

# Terrigal High School NEWSLETTER

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## Deputy Principal's Report

From Mrs Turik's chair this week, I would like to offer my congratulations to our school community for making it through the first full school term since July last year. As a new member of the Terrigal High School family, it has certainly been a term of firsts for me: first Swimming Carnival, first Year 7 BBQ, first Parent Teacher interviews, first P&C Meeting, first Year 12 progress interviews.

Beginning the year with masks, cohorting, social distancing and bi-weekly RAT testing to where we are now, finalising assessments, Year 12 Semester 1 reporting, re-engaging in inter-school sporting competitions, going on excursions again and being able to have our parents and community members on site, makes it obvious just how well everyone has worked together and hasn't allowed the impact of the past year to change what is important: engaging in quality learning experiences.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Terrigal High staff for their commitment and resilience throughout this term and for their continuing support of our students; through their development of online resources to support those who have needed to learn remotely and re-developing routines and high expectations in classrooms.

On behalf of the senior executive team, we wish you all a relaxing and recharging Easter break. Safe travels for those of you getting away and for all, I hope it's a time to be able to connect with family and friends.

Ms Rachel McNeilly  
Deputy Principal

## Term 2 – Key Dates

- Tues April 26 - Staff Development Day
- Weds April 27 - Start of Term 2, all students return
- Thurs April 28 - THS Athletics Carnival
- Weds May 4 - Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Tues May 10 - NAPLAN for Year 7 & 9 commences (tests are held on varying days over 2 weeks)
- Mon May 30 - Year 7 Camp (2 nights, 3 days)



## Attendance Matters

Term 1 has certainly been an interesting term on the attendance front. With an increase in the number of COVID cases and students isolating, we have not sent out the less than 85% attendance letters that we would usually send in week 9. Whilst isolation and COVID cannot be helped, it is really important for students to be maintaining high attendance. It is a Department of Education requirement that we let you know when your student's attendance is below 85%.

Mr Staniford has been busy chasing our truants. Any student caught truanting will be placed on a purple period by period attendance card in addition to completing detention. Please talk to your students and stress the importance of being in all classes.

With the cold weather about to set in, it would be very easy to curl up and stay in bed. However, Term 2 will see a crackdown on lateness. It is really important that students be on time to school to allow maximum levels of teaching and learning to take place.

If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to call us. General attendance enquires should be directed to Ms Edwards in the office.



Ms Roberts & Mr Staniford  
THS Attendance Team

## Year 7 News

I would like to thank all students, parents and carers for attending the year 7 welcome BBQ last week. It was so great to see many returning families with their second or third child joining year 7 at THS. I hope all our new families found comfort in meeting the team that will be guiding their child through high school at Terrigal.

Year 7 had an unfortunate transition period last year only being able to visit our premises for a few hours in term 4. Their first glimpses of high school were through pre-prepared walkthrough videos and weekly zoom calls. They took this all in their stride and turned up day 1 wide eyed with their masks on ready for their high school journey.

Since then, students have enjoyed their first swimming carnival and have happily seen the back end of N95s for the near future. Students have also earned their Bunsen burner and calculator license along with many of them using a power tool for the first time in the woodwork rooms.

Coming up next term will be the inaugural high school camp. This year we are heading to Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens which has an extremely high reputation within the community. This will be happening in week 6 and is promised to be an exciting and relaxing 3 days after their NAPLAN exams in week 4.

Thank you to all students for their hard work, dedication, and resilience so far this year, it has not gone unnoticed by all staff at Terrigal High School.

Mr Baty  
Year Advisor



## Science News

### HSC Biology Excursion – The Museum of Human Disease

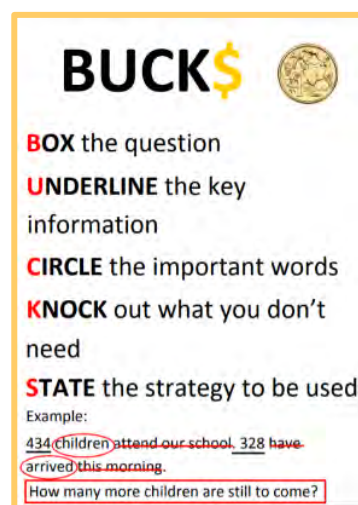
On Monday 14th March HSC Biology students attended The Museum of Human Disease at The University of New South Wales. Students were able to examine an array of specimens linked to both infectious and non-infectious disease. Throughout the day, students also developed their understanding of genetics. Students that attended are to be commended on their exemplary behaviour on the day.



Mrs Fletcher & Mr Staniford  
Science Teachers

## Mathematics News

It's been a great term in Mathematics, Years 7 and 9 have been preparing for NAPLAN with targeted strategies introduced including the BUCKS problem solving strategy. This strategy has been also widely used in other years and has been proven valuable in solving worded problems and organising mathematical thinking with a strategic and targeted response.



All courses will have completed their first assessment task in 2022 in the past few weeks. This is a great time to reflect on your study habits and set goals for the remaining tasks. I encourage all students to seek feedback from their teachers on how they can improve their understanding and even their assessment practices.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 all have access to MathsOnline which has great resources to prepare you for assessments and ensure that you are revising after class.

