Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  

*Luke 2:14*

**A Word from Mr David Coleman**

As we come to the end of the school year, I’d like to inform you about some staffing changes for 2017. Two new teachers will be joining us. Ms Simone Colville will be teaching Year 1 and Mrs Renee Boots will be teaching Secondary English. We look forward to them being a part of TCC.

This year saw some new initiatives. The HUB was launched as a trial as part of the Learning Centre to allow Secondary students to get some extra assistance with assignments or even just have a quiet place to work independently – students really love going there. Many thanks to Ms Amanda Tatzenko for her good work. The internationally recognised Duke of Edinburgh program was offered to all Year 9 this year with most taking up the opportunity. It was a great success, thanks to Mrs Collier, Mr Dawson and others, and it will again be offered to Year 9 2017. In Term 3 the College played host to three teachers from Fukagawa High School in Tokyo to discuss the possibility of an exchange program. Next October, 18 of us (12 students, three staff, three parents) will travel to Japan for a week at Fukagawa followed by visits to Hiroshima and Kyoto. In Primary we had the Stage 3 Showcase, a night of wonderful entertainment. Congratulations to all the students. Kindergarten marked the mid and end-points of their first year of school with a lunch at the 100-day mark followed by a special assembly last week where they entertained family with songs and were recognised for their achievements.

Behind the scenes, all the Coordinators have been further developing their leadership skills in a 12-month Leading from the Middle program through the Association of Independent Schools. This semester our Business Manager, Mr Drury, has been on long-service leave and we have been truly blessed to have had Mr Andrew Kent with us in a relieving capacity. Mr Kent has done an outstanding job and we are all very grateful to him for his hard work.

Congratulations to everyone on their achievements this year. I have enjoyed reading in reports how students improve and develop in different ways. A big thank you at all the staff who continually go above and beyond with a faithfulness and a servant heart. Thank you also to the Board who govern us with wisdom and discernment.

As we move into holiday mode, I encourage everyone to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour who came to offer the greatest gift of all, the gift of eternal life which is available to all who take the step of faith and believe in Jesus. I hope you will join in at the Baptist Church’s Carols Service and maybe even a Christmas service at your local church.

God bless and happy holidays.
**School Banking**

WOW ! Another year of school banking has come to an end. We went on an Outback Adventure with the Dollarmites through the Canyon of Saving. Our bankers redeemed HUNDREDS of tokens for handballs, skipping ropes, writing sets, bag tags, eraser pens, flying snake tails, bush fly fans as well as wriggly glow worms (slinkys). Many bankers were lucky enough to redeem 4 reward prizes this year !! It is great to see so many regular bankers each week but we always have room for more. We will have new information packs and lots of great new prizes when we return to school next year.

As the year ends we would like to congratulate our Top Ten Consistent Savers for 2016. They are as follows : Casey Sage, Sienna Twining, Drew Sage, Ebony Besant, Jake Edwards, Amiah De Wright, Nate Hardy, Dane Welsh, Lara Coleman and Kade Welsh. Well done to you all - with over 34 deposits each this year you have kept me busy!! Congratulations must also go out to Ryan Brokenshire who was a major prize winner in the CBA Prize Lights Competition that ran across Term 3. Ryan was one of only 50 bankers Australia wide to win a PlayStation 4 prize pack.

School Banking will return in February 2017. If any bankers have unredeemed tokens please keep them safe over the holidays as you will be able to use them next year ... the prizes are GREAT !!

Stay safe and happy holidays to all...
*Lisa Andrew*
*School Banking Coordinator*

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**Primary Social**

What a great evening!!! Truly had some creative dress ups :) We also were blessed to have raised $550 for the Uganda school that we support. Thank you.
Bandanna Day

Once again we all joined together to raise much needed funds for CanTeen. Thank you for supporting :) We were able to send off $979.50 to contribute to the cause.

Years 1 & 2 Saltwater Excursion

What a way to learn more about shelters... Years 1 and 2 students were able to go to Saltwater Reserve and learn so much more than what you can learn in the classroom—and have a bit of fun too!!!

