

Terrigal High School NEWSLETTER

Featured artwork done at home in lockdown by Charlotte F of Yr 11

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Principals Report

I would like to start this newsletter report by saying congratulations to everyone in our school community for having a go and doing what you can. We are living through a unique time and by facing each day with a positive mindset we can get through this together. This newsletter contains great examples of students and teachers making the most of the time at home and bringing some joy into their day. There are more examples on the THS Wellbeing Hub

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/thhs-wellbeing-hub/home>.

Staff news

This week we farewelled Mrs Hazell as she retires into country life. Mrs Hazell has been a well-respected Science teacher and successfully guided students through the intricacies of the Biology HSC course. Mr Ben Bryant joins us to replace Mrs Hazell and joins us from Wadalba Community School.

Year 12 news

Congratulations to our Year 12 Society and Culture students who submitted their personal interest projects (PIPs) to NESA for marking on Monday. This year's group explored a range of topics including perceptions of beauty, gender politics in the mainstream media, roadblocks to careers in the arts, toxic masculinity and mental health in society. I have read some of the PIPs and have been impressed with the depth of understanding of the topics, the appropriate choices to reference primary and secondary sources and the quality of the academic writing.

This year's Year 12 students have shown resilience and understanding beyond their years as they grapple with the constant announcements and changes required as we fight this virus together. As a school our decision making is focused on how best we can meet the needs of our students.

Based on the government's announcement we will only be hosting a handful of students for short periods of time to collect equipment or access specialist facilities in order to complete major works. After extensive research of options, the executive have decided to cancel the Trial HSC examinations scheduled for weeks 7 and 8 and instead run "mock trials" for students to practice under exam conditions.

The picture below shows Year 12 student, Liem T, collecting his exam papers, writing booklets and a complementary box of chocolates.



Year 11 Preliminary Exams

Year 11 are currently finishing the last few topics for each syllabus. At this stage there have been no decisions as to the final assessments for the Preliminary courses as we await further advice from the government. Once guidelines have been published the school will make student centred decisions and advise Year 11 and their families accordingly.

Junior students

Students in Years 7 to 10 have been engaging well with Teams meetings and Google classroom activities. The meetings are an opportunity for teachers to provide feedback on the previous day's tasks and introduce the new work. The students are also challenged with a range of non-screen base activities including the PDHPE 1000 point challenge and craft activities.

We miss all our students and look forward to the day when we can safely be together again.

Mrs Turik
Principal



Library Update



For anyone looking for some online support, take a look at the [THS Library website](#). You will find lots of tools to support student learning and reading.

Here is what you will find on each of the pages:

Home

- Video tutorials to demonstrate how & where to find information. A great skill to have not only for now, but later in life.
- Links to pages with research support & the State Library of NSW

Reading

- Links, reading log and information about the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge
- Link to audiobooks
- Fun reading sites
- Suggested reading for teenagers and young adults

Information Resources

- Links for the State Library of NSW, including HSC support
- Links to quality information web sites. This includes Google Scholar, Government sites and newspapers

Study Tools

- PDF documents including: daily, weekly & term planners, graphic organisers and more
- Link to online tool for citing resources for your bibliography

