



Terrigal High School NEWSLETTER

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Principals Report

Term 2 has seen a continued, dynamic, and busy time across our school community. The reporting cycle for this semester is now complete with the parent teacher evenings earlier this term, and more recently parents and caregivers receiving their child's formal semester 1 reports.

Thank you to everyone who engaged with the Subject Selection process with your child to ensure their chosen subjects are best suited to their strengths and interests in 2024. Our Year 10 students, parents and caregivers in particular had a more rigorous process this semester with online/face to face interviews enabling a more accurate HSC pattern of study in Year 11. Congratulations to all involved in this reworked process.

Year 6 into 7 transition has begun with our wellbeing team communicating regularly with our partner primary schools THS and EHPS. The Year 7 2024 Information evening was held in week 9, and it was fantastic to meet so many incoming students and families who attended this evening to assist their child transition to the high school setting.

We continue to set and enforce expectations for all of our students here at Terrigal High School. Expectations in the classroom, playground and interactions with peers and staff are all highly important to allow everyone to learn and feel connected to our school community.

THS Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, and Excellence.

Attendance: Each day of learning contributes towards success (Responsibility and Excellence).

Wearing the full school uniform and bringing the correct learning equipment (Responsibility and Respect) Having the correct tools to do the job! Demonstrating the correct attitude clearly by

showing up ready to learn each day. Reading your timetable in advance and bringing the correct equipment to school is vital for full engagement in learning experiences (Excellence and Integrity). We appreciate our Parents and Caregivers support with ensuring that their child is dressed for school and ready for learning.

If you are having issues related to accessing uniforms, please contact the school for options, and provide a written note to DP's for your child to avoid follow up.

If the uniform issue is related to attitude (choice) we will continue to work with those students and their parents. I appreciate the overwhelming majority of students who attend school wearing their uniform proudly each day.

Year 11 and 12 students and parents/caregivers have been emailed updated information around Flexible Attendance and the relaunching of the Senior Study Hub. Senior students are to use the kiosks located at administration and the amphitheatre to sign in and out whilst on flexible attendance. Our Careers Department have relocated to the library, so they are more accessible to our students for more effective communication with our seniors.

Communication has been sent to parents and caregivers and students around our end of term events. These being our CAPA concert (Tuesday 27th June), We Strive Awards BBQ (Wednesday 28th June) and We Strive Student Assembly (Thursday 29th June, Period 2) and the SRC End of Term 2 whole school event (Thursday 29th June, Periods 3 and 4).

These activities, along with the many extra-curricular opportunities offered to our students provide quality experiences for all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our SRC, Wellbeing Team and THS staff for their hard work organising these events for our students.

It has been a great term and an active learning environment. Congratulations to all students and staff for your Term 2 efforts. Please have a restful and safe holiday break. Upon return to Term 3 let's all strive for our best.

Mrs Sharnee Klempert
Relieving Principal

Term 3 – Key Dates

Mon July 17	- Staff Development Day
Tue July 18	- Start of Term 3, all students return from break
Wed July 19	-Mid-year Academic Award Ceremony
Mon July 24	- Trial HSC Exams start and run through to Fri August 4
Tue August 1	- Yr 10 Snow Trip through to Fri August 4
Mon September 4	- Yr 11 Preliminary Exams start and run through to Fri September 15
Thu September 21	- Yr 12 Graduation Ceremony

Debating News

In week 7 our Stage 4 Debating Team were up against Lisarow HS. The team consisted of Tehya H, Abby P, Imogen C and Jade T. Isla A was the chairperson. The topic was *"That parents should give pocket money as a reward for their kids' academic performance"*. Terrigal HS argued the affirmative side of the statement. It was extremely close, however, Terrigal were victorious in the end.

In week 9 our Stage 5 Debating Team were victorious in a nail-biter bout against Umina Campus - BWSC. The topic was *"That we should ban games and fundraisers like raffles which involve gambling"*. The Terrigal Team argued for the affirmative side. The team consisted of: Year 10 students Jordan R and Ellie L and Year 9 students Jayda J and Carmen M.

