MITCHELL OFF TO TREK KOKODA

A partnership between the Real Futures Foundation and Nelson Bay Bowling Club has resulted in Year 11 student, Mitchell Voytas, winning the experience of a lifetime.

Mitchell has been awarded a $6,000 Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge Scholarship from Nelson Bay Bowling Club to walk the famous Kokoda Trail in September.

The hotly contested scholarship involved applicants writing a three paragraph submission to the RFF explaining why they wanted to tackle the Challenge. An interview followed and Mitchell was selected as the best candidate.

This week at school, Mitchell described the trek as “an awesome experience, life changing, a defining moment in my life like it was one of Australia’s defining moments.”

Mitchell needs to help raise further funds to buy gear and pay for all necessary vaccinations. He has set up a website to enable the collection of donations and plans to run fundraisers at school and in the community in coming months. Mitchell’s website is www.gofundme.com/akw98O (the capital letter “O”).

Careers advisor and RFF Co-ordinator, Robyn Nichols, congratulated Mitchell and praised the co-operation shown by all parties.

“The relationship between the school, the community and local organisations continues to be instrumental in providing a wide variety of opportunities for our students and this is an outstanding example,” she said.

STARSTRUCK 2014

“MAGIC HAPPENS”
(More photos & story back page)

The StarStruck team

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Relieving Principal’s Report

As the blustery winds blow and the temperature finally drops, Winter is come. Just in time for the holiday break. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Walking around the playground I see students who are beautifully dressed in their school uniforms with black leather shoes and navy blue jumpers. Occasionally I see a student who is out of uniform. Please take the opportunity provided by a two week holiday to purchase items of uniform that your child needs. Students grow and often as Winter comes we are caught with pants and jumpers that no longer fit, and shoes that need replacing. The uniform shop is open during term 3 on Mondays 8am – 11am, Tuesday 2pm – 4.30pm and Thursday 8am – 11am for the purchase of uniform items.

Last week I had the opportunity to see students of 7L in action during their class with Mrs Shaw. The students had made waffles served with homemade ice-cream and I was lucky to be offered a taste. These young students were managing the procedures and protocols of working in a commercial kitchen with aplomb. Congratulations to all students in 7L. Pictured in the kitchen are Isaac Berg, Kane Stanbury and Cody Pool.

On Friday night I will have the pleasure of attending the NSW Training Awards. Tanisha Griggs will be recognised for her achievement as a Hunter Region Apprentice and Trainee. It is a momentous award for a young person who has distinguished herself in her field. She is to be congratulated on her achievement.

Lastly, as Relieving Principal, I would like to acknowledge the commitment to learning and the positive behaviours of a number of students.

On Friday at Break 1, the following students have been invited to share a Principal’s Morning Tea. These students are: Kiara Lawrence, Jaiden Glen, Ebony McMaster, Kym Florence & Gaia Ewing.

Jennifer Florey
Relieving Principal

STUDENTS HIT THE AIRWAVES

Six students from Year 8 CAPA enjoyed the experience of being on the airwaves at Port Stephens FM 100.9 this week. The opportunity was arranged by teacher, Kerbie Fletcher.

The students were interviewed on radio for about an hour, and demonstrated all of our school values and expectations. They discussed their involvement in Star Struck, their future aspirations and how much they enjoy being in our CAPA class. They spoke beautifully, with maturity and confidence.

It was an excellent and very positive way to showcase a really good aspect of our school.

Alita Knaggs
Head Teacher CAPA
Tomaree High School

Carly Carter, Isaac Haynes, Lily Hewitt, Maddison Bennett, Jenaya Hamshaw, Laura Holley

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Head Teacher Special Education, Mrs Sue McPherson, was recently honoured with a “Pride in Workmanship” award by Salamander Bay Rotary Club.

The award acknowledged Mrs McPherson’s many years of dedication working with students who have special needs, including mental health issues. It also recognised her outstanding leadership qualities and empathy for those students struggling with emotional and academic development.

Mrs McPherson’s exceptional contribution to the Support Unit at Tomaree High School was highlighted, particularly her overall supervision of six support classes - three Multi-categorical, one IO/IS, Alternate Learning Centre and most recently an ED unit.