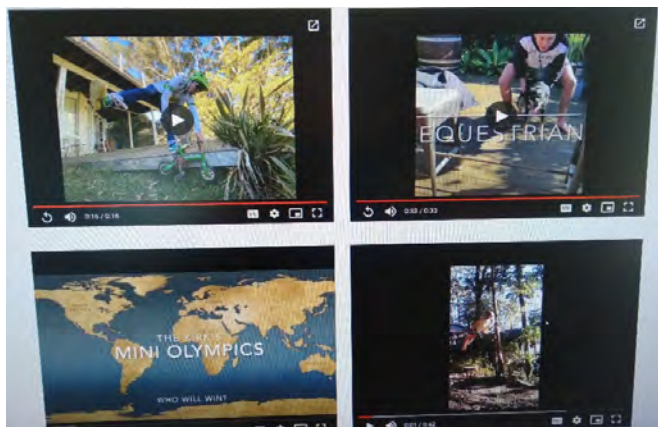
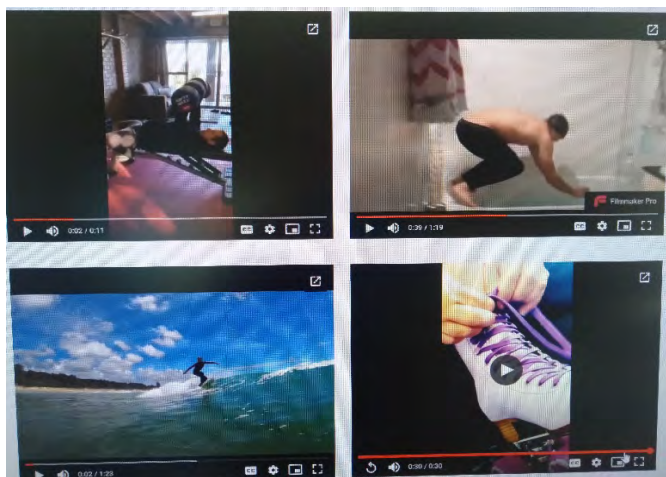
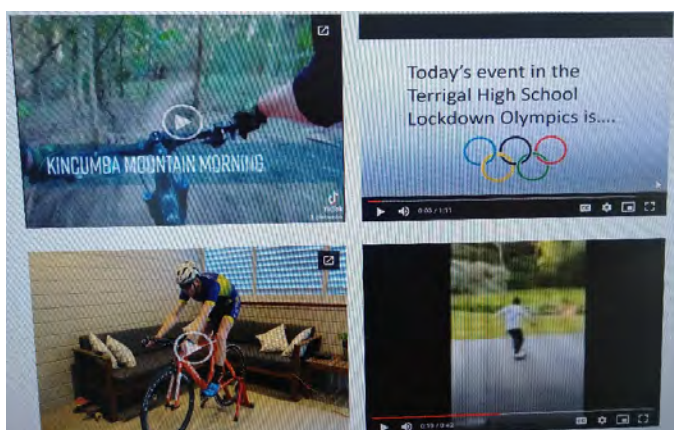
Miss Gale
Teacher Librarian

THS Wellbeing Hub

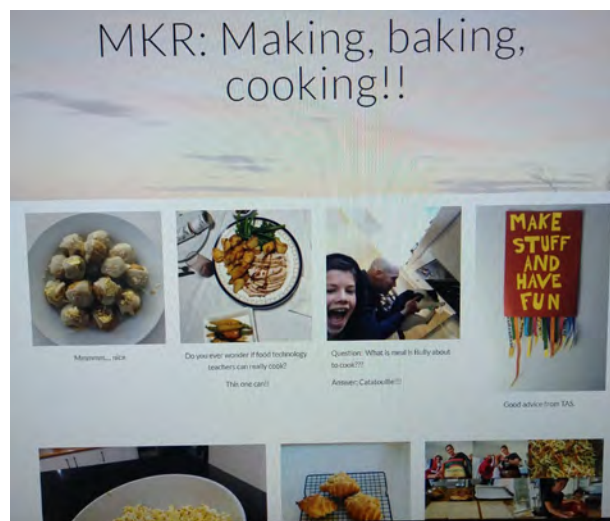
Be sure to visit the [THS Wellbeing Hub](#) where you will find plenty of resources to support you during the lock down period. There are links to support agencies that students or parents may wish to access, plus fun pages to take your mind off things. If any parents/carers have ideas or materials they feel may be useful please email Mr Yates (David.yates5@det.nsw.edu.au).

Here is a snapshot of what you'll find;

