

# Terrigal High School NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Report

Dear Terrigal HS Community,

On behalf of the teaching and non-teaching staff at Terrigal High School, I would like to thank you all for your support of our school community this year. Thank you also to our P and C and our Director Educational Leadership Mrs Jo Wilcher for their continued support across the year.

Our Year 12 students had an amazing formal organised by their Year Adviser Ms Turrise. Congratulations to our Year 12 cohort for their HSC results. As had 18 Band 6, and 83 Band 5's. We are very pleased in the growth of our HSC data, and we look forward to increasing again in 2024.

It was pleasing to see a lot of our students gain early entry into university with their preferred courses, and we wish them all the best for their futures.

Our substantive Principal Mrs Tania Turik has been successful in obtaining an ongoing role as a Principal School Leader (PSL) over the next two years. Congratulations to Tania on this appointment. I will be relieving in the principal role until the recruitment process is completed during Term 1 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tania for her leadership of Terrigal High School over the last 11 years and wish her all the best in her new role.

As a school, we have achieved so much this year. We have continued to deliver high quality education and having high expectations of our students and their learning. The school has offered an incredible array of extra-curricular activities to extend our students beyond the classroom. We have navigated, adapted, and adhered to new DoE policies, directions, and reforms, and educated and supported our students around their wellbeing.

Our staff have been engaging in professional learning to plan and prepare for the implementation of English, Mathematics and Languages new curriculum which commence in 2024. Other curriculum areas will be rolled out in a staggered fashion from 2025 onwards, and our staff will continue to keep abreast of the phases of curriculum implementation to engage, enact and embed the new syllabi.

I would like to thank the teaching and non-teaching staff of Terrigal High School for their expertise and support across 2023. We have had some impressive growth from our students with their learning. This value-added data sees Terrigal High School way above State Average and Similar School Groups. Congratulations to our staff and student for these results. Although we are very pleased and proud of this incredible growth, there is always room for more improvement, and we will continue to work together to grow every student to help them reach their full potential.

### **High Potential and CAPA program**

Congratulations to the successful applicants for these specialist classes/programs. Parents/students have been emailed results. Thank you to our HT T & L Mr James Blanch and Rel. HT CAPA Mrs Yolande Walker for overseeing the application/selection process.

### **Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM).**

Thank you to the students, staff and parents/caregivers who completed this digital survey to inform improvements at Terrigal High School. It was great to see our parents complete the survey for the first time, and more parents are encouraged to engage with the survey in 2024. This information is used to identify areas for growth which will be embedded into our Strategic Improvement plan strengthening our school.

# Principal's report continued

## Phone pouches

Please remind your child to pack their phone pouch into their school bag at the end of the school holidays for the 2024 year. Feedback from staff and a recent survey, indicates that all of our staff have noticed more engagement in class, with noticeable changes in break times with students being more active and socialising together more. Positives all around.

## School Shoes

When purchasing school shoes for 2024, please ensure they are enclosed black leather shoes. No joggers of any colour are permitted as they are not part of the P and C endorsed school uniform, nor are they DoE WHS compliant. Parents and carers have also been emailed this information to prepare for 2024.

## School Upgrades

Work on our school upgrades is in full swing. The male and female changerooms, and C block student and staff toilet blocks have been demolished, with the new refurbishment currently being completed. These whole school facilities will be ready for the start of the 2024 school year. The back gate Maralinga Drive entry/exit will commence shortly. This will allow disability access to the school, and quality safe upgrades for the students to use upon entry/exit to school. We have had infrastructure upgrades for the installation of surveillance cameras across the school which should also be completed across semester 1. Thank you to our Business Manager Mrs Tracy Hardman for all her work coordinating between the DoE and contractors for these upgrades.

## Staff leaving us at end of 2023

Our Deputy Principal of Years 8 and 11 Rachel McNeilly has been successful in attaining a Curriculum Adviser position with the Department of Education, which sees her leaving us at the end of Term 4. Congratulations on your new role and thank you very much for everything you have done for the students and their families at THS. Mr Marshall Wilkinson will replace Rachel's Deputy Principal role in 2024.

Our Head Teacher Administration Ms Erinn Roberts has been successful in gaining a role as an adviser at NESAs. Thank you for everything you have done in your administrative role and as a teacher in the HSIE faculty over your time at THS. Mr Nick Staniford will be Rel. HT Administration for 2024.

Mrs Susan Ferguson is taking leave in 2024 with the intention to retire in the near future. Susan has taught at THS for nearly 30 years and was recognised this year with a World Teachers Day Regional Award. She is an expert in her Textiles field, and she inspires staff and students every day. Thank you, Susan, and enjoy retirement.