Year 2C visit Clovernook Farm

2C were excited to travel to Clovernook Farm to see a beef cattle property in action. They saw many calves and had a long walk down the lanes before a picnic on the cool verandah overlooking a beautiful lily pond. Barney the dog enjoyed all the love and attention he received. Students are learning about workers in our community so were interested in this different occupation.
Kindergarten visit Bow Hill Dairy

“We are going to find out where milk comes from...” said our Kindy students as they were heading off to Bow Hill Dairy with much excitement!!!
What a great way to learn about dairy farming, thanks to one of our valued College families :)

Year 6 at Barrington!

Too much fun was had bringing a book to life! Our Year 6 students after reading the novel “River Time” by Trace Balla, were given the opportunity to solidify some of the learning during their very own canoe trip and bushwalk through Copeland State Conservation Area.
Kindergarten Celebration

We were able to celebrate our Kindergarten students of 2016 as they had their special Celebration Assembly and showcase. Thank you to the Kindergarten families for helping us recognise these children and their achievements!

2016 Operation Christmas Child

Another big effort from our Primary students, teachers, TBC Women's Church and our parent helpers, Mrs Janelle Bird and Mrs Lisa Andrew. The students packed 184 boxes this year. Wah hoo!!! Well done and thank you families for your contributions! The secondary students are currently raising funds to sponsor all of these OCC Boxes.

NBN television came along to our OCC Assembly to help show our community what we are able to do with a little box to help underprivileged children in showing Jesus’ love unconditionally.
Kindergarten 2017 Orientation

Our new Kindergarten students for 2017 enjoyed three Orientation Days during this last term. This is intended to help them feel comfortable with us and get them ready for 'Big School'. Lots of fun had!!

Year 7 2017 Orientation Day

Trying out Secondary School!!!
Well done Lily McAuliffe 3/4G

My trip to Tamworth Equestrian Interschools by Lily McAuliffe

- Thursday morning I woke up really early and left for Tamworth. When we got there, we put our pony in the stables and fed him. Later we went to our friends house and unpacked all of our stuff.
- On Friday there was Sporting and I got 6 ribbons out of 10 events. I got two 3rds and four 4ths, and came 4th in the overall point score. In one of the races my pony Aster squealed very loudly.
- On Saturday I didn’t have any events. I rode my pony, trotting, cantering and jumping jumps, for fun. Then I rode him with no stirrups and put him away to bed. My mum plaits his mane all ready for the competition on Sunday.
- Sunday morning, first I did a dressage test and got 4th, then I did two jumping courses. The first one I came first and in the second one I came 3rd. I then did another dressage test and came 2nd. My last comp of the day was a jumping class and there was a jump called the Joker, it was higher than all the other jumps, and if you jumped it without knocking over you got extra points, but if you knocked it down you lost points. I jumped it clear and came 6th and later that day got Reserve Champion Show jumping.
- On Monday I did Show Riding. I got a 2nd and a 5th in the hack classes, two 2nds in my riding class and 1st and a 5th in the pleasure class, I came 1st and 3rd in the handler class. Each class in the show riding was judged twice in two separate rings by different judges. Over the whole weekend I got 20 ribbons.
- On Tuesday we drove home, very tired after our long trip away. My pony Aster was very glad to be home.

ICAS Mathematics Competition

This clever group of students received a Credit or Distinction in the Mathematics Competition. Congratulations!!
End of Term 3 we celebrated with our Volunteers the end of another busy Term. We did this by going to have morning Tea at Club Taree.