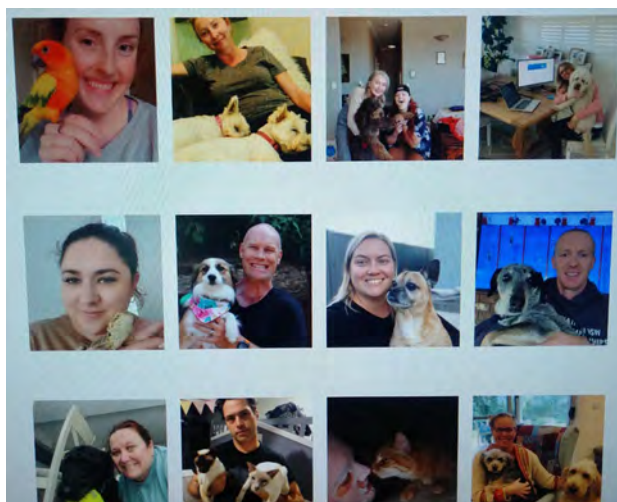
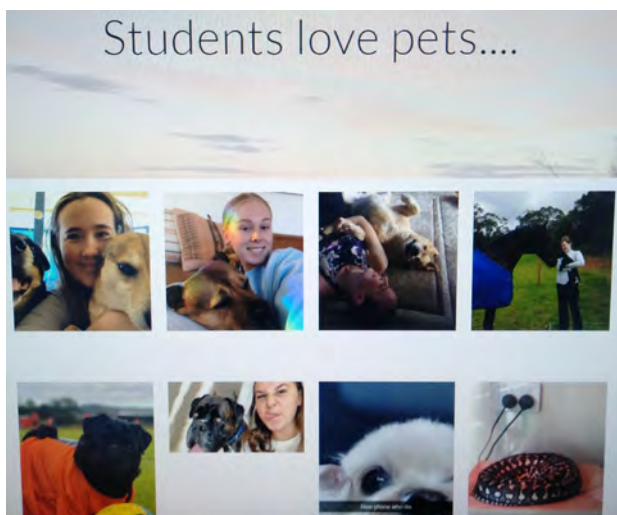
Staff and students going for gold in the THS Lockdown Olympics!



With our favourite cafes and restaurants closed there is certainly a lot more cooking going on at home. Staff and students share their culinary skills!



And how could we get by without our furry friends! These happy snaps are bound to put a smile on your face!



Mr Yates
Head Teacher Wellbeing

Careers Corner



Year 12 Reminders

- UAC applications close 30th September.
- SRS Early Entry Applications close 19 September

University of Newcastle

"Uni & Me" Online Session for Year 12 Tuesday August 17, 9am – 12pm

What is "Uni & Me"?

- Exclusive 15 minute **one-on-one session** with a current student ambassador.
- **Individual tailored plan.** Walk away with your individually developed plan, mapping out all the pathways to achieve your goals (what if I don't get the marks?).
- **Resources.** Receive prospectus guides in your dream degree.
- **Academic & Scholarship support.** Let the student ambassador walk you through all the support available once you're here.
- **Early entry pathways.** Find out how you can get an offer before everyone else.
- **University life.** Find out everything you need to know about the social life at Uni.

To book your session:

1. Click on the [booking link](#)
2. Select your schools Uni & Me date (as above)
3. Select a student ambassador from the drop down box on the right. Please note, any student ambassador will be able to answer your questions.
4. Book in a time.
5. You will receive a confirmation email after you have booked your session, and a reminder the day before.

Reminder to Year 10

Work experience is not allowed during the Greater Sydney Lockdown!

Ms Bates
Careers Advisor

Writing Improvement Now (WIN)

Terrigal High School's **WIN** writing initiative



The WIN "Writing Improvement Now" competition allows teachers to nominate their students who submit quality writing during lessons. However, we have a new division where students themselves can submit pieces of writing; the Poetry Division. Submissions for this division are being accepted currently. Students can email their work to

terrighighschoolccoast@gmail.com

We know there are a lot of talented poets in our school community and cannot wait to see what they come up with!

Congratulations to our Term 2 WIN winners.

Jet A (Yr 7) for PDHPE

Keelan S (Yr 8) for Science

Mitchell R (Yr 9) for HSIE

Taisha M (Yr 10) for Visual Arts

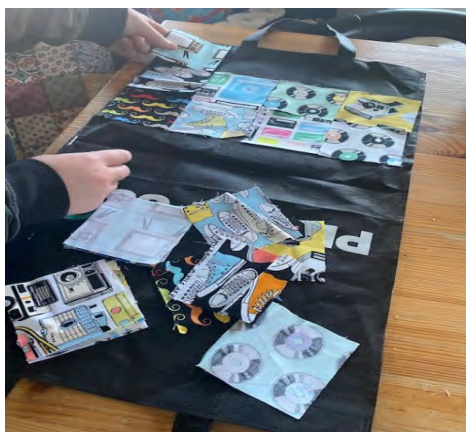
Ashlyn F (Yr 8) for the Poetry Division

Mrs Middleby
WIN Coordinator

Stage 5 Textiles

Year 9 and 10 students have been using their textiles skills to make many mindful and creative projects during lockdown. We have some very talented students who are enjoying learning and refining their skills and taking time away from their computer screens. Mrs Ferguson and Ms Martin are very proud of their efforts.

Here are some examples of their fabulous work.





Ms Martin and Mrs Ferguson
Teachers (TAS)