Year 11 and 12 Mathematics courses have access to Google Sites. This resource is a great way to ensure that you are preparing well for assessment tasks and has loads of HSC revision resources and the current textbook chapters.

On the 21st July there is a Year 12 Mathematics Standard 2 study day hosted by Aurora College that will be delivered online at school. If you are interested, please have a conversation with your Maths teacher. We will send more information when the day gets closer and look to confirm numbers for the day.

I hope all students and families enjoy their holidays and come back refreshed for a great term 2 in Mathematics.

Mr Willis  
Head Teacher Mathematics

## University of Newcastle Illuminate Business Challenge

We were finally able to present the travelling University of Newcastle trophy to members of our two amazing teams who came 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place in last year's Illuminate Business Challenge, at our school assembly late this term. Our two teams competed against 23 other teams from schools across the Central Coast, so we are very proud of their achievements. Students had to come up with a business idea around the theme, 'building community resilience' and devise marketing material and financial statements as well as complete several other challenges throughout the week. A big congratulations to our two teams!

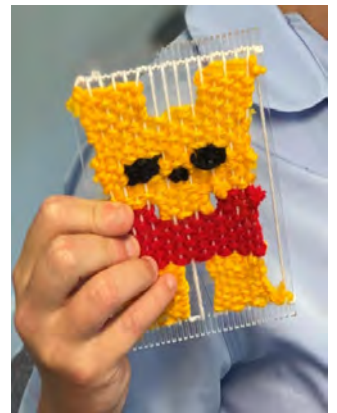


Ms Massie  
HSIE Teacher

## Around TAS

### Multicat Students Get Creative in IA

In Industrial Arts, students using looms created on the laser cutter made a weaved character. Students were very engaged in this task with some wonderful creations produced, including Winnie the Pooh and other characters.



Ms Bayliss  
TAS Teacher



## Year 12 Engineering – Bridge Challenge

The year 12 Engineering Studies students have recently been putting in hours of extra time to produce the lightest strongest bridge. There were some exceptionally efficient bridges, with the standout being the one constructed by Sebastian, Oran and Liam. Their bridge weighed less than 200 grams and managed to hold 50 kilograms before failure. Miles and Angus made a relatively heavy, but very strong bridge, managing to hold 94 kilograms. Well done to the whole class for your consistent efforts with this task.



Ms Turner  
Head Teacher TAS

## Sports News

### All Things Dance

It has been a busy Term for the Year 11 Preliminary Dance class preparing to complete the first Practical Performance Task, Written Report and delivery of Oral Interview responses. The girls have worked collaboratively as a team to produce some very good responses. Well done Yr 11.



Year 10 Dance has completed classes covering Barre work, Floor work, Corner work and Stretch and Strengthen this term. The girls have really enjoyed extending their skills in different and challenging dance activities and have all shown a creative flair for choreography when asked to develop their own phrases and sequences. Well done Yr 10.



Mrs Walker  
Dance Teacher

## Open Girls Hockey

On March 16<sup>th</sup> our open girls hockey team played against Kincumber High at Wyong Hockey Centre. From the onset of the game, the Terrigal girls played as a united front. They gave their all against a team stacked with State and representative players. THS held their own and continued to be stronger throughout the match, improving their defence and tackling skills. We were encouraged and supported by our very capable captain, Lauren, one of our experienced players and with the skills of Jessica and Alana as well, the team were encouraged and improved their performance as well as increased their experience.

The girls played a full 4 x 15-minute quarters in the heat. Mia our incredible goalie, who was sweltering all geared up, saved so many goals from entering the goal cage, she connected with the ball and basically kicked it out of the park so many times keeping the opposition's score much lower than it could have been.

At the end of the day, Kincumber's' experience and the use of their State players overcome our girls, many of whom were playing for the first or second time. It was a dramatic finish as in the last 4 seconds Jessica with the help of a united team powered the ball the length of the field to almost score. We were all on the edge of our seats. The end result was 8-0, but it felt far more like 4-1. Well done girls, you all had a great game and there were still lots of smiles at the end.



## Open Girls Tennis

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> our open girls tennis team consisting of Andie B, Summer W, Scarlett W & Kaylie T, played against Tuggerah Lakes College (The Entrance Campus). We had a challenging first-round match against a team that has been playing together since they were in Year 8 and are now all in Yr 11-12. After all this rain we were very lucky to get a beautiful day of sunshine which made it an enjoyable day.

Our girls played well and had a close game to end the day in a tiebreaker, but unfortunately on countback, we were defeated by a stronger, experienced team.

We thank Kaylie Yr 12 for joining us this year, and I am looking forward to next year and watching the remaining girls get stronger as players.



