

## **TUMUT HIGH SCHOOL**

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## **Principals Message**

I would like to thank the school community for all their input into another great year of education at Tumut High School. The school has again provided some amazing opportunities for its students throughout the year. I would like to make special mention of the Presentation Night which so effectively showcased the talent of both staff and students at our school - what an incredibly talented bunch of people.

I would also like to acknowledge the staff involved in putting together the end of year Report Assemblies held on the last day of school. It was rewarding to see so many students attending. To sit back and watch, student leaders compere the events, students actively performing on stage and to see each and every student walk on to the stage to receive their school report was evidence of how inclusive Tumut High School is.

I extend my best wishes for a happy and safe holiday and look forward to another year full of opportunity in 2019.



## **Annual Presentation Evening**

Congratulations to Laura D'Alessandro who is Tumut High School 2018 Dux. This award was presented by Mr Guy Boardman representing Snowy Hydro.

More photos of Tumut High School Presentation Evening held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 are included in this newsletter.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Week 1	Beginning Monday, 28th January
Wednesday	School starts Years 7, 11 & 12
Thursday	School starts Years 8, 9 & 10
Week 2	Beginning Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Wednesday	Swimming Carnival
Wednesday - Thursday	Years 11 & 12 UOW Discovery Day
Friday	School Photos
Week 3	Beginning Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Tuesday	Immunisations Years 7 & 10
Week 4	Beginning Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday - Wednesday	Year 12 Geography Field Trip
Thursday - Friday	Year 7 Camp

#### School resumes for 2019 on

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January for Year 7, 11 and 12 and Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January for Year 8, 9 and 10

### Important dates for 2019

- Swimming Carnival Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Photo day Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February





Wellbeing & Health In- Reach Nurse
Coordinator Mrs Caitlin Larter will be
available during the school holidays at
the SaCC Building at Franklin Public
School on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
January from 9am to 3pm. All students
and families are welcome to drop in for a
cuppa or chat about any wellbeing or
health topics.

Tumut High School looks forward to welcoming Year 7 students in 2019 on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Students are to meet in the hall - FD Purcell Centre by 9am with pencil case and 1 exercise book.

## **Student scholarships**



Congratulations to Year 8 students Heidi Schorn and Telesha King-Neville on receiving the Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship. Recipients of this scholarship receive a computer with internet access and access to tutoring and mentoring.



Year 8 Student Heidi Schorn

## **Songs for Sam Scholarship**

The Songs for Sam Scholarship has been awarded annually over the last 4 years in honour of the memory of local sportsman Sam Roddy. This year the Songs for Sam Scholarship committee have awarded two grants.

Congratulations to the following students.



Year 9 student and local musician Madison Hibbert plans to take classical guitar lessons through the Wagga Conservatorium.

Madison will receive \$1000 towards her personal goal and plans to continue sharing her love of music with the community.

Year 10 student Dominic Erbacher will receive \$500 towards his planned trip to Peru. Dominic will work with disadvantaged children in Peru, teaching English & assisting with renovations.



#### Student success

Year 9 student Daisy James attended the Riverina Choral Camp earlier in the year along with other students from our region. Daisy was then selected from that camp to perform as part of the Core Choir in the NSW Schools Spectacular held in November at Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney.



## **Premiers Debating Challenge**

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 debating team finishing 7th in the State Finals in the Premiers Debating Challenge competition held at University of Sydney. Students Eddie, Daniel, Abbey and Megan have developed many new debating skills and greatly enjoyed the experience. A big thank you to Mr V for his dedication to debating at THS.



#### **Year 8 Tathra Excursion**

To celebrate the end of the year, Year 8 students had the opportunity to attend a 3-day Kianinny Outdoor Education Camp at Tathra from Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018. Students were engaged in a variety of exciting outdoor activities which encouraged team work and helped to build better peer relationships.



## Year 9 PAIN trip 2

Day 1 – A very eager group! Stopped in at Coolamine Picnic area on the way to Blue Water Holes. The brumbies came to visit during the night and a couple of brave students had a dip in the water. Elijah Baker had a horse whisperer moment with one of the brumbies.

Day 2 – A very quick walk to Pockets Hut. These kids are amazing! We knew the weather was closing in so we made it to Pockets in record time and the students had a great afternoon playing Uno and cooking fantastic meals. Mother Nature put on a great lightning and thunder show that night.

Day 3 – Packed up in the rain and used every hook in the hut to try and dry the tents. We walked around the tree line to Old Currango with views of Tantangara. It rained on and off. Our intrepid explorers couldn't wait to cross the swampy ground once they saw Old Currango in the distance. The views of Brumbies in the distance were a lovely sight. A few blisters were starting to cause minor discomfort. We arrived at Old Currango to a warm which was verv welcome. Queenslanders thought it was freezing so they had taken refuge in the hut. We held The Quiz around the campfire.