Mr Watson
English Teacher

All Things SRC

Our wonderful SRC, led by Ericalyn F, Bronte H, Max B and Cooper B have our Coffee Clinic, successfully up and running now, each morning, before period 1. We are so grateful to the SRC volunteers and to the Year 11 Hospitality student volunteers, who make amazing coffee for our staff and senior students (who pay for these coffees, of course!!) and queue each morning for their coffees. We are grateful to our Principal, Mrs Klempert, our Business Manager, Ms Hardman and our Hospitality teacher, Mrs Richards, for their assistance. Our students are doing a fabulous job, running a business!!!



Three weeks ago, Bronte H, Ericalyn F, Olivia H and Rory Z accompanied me to Coast Shelter after school and helped cook dinner for those in need. The food that we prepared and served, was funded by donations from our students and what an incredibly rewarding experience it was! We were privileged to be able to serve and chat with community members, in such a warm and supportive environment.



We began our fortnightly 'Charity Tuesday' this term, and our SRC have been collecting donations at year assemblies. We are grateful for our student's generosity and all funds raised will continue to be donated to Coast Shelter from our students. Coast Shelter are certainly grateful for this donation at a time where many in our community are doing it tough!

During Reconciliation Week, our SRC students collected donations from our students for 'mufti day' and also cooked sausages for sausage sandwiches sold to students at lunch time, an initiative organised by Ms Forrest. All funds raised on this day, were donated to the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation to help close the gap in educational outcomes.



Our School Captains, Max B and Cooper B, attended NSW Government House recently and met with the Terrigal NSW Member, Adam Crouch MP, and the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, 30th Governor of NSW. They were able to discuss important issues affecting our youth and also had the opportunity of watching question time at Parliament House. We are grateful to Max and Cooper for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school!



I must make mention also, of Ellie L (Year 10), who has been tirelessly, raising and lowering the flags at the entrance to our school each day, seemingly forever. She has now trained up some wonderful volunteers in Year 7 and 8, Nellie W, Isla K, Maddie C, Evie P, Charlotte H and Tyler C who have been relieving Ellie and we are all so grateful to these students for taking on this honour and daily responsibility. We have the Australian flag, the NSW flag, the Aboriginal flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag, so there is much to do each morning and afternoon. Thank-you so much Ellie and to our wonderful Year 7 and 8 students.



Finally, our Year 11 SRC students, Angus M, Jake G, Jack P and Joshiah P have spent much time in arranging the activities for our Terrigal High School Fun Day. This is a busy time of term for Year 11 who are currently in their assessment block so these young men, are juggling their academic workload with this, to benefit all students in our school. Of course, our school leaders, Ericalyn, Bronte, Max and Cooper have all dedicated enormous time to this, as has the remainder of our SRC. I look forward to sharing photos and experiences in the next newsletter.



It continues to give me great pleasure to work with our SRC, whose integrity and devotion to our school and the wider community, inspires me every day.

Ms Massie
SRC Coordinator

Year 7 Camp

Towards the end of this term Year 7 finally got to go way to camp. Here is what Year 7 student Micayla R had to say;

Great Aussie Bush Camp was an amazing experience for the whole of Year 7. It was packed with heaps of fun and we all made so many lifetime memories. We caught a bus up to camp which got us there at around 12.00pm, full of adrenaline and ready to have the time of our lives.

We got off the buses and went straight to lunch. We were then assigned our cabins. We had plenty of awesome activities which everyone loved and participated in. We then had dinner and played a group game of Commando in the bush. This was one of my highlights of the whole trip. We then had supper and were off to bed.

Rise and shine, 6.45am waking up to speakers and all the instructors singing and then we were off to a day jam-packed with incredible activities including giant swing, high ropes, survivor challenge (mud run) and many more along with a lot of sno-cones, snacks and laughs with your groups.

We then had dinner and ice-cream !!! It had been a long day so we played some games, sat around the campfire and had some scary stories. Then it was off to bed for an early 6.00am start, ready to clean our rooms and pack our bags, but we were not leaving just yet, we went to breakfast then had a couple more activities. After that, it was time to say goodbye to the Great Aussie Bushcamp and all of our amazing instructors.

Overall, this trip was packed with amazing activities, lots of fun, games and laughter but none of it would have been possible without the absolutely amazing organisation and planning of the Great Aussie Bush Camp staff and our amazing THS staff who gave up their time to help make our camp incredible.



