



STARS – Tumut Newsletter

Term 4 – 2024

Farewell Coordinator Trish

We say farewell to our STARS Coordinator Trish. Trish is going to Moruya to start the STARS Foundation program at Moruya High School. Trish has worked hard to ensure the STARS students at Tumut High School have all the support they need to achieve their goals and she will miss THS students and staff. Trish is very thankful for the opportunity and looks forward to hearing all the success stories from Tumut High School STARS students in the future.



Term 4 has seen improved attendance and behaviour from all year groups. This term has been positive and our best term yet. We are busy planning for 2025, and STARS staff will continue to spend quality time with the girls to work on relationship building.

STARS Staff are looking forward to seeing all STARS students return in 2025 and start a brand new of year opportunities.

Community Engagement



During Term 4 our junior STARS have been engaging with the broader community. Our STARS (pictured above) spent time supporting Tumut at Local Food Pantry. Our STARS spent time engaging, preparing and assisting with Tumut Food Pantry volunteers. The girls helped prepare tea and coffee jars (pictured below) and set up the mini market for community members to get needed groceries. The girls enjoyed the opportunity to help others in our broader community that need support.



Community Engagement Continued...



STARS students spent this term connecting with the broader community in a variety of ways. One event attended by our STARS was the 70th Anniversary of Snowy Hydro at Talbingo.

Year 8 student Bryelle created a beautiful artwork to be included on the day. The artwork gave community members an opportunity to include their handprint in the already prepared artwork.

Many people in attendance took up the chance to add their handprint to this incredible artwork.

The final creation was donated to Snowy Hydro to be placed into one lucky person's office. Thank you to Bryelle and Zahli for volunteering to be the face of STARS for this special event.



TERM 4 Incentive Excursion –

On Wednesday 27th November, a group of STARS Students travelled to Canberra. This excursion was a reward for improved attendance and behaviour for Term 4. The girls had an incredible time at Hoyts Cinema watching *Wicked* in the D Box theatre, followed by a lovely lunch at Rashays. (see picture below). We then spent the afternoon at iPlay, this was a very popular activity. Finally ending the day with meeting Santa.



AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES

Term 4 has presented our STARS to amazing opportunities

The biggest opportunity was presented to our Year 10 STARS who travelled to Melbourne to participate in AFLW Indigenous round, hosted by Carlton Football Club.



On 1st November Keirah, Jaydah, Makaylah and Mentor Nioka enjoyed various activities as part of the AFLW Indigenous round.



Rewards – Year 8 Pizza Night

Each term we celebrate the STARS year group with the highest attendance.

For Term 3 the winner was our ladies from year 7 STARS.

As a reward our Year 7 girls enjoyed a Pizza Lunch in STARS room, in third week of Term 3.

Who will be Term 4 winning Year?

Great Term 4 Attendance

Congratulations to all our amazing students who continue to lead by example with their astounding attendance.

The following students not only have an incredible attendance record but they have consistently displayed the STARS values of Respect, Honesty, Commitment and Pride.

85% or higher:

- Adeena (year 7)
- Izabella (year 7)
- Keilani (year 7)
- Rennae (year 8)
- Hayley (year 9)

90% of higher:

- Zahli (year 7)
- Zoey (year 7)
- Charlotte (year 8)
- Monica (year 8)
- Sophia (year 8)
- Bryelle (year 8)



Year 10 – TAFE Campus Tour Wagga

Learning beyond School.

A small group of our Tumut Year 10 STARS went to Wagga to participate in a tour of Wagga Wagga TAFE Campus. On Wednesday 20th November 2024 Tumut STARS travelled to Wagga for an exciting opportunity to learn more about TAFE NSW.

The day started with meeting all the TAFE staff and the Aboriginal student support staff members.

The girls then were escorted all over the Wagga TAFE campus. The girls could not believe the size of the campus. The girls really enjoyed the hair and beauty faculty and childcare faculty.

The girls joined in on Certificate IV Aboriginal health class where they were given lots of chances to ask questions and to hear from Aboriginal TAFE students about their TAFE experience and life goals.

The girls were provided a delicious lunch and a tour of the Aboriginal education facilities and the TAFE library. The girls enjoyed spending time with the little people at the TAFE campus childcare centre.

Overall, the girls enjoyed a very busy day that included a cultural art experience with in-residence Aboriginal artist Juanita McLachlan. Juanita showed the girls her beautiful artworks which included possum skin necklaces.

Photo below: Tumut STARS exploring the Hair dressing classroom.



STARS End of Year Celebration.

On Wednesday 4th December we held our first annual End of Year Celebration at Tumut Golf Club. This was an opportunity for parents, carers, friends, family and community members to celebrate our STARS students.

Our incredible STARS students Marli and Sierra from Year 9 hosted the evening and did an incredible job. Our night was supported by STARS Foundation CEO Andrea Goddard. All our STARS students were celebrated, and we thank all those STARS who attended. Thank you to our STARS students who help set up equipment, organise activities, blow up balloons and generally run the afternoon and evening.

OUR STARS AWARD WINNERS:

Academic Award Junior – Monica (Year 8)

Academic Award Senior – Jazmine (Year 10)

High Attender Junior – Isabel (Year 7)

High Attender Senior – Jazmine (Year 10)

Rising STAR Junior – Bryelle (Year 8)

Rising STAR Senior – Hayley (Year 9)

STAR of the Year Junior – Zoey (year 7)

STAR of the Year Senior – Jacee-May (Year 11)

A wonderful night was had by all, and we really appreciate all the support from family, friends and THS staff who turned up to support our STARS.

Congratulations to all our STARS and thank you for an amazing year. Bring on 2025!



STARS Presentation