Mrs Warren  
PDHPE Teacher



## Indigenous Talent ID Day – Central Coast Academy of Sport

In Week 8 Mr Thew and Miss Terry took 14 students to the Indigenous Talent ID Day at Breakers Stadium. The UAA – Central Coast Academy of Sport (CCAS) Indigenous Talent ID Day is a 'first of its kind' where the CCAS has developed a sporting platform for athletes to be identified to gain selection in one of the CCAS sports programs. Those identified will be offered the opportunity to advance to fully funded scholarship positions with the CCAS Scholarship Programs or provided support as they seek entry into a new sporting pathway. We all had a great day and got some good results in the sporting and fitness tests!



Ms Terry  
PDHPE Teacher

### Community Sport News

Portia R (Yr 9) has been selected to paddle for the NSW Junior State Dragon Boat Squad and will be representing NSW at the Australian Championships in Adelaide on the 8th April. Portia has been training with the NSW State Team for the last 8 weeks on Darling Harbour in preparation for the Australian Championships. In addition to her NSW State training, she trains 3 days per week with her local club 'Deepwater Dragons' out of Saratoga. Her local coach is Kathy

Cummings was awarded 'Coach of the Year' in 2021 by Dragon Boat NSW.

Dragon Boat racing is one of the few sports that caters for all ages; from 12 to 90 years! Pictured below is Portia and her Mum holding a winning trophy from a race that they recently completed in together.



## Lunch Clubs at THS

From the beginning of Term 2 we will be running a variety of lunchtime clubs for students to be involved in. Students are invited to come along and see what each club has to offer.

Here is our A-Z of Clubs...

### Ball Games

Calling Year 7 and 8 students who would like to be involved in ball games at recess and lunchtime. Meet Fletcher, Will or Jordan outside the hall near the Year 7 area every recess and lunch Monday to Friday.

### Board Games

Come and join Emma every Monday and Thursday in R5 for board games and general get together.

### Computer Club

Come and join us for Computer Club in the Library on Thursday Week A - Ms Gale and Ms Evans.

### **Chess Club**

Lead the King or Queen of your army to victory! Any students wanting to play one of the most famous and challenging games in the world are welcome to attend chess club every week in Lab 1 during Friday lunchtimes. Challenge your friends, learn the game, develop sneaky, powerful, and crushing tactics to destroy your opponent. All skill levels welcome - Mr Court.

### **Craft Corner**

Card making, crocheting, knitting, needlework Join some like-minded craft lovers for a bit of creative fun in a relaxed atmosphere. Monday lunchtimes Week A in Red 5. All are welcome, no experience is needed. Just bring your smile and your lunch. All equipment will be supplied. Can't wait to see you there - Mrs Surya, Mrs Warren & Ms Heyworth.

### **Dance Club**

Year 7 and 8 Dance club will run Thursday lunch times. It is an opportunity for Year 7 and 8 students to expand their creativity, build on their Dance fitness or participate simply because they love the art of dance. The Dance Club is run by Mrs Walker and utilises student choreographers and teachers. Year 7 and 8 students are able to build self-confidence, self-discipline, poise, and grace. Most importantly, Dance club is fun!

### **Drama Club**

Why Do Drama Club? Drama Club is an inclusive space in which students experiment with various aspects of drama, from drama games and performance to group devised works. They experiment with different dramatic styles and forms to develop dramatic skills, boost self-confidence and work on team building, problem solving and being a constructive and reflective audience member – Ms Alchin.

### **Film Club**

The group will be focusing on a selection of films (all PG) and discussing cinematic traits and their effects on an audience. Meet Mr Watson in B2 every Monday at lunchtime.

### **Flipside Christian Group**

The Flipside Christian Group meets every Friday in R7 with Ms Bond.

### **Football Club**

Mr Thew will be running a Football Club starting in Term 2. Check in with him in the Science Staffroom for a day and time.

### **Mindful Making**

Mindful Making is an art club aimed at facilitating therapeutic creative making in a relaxing, safe environment. Feel free to bring your lunch and come along to have some good conversation while making art of your choosing. This club is held every Thursday in Art 1 with Ms Friend.

### **Mosaic Artwork**

Come along and try your hand at creating a dazzling artwork, using tiles, glue, wood and grout! You will be supplied with all the materials to create your masterpiece. You will just need to bring your imagination and a pinch of patience! We will meet in R5 every Thursday B. Spots will be limited due to space and materials so register with Belinda in Wellbeing if you would like to attend.

### **Music Club**

Ever wanted to join a rock band? Come along to Music Club on Wednesdays at lunch to collaborate with other like-minded people. We will jam in Music Rooms 1& 2. Bring your own instrument if you want to (no drum kits!) and a good attitude – Mr Kane.



### **Nintendo Club**

Every Friday at Recess Nintendo Club will meet in R7 with Ms Bond. Come along and see what it is all about.

### **Solace – A Safe Place**

Anyone wanting to join Ms Alchin to have a safe place to discuss different issues, join her every Wednesday A in the Drama Room.

### **WITS (Writers in the School)**

Every Friday at lunch, in Art 4 with Ms Middleby. Calling all writers; song writers, slam poets, game /music reviewers, social/environmental/political critics, story tellers. The list goes on..... If you have something to say, make it stay. Write. Join WITS and write in a safe, nurturing and rewarding environment.

Mrs Kenny  
Head Teacher Wellbeing

