Science students from 10S1 and 10S2 competed in the Rotary sponsored Engineering Challenge on 22nd July 2014 at the University of Newcastle.

Our students worked extremely well in eight groups of four to complete a wide range of challenge activities. These included: building a bridge, making a catapult, constructing a hovercraft, designing and making a tower, developing a water delivery system, analysing at electric circuits, engineering a weatherproof house and solving a string puzzle all while minimising resources. All activities were judged or tested under rigorous conditions and points were awarded for each category. Our students gained in excess of 1300 points and were outright winners on the day and receiving the Champion School plaque. Tomaree now qualifies for the NSW State Challenge to be held in early August.
Science Engineering Challenge 2014 Winners on Tuesday 22nd July – Tomaree High School

Dr S. Fogwill

HT Science

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During Term 3 the school will be trialling a new method of communication with parents in regard to truancy. If a student truants a lesson, teachers will have three options to use to communicate with parents. These are:

1. Phone call home

2. A letter will be mailed home informing the parent of their child has truanted a lesson

3. An SMS text will be sent to parents informing them that their child has truanted a lesson.

It is anticipated this new procedure will assist the development of effective communication between the school and parents and reduce the incidence of truancy at school. This may also be a good opportunity for parents to be sure the school has their correct mobile phone number on record.

This Term 7L have commenced the computer based literacy programme, Lexia. This is a self-pacing reading scheme designed to reinforce reading, grammar and comprehension skills. Students have been placed at an individual level within the programme and they will then work through successive levels, mastering specific skills before being able to progress to the next level. By so doing, students are then better able to access and understand all parts of the curriculum, and at a faster and more settled pace.

The students have settled well into the routine, are engaged in the programme and are progressing through the levels.

“It’s fun. It is an interesting and different way to learn. It is an individual programme so we can compete amongst ourselves to go up each level,” said one of the students.
NAIDOC Week Celebrations at Tomaree High School

On Friday the 18th of July the school celebrated NAIDOC week by holding workshops for Aboriginal students and friends. The four workshops were presented by Aaron Taylor, a local Worimi man who demonstrated weaponry, dance and told stories and anecdotes; local elder Aunty Grace, who showed students how to make damper; school teacher, Sarah Bergan, who worked with students to decorate Boomerangs with traditional motives and design; and Sharon Lane (school teacher and Deadly Award winner) and her two sons Kodi and Shahn, who entertained each group with music.

Funding for this event was provided by the State Government by way of a grant to the school. The workshops were designed to connect Aboriginal students to their culture and to help non-indigenous students expand on their knowledge of indigenous history, art and culture.

Among the highlights of the day were the spear throwing by Aaron Taylor who used his woomera to propel spears over a distance of one hundred metres, and his performance on the didgeridoo.

As always, the students behaved themselves impeccably and were fine representatives of both the school and their people. The Aboriginal Education Team would like to thank the presenters and students for their involvement on the day and we look forward to providing more opportunities to our students. An excursion to Sydney to participate in further cultural activities is being planned for the near future. Students can find out more by attending the Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group meetings in the library during Pastoral care each Wednesday.

J Papworth
Move Over Junior Master Chef

Year 7 Ice-cream Design Task

Last term students from 7Tec 10 were set a design challenge: To design and produce an ice cream dessert.

You will be amazed at what these students came up with.

Here is Eilish Nesbitt with her “Caramel Malteaser Crepe”. Uniquely designed and masterfully created.

