



# TUMUT HIGH SCHOOL

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## Tumut High School “War on Waste”

Tumut High School has this year started a whole school education program inspired by the ABC TV series “War on Waste”. Visual Arts teacher Mrs Saunders is leading the charge with students and staff in support forming the “Green Army” to tackle the waste issues within our school. Each student has participated in 3 lessons based on our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) values of respect, responsibility and safety. Students have presented great ideas and the school is proud of their efforts so far. Through a collaborative relationship with Snowy Valleys Council’s Waste Management and Strategy Officer Mr Canteros, students and staff tackled a waste audit on site with the results to be released in Term 3.



## Tumut High School Creative and Performing Arts Concert

On Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July Tumut High School students presented to a big audience at the Montreal Theatre their annual CAPA Concert featuring musical and drama items with a showcase in the foyer of visual artworks by students in Years 9, 10 & 11. More photos of this great event will appear on our website <https://tumut-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> and on our Facebook page.



**Working Together – Achieving Together**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TERM 3

|               |   |
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| <b>Week 1</b> | <b>Beginning Monday, 22nd July</b>                                |
| Monday        | Staff Development Day   |
| Tuesday       | Students return for Term 3  |
| Friday        | Yr 7 ALP – National Tree Day                                      |
| <b>Week 2</b> | <b>Beginning Monday, 29th July</b>                                |
| Tuesday       | PDHPE HSC Enrichment Day  |
| Thursday      | Australian Maths Competition<br>Futsal State Championships Sydney |
| <b>Week 3</b> | <b>Beginning Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>                    |
| <b>Week 4</b> | <b>Beginning Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>                   |
| Tuesday       | Schools Cup Netball Wagga   |

### Fee Information

Statements have recently been posted to families advising of any outstanding fees. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the front office, or via the online payment option on our website or Skoolbag App. Elective subject fees are compulsory and it is expected that at least 50% of this amount to be paid, for excursion eligibility on non-mandatory excursions offered in Terms 3 & 4.

### Save the Date

Senior Subject Selection Evening  
Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 6 to 7pm  
For Year 10 students entering Year 11 at  
Tumut High School in 2020.

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### Visit our website

<https://tumul-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> to:

- see details on events
- add events to your calendar
- obtain excursion information
- look at permission notes
- make a payment
- view photos in gallery
- read policies/procedures
- read information letters
- read news at THS
- read news from Dept of Ed
- look up previous newsletters
- contact school

## Semester 1 Report and Award Assemblies

Thank you to all our parents/carers who have supported our students and attended the end of term assemblies. It has been a pleasure for the school to award so many students the Principal's Achievement Award and Values Awards. More photos from the assemblies are on our Facebook page.



Happy and safe holidays to our students, staff and all their families. We look forward to welcoming students back for Term 3 on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

## Resource Centre news

There are lots of new student requested books on display in the Resource Centre. Year 8 students were asked to pick books that they would like purchased especially for the Accelerated Reader program. There is a great variety with quick reads, graphic novels, classics, series and special interest requests. Thank you to the Year 8 students for making some excellent book choices and improving our collection. All students are able to borrow these books.



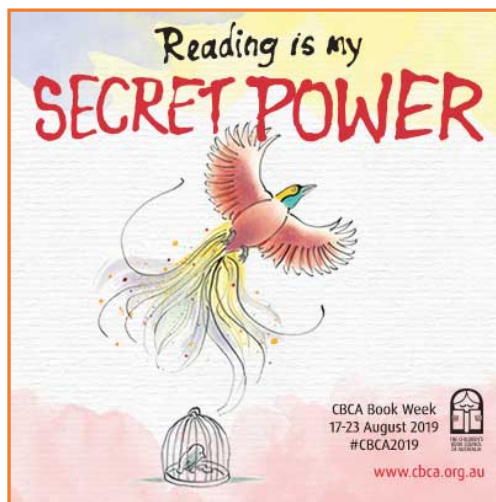
## Premiers Reading Challenge

Year 7 to 9 students are encouraged to keep track of the books they have read (since September last year) and aim to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge. Details can be accessed at [Home: NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019](http://Home: NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019). Students can log in at any computer to contribute to their online reading log, with the new PRC site being very user friendly and easy to search for books. Students can access their reading record for books borrowed through the THS library in Oliver, but any book read from any source can be added to the Reading Log. There are hard copies of reading logs available to have at home (use as a bookmark for easy recording). Students are encouraged to see Mrs Stiles if they require any help.



