planning, carrying out robot rebuilds and specialised coding.



Ms Turner
Head Teacher TAS

CAPA News

Terrigal High School Music Showcase

Congratulations to the talented music students who performed to a very appreciative crowd at Avoca Beach Theatre on Monday evening. It was great to be back at this beautiful local venue which gives our students, their families and friends a little touch of magic as a performance space.

Students from year 7 to year 12 performed a variety of genres and musical styles to joyful applause. Thank you to those students for sharing their gift of music with us and to their families, friends and teachers who came along to support them. A very special night was had by all who attended.



Central Coast Showcase

Congratulations to these successful nominees who will be performing at Laycock St Theatre in August. Musicians Jade J, David J, Josiah P, Imogen H and Matthew W were all successful in having their items selected for these fantastic concerts showcasing the talent of Central Coast Public schools. Congratulations THS!

Mrs Rankin
Music Teacher

Sports News

U15 Boys AFL

The Central Coast is undoubtedly a haven for all the backwards ball throwing sports and often there doesn't seem to be a great deal of room for the likes of a swan or a giant or a crow. So when I put the call out for under 15s boys AFL, I couldn't help but wonder who in this touch footy town would put their hand up to play? Well, a bunch of (mostly) leaguey ruffians of course (and 2 or 3 actual AFL players, just to make us look good). Hence, on the 6th of June, with team appointed captain Ken G at the helm, the under 15 boys took to Bateau Bay AFL oval to contend in the Central Coast's AFL Swan Shield Gala Day.

After scaring the bejeezus out of Kincumber's ensemble of soccer players with both their physicality and zeal, the Terrigal boys shook off both opposition and whatever possible self-doubt and went on to blitz all their games during the day, finally beating Brisbane Water and securing their path to not only the Sydney North Final but also to taking home the Swan Shield.

Our final was against Killara High School at Blackman Park in Lane Cove on the 15th of June. The boys rallied their strength and spirit again and produced some beautiful moments of skilful ball manoeuvring and attacking pressure in our forward 50. Unfortunately experience would win out this time and Killara were able to take the game away from us and progress to the next round.

Whilst here ends Terrigal High's AFL venture for 2021, I wouldn't want to close the book on this particular sporting chapter without a special mention to Jake G for his great diligence in keeping the whole squad well

hydrated and to Martin Allen-Scott for goal umpiring and acting as assisting coach. Finally a massive thank you to all parents who assisted with transport needs and congratulations to all the squad who put in time and energy for training and games. Your commitment, athleticism, physicality (albeit a little too exuberant at times) and camaraderie made the whole experience thoroughly enjoyable!



Miss Bond
LOTE Teacher

Library Update

We are excited to tell you that the library now has access to a collection of audiobooks. There is a number of ways in which you can access them.

1. Follow [this link](#) and sign in using your Department of Education login. You are then able to browse the collection and borrow audiobooks. You will have access for two weeks. If you notice any greyed out books, they are currently on loan.
2. The second way to access the audiobooks is by using the Terrigal High School library catalogue, which you can access via your Department of Education Portal. Once you have entered a search, simply click on the word 'TYPE' to expand this list and select 'audiobook'. Once you have selected an audiobook to borrow you will be taken to the same site as above.

If you have any questions, please contact the librarian, Miss Gale via email lyndall.gale@det.nsw.edu.au

Miss Gale
Teacher Librarian

Careers Corner

Important Reminders

YR12 UAC applications are open and will close 30th September. Don't forget to check early entry through specific websites. The Schools Recommendation closes on the 19th September.

EVET Tafe applications will be open from the start of Term 3. Please see Ms Bates to apply so you don't miss out. They will close strictly at the end of Term 3.

Ms Bates Professional Development to the new Medical Centre at Gosford Hospital

Ms Bates attended a professional development day the new Medical clinic in Gosford. The Gosford Hospital precinct has recently undergone a major upgrade, including construction of a state-of-the-art research and education facility that will house The University of Newcastle Central Coast Clinical School. The building is due for completion in mid-2021. The new facility will include:

- Advanced three ward simulation centre
- Purpose built anatomy and histology lab
- Skills lab
- Health library
- Virtual reality spaces
- Interdisciplinary learning suite and multiple lecture, seminar, tutorial and meeting rooms

This is an amazing opportunity for students looking to do Medicine!



Central Coast Joint Medical Program Information Session Webinar

There will be a presentation via webinar by A/Prof Amanda Dawson, Clinical Dean of the Central Coast Clinical School, as well as the chance to hear from current and past medical students and junior doctors. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end. [Click HERE](#) for details and to register.

Careers Expo

The Central Coast Career Pathways Expo was held again this year at Avondale College of Higher Education. The emphasis of the Careers Expo is on examining industries and the range of career pathways and further education, training and employment opportunities available. The Career Pathways Expo relevance to students in Year 10 selecting subjects for Year 11 or considering further education, training and/or employment opportunities.



Work Experience

Year 10 students should be planning their Work Experience if they haven't already done so. Whilst there is no set date for them it is highly advised they participate in this very valuable experience before the end of the year. Students were given information on this earlier in the year. If they need a form or more information please see Ms Bates in Careers!

Australian Defence Force Talk

Students interested in any of the Defence Force areas such as Army, Navy or Airforce attended a talk here at school on June 10th and found out how to join the Defence Force as either a general entry applicant, an officer or a "Gap Year" applicant. They also discovered the many benefits of joining the defence Force, which include; higher than average pay; no study fees such as HECS (in other words, the Defence Force pays you to get a qualification!) and travel and medical costs are covered.

Ms Bates
Careers Advisor