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UPCOMING KEY DATES

JULY

10.
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11.
**MICHAELMAS (3) TERM
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28.
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AUGUST

01.**WRCS PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS #2****02.****READERS' CUP**
Year 8 & 9**10.****INTERSCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP #3****11.****ROUND SQUARE SLEEP OUT**
Friday 11 August – Saturday 12 August**14.****SCIENCE WEEK**
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YEAR 8 OE PROGRAM
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Friday 18 August**21.****CBCA BOOK WEEK**
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KBCP
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KBCP
BOOK WEEK PARADE
8:00 am**26.****TAS goes M.A.D**
4:30 pm**28.****WRCP PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS****30.****WRCP PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS****31.****YEAR 1 OE PROGRAM**
WRCP
YEAR 2 OE PROGRAM
WRCP
FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
KBCP 8am
WRCP 7:30am
CANCER COUNCIL PONYTAIL CHOP
1:45 pm

SEPTEMBER

01.**QCAA STUDENT FREE DAY****07.****CARING WALL**
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Year 7–12

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Our students and programs continue to win awards within their fields, and we were thrilled to be announced as Australian Education Excellence awardees again in 2023 for “Best Co-curricular Program” and “Best Secondary School Non-Government.”



DA VINCI DECATHLON

Congratulations to both Kewarra Beach and White Rock Campus Primary teams who competed at the Da Vinci Decathlon in Brisbane. The White Rock team finished third in two categories (Mathematics, Coding), while the Kewarra Beach team won the Humanities section. This is a wonderful result, competing against the leading schools in Queensland.

RACI TITRATION COMPETITION AT JCU

Congratulations to senior chemistry students Ana Kyslytsya (Year 12), Albert An, and Larah Turnbull (Year 11) for winning the recent RACI Regional Titration Competition at JCU Cairns. They will go on to compete in the upcoming national competition!

BRISBANE MARATHON

Congratulations to Alex Jenkins (Year 8) for his outstanding performance in the Brisbane Marathon (2km) earlier this term! He placed 2nd in his age group and an impressive 11th out of 177 participants. Fantastic effort, Alex!

PETITIONING AGAINST ANIMAL CRUELTY

Congratulations to Noah Solomon and Holly Finch (Year 8), who have launched a petition advocating against animal cruelty. In just over a week, it garnered over 500 signatures! They are campaigning for the implementation of additional legislation by developed countries to put a stop to animal suffering. You can support their cause by signing their petition here: <https://ow.ly/yxgm50OMpkM>

SWIMMING WIN!

Congratulations to Joanna Chen (Year 10), who has been selected to represent Papua New Guinea (PNG) in the Youth Commonwealth Games being held in Trinidad and Tobago in August.

LIONS YOUTH PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Myuri Gopalapillai (Year 12), who participated in the Lions Youth Public Speaking competition and emerged as the winner. Myuri competed against various schools around Cairns and took part in a panel interview as part of the process.



QUEENSLAND NETBALL TEAM

Congratulations to Daniel Statton (Year 11) and Sean O'Reilly (Year 11), who have been selected for the Queensland Regional 17 & U Men's Netball team, participating in the Australian Men's & Mixed Netball Championships in Perth in April. Daniel was named the AMMNA Men's 17 & U MVP and Men's 17 & U All-Star 7. Daniel has also received an invitation to the AMMNA 17 & U squad trials.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

CAIRNS EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to our wonderful Primary School Choirs who competed in the Cairns Eisteddfod earlier this term and achieved two 1st places and two 2nd places collectively!



AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS GIRLS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Eliza Sailor Tabuai (Year 10), who has been selected for the Australian Indigenous Girls Football team to play against the New Zealand Māori team in Brisbane this month. Eliza has also been chosen to participate in a Queensland Academy Football event at South Pine Sporting Complex in July. To support Eliza, [click here](#).

STATE AERIAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to Teale Blewitt (Year 12) and Melody Grace (Year 10) on their accomplishments at the State Aerial competition. Teale secured the first place in the advanced aerals, while Melody attained the second place in the intermediate aerals.