Day 4 – Woke to rain and much colder conditions. We cut across country to meet Port Phillip Trail so that we could reach Long Plain Hut that night. Students were once again little troopers cooking up pasta on their trangias in windy sleety conditions at Ghost Gully and powering on to our target. The faster ones charged on to Long Plain Hut. Then an angel in a NPWS ute appeared and started ferrying us to the hut. There were gale force winds predicted. Mr V and Mr Fisher arrived and Mr V entertained us with a Snow Angel impression of himself. Spirits were high with hot chicken and goodies that Mr V, Mrs Brown and Mr Fisher brought with them. Shivering cyclists made it to the hut and the students threw snowballs at each other as the snow came down in flurries.

The decision to return to Tumut that night was met with cheers!! Goodes buses picked us up at 5.30pm and everyone appreciated hot showers and warm beds that night. The students can be proud that they participated in a tougher than usual walk all with such a 'can do' attitude, looking out for each other and living the week outside their comfort zone. Written by Trek Leader Mrs Beale



#### Year 10 Australian Business Week - ABW

All Year 10 students participated in ABW in early December. ABW is an enterprise education program to help students prepare for life beyond the classroom by providing the invaluable opportunity for them to experience the world of Australian business. This program was led by Mr Brown with support from team mentors Mrs Stiles, Mr Carolan, Mrs Chapman, Mr Wray and Mr O'Brien – mentor of the winning team!











## **Year 10 Work Experience**

Year 10 students have enjoyed learning in our community about different career paths. Employers who take work experience students, have the opportunity to inspire young people about their industry and the education and training pathways available. Tumut High School is very appreciative of the support businesses offer to this program.



Sam Christie Forestry NSW



Bella Larder Cute Critters



Tanisha Dehnert Art of Hair and Mosaic



Ryan Boyd A&S Groves Logging Contractors



Jess Larter T&A Times

#### **End of year assemblies**

Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 held assemblies in the last week of term, for distribution of semester 2 reports, Principals, values, reading and sporting awards. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers and friends attend these assemblies in support of their child's education. The running of the assemblies and the entertainment was delivered perfectly by the students.









## **Snowy Valleys Chess Tournament**

On Monday 3 December the THS Chess Team played at Batlow Technology School in a friendly chess competition against **Batlow** Tumbarumba. Our Tumut representatives are Paddy Thompson, Andy Dodds, Ethan Parker, Tay Crane, Owen Jackson, Seth Ferguson, Claire McGrath, Kade Jackson and Ruby McSweeny. Tumut had 9 representatives, Batlow had 6 and Tumbarumba had 8. During the day the competitors had a great time where we played 7 matches Swiss style pairings, where you play harder matches if you win and easier matches if you lose. At the end of the day, players were ranked. Tumut took out the top four positions on the day, which was a great achievement. Paddy Thompson was the undefeated champion with 7 wins and 0 loses. Second was Andy Dodds with 6 wins and 1 loss. Ethan Parker was third with 5 wins and 2 losses and Tay Crane was fourth with 4.5 wins and 1.5 losses. We would like to thank the Dierkx (Tumut), Mr teachers Mr (Tumbarumba) and Mr Cass (Batlow), who helped the day run smoothly and also played chess. Everyone had a great time on the day, especially the socialising and refreshments. All schools would like this to be a regular event, every term next year.

Written by Paddy Thompson Yr 11



## **Community Feedback**

It is great to hear positive talk in regard to our students and opportunities available at Tumut High School. Some comments recently received include:



Burrabinya Program –"Great work students, Shannon and Winnie"

Australian Business Week – "Thanks for having me. Was great to be a part of ABW"

PAIN Trip 2 – "Amazing opportunities at THS"

TAFE Graduation - "Congratulations to some amazing young people"

Carols by Candlelight performance - "Great job girls"

#### **Burrabinya Graduation**



Congratulations to our 2018 students who graduated in the Burrabinya Program with Compact. These students were involved in painting the shipping container on our oval. Thank you Burrabinya students - it looks amazing!





#### **Year 6-7 Middle School Award**

Tumut High School have this year introduced an award for our partner schools Adelong Public, Brungle Public, Franklin Public and Tumut Public Year 6 students. The Year 6-7 Middle School Award is awarded to the Year 6 student who displays the Tumut High School PBL value of responsibility by actively participating in the middle school program.



Brungle Public School recipient Callum O'Brien was presented with his award by Year 9 student Grace Denny.



Franklin Public School recipient Shania Britt was presented with her award by Captain Samantha Barton and Year 9 student Jeane Van Der Merwe.



Tumut Public School recipient Gabriel Gilbert was presented with his award by Principal Mr Dixon.



Adelong Public School recipient Kiandra Ward was presented with her award by School Captains Sam D'Allessandro and Samantha Barton.

# Tumut High School 2018 Presentation Night

























On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December Tumut High School held their annual Presentation Evening. Thank you to parents, students and community members for supporting this event to recognise the wonderful achievements of our students. A more detailed report on the Presentation Evening will be in the Tumut & Adelong Times.

