



# TUMUT HIGH SCHOOL

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Issue 3

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Tumut High School ANZAC Ceremony



Wednesday 10th April saw Tumut High School pause and reflect for a commemorative Anzac service held in the FD Purcell Centre. The service commenced with the arrival of the official party led by Liam Abric carrying the Australian flag with THS Vice Captains Clara Dobbie and Bronson Sutton. School Representative Council members Tahlya Elder, Claudia Rummery, Leah Ferguson and Annika Casey followed displaying the words courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice. The official party also consisted of Daniel Hibbens who performed the Acknowledgement to Country, School Captains Samantha Barton and Samuel D'Alessandro and Franklin Public School Captains, Jessica Martin and Preston Loneragen. Our special guests were Mr Kevin Murrell and his wife Joanne.

School Vice Captain, Clara Dobbie welcomed the staff and students to the service, especially the Year 6 students from Franklin Public School and teacher Mr Peter Roddy in attendance as part of the Middle School program.

School Captain Samantha Barton reinforced the importance of Anzac Day as a day to remember those Australian men and women who have died or suffered in the great tragedy of war and urged us to remember that Anzac Day is not merely about loss but about courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice.

Bronson introduced our guest speaker, Mr Kevin Murrell who came to share his experiences of recently completing the Kokoda Track. Kevin, along with 23 others trekked the Track under the banner of Cam's Cause, a foundation which has been set up not only to remember the life of Corporal Cameron Baird VC, MG but also raise funds for soldier welfare. Kevin addressed staff and students on his reasons for embarking on the 96 km trek last year and to pay his respects to the young Australians who fought and died along the Kokoda Track back in 1942.

His speech highlighted the experience of walking on the Track and meeting the villagers, the descendants of the "Fuzzy Wuzzy angels". Of note was his reflection of the "ragged bloody heroes", the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion who in 1942 showed such courage and determination to take on the advancing Japanese.

Kevin spoke about the Battle of Isurava and presented photos of the memorial there and the granite pillars with Courage, Endurance, Mateship and Sacrifice etched into them. He provided a story of Corporal John Metson (pictured above) who, during this battle was wounded and refused assistance claiming there were others worse off than him. For 3 weeks he bound and padded his hands and knees and crawled behind the group. His courage and determination is an inspiration.

Kevin asked of the staff and students to remember if attending Anzac services to think about the names that appear on the cenotaph are more than names, they are real people and to encourage those who are thinking of walking the Kokoda Track to do so as they would be "walking in the footsteps of heroes." We were moved by this address and appreciated Kevin's honesty, openness and willingness to share his experiences with us.

The Tumut High School Choir sang a moving rendition of "Blowin' In The Wind" before both Tumut High School and Franklin Public School laid wreaths on the stage. Bronson recited The Ode and The Last Post was played, with the audience in quiet reverie during the one minute silence. Our service concluded with the Australian National Anthem led by Daisy James.

**Working Together – Achieving Together**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 2	
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Beginning Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Monday	Staff Development Day
Tuesday	Students return to school
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Beginning Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Thursday - Friday	Snowy Hydro Driver Program
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Beginning Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Tuesday - Thursday	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Beginning Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Monday	P&C Meeting 7pm
Friday	Year 12 Report Assembly

## ASSESSMENT DUE DATES

TERM 2	
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Beginning Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Thursday	Yr 11 Biology Practical Task
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Beginning Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>
	HSC Assessment Tasks: Visual Arts
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Beginning Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>
	Y11 Assessment Tasks Due: Visual Arts

SAVE THE DATE  
**CAPA PERFORMANCE**  
 THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019

SEMESTER 1  
**REPORT ASSEMBLIES**  
 YEAR 7/8 – THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
 YEAR 9/10 – FRIDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
 YEAR 12 – FRIDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY

### School support



Woolworths Earn & Learn starts Wednesday, 1st May. Woolworths is proud to be partnering with Modern Teaching Aids, Australia's largest supplier of educational equipment. This means Tumut High School

can choose equipment for its learning needs across Arts & Craft, Digital Technologies, Maths, English, Science, Outdoor and Indoor Play and more. Anyone can collect stickers to support our school when they shop at Woolworths. These can be placed onto the Earn & Learn sticker sheets and dropped into the collection box at Tumut High School or your local Woolworths.

