Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

**A Word from Mr Coleman**

A very warm welcome to the new school year and a special welcome to all the new students and their families.

Three weeks into the term and already many things are happening. Our two swimming carnivals were a great success and every year we receive comments about how well behaved and courteous our students are. It was particularly nice to see new students participating and also seeing, as usual, the Secondary students supporting and encouraging the Primary students in their races, sometimes even swimming alongside them. This is a defining feature of TCC, supporting and caring for others. We do so in practical ways but, of course, prayer is vital. We constantly see God answering our prayers. He is indeed faithful. Remember 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – ‘Pray without ceasing’.

We also had a good turnout at both Primary and Secondary Meet the Teacher Nights. Again, we received many comments about the sense of community at TCC and this is something that we hold as important. We do come together for a number of events throughout the year. These are valuable opportunities to get important information but also to meet other families and thus build the community. I encourage you to come along.

At this point I would like to introduce some of our new initiatives in the College. Firstly, from this year all students in Year 9 will participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn a skill, improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in their community and go on an adventure. Many thanks to Mrs Collier and Mr Dawson for their work in relation to this. Secondly, Miss Stevens is forming a Junior Choir that will perform at various College events. Thirdly, Mr Donaldson will oversee a Junior Band. These last two initiatives will contribute to our overall Creative Arts program.

I encourage all students to do their personal best at school in all areas be that in class or in extra-curricular activities. As we are commanded in Colossians 3:23, ‘Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord’.

God bless
PRIMARY NEWS

School Banking

A big welcome back to all our school bankers. It has been great to see all the familiar faces as well as some new ones too.

Our theme this year is OUTBACK SAVERS and we will be joining the Dollarmites on an adventure through the Canyon of Savings. There are some terrific outback survival themed rewards to collect including a bush-fly fan, wiggly glow worm, jump rope and of course a mud splat handball! Each term there will be two new reward prizes to choose from. The two rewards for Term One are the Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set.

If you would like to sign your child up for school banking please come along and see me on a Wednesday morning. I can be found on the verandah near the Year Two classrooms from 8.45 until around 9.30am. Keep an eye out for Pat the School Banking Dog and you can’t miss me. If you are unable to make it on a Wednesday morning the office has banking packs to pick up and get your child started. School banking is a fun way to save money, learn life long saving skills as well as collect some great prizes across the year.

Hope to see you there!!

Lisa Andrew
School Banking Coordinator

2016 Magnet?

Have you received your magnet for 2016?? If not please contact the Front Office and it can be arranged for you to receive one!

Book suggestions

Year 3 to 4 booklist

Year 5 to 6 booklist
Years 3 & 4 in 2015

Had a wonderful project at the end of the year where they had to plan and put into action a business. Here are some photos of what they did. What an inventive lot of children!!

Splish Splash

Wow what a fun time we all had!!
Our wonderful Secondary helpers made the day even more fun.

Yesterday the Infants classes did Splish Splash Day. 1V liked playing Drip, Drip Splash, Water Limbo and Sponge Tag. Mr Padmos tipped water on lots of us. We had so much fun. 1V
Kindergarten

All are settling in very well! We are so excited to see all of these lovely new faces at our College!!

2B enjoying Maths and Science

We are learning about place value in Maths and in Science we have been talking about mixtures.

Advance Notice

OPEN/GRANDPARENTS DAY 2016
Friday 1 April 2016

Let your Grandparents know now about this very special day—we always have lots of fun!

Good for Kids

**Good for Kids**

*good for life*

**Staying Active in the Heat**

When it’s hot outside it can be tempting to become a couch potato in order to stay cool. Here are some tips for staying active when the weather warms up:

- Plan outdoor activities in the cooler parts of the day such as early morning or late afternoon
- Wear light-weight clothing in light colours
- Have water available at all times
- Play in the shady areas out of direct sunlight
- Include indoor activities such as twister or dancing to music.
Swimming Carnival

House Captain Reports:

5 compliments for the swimming carnival:
The houses’ cheered and encouraged the swimmers lots.
The stands were neat and tidy when we left.
The swimmers did a great job swimming.
The chants were very encouraging.
The house leaders did a good job leading the teams.