Congratulations Sue on your wonderful achievement.

Barbara Pearson - Multi-categorical Class

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**Soup’s on for Winter!**

Every Tuesday during the Winter terms, Special Education students make delicious soup to sell to members of staff.

Soups offered on the menu have included pumpkin, tomato, minestrone, vegetable, beef and vegetable, and chicken and sweet corn.

Many facets of the student’s learning are covered in this activity including Maths and English. Maths activities include measuring ingredients, collecting money and giving change. English activities include reading and researching recipes and shopping for ingredients.

The students are able to learn skills in an environment which is similar to one in the real world where they will use these skills. Students enjoy learning to cook a new recipe each week, serving it to staff and collecting the money.

We are grateful to the loyal band of teachers who purchase soup each week and make this activity possible.

Karen Fraser
HSIE NEWS

Year 12 Geography Sydney Fieldwork Excursion

On Tuesday 17th June, Yr 12 Geography completed the compulsory fieldwork component of their HSC course. It was a day of trains, trams, ferries and automobiles!

After a chilly and extremely early start to the day, we all meet and caught the train to Sydney from Newcastle at 5.45am! Some students managed to catch a few hours of sleep on the train to recharge before a big day ahead. We arrived at Central Station and then changed trains to Circular Quay where we meet our tour guides, Glen and John.

The excursion was a field study of Sydney and Pyrmont as part of the Urban Places topic. After a discussion in Customs House we jumped on the ferry and enjoyed a spectacular trip around to Darling Harbour, stopping at Luna Park and Milsons Point on the way. It was a glorious day on the harbour.

Once at Darling Harbour, we had a quick lunch stop before doing a walking tour of Pyrmont investigating how much the suburb had changed from its industrial heritage to its now modern apartments and village atmosphere. After a few hours in Pyrmont, we caught the light rail (tram) back to Central Station. Then back on the ‘Newcastle Express’ to head home. A very long 14 hour school day!

The information gathered on the day will directly assist the students with their HSC. Textbooks can only tell half the stories. Getting out in the field is what true Geography is all about.

Year 12 Geography should be very proud of the way they represented Tomaree High School. They asked interesting and intelligent questions of tour guides and generally carried themselves like responsible young adults. Well done Yr 12.

Leanne Hawke
TOP MARKS FOR P&C BANNERS

Tomaree High School Principal, Peter Partridge, thanks P&C President, Carol Poley, Secretary, Richard Davis and Publicity Officer, Leanne Veasey.

Trendy, new signage panels for Tomaree High School have attracted many compliments at the recent parent/teacher interviews, information nights and school community activities.

The free standing, door-size panels cost $4,000 and were donated by the P&C committee. There are 15 panels; 12 featuring the school’s different faculties and three generic.

The project was 12 months in the planning with input from the P&C, the Student Forum and Deputy Principal, Paul Baxter. Photographs used on the panels were taken professionally by school photographers, MSP.

The P&C believes the banners will continue to be functional on many levels.

“They will be used in the wider community to promote THS and showcase the wide range of subjects which the school offers,” said P&C President, Mrs Carol Poley.

“At the recent parent/teacher interviews in the MPC, the banners clearly identified the different faculty areas.”

Tomaree High School NAIDOC Celebrations 2014

Tomaree High School would like to invite parents and community members to join us in celebrating NAIDOC week 2014.

On Friday July 27 from 9.00am, Indigenous students and friends will be involved in a number of workshops including art, music, dance, traditional hunting skills and cooking.

The celebrations will be open to students from years 7-12. If you would like to be involved please contact Jim Papworth or Sarah Bergan at the school.
A ‘CUPPA’ & SCONES FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Students, teachers, parents and even a little “princess” supported the Biggest Morning Tea recently at Tomaree Education Centre.

A total of $390 was raised for the cancer fundraiser. Year 12 Hospitality students baked and prepared scones for the occasion and provided a Barista coffee service.

Defence Transition Mentor, Debra Mould (HS) and Defence School Transition Aide, Debbie Hersant, (PS), pictured above sharing a cuppa with parents, have been organising the activity for a number of years.

Ms Mould thanked everyone involved.