## Meet our Staff

Head teachers of each faculty are:



Ms Bailey  
CAPA



Ms Dean  
Special Ed



Ms Lindstrom  
English



Mr Hart  
Maths



Mr Somerville  
Wellbeing



Mr Ryan  
PDHPE



Mrs Stroud  
HSIE/Careers



Mrs Taylor  
Science  
(Relieving Term 2)



Mr Stewart  
TAS

**SCHOOL RESUMES**  
 FOR TERM 2  
 TUESDAY  
 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

Interested in  
**Thredbo Ski/Snowboarding Trip?**  
 Students in Years 10, 11 & 12 have the opportunity to participate in an organised trip to Thredbo in September. Limited places left. Please see Mrs Ryan ASAP Term 2 for more information.

Are your **details up to date** at our school? Please advise our office if amendments are needed to change address, phone, emergency contact names etc.

Please remember to **label school uniform** items - especially jumpers in case they are misplaced or lost. Jumpers labelled have more chance of being returned to their rightful owner.

## Life Ready Program

All Year 11 students will participate in the mandatory Life Ready program- formerly known as Crossroads. This program will be delivered via a number of different activities throughout the year; the first of these being the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program (RYDA) which was conducted at the Wagga Wagga Showgrounds on Tuesday, 26th March 2019. Students attended workshops about road safety including videos, experienced braking demonstration and received advice from safety experts on how to protect themselves, friends and family. Students learnt to identify crash factors and how they are preventable, appreciate how personal factors affect risk, develop personal strategies and plans, and consider self-monitoring of actions long term and approach driving as a social responsibility. The program assisted students to make positive goals, plans and strategies when it comes to road safety. Students really enjoyed the day and found it most rewarding.



## Alert Learning



This term in English Ms. Lindstrom's Year 8 class has been engaging in ALERT Learning - a literacy program that has seen outstanding results in several schools in NSW. The program utilises multisensory teaching strategies

to reinforce literacy understanding for students. Students are taught the program during the first 20-25 minutes of the lesson then continue with the study of Year 8 English. Mrs Swan (Learning and Support Teacher) also assists with the implementation of ALERT.

An information session will be run at the beginning of Term 2 for interested parents/carers.

**If you are interested in your Year 8 child being a part of this program, please contact Ms Lindstrom at the school.**

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## MyRoad Careers Mentoring Program

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 47 Year 10 female students participated in the MyRoad Careers Mentoring Program. The program aims to increase students' chances of success in the changing world of work. The students had direct access to representatives from diverse industries across Australia in a single two-hour session. MyRoad gives young females unique insights into the world of work. In a set of structured modules aligned to the Australian Curriculum, mentors share career stories with small groups of 5, so young people can share the experience with friends and classmates. The aim was to enhance student engagement via video chat in an interactive online environment. Topics explored include digital communication, effective working relationships and resilience.



## Sport report

Our Open boy's cricket team played in the Davidson Shield defeating Tumbarumba scoring 77 in 14 overs and also defeating Gundagai scoring 79 in 14 overs. Highest scorer was Year 11 student Dylan Piper-Bye with 63 not out. The team coached by Mr Ebeling are looking forward to the next round.



## Australian Interschools Mountain Bike Competition

Max Harris, Jay Casey and Brendon Castle travelled to Thredbo for three days of intense competition as Tumut High Schools Mountain Bike representatives. The boys competed in two disciplines: the Flow motion cup and the Downhill. Both events rewarded speed, courage and smooth lines. All boys were fantastic ambassadors for Tumut High. Out of more than 200 competitors Max, Jay and Brendon all finished within the top 100 which is a great result. Thank you to the support of family throughout the weekend it is very much appreciated.