## Book Week – Week 5, Term 3.

The Book Week theme this year is “Reading is my Secret Power”. There will be special activities leading up to week 5 and dress ups and prizes (stay tuned).



## Year 8 Accelerated Reader

Students are encouraged to complete book quizzes for books they complete reading on the Accelerated Reader program. Students are recommended to read at least 10 minutes every day to improve their literacy skills.



There are rewards for those who are reading frequently and completing the quizzes.

## NSW Premiers Debating Challenge

Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Debating Team A (Megan Castle, Abbey Taylor, Daniel Castle and Eddie Dodds) who won Round 2 against Batlow arguing the negative "That all under 12's sporting teams should be mixed". The next round was against Young High School. Team A won their debate on the negative "That the voting age should be lowered to 16". That is 3 from 3 for Team A.



Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Debating Team B (Madison Hibbert, Harry Bottero, Andy Dodds and Keely Wickman) who also had a victory in Round 3 against Batlow arguing the negative "That the Government should be able to censor social media in times of war". Debating against Young, Team B had a loss debating the affirmative "That we should punish sports clubs for the off field behaviour of their players".



Team B have improved greatly with their last two debates and Coach Mr V is impressed with all the students who have committed to debating at Tumut High School. Years 7/8 will commence their debates shortly.



Thanks to Year 7 students Jemma Wickman and Brooke Davies for chairing all the above debates and hosting the visiting teams.

## NAIDOC Assembly

Tumut High School hosted a special assembly to acknowledge NAIDOC week commencing with a smoking ceremony performed by Mr Stan Russell. Thank you to Mr Russell and to Mrs Beath for being our guest speaker and sharing her journey with students and staff at the assembly. The theme this year is "Voice, Treaty, Truth. Lets work together for a shared future"



## ANSTO excursion

Our Year 11 Chemistry students travelled to ANSTO (Australia's Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation) in Lucas Heights Sydney at the end of this term. The students had a fantastic time and were eager to have a go using the Scintillation detector (for detecting radiation sources). They also designed and carried out an experiment testing the effectiveness of different materials as shielding against radioactive items.



## Zone Athletics report

Tumut High School had a strong contingent of 27 students competing in Temora at the Southern Slopes Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Mr Raj for supervising the team in Temora. The following students earned a place at the Riverina Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August in Albury:

- Valley Edwards 12yr 100m & shot put (1),
- Mikayla Elder 12yr 800m (1),
- Sophie Ciganek 12yr 100m (2), long jump (1),
- Eric Pearce 13yr shot put & discus (2), javelin (1),
- Trinity Fox 14yr 800m (1),
- Eddie Dodds 14yr 200m & javelin (1), discus (2),
- Atticus Blenkins 14yr shot put (2),
- Megan Castle 15yr javelin (2),
- Brad Manns 15yr discus (2) & javelin (1),
- Hayden Wattling 15yr long jump (2),
- Waldo Lowrens 400m & 1500m (2), 800m (1),
- Brendon Castle shot put (2),
- Jarrod Manns discus (1).

Congratulations to Eddie Dodds being awarded 14yr boy Champion with Valley Edwards (12yr) and Megan Castle (15yr) being runner-up champions.

Overall Tumut High School came third at the Carnival competing against 8 other schools in our Zone.

## Netball news

Our Open Girls Netball team braved the cold to play in the Riverina Gala Day. The girls all played well under the guidance of Coach Mrs Ryan. Results included 3 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw.



## Hockey Representation

Tumut High School had 6 students represent Riverina at the NSW CHS State Championships recently held in Sydney. Congratulations to Oscar Thornton, Adrian O'Rourke, Monique Fisher, Taylah Wilson, Clara Dobbie and Liana Smithson on achieving this level of sporting success.