Connor Thornhill, Wipay (Green) Captain

The Swimming carnival was so fun. Lots of people were involved in the events and every house was cheering for their team. All the war-cries were really good and all the captains and vice-captains did a good job. Brodi’s dad was dressed up in blue paint. Mr G did a good job on the microphone and Mr Warner did a great job getting people into the races. All the teachers counting were having fun and so was Miss Stevens and Mrs Tindall at the desk. Overall it was a great day at the pool and everyone jumped in at the free swim.

Grace Bkic, Wipay (Green) Captain

5 compliments for the swimming carnival:
The swimming carnival was a great day. There were so many people that went in races but most of all so many 11 & 12 year old BOYS went in races to help their team win. Everyone had a great day and we even had a man come painted in blue. There were balloons and posters and all the teams tried their best to win in a friendly way.

Jackson Smith, Bathu (Blue) Captain

The swimming carnival was a great experience for all the new kids, especially the new Year 3s. You should of seen their faces when they finished their races. I loved the fact that nearly everyone went in at least one race. Many boys and girls got ribbons .

Brodi Ehsman, Bathu (Blue) Captain

The swimming carnival was so much fun. Every one cheered for their awesome team: red, blue and green. The winner of the carnival was Gyal, the red team. I believe it was the best swimming carnival ever!!!!!

William Blakeney, Gyal (Red) Captain

The swimming carnival was a great event to jump in and have a good go. Even if you didn't enter a race you still got the opportunity to represent our College and even got a free swim at the end. The winning team was Gyal.

Maya Peart, Gyal (Red) Captain

Overall Results:
1st: Gyal (Red)
2nd: Bathu (Blue)
3rd: Wipay (Green)

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Our Volunteers

As a College we are so very blessed and thankful to have our volunteers. Here is a photo of Esmay and her sisters working hard to put all of our ‘Welcome Packs’ together for you earlier this year.

Internet Safety—

Online tools are available that will let you control your kids’ access to adult material and help protect them from Internet predators. No option is going to guarantee that they’ll be kept away from 100% of the risks on the Internet. So it’s important to be aware of your kids’ computer activities and educate them about online risks.

Many Internet service providers (ISPs) provide parent-control options to block certain material from coming into a computer. You can also get software that helps block access to certain sites based on a “bad site” list that your ISP creates. Filtering programs can block sites from coming in and restrict personal information from being sent online. Other programs can monitor and track online activity. Also, make sure your kids create a screen name to protect their real identity.

Music Lessons @ TCC

Music lessons in Guitar, Bass, Keyboard and Piano occur weekly at the College by visiting peripatetic music specialists. Prices are set at $25 per half hour lesson for all teachers and are scheduled on a rotating timeslot so your child does not miss the same school lesson each week. If you would like to organise lessons in Guitar, Bass, Keyboard or Piano please contact Mr Day on aday@tareeccs.nsw.edu.au

Mr Day

Library News

How can parents help their children to love reading?

- Let your children see you reading.
- Read often to your children.
- Take time to talk about the things you read with your child.
- Build up your child’s personal collection of books.
- Visit your local library on a regular basis.
- Reading is what makes better readers. Do all you can to make reading pleasurable and useful.

Happy reading!
Mrs Hazell

Miss Robertson’s special day

We are sure that you remember our Primary Teacher Miss Robertson, who we are excited to say is now married!

Here is a photo that she kindly sent us to share!
Secondary & Primary Meet the Teacher Nights 2016

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to attend our annual Meet the Teacher Night and stay for a bite to eat with us. We really enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with you.

Visual Arts needs...

Visual Arts are doing clay work during Terms 1 and 2 this year and would really appreciate any contributions of 4L ice cream containers with lids. If you are able to help please just have them dropped off to the Front Office. Thank you!
**Borrowing College Books**

FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL - Years K-12 (and Parents):
Library loans are for one week* – loan/s should be renewed before the week is up if you haven’t finished reading your book/s. (*High School students & parents may request a longer loan period.)

K – 6: Overdue notices are printed on coloured paper and given to students to take home:
A YELLOW Friendly Reminder Notice is sent home with the student for (1-30 days) Overdue book/s. At this stage, the student may renew the book/s and speak to library staff about any concerns. If this yellow notice is ignored and book/s are not returned or the loan/s are not renewed an ORANGE Warning Notice (30-60 days overdue) is sent home with the student. If there is still no response, a RED Notice of Demand (showing the cost of each item) is sent home (>60 days overdue) with the student which says that the book must be returned to the library on the NEXT school day otherwise the cost to replace the book/s will be added to his/her fees.