## Athletics carnival



Our annual Athletics Carnival was held in perfect weather at the Bull Paddock on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April. It was great to see so many students participating in the events and enjoying a day out of the classroom. We wish all the successful competitors good luck at the Zone Carnival next term.



### 2019 Athletics Age Champions are:

- 12 Years – Valley Edwards & Lachlan Minogue
- 13 Years – Elise Baker & Gabriel Gilbert
- 14 Years – Jade Turner & William Atherton
- 15 Years – Ethan Leinonen & Megan Castle
- 16 Years – Jade Bellchambers & Thomas Salmon
- Open – Macey Lee & Dylan Piper-Bye



## CHS State Swimming Carnival

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April our school was represented with 11 students from Year 8 to Year 10 at the CHS State Swimming Carnival held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.



All students are to be congratulated on their great results, their comraderie and their level of participation. Tumut High School is very proud of the following successes from this carnival:

●Year 8 - Eddie Dodds 6<sup>th</sup> in final 100m back and 9<sup>th</sup> in final 50m free with great times in other events. Eddie also qualified for the All Schools Carnival to be held in May to swim the 50m backstroke.

●Year 9 boys – Nathan Butt, Zac Treglown, Daniel Castle and Kade Knight came 8<sup>th</sup> in final of 4x50m freestyle relay. Daniel also swam well in individual events.

● Year 9 girls – Megan Castle, Keely Wickman, Lulu Saunders and Gemma Delany took bronze in the 4x50m freestyle invitational handicap relay.

●Year 10 – Andy Dodds and Duncan Smallwood swam great personal best times in their events.



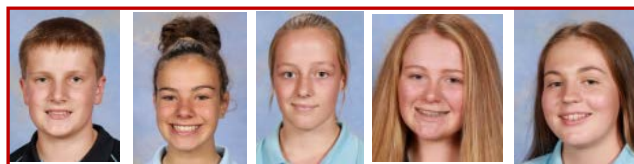
●Year 10 – Kade Knight had a fantastic meet securing bronze medal in the 400m Individual Medley, 4<sup>th</sup> in 100m butterfly, 6<sup>th</sup> in 200m Individual Medley, 6<sup>th</sup> in 800m freestyle, 8<sup>th</sup> in final 100m backstroke, 8<sup>th</sup> in 400m freestyle and 10<sup>th</sup> in final 100m breaststroke. Kade has also qualified for the All Schools Carnival to be held in May. To top off Kade's great times he was also awarded the Riverina Medallion.



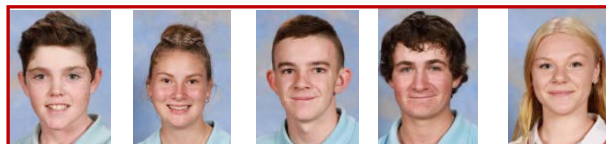
## Term 1 Student Highlights

Our students are constantly challenging themselves both in school and in our community participating in a variety of activities. Congratulations to the students who have achieved during Term 1. Here is a snapshot of our talented student successes:

- Byron Crawford (Yr 7) – Placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Open Riverina Golf Tournament.
- Grace Whyte (Yr 8) – Open Girls Riverina netball and basketball selection and has been selected for various NSW Basketball teams and is currently training with the U16 National squad.
- Eddie Dodds (Yr 8) – 2 Top Ten placings in NSW State Age Swimming Championships
- Toby Deudney (Yr 8) – Selected to compete at the Youth Rodeo Association Finals in Texas.
- Megan Castle (Yr 9) – Open Girls Riverina soccer selection.
- Lexie Oag (Yr 9) – Winner of Helen Corbett Memorial Award for Senior rider at Adelong Show.
- Sophie Day (Yr 9) – Champion Cattle Parader Tumut Show.