## Futsal report

Tumut High School nominated 3 teams in the Futsal Schools Championship. These fast games of indoor soccer were played at the new Equex Indoor Centre in Wagga. The Year 7/8 team were coached by Mrs Ryan and they were unlucky to miss a spot in the finals winning 1, losing 1 and having a draw.



The Opens and U16's teams were coached by Mr Lopez. The Opens were strong contenders in their division and they narrowly missed a grand final berth going down 1-0 in the last seconds of the semi-final match.



The U16's team dominated on the day not losing a game and ran away with the title of Riverina Champions by defeating The Riverina Anglican College 6-0 in the Grand Final.



The U16's Riverina champions team: L-R Elijah Baker, Jay Casey, Daniel Castle, Megan Castle, Ethan Watt, Andy Dodds and Ethan Parker. This team will now play in the State finals in Sydney on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

## Drama Club

Under the direction of Drama teacher Miss Sutherland, students from Years 7- 12 are having fun on Fridays during their lunchtime participating in the new Drama Club Program. They've been learning improvisation through Theatresports games and having lots of laughs. It's been a great opportunity for students in year 7 and 8 to get involved in Drama and to watch their older peers apply the skills they've learnt in class to the stage. All students are invited to join in.



## Poultry Club

Our Agriculture teacher Mrs Beale runs the poultry group on Thursday afternoons. Students involved love looking after their birds and have been busy this term preparing for the Annual Tumut District Poultry Show.



## THS Radio News



We present THS Radio News every Thursday during school terms on Sounds of the Mountains. Students from Years 7- 12 have participated in this experience and are always keen to do it again. Any student wishing to join in is encouraged to put their name down with Mr V in the English staffroom.

## Chess competition

At the end of last term the Tumut High School Chess Team took on St Mary MacKillop College from Wagga in the first round of the Secondary Schools Chess Competition. Our team consisted of Paddy Thompson, Andy Dodds, Tay Crane, Atticus Blenkins and Ethan Parker as reserve. The matches were evenly poised but we ended up losing 3 matches to 1, Tay Crane gaining the important win for our team. The players enjoyed some social matches at the conclusion and some refreshments. The Tumut High School team showed a lot of respect towards the opposition who were observing Lent and were abstaining from chocolate and sweet foods during their Easter fasting.

*Written by Mr Dierkx (THS Chess Coordinator)*



In the second round of the Secondary Country Schools Chess Competition we played another private school, The Riverina Anglican College from Wagga. Our team consisted of Paddy Thompson, Tay Crane, Atticus Blenkins and Ethan Parker. The matches again were closely contested, with Atticus's match lasting a marathon one and a half hours! Even though we lost 4 to 0, the score did not reflect the closeness of the matches. We had some refreshments afterwards and played some social matches and although we lost overall, the day was fun and everyone enjoyed it.

We are now knocked out of this competition but may play in Canberra and some local matches against Batlow and Tumbarumba later in the year.

Thank you to all the players who come to Chess Club at lunch and thank you to Mr Dierkx the Chess Coordinator. We would like to encourage others to come up and have some fun during their lunch break.

*Written by Tay Crane (Year 10)*

## Community involvement

In June, a number of THS Staff and Students participated in Tumut Takes2 All Stars. The annual show provides great entertainment and raises funds for the Tumut and surrounding community. The beneficiaries for 2019 include the Montreal Community Theatre, CanAssist and The Epilepsy Foundation. The money raised for the Epilepsy foundation will be directed to our local schools including

THS, with training for staff surrounding the condition. The foundation has sent free magnets, pamphlets and information regarding who they are and what services they provide to schools and communities.



## Year 8 ALP

Our Year 8 students had loads of fun visiting the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra this term. This excursion was part of their Alternative Learning Program (ALP) to support the PDHPE syllabus and ALP goals of promoting health, wellbeing and physical activity.