Elle Clayton-Brown with her smashing “Banana Split”

Eiligh Farmer with her fabulous “Bombe Alaska”

Declan Forsyth with his wonderful “Twisted Tuille Creation”

These are just some of the amazing, wonderful, fabulous products from 7 Tec 10 Food Technology. I wonder what they will create in Textiles?
7M GEOGRAHPY

In geography 7M have been studying the biome, coral reefs, as a threatened environment with particular reference to the Great Barrier Reef. Students have been encouraged to produce a wide variety in their assessment tasks. These projects have included power point presentations, 3 dimensional models, posters, brochures, board games, graphs, songs and postcards. In so doing, students have not only researched their task thoroughly but been able to present this information in individual forms which are more suited to each student. We were even delighted last week by a “Coral Reef Cake” which was quickly devoured after much amazement at its intricacies and hard work. Well done to all students.
PORT STEPHENS MAYORAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

The Port Stephens Mayoral Academic Scholarships program will run again in 2015, with Council teaming up with local businesses to offer $2000 scholarships to Port Stephens students commencing tertiary education in any field.

Students who reside in Port Stephens and who are commencing an undergraduate course, trade or traineeship, or tertiary studies at any recognised institution are encouraged to apply.

Applications open on 17 December, 2014 and should include HSC results and letter of offer or enrolment from a tertiary training institution.

For more information, contact Port Stephens Council Economic Development Project Officer Briony O'Hara on 4980 0446 or visit www.businessportstephens.com.au

Some of our careers students participating in “Try a trade”, “Careers Quest” and “Mentoring”.
NELSON BAY FOOTBALL CLUB INC.
2014 6-A-SIDE SUMMER COMPETITION

REGISTRATION DAYS

4th AUGUST, 11th AUGUST
AT TOMAREE SPORTS COMPLEX
5.30 – 7.00 pm

COMPETITION STARTS 30th SEPTEMBER AT
SALAMANDER SPORTS COMPLEX

FOR REGISTRATION FORM, FEES AND CONTACT DETAILS
visit www.nelsonbayfootball.com.au

P & C NEWS

Due to the MADD night the P&C meeting was changed to July 29th and with the timing of the newsletters we weren't able to send out a reminder of the meeting details although we do endeavour to use the electronic noticeboard.

There will be an article in the next newsletter (August 14th) from the P&C with information of the next meeting.

Kind Regards
Leanne Veasey
P&C Publicity Officer

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TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS

On Friday June 6th, Tomaree HS participated in the regional stage of the Under 13s and 15s Knights KO tournament at Lakeside Sporting Fields in Raymond Terrace. It was a blustery day, with a wet and slippery surface but the boys still showed up eager and enthusiastic to rip in and tackle the opposition. After a quick warm up, stretch and some wise words from the coaches, the teams kicked off. Unfortunately, both squads did not advance to the second round of the competition after some ‘up and down’ performances. The 13s did manage to get a ‘W’ in two of their games but could not put away other opponents. The 15s were cruelled by injuries to key players, including halves Brad Hupton and Jad Samuel. It was an uphill battle to get some cohesion and chemistry after our two playmakers were sidelined.

Despite all of this, the boys can be heartily congratulated for their efforts on the day. They played with pride for their school and were well behaved at the ground. They have successfully represented our school.

Under 15’s squad photo below:

Congratulations to these boys:
Under 13s

Continue over
Under 15’s
Jack Hutchinson, Daniel Buchan, Ben Vidler, Ben Cornally, Zac Liddell, Jad Samuel, Brad Hupton, Kye Blanch, Myles Eckersley, Jo Wolinski, Darcy Bartlett – Baldwin, Michael Lloyd, Denver Perfrement, Kody Siggins, Mitchell Harrison, Adam Rayner

Thanks to the parents who helped out on the day, running water and directing players around. Thank you to Mr Hurley for his organisation on the day and Tim Byrne from Year 11, who stepped up as an assistant coach to the under 15s.

**UNDER 14S TOMAREE SQUAD IN KNIGHTS KO QUARTER FINAL**

On Monday 16th June the under 14’s squad travelled to play their Newcastle Knights KO quarter final against Singleton High School at St John Oval in Charlestown. The game was slated for a 6 p.m. kick-off with the victor going on to play a semi-final later that night for a spot in the grand final at Hunter Stadium.