- Riley Quinn (Yr 9) – Juvenile winner of Stockmans Challenge.
- Haiden Ings (Yr 9) – Open Boys Riverina basketball selection and has been selected for various NSW Basketball teams and is currently training with the U16 National squad.
- Maddie Reinders (Yr 10) – Champion Cattle Parader Adelong Show
- Kade Knight (Yr 10) – Awarded Riverina Medallion and qualified for Swimming Australia 2019 Australian Age Championships in Adelaide.
- Tom Denson (Yr 10) – Juvenile Draft Winner Stockmans Challenge
- Chelsea Angus (Yr 11) – Selected to compete at the Youth Rodeo Association Finals in texas.



- Ethan Contessa & Michael Vaughan (Yr 11) – Open Boys Riverina basketball selection.
- Samantha Barton (Yr 12) – Zone winner of Lions Youth of the Year.
- Drew Beavan (Yr 12) – selected in AFL U18's Giants Academy team.



## International Science School

Every two years the International Science School (ISS) gathers 140 top science students from Australia and overseas (China, Japan, India, New Zealand, Thailand, USA and the UK) for a two-week residential program of talks by world-renowned scientists, laboratory tours, hands-on activities and social events. This program with activities is held at the University of Sydney during the July school holidays.

Tumut High School is very proud to advise Year 12 student William Gain has been accepted to attend the 2019 International Science school.



## Riverina Medallion

This is awarded to the student who has achieved success at the carnival and modelled a positive attitude, team spirit and sportsmanship. Kade Knight was awarded this medallion at the CHS State Swimming carnival as he always gives 100% and supports other members of the Riverina team.



## Accelerated Reader – Year 8

We are very pleased to be offering the Renaissance Accelerated Reader Program (AR) to Year 8 students as part of the the school's focus on improving literacy.

Research shows that frequent reading for pleasure significantly improves literacy. We are aware that there is a strong focus on reading in primary school, but by high school many students do not continue when they are not actively encouraged. Many students say "I don't read" or "I don't know what I like anymore".

### What is Accelerated Reader?

AR is an online program designed to guide students in choosing books that are suited to the reader's ability and to foster a love of reading. We are encouraging students to read for at least 20 minutes a day. To support this aim, students have been reading during English class and ALP. Testing and explanation of the AR program takes place during ALP as well as 'book tasting' to expose students to a variety of genres and types of books.

Please encourage reading at home.

## Community Sponsorship

This year there are 14 excited Year 12 students travelling on the Europe excursion with teachers Mrs Hayes and Mr Lopez. The students have been provided with a cap to wear for this excursion. A big thank you to Bendigo Bank for donating the caps and to Russell Stevensons for donating embroidery of the caps.



We look forward to hearing of the trip to Europe. Please visit our facebook page for updates and photos.



## Community feedback

ANZAC ceremony – "A lovely service"



CHS State swimming - "Well done THS swimmers" and "Congratulations girls. Wonderful achievement"

Songwriting workshop – "Wonderful opportunity for students"

## Community awareness



Our support faculty took part in the World autism awareness day promoting the day to staff and students.

## Resource Centre News

Our school library has been sponsored another year's subscription to bella rae magazine!



Someone generous has paid for our school's subscription as part of our Sub-A-School Campaign to give every girl access to positive media.

bella rae is an independent Australian magazine for high school aged girls (specifically 15-18 year olds), printed quarterly, so we will receive 4 sponsored issues.

In the pages of bella rae our students will find a vibrant collection of real stories – featuring ordinary women pursuing their passions, starting businesses, overcoming hardships and exploring their talents and creativity. They will find expert advice on relevant issues such as study stress and friendships as well as recipes, art, craft and practical wisdom on navigating relationships, fitness and wellbeing. They will also find a diverse representation of young women – including a variety of body shapes, skin tones and ethnicities.

We hope our female students will consider making bella rae regular reading material. We know the magazine will benefit the girls in our school. bella rae is always on display in our Resource Centre.

## Premiers Reading Challenge



Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge 2019 with the support of Tumut High School staff.