QUEENSLAND TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Adeepa Keerthiratne (Year 9), who secured three gold, two silver, and two bronze medals at the Queensland Junior Table Tennis Championships. Adeepa has earned the opportunity to represent Queensland at the 2023 National Table Tennis Championships in Sydney.

NYSF SHOWCASE DINNER

Congratulations to Brandon Spuler (Year 12) for speaking at the Rotary Club Cairns Trinity and NYSF Showcase Dinner. Brandon delivered a presentation to a diverse audience consisting of local School Principals and Science teachers, sharing his experience and aiming to inspire other young STEM students to seize this incredible opportunity. Well done, Brandon!

ALUMNI

EMILY GRADON (CLASS OF 1997)

Congratulations to Emily Gradon (nee Pike) Class of 1997, for successfully launching her swimwear brand Tribe Tropical. After having skin cancers removed from her own skin, she wanted to create a way to protect her family whilst enjoying the Queensland sun. Emily and her brand were involved in the recent Cairns Fashion Week.



THOMAS CHEN (CLASS OF 2022)

Congratulations to Thomas Chen (Class of 2022), a rising star in the art scene, who secured the Tanks Arts Centre Curator's Award at the Energy exhibition in 2022. His outstanding talent has earned him a solo exhibition less than a year after graduating from TAS. For more information [click here](#).



Update from the Principal

MR PAUL SJOGREN

As I prepare for Long Service Leave in Term 3, I have been reflecting on the history of our school and the exciting journey we are on. It is reaffirming to witness the commitment, professionalism, and agility of our wonderful staff who continue to create, innovate, go above and beyond, and truly enhance our culture of learning. I know you'll join me in thanking them for their efforts.

The education landscape is forever changing. Independent schools such as ours face the challenge of reduced government funding (relatively) coupled with increasing costs within the variability of regional city economic cycles. We will continue to offer a large number of opportunities to our school community, as this is an important part of what makes our students thrive. Our graduates will enter a world that is very different from what you and I experienced as young adults. Our focus is to continue to adapt and upgrade our programs (both academic and non-academic) so that our

graduates are well-positioned to use the skills, knowledge, and experiences they have acquired at TAS to succeed in the next stage of their lives. This is a multi-faceted challenge, but I am very confident that we will continue to set the standard in schooling in Far North Queensland.

Our range of service projects continues to expand, and it is wonderful to watch so many of our young people thrive in their fields of choice and grow in understanding of the concepts of community, service, and gratitude. See pages 8-9 for all our student and program achievements this term.

I love being part of this wonderful, positive learning community. I hope that you are able to enjoy some time with family and friends over the upcoming school break. I look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

Paul Sjogren
Principal

Thank You!

Jason Fowler



In recognition of 28 years of exceptional service, we thank Jason Fowler upon his retirement as Chairperson of the TAS Board.

Jason's advocacy for ongoing education has fostered a long association with TAS, which began when he attended the school as a secondary student. Jason has been an active board member of TAS since 1995 and Chairperson for the past 12 years.

All three of his children are recent TAS alumni, and his wisdom, counsel, and vision have propelled us to new heights and forged a lasting legacy.

Jason will be missed, and we are grateful for his unwavering support and loyalty over the years. With profound gratitude, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for his visionary leadership, invaluable guidance, and tireless commitment to our organisation's mission.

As of July 1, 2023, Trent Twomey will take his place as the new TAS Chairperson of the Board. Congratulations, Trent!

Community News & Events

Trinity Day

Wednesday 31 May 2023

Trinity Day marked the beginning of a series of community celebrations for our 40th anniversary. We have more festivities planned for later in the year, including the Gala Ball and the opening ceremony of our new Administration building. These events provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the history of our school and look forward to the exciting times ahead.