It was a cool, windy and chilly night as the boys assembled at the ground. For the first time this year we were blessed with a full reserves bench, giving us ample backups for the game. Because of this, the instructions were to play hard and leave little in the tank. This was a great opportunity for Tomaree to succeed in the competition.

The game did not begin well. After some quick play and fantastic hole running by Singleton, we were down two tries in the opening five minutes. We knew our opposition had come to play. Tomaree hit back with a try not long after, however, Singleton was just too strong for us as they won the match 38 – 4.

Thankyou to the players who participated in the under 14s squad this year, they have done the school proud. Along with a good result in the Knights KO competition, the team also managed to make it to the ‘Super 8s’ of the prestigious Buckley Shield Competition this year after defeating arch rivals, Francis Greenway, in the regional stage of the competition.

A special mention must also be made to parents who assisted in gala days and competitions, thank you very much for your help. I would also like to thank Jeff Thompson who filled in for me when I was off sick.

Many congratulations to these players.
Ryan Duffy, Rory Davis, Daniel Arnfield, Jordan Byfield, Lewis Daly, Casey Miller, Joe Murray, Jason Allwood, Jordan Theodore, Riley Carmody, Tyran Thompson, Kurt Peters, Isaiah Paulo, Billy Rae, Jayden Naldo, Ki McClelland, Curtis Nunn, Chad O’Toole, Dane Carney

Joel Ross

HSIE
CAREERS NEWS

Careers considerations come to prominence this term with Years 8 and 10 making all important subject selections and Year 12 will be making decisions on University, TAFE or Employment opportunities. A huge number of programs have been happening or are about to occur, all aimed to give students useful careers knowledge. Of course, the careers team is offering advice and provide programs to ensure the decision process is calm and successful.

Fact finding excursions such as the Careers Expo, Try-a-Trade and University open day have taken place and students will soon be touring the TAFE campuses. A couple of bus loads of students made their way to Maitland on two occasions, where they were able to talk to over 100 exhibitors. Students were able to gather information about particular jobs or industries from people who are employed in these areas to gain a realistic insight. Knowledge straight from the horses mouth, far more interesting than from a book or dare I say it, a teacher. Many careers questions were answered; one student sadly found out that school education is highly regarded. He was upset when told, “stay on at school and successfully complete year 11 if you want any chance of being employed by a trade training group.” Learning is an ongoing process that will promote a successful career path.

The Mentoring and Toolbox programs were highly successful during Term 2. The toolbox students are now ready to attack new work opportunities as they have developed communication skills further and they have winning resumes and portfolios. Whilst in the mentoring program, one student happened to tell her mentor she had a desire to get involved in the modelling industry and within weeks her Mentor had her at a professional shoot up in the beautiful Hunter Valley. An amazing experience was had. I’m now going to be telling the Mentors that I’ve always wanted to be a Swiss Ski instructor. Both programs have been well received by students and the Mentees expressed their thanks for the knowledge gained during the recent awards presentation.

Year 12 are studying hard, but they also have a few important careers events happening over the next two months. Those who are applying for University should be receiving UAC pins and passwords as we speak. Students now need to pick appropriate University courses and the right University. These decisions should have been made easier by the recent Newcastle University student day excursion. The students who attended have, of course, returned with new vigor and their noses are fixed in books in a bid to attain the desired ATAR result.

Early entry schemes at several Universities are on offer and these positions come with a stress free option, as no ATAR is needed. Students will, however, be rated by the school on attendance, academic achievement and participation in extra-curricula activities. The Application process is happening now and more importantly, will finish at the end of Term 3. Students can apply online through UAC or directly to the University via application forms that are downloaded from the University websites.

TAFE will also start the 2015 application process in the next month and there is only one round of applications this year. So students will need to get in early if they want to secure a position in their desired course.

Parents and Guardians have an important role in these career decisions, so please take time to discuss it with our students. If further advice is required, the careers advisers are available.

Kyle McElwain
TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL

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