The Premier's Reading Challenge goes from 4th March to 30th August 2019 and requires the reading of 20 books. Once validated students will be eligible for a PRC Certificate. Resource Centre staff are available to support students to select appropriate books and keep track of their reading. They can also clarify any rules and make the process as easy and enjoyable as possible for students. Reading logs are available in the Resource Centre so students can manually fill out when they complete a book. Staff will also show students how to access and fill out the online reading log upon request.

## P&C at Tumut High School

### P&C Presidents Report – 2018

The THS P&C has been well supported this year by a fantastic Executive. Sue Fisher as Secretary, Larissa Parker as Treasurer and Kay Dodds fulfilling the role as P&C representative for our school canteen. All fitting these important roles into their already busy schedules. Thank you to you all.

Meetings have been well attended which shows the value we as parents and caregivers place on our children's education, we are always seeking to see new faces which bring with them new ideas.

It does amaze me that over the course of the year the topics that we have covered: The restructure of Sport, the Europe saving scheme, staffing changes (the farewells as well as the new staff joining the school), and the role of Year 7 office duty. We have been able to support the school by providing funding for new school blazers, new books for the Resource Centre, Brainstorm Productions and via the Cultural Award at the Annual Presentation Evening. We recognised the hard work that our teachers do by providing an afternoon tea to celebrate World Teacher Day.

The P&C has been able to support the school with the PBL launch held at Franklin Public School, which extends the PBL values into the local community and the successful Q&A evening on Student Wellbeing and Support, which was well attended by parents from not only within our school but from other schools in our area.

The school P&C provides an avenue for parents to exchange ideas, raise concerns and most importantly develop a relationship with the school. Something that I have valued throughout my years involved in school P&C's.

Thank you to the outgoing Executive and welcome to the new.

*Michelle Johnson  
President*

### 2019 P&C Committee

President – Michelle Johnson

Vice President – Lexie Turner

Secretary – Vacant (If interested please contact office and leave message)

Treasurer – Larissa Parker

Canteen Convenor – Kay Dodds

**NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE HELD  
ON MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND  
(UPSTAIRS ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING AT 7PM)**

## Extra Announcements

Available daily at our canteen:

### TOASTED WRAPS

Mitchell - BBQ sauce, chicken, diced ham and cheese

Jenny - Sweet Chilli sauce, chicken, tomato and cheese

Lewis - Sweet Chilli sauce, chicken and cheese

Charles - Sweet Chilli sauce, chicken, pineapple and cheese

Phil - Sweet Chilli sauce, chicken, pineapple, tomato and cheese

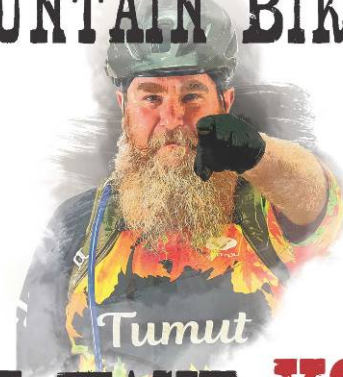
Nic - Tomato sauce, chicken, diced ham and cheese

Jo - Sweet chilli sauce, chicken, carrot, onion and cheese

Adam - Sweet chilli sauce, chicken, carrot, tomato, diced ham and cheese

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## MOUNTAIN BIKERS



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Sunday 28th April 2019

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ON THE DAY ENTRIES (late fee applies)

REGO FROM - 9:30AM

1 HOUR NOVICE STARTS - 11 AM

3 HOUR ENDURO STARTS - 12PM

Enquiries  
Donna Martin  
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GIRL GUIDES  
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## Tumut Girl Guides Come and Try Day

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 10am-2:30pm, behind the All Saints Anglican Hall, River St, Tumut.

Activities include –outdoor cooking, team building, craft, games.

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

What to wear: Comfortable clothes eg shorts/leggings/jeans and t-shirt, joggers and a hat.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April (advising any allergies) to Anna 0458 479 762

If your daughter is interested, but is unable to attend, please call or text and we can get an information pack out to you.



Tumut High School P&C Association meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7.00pm in the Administration Block