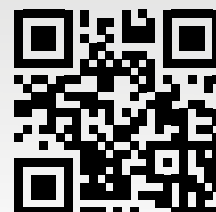




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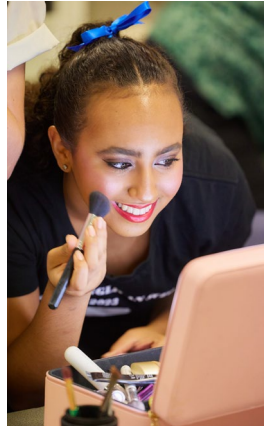
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the QR code or email rcuda@tas.qld.edu.au



Production of 'Grease'

June 2023

The long-anticipated production of 'Grease' was showcased in Term 2 and was a tremendous success. I am incredibly proud of all the students involved and the exemplary leadership and responsibility demonstrated by the cast, student-led ensembles, and student-led backstage and tech crews. Our biennial school production offers yet another exceptional opportunity for our students to discover their passions and acquire skills and experiences that go beyond textbooks.



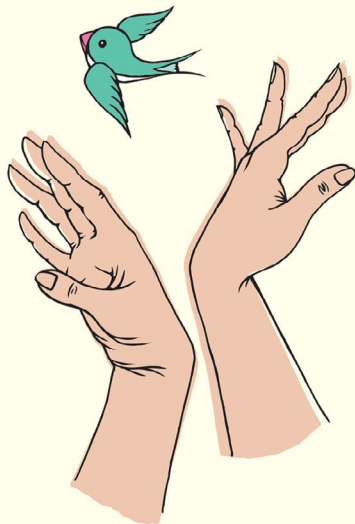


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Cashless *Almost here* Payment is here!

We are pleased to announce the upcoming launch of My Student Account (MSA). MSA will provide a safe, secure, and convenient way for parents and students to place online orders and make cash-free payments for everyday school services.

Transparency

- Increased visibility of what your child purchases and how much they spend.

Convenience

- You can ensure that your children always have access to funds.
- Streamlined ordering from TAS retail outlets means you no longer need to find time to go to the Uniform Shop within operating hours
- Transactions can occur quickly, so students don't spend their lunch break lining up at the Tuckshop.

Safety

- You can safeguard your children from buying items that contain allergens or those you would prefer them not to eat.
- A daily limit can be set so the balance isn't used in one transaction.
- Students using their ID card are confirmed to be the owner of the account at checkout.

What do you need to know?

- Launching on the first day of Term 3 (Tuesday 11 July)
- Online Tuckshop orders will be placed through MSA.

FlexiSchools will no longer be used.

- Students can still use cash and EFTPOS for weeks 1 & 2 of Term 3, however from week 3, students will make purchases by tapping their ID card (linked to their MSA account)
- Students will be able to buy Tuckshop, uniforms, tap on and off the bus, print and scan, and sign-in late using their ID Cards.

HOLD ONTO YOUR STUDENT ID CARD!

Commencing Term 3, your student ID card can be used to...



Buy tuckshop



Buy uniforms



Tap on & off the school bus



Print & scan



To sign-in late

LOGIN AND CHECK IT OUT!

Click here to login to your new MSA Parent Portal and familiarise yourself with its features. You can access more information and resources on the TAS Parent Hub, or by **clicking here**.



Update from the Deputy Principal - Head of Teaching & Learning

MR TIM MANEA

As we approach the conclusion of the first half of the academic year at Trinity Anglican School, the end of Semester 1 offers us an opportunity to reflect on the exceptional work accomplished by both staff and students and rejuvenate ourselves for the commencement of Semester 2.

During Semester 1, our students have actively participated in a wide range of academic and cultural activities. Leading the way in this regard are the graduating class of 2023, who have shown great dedication to achieving commendable results in their studies. The QCAA confirmation process, which involves the confirmation of provisional results, is well underway for our second round of Internal Assessments (IAs). Additionally, students' diligent study habits are positioning them for success in the final Internal Assessments, Mock EA's, and the QCAA External Assessments scheduled for Term 4.

100 Days to go!

A few weeks back, our Year 12s celebrated what is now becoming a regular tradition, the official 100 Days left of school with donuts and balloons – an important milestone on the journey towards graduation.



Timetable changes Semester 2

Students in Years 7-10 can expect an updated timetable as they begin Semester Two. The changes scheduled for classes in these year levels include:

- Semester 2 Elective changes for Years 9/10.
- Transition to General Prep Courses in Literature/English for Year 10.
- Continuation of the Year 10 Senior Science Prep rotations.
- Rotation of elective subjects in The Arts and Technologies for Year 7 & 8 students.