## Year 9 ALP

During Year 9 ALP this term our students completed the Voice Against Violence Program with former NRL player Alan Tongue. For more details of this program visit <https://www.nrl.com/community/voice-against-violence/>



## Year 11 Life Ready

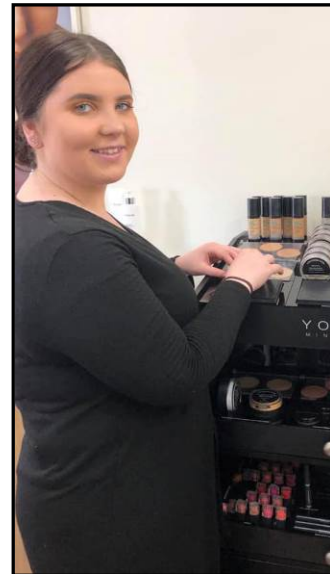
Our Year 11 students have this term participated in the Life Ready program which was held at the Baptist Church. Life Ready is a mandatory 25 hour program for students in Year 11. It aims to prepare and support senior students as they encounter situations related to health and safety as they become more independent and gain greater responsibility. Life Ready focuses on offering opportunities for students to build the knowledge and skills for life after school.



Our students shared a few laughs during this program with their peers, teachers and presenters.

## Work experience

Our Year 10 students are showing enthusiasm in completing work experience throughout the year. Work experience has many benefits and provides a general introduction to the "world of work". Year 10 students need to see Mrs Stroud to arrange the necessary paperwork to complete work experience.



Jeane Van Der Merwe enjoyed work experience at Wagga Base Hospital and gained a realistic insight into a variety of careers within allied health. Kiandra-Jane Lucas loved her work experience placement at Catherine Anne's Beauty Therapy.



James Duncombe learnt the fine art of butchery at Franklin Butchery and Malik Aitken practised his carpentry skills on work experience with Blake Bye Constructions.

To celebrate end of year 2019, Year 8 students have the opportunity to attend a 3 day excursion to Tathra and Year 10 students have the opportunity to attend a 4 day excursion to Warrambui in Canberra. Permission notes are available from Mrs Ryan (Year 8 Adviser) and Mr V (Year 10 Adviser)

## Careers Expo

Year 10, 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to attend the Wagga Wagga Careers Expo. It was a great day for our students to collect loads of career information.



## University visit

Year 11 and Year 12 students enjoyed their visit to Charles Sturt University Explore Day held recently at the Wagga campus. It was an interesting day for our students experiencing life as a university student for a day.

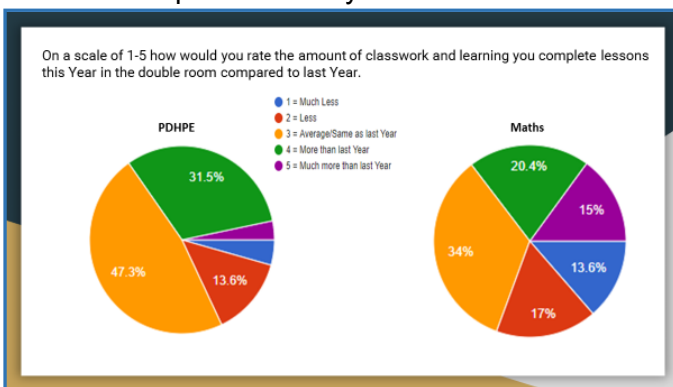


## P&C Q&A - Collaborative Teaching

The P&C would like to thank the parents and teachers who attended the Q&A session on "collaborative teaching". The presentation by the staff was very well received and parents were impressed with the new décor of the maths rooms.



Our students have been surveyed in regard to collaborative teaching and over 70% of our students think the amount of classwork and learning this year in the shared space is the same or more compared to last year.



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for two \$100 Active Kids vouchers. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. Voucher one is valid January to December and voucher two is valid July to December. After 1 July 2019, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

### How to claim your vouchers

- 1 Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au) and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
  - 2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
  - 3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
  - 4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself
- Visit [sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids) for terms & conditions and FAQs

### How to use your vouchers

- 1 Find a provider by visiting our website: [sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)
- 2 Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number

\*\*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab.