“I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Biggest Morning Tea,” she said.

I would like to also thank Mrs Shaw from Home Economics and our wonderful Year 12 Hospitality students. The students’ skills of presentation and service was very professional.”

DEFENCE TRANSITION MENTOR
Debra Mould available
Monday - Thursday
8.15am - 2.30pm.
Email: debra.mould@det.nsw.edu.au
or
Phone: on 49811444 Ext 432

Mia Jones, 2, (top left) was happy to sample some scones as was PE teacher, Emma Chester, pictured with Year 12 Hospitality students Olivia Dawson, Kate John, Lynsey Tarrant and Jenna Hopewell.
STUDENTS’ 2014 PHOTOS
HERE EARLY TERM 3

Student orders for school photographs will be handed out in Week one or two of Term 3.

The hand out will most probably be on a Wednesday when all classes have Roll Call.

Mr Zeidan
Photography Co-ordinator.

A CHANGE TO TUESDAY’S UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Please note that from Term 3 there will be a slight change to Tuesday’s hours for the Uniform Shop.

The new operating hours will be:

MONDAY: 8am - 11am
TUESDAY: 2pm - 4.30pm
THURSDAY: 8am - 11am

Phone: 4981 0011 or 4981 1444

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TOMAREE SCHOOL HALL
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DRAMA CLASSES - 2014

PRIMARY: 7 – 11 YEARS
4pm – 5.00pm

YOUTH: 12 – 15 YEARS
5.00pm – 6.00pm

MONDAYS: Tomaree Primary Hall

Enrolments now being taken for Term 3.

Principal: Shane Skerly
Ph: 02 49 692338 – dramacorp@bigpond.com

 обучения включает

Этикет Для детей и старшеклассников

Понедельник: 8 утра - 11 утра

Вторник: 2 часа до 4.30

Среда: 8 утра - 11 утра

Телефон: 4981 0011 или 4981 1444

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В школе Томаре будет работать Драматический академия.

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(Импровизация, Скриптов и Выступления)

ЛАТЫШСКИЕ КУРСЫ - 2014

ПЕРВЫЙ КЛАСС: 7 – 11 ГОДЫ
4 часа - 5.00

ВТОРОЙ КЛАСС: 12 – 15 ГОДЫ
5.00-6.00

Понедельник: школа Томаре

Записи для Третьего термина.

Председатель: Шейн Скери
Тел: 02 49 692338 – dramacorp@bigpond.com
StarStruck was an exciting and exhausting week!

Thirty three talented CAPA students, of which 16 were Drama and 17 were Dance all performed brilliantly and had a wonderful time. Students auditioned successfully from Years 7 to 10.

The week of StarStruck is huge, after a variety of rehearsals held in Newcastle and at school, we finally congregate with 3,600 other students from the region, at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

Two days are spent rehearsing with all the Cast, Choir and Orchestra, testing lighting and sound and checking costumes and performances. Finally on Friday June 13, the day has come for the first two performances, with the final two on Saturday the 14th.

“Magic Happens” was brilliant, a smooth operation showcasing the talent of our regional students, and Tomaree High students are to be proud of. With four school group items, “So Close”, “Thriller”, “Wouldn’t it be Nice” and “Witches”, as well as featured Drama students and three featured dancers in a variety of performances. This involvement made it a fun and busy show, with lots of activity, quick changes and a great deal of professionalism. Students worked together trusting and sharing.

Our students were amazing, well behaved, polite and co-operative and at all times they reflected our school expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Striving for Excellence, and they had fun while doing so.

StarStruck provides a unique opportunity to our students and would not be possible without the support of the school and parents, and the teachers that help make it happen. I would like to thank Kerbie Fletcher for the great work she does with our Drama students, and Marion Wheeler who assisted me this year with the dancers. Quite honestly I am still recovering from the late nights!

Alita Knaggs

Head Teacher Visual Arts

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3 - Week 1: Tuesday 15th July Year 6 auditions for the Year 7 CAPA class of 2015

- Week 3: MAD NIGHT Trial HSC showcase and Visual Arts Exhibition, Wednesday 30th July MPC 5.30pm. All welcome and not to be missed.