You will be able to view the updated timetables on TASS during Week 2 of the Term 2 holidays.

Semester 1 Academic Reports

The Semester 1 Academic Reports for 2023 have been distributed to parents and students via Parent Lounge/Student Café on Thursday, 29th June. These reports, particularly in the secondary school, focus on key areas such as Levels of Achievement (Grades) and Approaches to Learning, including Application, Time Management, and Attitude.

Parents/carers and students will have the opportunity to discuss progress based on progressive assessments and the Semester 1 Academic Reports during our WRCS Parent/Teacher Interview evenings. These interviews will take place in the Bishop Centre and are scheduled for Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3. Details regarding the online booking process for these Parent/Teacher Interviews will be provided to parents/carers early in Term 3.

Joining forces to fight hunger!

Last year, we were honored to receive an invitation to participate in the Eat Up Program. With more than 1 in 5 Australian children experiencing food insecurity, Eat Up is dedicated to nourishing hungry kids, empowering them to grow, learn, and thrive.

As part of their Round Square service project, our dedicated group of student volunteers gathers weekly to prepare up to 1250 sandwiches. Once the sandwiches are ready, Eat Up takes charge, delivering these fresh and nutritious goodies along with healthy snacks to local schools.

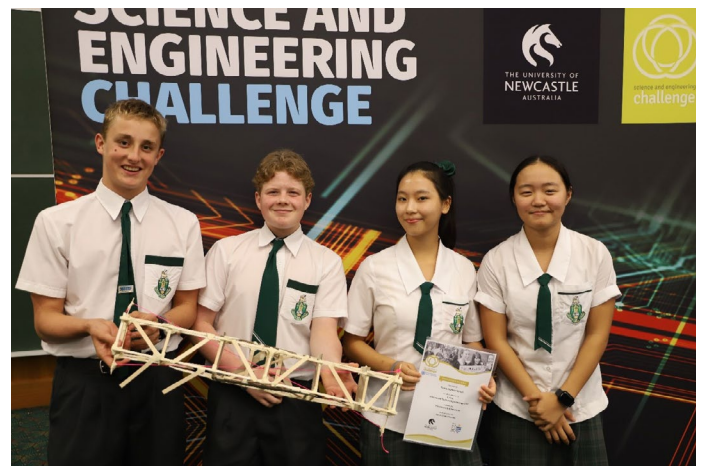
The Eat Up initiative was initiated in 2013 when its founder, Lyndon, became aware of local children attending school without lunch. With the support of his mother and a few friends, he began making sandwiches to provide to these schools. Over the past seven years, Eat Up has grown to become Australia's primary organization providing free lunches to students nationwide. Together, we are making a difference, one sandwich at a time!



JCU Science and Engineering Challenge (SEC)

This term, our Year 10 students had the opportunity to participate in The Science and Engineering Challenge (SEC), which was hosted at JCU (James Cook University). The SEC is a STEM outreach program that takes place nationwide and is presented by the University of Newcastle. This program provides students with hands-on experience in various aspects of science and engineering at a tertiary level.

During the SEC event, our TAS students had a great time engaging in friendly competition with other schools. They took part in exciting activities such as bridge building, designing a Mars Rover, and developing model airplanes. These activities allowed our students to apply their knowledge and skills in practical ways while fostering their interest in science and engineering. The SEC experience provided our Year 10 students with a valuable opportunity to explore the possibilities within the fields of science and engineering and gain insight into tertiary-level studies.



JCU Heroes in Health

TAS secondary students were among 50 from the FNQ region selected to attend the JCU Heroes in Health event at the Cairns Hospital earlier this term. The event, held over 2 days, allowed our students to experience the various careers in health, including medicine, nursing, and midwifery, dentistry, pathology, and other allied health careers such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and speech pathology. A range of speakers from different professions attended, and students enjoyed connecting with like-minded peers.

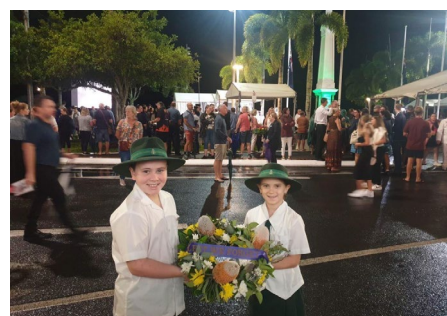


Author in Residence: A.J Betts!