We say farewell to our Student Support Officer Ms Belinda Carpenter who has been successful in gaining the SSO role at Jindabyne High School. Many thanks to your incredible wellbeing support of our students over the three years you have been at THS. All the best at your new school.

Members of our School Administrative Staff, Alana Tyrell and Jenny Bagus will be leaving us. Alana has been successful in securing a permanent role at Terrigal Public School, and Jenny is retiring.

The following staff who will not be with us in 2024: Kallie Richardson, Andrew Stoffberg, Maddie Wright and Justin Paull, with Mrs Yolande Walker taking leave for 2024. Thank you to these staff.

## End of year Events:

We are very fortunate to be able to offer enjoyable and deserving events such as the We Strive Rewards Day, and the SRC Christmas Fun Day to celebrate the great work done across 2023. Thank you to the Wellbeing Team and the SRC leaders respectively for their organisation of these valued events for our school community. These events enhance student and staff wellbeing and school culture.

## 2024 School Year Dates for the calendar:

- ◆ School Development Days (staff only) – Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January
- ◆ Students return – Thursday 1st February (Years 7, 11 and 12), Friday 2nd February (all years)

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the school. I wish your families a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday break. Look after each other and stay safe. See you all in 2024.

Regards,  
**Mrs Sharnee Klempert**  
Relieving Principal THS



# Awards Night

## 2023 Academic Awards

The Academic Awards Ceremony was held in the School Hall on the evening of Tuesday December 12th. At this formal ceremony we recognised many of our students for their efforts, academic achievements and commitment to studies, and their dedication to our school and community. The Ceremony included the 2024 SRC Induction and the presentation 'We Strive' Awards and Academic Awards.

Special guests included: Ms Joanne Wilcher (Director Educational Leadership); Mr Adam Crouch (Member of Parliament for Terrigal); Ms Natalie McDonald (Relieving Principal of Terrigal Primary School) and Ms Simone Edge (President of our School P&C). Our 2024 School Captains did an amazing job hosting this event and helping hand out awards. The students who performed and made speeches kept the audience interested and entertained and the behind-the-scenes crew/Tech Team did a fantastic job to keep everything running smoothly.

### Special Awards

Australian Defence Force Awards for Year 10  
Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award. **Ellie L**  
Future Innovators Award. **Ben J**  
Most Outstanding Academic Performance for 2023:

- ◆ Year 7 - **Kit P & Jai C**
- ◆ Year 8 - **Abby PH**
- ◆ Year 9 - **Maia A**
- ◆ Year 10 - **Gabriella S**
- ◆ Year 11 - **Josiah P & Milly R**
- ◆ 2022 DUX Award – **Ariel D**

## CAPA Awards

On Tuesday November 14th we held the inaugural THS Evening of the Stars and CAPA Awards. Our very talented students performed music, drama and dance items and their artworks were beautifully lit up around the Hall.

**Principal's Encouragement Awards in Creative & Performing Arts.** These awards were presented to students who have exhibited outstanding commitment to the arts. Congratulations!

### Crew

Stage 5 **Ellie L**

Stage 6 **Max B**

### Dance

Stage 4 - **Mia A**

Stage 5 - **Maddi J**

Stage 6 - **Sydney M**

### Visual Arts

Stage 4 - **Jai C**

Stage 5 - **Scarlett W**

Stage 6 - **Heidi Z**

MC - **Elih B**

### Music

Stage 4 - **Ben M**

Stage 5 - **Byron**

Stage 6 - **Lydia H**

### Drama

Stage 4 - **Evie P**

Stage 6 - **Ruby L**

NSW Public Schools 2023 Aboriginal Dance  
Company Associate Program Scholarship  
**Ken G**



# Sports Presentation Awards

The annual Terrigal High School Sports Presentation evening was held at Breakers Country Club on Wednesday 6th December. The evening recognised the outstanding achievements of our students throughout 2023 in a variety of sports. Students were awarded their age champion medals for our swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. The most valuable player awards for each NSWCHS state-wide competition sport were acknowledged, and we celebrated our Open Boys Basketball, U15 Boys Basketball, Open Boys Football and Open Boys Touch teams, who finished in the top four comprehensive schools in the state wide competition finals.

In 2023 we had 39 students represent the Sydney North Region in a variety of sports at the NSWCHS State Carnivals. From these events, 8 students gained selection into NSWCHS teams and 3 students were selected to represent NSW All Schools at the School Sport Australia Championships.