Yrs 7 – 12: Overdue notices are emailed to students as per the system above (without the colour coded paper).

FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL - Years 7-12:
Textbook loans are for the duration of the school year and it is the student’s responsibility to return texts to the library before or on the last day he/she attends the College that year. A letter of request is sent out with the list of costs to be paid if text/s are not forthcoming.

Any textbooks that leave the classroom must be issued to the individual student. Students bring their textbook/s to the library where the loan/s are recorded. On occasion, a teacher may give textbooks to the students but each student’s name and corresponding textbook’s barcode is recorded and then sent to the library where - again - the loan is recorded. Therefore - all textbooks are borrowed through the library even when the student doesn’t actually come to the library. Students will find the “Issued to” stamp inside the front or back cover of the textbook and PRINT LEGIBLY the calendar year under “year”; their first name and surname (no nick names) and then their class (eg: 11B or 8M). Students must not swap textbooks thinking that “They are all the same book.” Each student is responsible for his or her own issued textbook and needs to RETURN IT TO THE LIBRARY in the final week of the school year (or earlier if he or she has finished with it) so that the loan is taken off his/her name. The cost of non-returned textbooks or those damaged beyond repair will be recouped by adding the cost of the textbook/s to the student’s fees.

We hope this clarifies matters and helps us all to be good stewards of the resources with which the College has been blessed.

Thank you
Library Staff

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**Focus on the Family**

**Parent Seminar**

“PARENTING TODAY”

with Mr Mark Watts—a Biblical perspective

Tuesday 8 March 2016

TCC Theatrette

7pm

(contact Kylie on 6539 0100 to secure your seat)

Everyone is Welcome!

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**TCC TOTS**

Starting up again

Tuesday 22 March 2016

from 9:15 to 10:15am

for Kindergarten children 2017 & 2018

held @ TCC weekly
SECONDARY NEWS

Year 6 2015 Dinner

Another great evening celebrating moving on to Secondary education. The Primary department will certainly miss these children and wish them all well for the rest of their education!

Book suggestions

Year 7 to 9 booklist

2015 Year 7 Slums—HSIE Unit

This is always a very interesting unit for the Year 7 students—creates lots of questions!!

Understanding Year 7 and 8

Dear Parents/Carers... sometimes school is all too confusing for the parents, more than the child! In Year 7 & 8, your child is separated into two main groups. Blue or Maroon is their first group, they are in this group for Devotions, Chapel, and the core subjects. For Art, Music, PDHPE they are in either Genesis, Exodus or Leviticus and they have these subjects for two periods per week (Yr 7) and four periods per week (Year 8), all year. They are also in one of these groups for their Technology Mandatory subjects: Agriculture, Control or Wood Technology (Year 7) and Food, Media and Metal (Year 8). In these subjects the groups rotate after 13 weeks. Your child is also in a Sports group for carnivals.

Mrs Wallis
Maths at Taree Christian College

In 2016 the Maths Faculty will trial some new initiatives, to further develop the mathematical skills of our students. Students in Years 7–9 have been given a letter for their parents/carers regarding the possible mathematics pathways for Years 9–12 and the implication of the chosen pathway for future careers. You are encouraged to read this letter and speak to the Maths Coordinator if you have any concerns.

Important information for students in Years 9 & 10 (2016)
The University of Sydney has decided that students will need a BAND 4, 5 or 6 in 2-Unit Maths before they enter first year science, engineering, commerce and IT from 2019 onwards.

How to help your child/ren with their maths work:
✓ Encourage them to complete homework.
✓ Encourage them to show their thought processes (working out).
✓ Encourage them to work neatly, showing question and answer.
✓ Encourage them to consistently make summary notes
✓ Use the summary notes to prepare the ‘reference sheet’ for Term Tests.
✓ Talk to them about maths
  how do you use maths in your life
  talk about changing recipes
  talk about mixing petrol and oil for machinery
  search for patterns in phone numbers etc.

The mathematics faculty run a ‘Maths Club’ on Monday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm in C1. Maths Club offers students the opportunity to have some 1-on-1 help with their classwork, have assistance with assessment tasks, revise a topic they may have found difficult or find out more about a particular mathematical concept.

This year Maths Club will focus on a particular topic for a number of weeks. Our first focus, which will run until the end of Term 1, will be ‘Algebra’. If students would like to further develop their algebra skills, then encourage them to come to Maths Club. Although there will be a topic focus, students will still be able to receive help in the areas listed above.