This term, TAS welcomed A.J. Betts as our Author in Residence! Students in Years 4 to 12 had the opportunity to collaborate with A.J. on various projects throughout the week. Each session focused on different themes aligned with the students' ongoing curriculum. The engagement and growth were simply remarkable! Thank you to A.J. Betts for enriching our students' literary journey and expanding their creative horizons.



ANZAC Day





Update from the Head of White Rock Secondary

MS BELINDA DE GUZMAN

As we come to the end of an eventful term, we reflect on the multitude of exciting activities, outstanding performances, and inspiring experiences.

As Tony Blair famously said, "Young people make up 20% of the population, but 100% of the future." Each one of our students represents a bright future filled with endless possibilities, and this term has been a testament to their potential. We continue to foster their resilience and creativity, leaning into a love of learning in the hope of making a positive impact on the world.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the

teachers, staff, and parents for their unwavering support throughout the term. Your dedication and commitment play a pivotal role in shaping the school culture, experiences, and successes of our students.

This term, our Year 12s celebrated many milestone events including the Year 12 Dinner and their Year 12 Formal, which you can read more about on the pages to follow. The School production of 'Grease' was an absolute triumph, showcasing the immense talent and creativity of our community. Notably, we cannot forget the unexpected debut of Mr Manea, and the dedication put into the

production by our students and staff was truly commendable.

We witnessed our Year 11 students' leadership potential bloom during the Outdoor Education Program, and our school community gathered for our 40th anniversary Trinity Day.

As we look forward to the well-deserved break, let us celebrate the accomplishments of this jam-packed semester and anticipate the opportunities that lie ahead. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday, filled with relaxation and rejuvenation.

Belinda de Guzman
Head of White Rock Secondary

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SPACE CAMP

USA 2024

Do you have a passion for space exploration and science? Are you between 15 and 18 years old and looking for an incredible adventure? Then TAS Space Camp is the perfect opportunity for you!

Join us for two weeks of hands-on training and exploration, visiting Alabama, Florida, and Washington DC. You'll participate in the Advanced Space Academy, endorsed by NASA, where you'll learn about the mental, emotional, and physical demands astronauts face, and gain leadership and teamwork skills.

You'll design and test a virtual reality Mars rover, experience anti-gravity simulations, visit the Kennedy Space Centre, experience a realistic shuttle simulation, meet a NASA astronaut, explore the Smithsonian Museum, and so much more!

THE DETAILS

DATES: 15 June to 30 June, 2024

COST: \$9,000 (Including airfares, accommodation, meals and more.)

Register your interest by completing the form on Parent Hub (no financial commitment is required to express interest).



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Spill the Tea With Myuri & Rebecca



Grab a cuppa and settle in to hear about Term 2 from our Year 12 School Captains, Myuri Gopalapillai and Rebecca Robinson.

Wow, what a term it has been! From the carnivals, school events, fundraising initiatives, and more, it has been a jam-packed ten weeks, to say the least!

We'll begin with the landmark events and achievements from the Year 12s. Even though we hit the ground running with piles of assessments, this term also marked many rite-of-passage events, like house-bonding in some of our final inter-house events. Another milestone was celebrating our last 100 days of school with our peers. It certainly was a special day for us all. On the same night, we were lucky to have our second senior dinner themed "Around the World in One Night". From breathtaking sunset photos on the top of the STEM building to a diverse cuisine and an entertaining performance from our Year 12 rock band, the night was certainly a blast. Nights like these are certainly highlights of the year.

Moreover, it is getting to that point in the year when we are making some important decisions about the pathways we will be embarking upon next year, so we were grateful to have the opportunity to have talks from various colleges, namely Emmanuel, Women's College, and Union College at UQ.

Finally, we can't forget the hot topic of the entire term... "formal". This annual event is always a student favorite. From the vintage sports cars to dashing

attire and crazy dance moves, the night was truly magical. As we took a trip down the TAS memory lane through photos, speeches, endless laughs, and a wonderful dinner, we all knew we would treasure that night forever. We thank everyone who was involved in making our special night so memorable.