We acknowledged our outstanding student athletes who won medals at NSWCHS, NSW All Schools and School Sports Australia level and presented our major awards. Special guests on the evening included Karen Watson (Former THS Teacher and Sports Coordinator), Brett Wales (husband of Wendy Wales), Dave Storey Junior (son of Dave Storey Senior) and Harry Steele (2022 A league Champion and current Central Coast Mariners Player). Winners of the major awards for 2023 were:

- ◆ Dave Storey Contribution to School Football Award – **Ethan D**
- ◆ Karen Watson Contribution to Sport Medal – **Zahra G and Brok E**
- ◆ Olympic Change-maker Award – **Ella L and Max E**
- ◆ Wendy Wales Memorial Award – **Jake E**
- ◆ Junior Female Sportsperson of the Year – **Maia A and Sienna P**
- ◆ Junior Male Sportsperson of the Year – **Harry M**
- ◆ Senior Female Sportsperson of the Year – **Kate G**
- ◆ Senior Male Sportsperson of the Year – **Brooklyn R**



# League Tag Gala Day

Terrigal High participated in the **Roosters Shield League Tag Gala Days**. The overwhelming interest from students led to the registration of a Year 7 team and a Year 8 team on day one, followed by a Year 9 and Year 10 team on day two.

Year 7 had a great day, marked by plenty of laughter and impressive skills, unveiling potential future superstars. Despite many players never having played league tag before, they gave their all in all three games.

Year 8, with the addition of Indi in Year 7, really showed the other teams why they came to play. They breezed through their pool, defeating Erina, Gorakan, and St Peter's, earning a place in the semi-final against Mackillop. The girls started off slow and went into halftime 0-0 before they clicked into gear and won 12-0 to set up a showdown against TLSC in the grand finale.

It was another slow start, but an interception provided a crucial try, putting them up 6-0 at the break. A length-of-the-field try from TLSC to even up the score ensured the final was set for an exciting finish. With the score tied at 6-6 at full time, an extra 5 minutes were added to try and separate two skilful teams, both giving their all to be crowned champions. It was five minutes of back-and-forth footy, with both teams having their chances but unable to capitalise on their opportunities. TLSC had the ball when the siren went off and produced a Hail Mary, a grubber through the line and bouncing over our full-back's head. This had both TLSC and THS players frantically chasing the ball before another bounce ended up in the TLSC player's hands, grounding the ball to score the winning try. The girls were disappointed with the loss but gracious in defeat, congratulating TLSC for their victory.

Year 9 played with great enthusiasm and enjoyed every second of the day. Each player had their moment in the sun with some individual brilliance and wowed the crowd. This made it impossible to single out a player for MVP, as they all proved to be worthy candidates. The girls grew in confidence as the day progressed and this was reflected on the field with some close games and winning the final game of their pool. Next year this team will be a firm contender to take out the competition.

Year 10 was mixed with experience and beginners, but this didn't stop them from competing with the heavy hitters of the competition. Just like the Year 9 team, they grew with confidence throughout the day and won their final game, thanks to Lucy W's length-of-the-field interception and Milla M putting her soccer skills to good use by kicking the goal to seal the victory, reminiscent of Hazem El Masri in his prime. The experienced players of the side showed great leadership and ensured morale was high in the team but special mention to captain Summer J who had no self-preservation for her body and would compete at 100% every second of the game. Congratulations to the 59 students that participated over the two days!

Thank you to all the parents who drove the girls and cheered on from the sidelines and a big thank you to Terrigal Bowling Club for allowing us to use their courtesy bus for both days (so much Bruno Mars and Taylor Swift for carpool karaoke).

**Mr McCartin**  
**PDHPE Teacher**



# Year 7 Gala Day



Year 7 participated in the Tuggerah Lakes Zone Gala Day and competed in soccer, oz tag, basketball and netball. Year 12 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation students joined to coach the teams as it was part of their coaching unit, and they really stepped up and thrived during the day. Terrigal students demonstrated outstanding teamwork, sportsmanship and school pride and had the other schools in awe with their sporting ability. Both the netball and basketball teams were the standouts of the day really impressing the opposing schools. Special mention to Kit, Phoenix, Harley, Logan, Aurora, Cohen and Lillee for being voted MVP from their Year 12 coaches.

**Mr. McCartin**  
**PDHPE Teacher**



## Library News

We have had a wonderful year in the library at Terrigal High School. There have been new staff additions who have all settled in and are enjoying the students and the library space. I would like to thank our wonderful P&C for their kind donation, allowing us to stock up on our fiction collection for our students. Hopefully this will encourage some extensive and wider reading and even greater participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge moving forward.

For students who are interested in participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge you can find more information on the link below. You will need to read 20 books over a 12-month period, this can include any that you read in class from September 2023 to August 2024. If you can't access the link below, please see Miss Gale in the library for more information. And enjoy some quiet reading time over the upcoming holiday break.

[NSW Premier's Reading Challenge](#)

From everyone in the library at THS, we would like to wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.