At the end of Term 4 we were able to celebrate our Volunteers by having lunch here at the College, it was a lovely time and we do hope that they all felt VERY special because they are!!! Thank you to our lovely and many volunteers. If you are interested in joining this very special group of people, contact Margaret Saunders and she will be able to help you :)

High Distinctions – Keren Macpherson (English), Casey Sage (Spelling, Maths), Drew Sage (Spelling, Maths)  
Distinctions – Zara Andrew (Writing), Abigail Donaldson (Writing), Taylor Donaldson (Digital Technologies), Hailey Leonard (Writing), Jasmine Macpherson (Science), Keren Macpherson (Science), Casey Sage (Science, Writing), Drew Sage (Science, English), Esther Smith (Writing), Ashira Vale (Maths), Sebastian Vergara (Maths)  
Credits – Miriam Alley (Spelling), George Andrawes (Spelling, Writing), Zara Andrew (English), Estie Boshoff (Science), Lara Coleman (Maths), Charlotte Creighton (English), Abigail Donaldson (Science, English, Spelling), Taylor Donaldson (Spelling), George Hayes (Maths), Joshua Jones (Science, English, Maths), Anshul Khadka (English, Maths), Joshua Kirkwood (Digital Technologies), Hailey Leonard (English), Jasmine Macpherson (Maths), Keren Macpherson (Maths), Oliver Mitchell (Digital Technologies), Ethan Platts (English), Amelia Richards (Maths), Casey Sage (English), Connor Thornhill (Digital Technologies), Bethany Wamelink (Writing), Charlotte Wooldridge (Spelling, Maths)  
Merits – Miriam Alley (English), George Andrawes (Digital Technologies, English, Maths), Zara Andrew (Science, Spelling), Estie Boshoff (Digital Technologies), Lara Coleman (English), Charlotte Creighton (Science), Eliza Davy (Science, Maths), Danniele Dobson (English), Taylor Donaldson (Maths), Jesse Glassop (Digital Technologies, Maths), Archer Hamming (Maths), Aston Hayes (Digital Technologies, Science), Anshul Khadka (Spelling), Sebastian Lazzarotto (Maths), Hailey Leonard (Digital Technologies, Science), Ethan Platts (Digital Technologies, Spelling, Maths), Harrison Reed (Science), Jack Summerhill (Science), Connor Thornhill (Science, Maths), Ashira Vale (English, Spelling), Sebastian Vergara (Digital Technologies), Booyong Wills-Dykshoorn (Maths)
Celebrate with us....

Presentation Nights

2016

Primary - Monday 12 Dec 6:30 to 7:45pm
Secondary - Tuesday 13 Dec 7:00 to 8:30pm

Taree Baptist Church
TAREE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE & TAREE BAPTIST CHURCH presents...

CAROLS ON THE GREEN & MINI FAIR 2016

on the OVAL at Taree Christian College Wednesday December 14

MINI FAIR & BBQ FROM 5PM...

Free Activities include:

- Jumping Castles
- Face Painting
- Hair Spraying
- Footy Passing
- Plaster Painting
- Play Dough
- and much, much more

'Drawings by Alex Saunders, Kindergarten

GOOD NEWS TO ALL PEOPLE

DINNER AND TREATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM 5PM TO 7PM:

- Enjoy our famous BBQ
- Lasagne
- Drinks, lollies & cakes
- Ice Cream Man
- Mobile Coffee
- Snow Cones
- Fairy Floss

FROM 7PM LET THE CAROLS BEGIN...

FEATURING STAFF BAND, MAINLY MUSIC, PRIMARY ITEMS CAROLS CHOIR & RHYTHMIC GYMNASICS TEAM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTH
SECONDARY NEWS

Year 9/10 Visual Arts

Wonder at Wunderkammer

Rod McCrae is a contemporary Australian artist who creates installations that challenge the audience to consider how people steward the earth and the diversity of life that God has given us. Taree Christian College has two elective Visual Arts classes that spent some time at the Manning Regional Gallery recently to view his latest exhibition called "Wunderkammer – The Cabinet of Wonders". Within the exhibition, McRae used animal hides that had been ethically collected to create these installations on view. Students saw lions, zebras, rabbits, foxes, deer, hyenas and birds in various unexpected diorama-like settings, including a polar bear standing on top of a fridge! Students were given a floor talk by the gallery staff before they wandered around the gallery, taking notes and sketching animals they saw. Years 9 and 10 were given an extra surprise on the day when the gallery staff announced on arrival that they had the local illustrator and author Stephen Michael King in the gallery working on his latest book and that he was happy to discuss his career path and artistic process with the students. He even gave the school one of his polar bear sketches for keeps! Thank you to all who attended. It was a great way to experience and learn about contemporary art. Mrs Grimwood

Drama Excursion—Antigone

Over 2000 years ago the inspired playwright Sophocles wrote a classic Greek Tragedian play called ‘Antigone’. This plays universal themes, that deal with the human hubris and the clash between the state and religion, and are still relevant today. However, how do you bring to life a play that was written in a time and place so vastly different from what we now know?