Christina Attard
Maths Coordinator @TCC

Taree Christian College—Show Team

Students from Stage 5 Agriculture Technology will be attending Nabiac Show on Saturday 27 February to show beef cattle. Andy Guilert; owner of a Braford stud in Nabiac, has generously offered his time and cattle to assist the students in learning show techniques, junior judging and more about the excellent breed. The team will spend Friday in a learning session, preparing cattle and will camp over night for a bright and early start the next morning.

Notice to Secondary School 2016

Parents and Carers our Secondary students now have this diary to use. It is required that our students use it to put in their homework and any other important information. It is also a requirement that you are to sign it each week. Please check with your child when theirs needs to be signed and help them to remember. Thank you.

Year 10 Work Experience

The dates for Work Experience this year are: 5th September to 9th September, 2016. Students are allowed to have two weeks of Work Experience although if the second week is in school time, leave must be applied for. Students will receive an information pack soon.

Mrs Wallis

Australia Day

On Australia Day, our Secondary Captains Braidy Chick and Sarah Mayers represented the College by taking part in the official service held in the Manning Entertainment Centre. They each shared from the stage in a short speech about what Australia Day meant to them. In the attached photo, Sarah and Braidy are meeting with Taree’s Mayor Paul Hogan, and were part of the official party on the day. Our College community can be very proud of the great way in which they conducted themselves and spoke.
Sports Update

Taree Christian College, held their annual Secondary Swimming Carnival in the second week of this term. We were blessed with a fantastic sunny day for swimming. All house groups participating well, with only 10 points separating 1st from 3rd in the participation points. Students participated with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

Wipay (green) took out the day with 493 points with Guyal (red) leading Bathu (blue) in a 20 point advantage for second place. The day was nearing the end but never before the Year 12’s would challenge the teachers in the annual teacher versus student race. With the keen interest of Adam Richardson, Year 12 pulled together a team. They were again unsuccessful with gaining back the race after eleven consecutive years from the terrific teacher team!

A big thank you to all the parents that came along to support and help out it was much appreciated! Also a thank you to all the teachers for their help on the day and to the students for their great participation and behaviour.

Age Champions:
12 years – Chloe Shelton, Jai Bovey-Wright
13 years – Gemma Workum, Samuel Workum
14 years – Chenoa Andrews, Finlay Farland
15 years – Kate Drury, Ryan Waite
16 years – Abigail Minett, Kyle Leifting
17 years – Emily McFarlane, Baxter Pattison
18 years – Lauren Wernicke, Harrison Deane

On Thursday 3 March the zone team will travel to Mingara Leisure Centre, Tumbi Umbi, to compete at the Hunter Zone Swimming Championships. All students selected in this team will be notified soon and will receive notes.

The Secondary Touch Gala Day is on Monday 22 February in Newcastle, again all students involved in this event will be receiving notes soon.

Upcoming events:
22/2/16 – Touch gala day - Newcastle
3/3/16 – Zone swimming – Tumbi Umbi

Sports Uniforms

There has been much anticipation over the arrival of the new sport uniforms for our extra curricular activities. The College has purchased new uniforms for Touch Football, Athletics, Basketball, Soccer and Netball. Some students will have the opportunity to wear these for the first time at our Touch Gala Day coming up in week 5. Thank you to the models that were willing to wear the new uniforms for photos. A special thank you goes to the SRC of 2015 for fundraising.
### Community Announcements

*(all these announcements are advertisements not necessarily endorsed by our College)*

**Taree Red Rovers Junior Rugby League Football Club**— Registration please contact Julie on 0417 488 633 or Melissa 0400 348 594 for more information.

**Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidy**—if you are not close to public transport and need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy can provide twice a year payments to help you cover the expenses. Go online for more information [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc).

**Manning Valley Physical Culture**—enrol now for 2016 for fun, friendship and fitness for ages 3 to ladies. Classes commence 8 February in Taree and Cundletown, for more information please contact Nola 0419 237 715 or email: bathy142@optusnet.com.au.

**Taree Wilcats**—will be hosting several W League Newcastle Jets players on 20 February 2016. We have an opportunity for them to run a training session for kids from around 1pm. Places are limited. To reserve your spot, please email tareewildcats@gmail.com with child’s name and age. Any enquiries to Michael Wallace on 0410 442 538.