**Ms Gale**  
**Librarian**

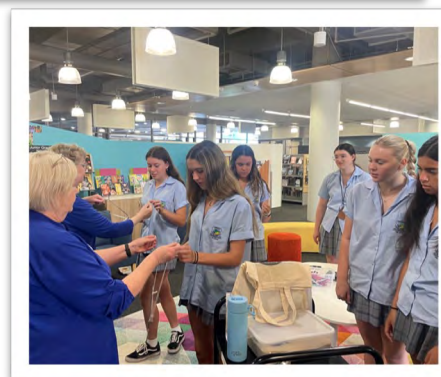
# Child Studies

## Child Studies Learning Experience

On Thursday the 16th of November, Year 9 child studies class had the fun opportunity of attending the Erina Fair library's 'toddler time'. In the library, we experienced a wide variety of different activities, including reading children's stories, singing nursery rhymes and participating in a few hands-on games alongside the kids. We got to watch how the children interacted with each other and observed the toddlers' behaviour and enjoyment with each story and game.

All of the students enjoyed this excursion, and we would like to thank Erina library for allowing us to take part in the activities and Ms Wright and Ms Allen for organising and supervising the event.

**Ms Wright**  
**PDHPE Teacher**



**Central Coast  
Summer Holiday  
Junior Chess  
Tournament  
(ages 6 to 17)**

**Entry fee \$10**

For full entry details  
please email, not text:

Gary Losh

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For NSW country players. Limited to 140.  
Please don't pay until entry confirmed.

**Monday 8 January**

**Must pre-enter by Saturday 6 January**

**Central Coast Grammar School**

**9.30am – 4.00pm**

**Minimum ability: Must know how to move the  
pieces and complete games independently.**

## Terrigal High Careers Website

The school has its own career website:

[Terrigal High School Careers Website](#)

## Year 10 Career Panels Week 7

The Year 10 HSC Launch Day kicked off with interactive panels. We had so many areas of careers represented who spoke words of wisdom to our students. The students gained some valuable information. The panels consisted of a variety of industries which included some of our ex-students and our local politicians! We have such a great community!



The students gained some valuable insights. Students then had the opportunity to explore the vehicles of these services, such as the Fire Truck and Police Squad Car, an amazing experience for all. We at THS appreciate them volunteering their valuable time.



## Emergency Services Career Morning Year 10 Week 9

The Year 10s had the Emergency Services come out to visit them during week 9! Students were presented with lots of great information about the Fire Brigade, the Riot Squad of the Police Force, and the Ambulance Service regarding career pathways.



## Newcastle University Week 8

A Small group of Year 10 students participated in the Newcastle University Campus Experience Day. Students were provided with a taste of some of the degrees and study areas they can experience at university. Throughout the day students rotated in groups between activities led by academics and current students.

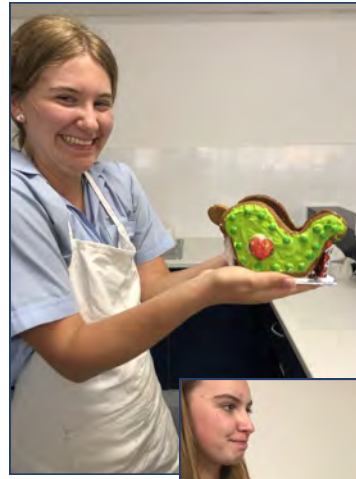


**E & J Bates**  
Careers Advisers

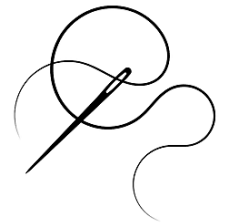


# TAS Report

TAS has been getting into the Christmas spirit with Festive baking and cooking themed decorations. Great job Sew Easy and Food Tech students.



Some of the Year 7's have finished up the year with some truly exceptional cushion covers. The students took a great deal of time and care to ensure both their construction and decorations were immaculate. Great work Pollyanna and Aro.



# TAS Report

Year 11 Hospitality students and their amazing teacher, Mrs Richards, created a feast for the Primary Schools' Executive Network meeting held at Terrigal Primary School. They prepared and served a much-complimented morning tea and lunch.



Raisa and Bethany have been working overtime with the fabulous Mrs Ferguson to push their sewing skills to the limit before the machines are all cleaned and packed up for the break. Here we see the girls holding Bethany's dolphins.



Year 8 Cafe Delights students finished up their final practical with some gingerbread house construction and decoration.



The MC Blue students enjoyed creating a café dining experience for selected staff members. Delicious wraps and muffins were served with a smile.



Terrigal High School staff got into the Christmas Spirit by decorating their faculty areas for the annual Christmas Spirit Perpetual Trophy. There was a lot of effort put into each area making it very hard for our students judges. The English faculty were victorious with their bright lights and Christmas Carols. Congratulations to all faculties!