Ms Allen
Year 7 Advisor

Game Changer Challenge

A huge congratulations to Abby P, Imogen C, Isla A, Tehya H and Jade T of Year 8 who were our school's entrants in the NSW Department of Education Game Changer Challenge. Our wonderful girls are now through to the Game Changer Challenge semi-finals. What an amazing achievement by this team, who came up with an amazing idea that will change our world and leave a lasting impact.



Ms Massie
HSIE Teacher

Around TAS

Year 8

After a semester of looking into Engineered Systems, Year 8s are now getting the chance to fill their Lolly Dispensers and test whether their gearing allows the release of lollies. Some students made additions of other simple machines, such as inclined slopes to increase the efficiency of their dispensers.



In preparation for the design of their bottle rockets, Year 8 STEM Passion Projects constructed some paper models to test for the Centre of Mass and the Centre of Pressure. Students wanted to see how these two 'centres' effected each other and whether a rocket would work better after changing their relative positions.



Year 9

Year 9 Engineering conducted the final test runs of their tallest, most stable towers. The students created drawings using Adobe Illustrator of interlocking repeatable units. Their drawings were then used to cut out their designs on the laser cutter. Using a limited amount of material, they needed to create the tallest tower that wouldn't fall over when being influenced by a simulated earthquake.



Year 11 Food Technology students have been learning about the scientific changes that food undergoes during cooking. During Week 9, students completed an Assessment task whereby they had to plan, prepare, and present a dish that demonstrated the changes that occurred to them during cooking. Students worked extremely hard and prepared some outstanding quality dishes. Well done Year 11. Ms Martin is very proud of your efforts.



Year 11

Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood had their Playgroup Assessment Task, an event looked forward to by participants young and old. Students invite young guests with custom designed and crafted invitations, plan the afternoon's activities, interact with the children and make teaching and learning observations.



Ms Turner
Head Teacher TAS

Sports News

Tennis Champs

This term our open boys tennis team became the Sydney North Champions, defeating Narrabeen Sports High in a competitive match 5 sets to 3. Toby E, Owen L, Ben R and Harvey B remain undefeated as a team and now look forward to the State Championship. The boys supported each other and represented the school with amazing sportsmanship and class.



Mr Lambert
Teacher

Careers Corner

THS Careers Website

The School has its own career website www.terrigalhscareers.com. Students and parents can use this site for a wide range of career information. This site is particularly useful for students in the senior years, however, other students can access information on part time employment while they are still at school. If students register in the "Student Only" area they will be able to make use of many of the proformas available. They can develop a resume, a cover letter, find out how to act in an interview, what to wear for an interview and many other things.

UAC (University Admission Centre)

University applications through UAC opened early April. The Careers Advisers are available in the Careers Office (now located in the Library) to guide students through the process and inform them of Early Entry programs.

Careers Expo

Year 12 attended the HSC and Careers Expo at Randwick Racecourse on Friday 2 June. Exhibitors included: universities, TAFE colleges and training providers, providers of HSC resources, organisations with apprenticeship information, organisations with employment opportunities, organisations with cadetship opportunities, providers of tutoring services, lecture and study skills programs, providers of international exchange and GAP year programs, providers of youth services and programs!



Construction Expo

Some Year 10 students had the opportunity today to participate in the Construction Festival. This included an expo with 30 exhibitors and students were able to hear from specialists on a panel the industry.



Year 10 Career Workshop

Year 10 participated in a Career Workshop with The Careers Department on Monday 19th June. The workshop covered: Things to consider for your pathway after school; Understanding who and what influences choice; How to evaluate these influences; Importance of networking; Debunking industry misconceptions and how to complete career exploration using the Careers Department website, among other resources.

Ms E Bates & Mrs J Bates
Careers Advisers



Maintenance work is available at public schools across the Hunter/Central Coast regions.

The NSW Government has committed to the largest investment in planned maintenance of public schools in NSW history. A record \$1.3 billion is being spent on an ambitious delivery program, with over \$100 million being invested to upgrade and maintain school infrastructure in the Hunter / Central Coast regions.

Want to work with us? We welcome all local trade and suppliers to join us at one of our Engagement Sessions.

Information about where and when you can meet us in person to find out more is listed below.

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- Welcome a student into your home and your heart
- Make them part of your family
- Support them during their exchange
- Help them become part of your community & their school



STUDENT EXCHANGE