**Guitar Lessons**— please contact Peter Groundwater from the Guitar Training Centre 6552 1444 or 0407 114 112. Lessons can be arranged to be held at TCC.

**Saver Plus Program**— this program has assisted over 230 families to save for educational costs and build financial skills, confidence and pass this knowledge on to the next generation. For more information please SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au for more information google The Smith Family.

**Student Exchange Program**— we would like to invite TCC families to the next FREE live online session on Thursday 18 February from 7:30 to 8:30pm. This online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available in 2016. Register now by calling 1300 135 331 or visit [www.studentexchange.org.nz](http://www.studentexchange.org.nz). TCC contact for this program is Mrs C Wiersma who can be contacted via the Front Office.

**Taree City Netball**— are welcoming new and existing players to register for 2016 email: tareecitynetballclub@hotmail.com or visit Taree City Netball Club on Facebook.

**Taree Panthers**— registration day 11 February 5 to 6:30pm at the Taree Rec Grounds or check out our Facebook page for more information.

**Cundletown Soccer Club**— 2016 registration days are Saturday 13 Feb 10am to 12pm or Saturday 20 Feb 2 to 4pm, you can also register online at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au). For more information contact Grahame 6551 1606 or Alicia 6553 9929.

**Holiday Kids Club**— “Who is the Servant King” Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 April, Taree Presbyterian Church 9 to 12:15pm $10 per child to register go online www.tareepresbyterian.com

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### UP AND COMING EVENTS

#### GOLD WEEK—Week 4

**Monday 15 February**
- Secondary Assembly 9:10am in the Taree Baptist Centre
- Primary Assembly 9:10am in the MPC
- Secondary Chapel 2:05 to 3pm in the Taree Baptist Centre

**Tuesday 16 February**
- Primary Chapel 12:30–1:30pm in the Taree Baptist Centre

**Wednesday 17 February**
- Secondary Camps

**Thursday 18 February**
- Secondary Camps
- Primary Assembly 9:10am in the MPC
- Infants Assembly 2:30pm in the Theatrette

**Friday 19 February**
- Secondary Camps

#### SILVER WEEK—Week 5

**Monday 22 February**
- Secondary Touch Gala Day in Wallsend
- Year 11 & 12 Music students to the Encore Excursion in Sydney Opera House
- Secondary Assembly 9:10am in the Taree Baptist Centre
- Primary Assembly 9:10am in the MPC
- Secondary Chapel 2:05 to 3pm in the Taree Baptist Centre

**Tuesday 23 February**
- Primary Zone Swimming Carnival
- Primary Chapel 12:30 to 1:30pm in the Taree Baptist Centre

**Thursday 25 February**
- Primary Assembly 9:10am in the MPC
- Infants Assembly 2:30pm in the Theatrette

**Friday 26 February**
- Ag Show Team at the Nabiac Show
- Kindy 2016 parent get together, 9:15 to 10:15am in the Theatrette

#### GOLD WEEK—Week 6

**Monday 29 February**
- Year 5 Camp at Camp Elim
- Secondary Assembly 9:10am in the Taree Baptist Centre
- Primary Assembly 9:10am in the MPC

**Tuesday 1 March**
- Year 5 Camp at Camp Elim
- Primary Chapel 12:30 to 1:30pm in the Taree Baptist Centre

**Wednesday 2 March**
- Year 5 Camp at Camp Elim

**Thursday 3 March**
- Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival—Minigara Leisure Centre
A Day Together conference is our one day version of our renowned ‘Weekend to Remember’ marriage conference but the messages are presented live by Australia’s own FamilyLife speaker team. Our speaker team messages are biblically sound and focus particularly on the theme of cultivating oneness in your marriage. They are a dynamic group of people able to laugh at themselves with presentations that people can relate to. There is no awkward group discussion; the day is designed for you as a couple to discuss things together only.
Skoolbag is a fast and easy way for you to keep in touch with what is happening here at TCC on your smart phone. You will help the environment if you choose your ‘Newsletter and Sneak Peek’ to be just given to you electronically—you can give us a call and let us know! Events, special parent information and the ability to put items into your calendar. It is a very smart app and we feel sure that you will find it very helpful!

**How do you get it, I hear you ask…**

**see below!**

**iPhone Users**

Simply search for Taree Christian College in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install

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Simply search for Taree Christian College in the Google Play on your phone, PC or Mac and install

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