Seven Year 12 Drama students were privileged to experience a production of Antigone presented by Jove for Sports Theatre company, on Wednesday the 9th of November at Parramatta Riverside Theatre. This reworded and re-contextualised script not only did justice to the story of Antigone, placing it into a modern context, but took us on an emotional journey through the inspirational set design, atmospheric sound and enthralling acting.

A huge thank you to Ruth Sumpner for all your help on the day.

Year 9/10 Music Enrichment Excursion

On Thursday 20 September, Year 9/10 Music had a very early start (4:30am). They travelled to Sydney for the bi annual Music Enrichment Excursion. Students participate in this excursion as they prepare for the senior years, allowing them to gain more experience of the opportunities in music and to see things they would normally not get the chance to see. Throughout the day they participated in a practical workshop and viewed a concert at the Australian Institute of Music, watched a harp performance at Sydney Conservatorium of Music, had a full tour of the Sydney Opera House and shopped at Allans Music in Pitt St. All in all, it was a very successful day which students thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr Day
2016 Manning Valley Schools Spectacular

The Manning Schools Spectacular is an annual event run by local music teachers which aims to showcase the musical talent of students in the Manning Valley. On Thursday the 27th of September, a number of secondary students performed at both the matinee and evening performances at the Manning Entertainment Centre. It was exciting for our students to perform in front of such a large audience and to be part of this fantastic combined event. Thanks to the students for your hard work in preparing for this event. We now look forward to next year.

Adam Day
Music Teacher

Cows Create Careers

TCC First prize NSR Overall and Winning School SNR. Congratulations Taree Christian College Ag Department!!

Agriculture News

Here are some photos of two of our students showing cattle at the Camden Haven and Bulahdelah shows. Paige Brown is well decorated for her ability to parade cattle for her family, and has been involved for some years with her grandfather in his Charolais Stud. Jarrad Knox is showing a Braford heifer after he developed an interest early in 2016 and built a close relationship with Andy Gilbert (owner of Riverside Brafords at Nabiac) and his family over the year. Jarrad has purchased Alpine and is looking forward to upcoming shows. It is encouraging to observe the interest students develop in Agriculture outside of school hours. Matthew Knox also paraded Kokoda, our Braford bull, at the Bulahdelah show with Jarrad. We look forward to another year, showing cattle and working closely with them during Agricultural lessons and at lunchtimes. Currently we have two boys, Caleb Haynes and Wayne Miller preparing young steers for 2017 Grandparents’ Day.

Mr Wayne Green

Congratulations Samantha!!

Samantha Tobin headed to Sydney Olympic Park on 23rd of October to compete in Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation Spring Carnival, where the best of the best Australian teams compete against each other. Samantha and her partner Jakob Webber came first in level 2 open partner stunt. Next competition was held on 6 November for ‘battle of the beaches’ in Manly.
GRIP Leadership Conference

On Monday the 31st of October the Student Leaders had the opportunity to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference at Newcastle University and were inspired by the speakers who shared new approaches to leadership. As a result of attending the GRIP Leadership Conference the student leaders of TCC have been given the necessary skills needed to lead the students in a fun and exciting way. At the GRIP Leadership Conference there was a range of workshops and sessions that interactively enabled the students to meet leaders of other schools whilst also learning new skills to implement as school leaders. As a result of the GRIP Leadership Conference the student leaders of TCC are hoping to implement the skills they have learnt.

Maitrix Sumpner-Johnson
Senior Student Prefect

Mike Kolbe—Local Artist Visits TCC

On 22 September last term, Mike Kolbe came to visit and spent a full day helping many of our Visual Arts and TAS students make a metal assemblage sculpture made out of old metal tools. The day was lots of fun and it proved to be a worthwhile venture when the metal crane was able to be viewed in its final state (see image). This lovely sculpture will be positioned somewhere in a strategic place within the school grounds as a reminder of how we have been made in the image and likeness of God who is the ultimate Creator. Thank you to all of those who were involved and helped to make it such a great day.

Mrs Grimwood

Rememberance Day 2016
Year 12 Formal 2016
Student Exchange Program—Mrs Wiersma is the coordinator for this program and they are looking for host families right now, for both short and long stays for students coming from all over the world. If you are interested you can contact Mrs Wiersma on 6539 0100 or 0413 596 062.

Alabaster Music School—is a music school offering private tuition in a range of instruments taught by Christian teachers contact Judy McComb on 0409 030 233 for more information

How to support your child through Senior School—Rocky Biasi and Prue Salter PhD are offering to help visit www.studysmaurai.com/parent to find out more information.

PCYC Safer Driver Course—always happening bookings are essential contact PCYC on 02 6551 0292 for more information

Taree West Cricket Club sign ups—still vacancies from U10 to U16 contact Lee Burgess at Manning Indoor Sport for more information.

Active OOSH Taree (Holiday Program) - please email kerrie@eastcoastchildcare.com.au for a copy of the program.

The Junction Vacation Care Program—is out for you to plan ahead. You can collect it from the Front Office or contact them on 6551 2711.

Manning Valley Libraries—lots of activities on over the school holidays, visit www.manningvalleylibraries.com.au to find out when and where it is all happening!

Bringing Up Great Kids—A six week program happening in Taree from 15 Feb to 22 Mar 2017. Contact Manning Support Services on 6551 1800 or on line at www.mssinc.org.au

Meet, Greet & Yarn Program—every second Monday at 11.30am at Bushland Tukka Café.

YMCA Teen Gym—Manning Aquatic Leisure Centre—phone 6550 0500 or search “YMCA Teen Gym” for further details.

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme—Expand your horizons! The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is pleased to announce that applications are now open for young Australians aged 16 to 23 to join a voyage in the national sail training ship Young Endeavour. For more information go to www.youngendeavour.gov.au

UP AND COMING EVENTS

GOLD WEEK—Week 9
- Monday 5 December
  - K-6 Assembly 9:10am in the MPC
  - Secondary Assembly 9:10am in the Taree Baptist Centre
- Tuesday 6 December
  - Primary Chapel 12:30pm in the Taree Baptist Centre
  - Secondary Leadership Conference
- Wednesday 7 December
  - Primary End of Term Assembly 11:30am in the Taree Baptist Centre
  - Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 to 6pm in the TCC Library
- Thursday 8 December
  - Primary Assembly 9:10am in the MPC
  - Infants Assembly 2:30pm in the Theatrette
  - Year 10 Dinner at Club Taree
  - Year 6 Dinner at Taree Baptist Church
- Friday 9 December
  - Years 5 & 6 out of school sport

SILVER WEEK—Week 10

FINAL WEEK OF TERM 4

Monday 12 December
- K-6 Assembly 9:10am in the MPC
- Secondary Assembly 9:10am in the Taree Baptist Centre
- K-6 Presentation Night 6:30pm in the Taree Baptist Centre

Tuesday 13 December
- Primary Chapel
- Year 7 to 12 Presentation Night 7pm in the Taree Baptist Centre

Wednesday 14 December
- Final day of school for students
- Carols on the Green and Mini Fair from 5pm

Thursday 15 December
- Final day for staff

GOLD WEEK—Week 1

Monday 30 January
- Year 1 to 12 commence the school year
- Year 1-6 Assembly 9:10am in the MPC
- Secondary Assembly 9:10am in the Taree Baptist Centre

Tuesday 31 January
- Kindergarten commence the school year
- Primary Chapel 12:30pm in the Taree Baptist Centre
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!

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