It's not only the 12s that have experienced landmark events this term, but also the wider school community. All primary and secondary students united to commemorate Anzac Day. We also celebrated the big 40th anniversary of the school through the Trinity Day service, tug-o-war, and dash competitions, accompanied by a special 40th-anniversary cake for each house.

Another major part of this term was the school production of the *Grease* musical. The entire cast and production team certainly worked tirelessly for terms on end to put on a fabulous production for us all, and it certainly paid off. From the classic tunes, dancing, and the iconic characters, it was a spectacular performance from all.

Some other incredible events included the RACI Titration Competition, Heroes in Health program at Cairns Hospital, and some senior students participated in the CBSQ Regional Basketball Championships. All of these participants did a fantastic job representing the school at such a high level. This term was filled with incredible learning opportunities and fabulous experiences.

This term has also been like no other when it comes to

fundraising initiatives. The tutors have been holding a competition of who can raise the most for the Food Drive run by the Round Square Team.

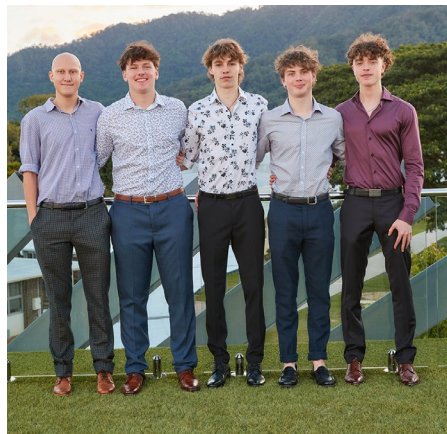
Eighteen brave Year 12 students have put their hand up for this year's Cancer Council's Ponytail Project. The big chop is held on the 31st of August, and this term the team has raised over \$12,000 from various fundraising initiatives. Be sure to support them using this link to donate and spread the word. Together, we can take a few steps forward to a cancer-free future.





YEAR 12 SENIOR DINNER #2

Tuesday 30 May 2023





YEAR 12 FORMAL

Saturday 24 June 2023







Update from Kewarra Beach Primary

MR ROB LADE, ON BEHALF OF MS MARY KERSHAW

A great sense of community permeated through the events of Term 2 at Kewarra Beach Campus.

The P-2 Athletics Carnival drew a lot of parental support as they enjoyed the picnic atmosphere amidst our beautiful surroundings, and the Mother's and Carer's breakfast offered an opportunity for families to celebrate as a community. The Charities Fair was a perfect way to end the term.

As we move into Term 3, the calendar is just as busy and provides another opportunity to celebrate together. Some of the Year 6 cohort will embark on the inaugural Northern Territory Connecting to Country Trip in the final week of term, and many students will also be rehearsing hard in preparation for one of the marquee events on the Primary School calendar – Variety Night.

TEACHING GRATITUDE IN THE CLASSROOM

Teaching gratitude in the classroom is an essential part of fostering a positive learning environment and promoting social-emotional development. Gratitude is a powerful tool for teachers, both for personal and classroom applications. It can be used to help establish a healthy classroom culture. As evidenced-based research has found, it increases feelings of optimism and joy, decreases anxiety and depression, and helps students feel more connected to their community.

Some strategies and activities that our teachers use to teach gratitude in the classroom include:

- Gratitude Journaling – encouraging students to keep a daily or weekly gratitude journal.
- Gratitude Circle - students take turns sharing one thing they are grateful for.
- Gratitude Wall - where students can write or draw things they are grateful for.
- Thank-You Notes – this teaches students the importance of expressing gratitude to others.
- Teacher Reading – teachers share books, articles and stories that highlight the theme of gratitude.
- Modelling Gratitude - teachers model gratitude by expressing appreciation for their students and their accomplishments.

Integrating gratitude into the classroom teaches students the importance of being thankful, helps them build positive relationships, and fosters an optimistic mindset. By being consistent in incorporating these activities and discussions into daily classroom routines, we are seeking to create a lasting positive impact on students' social-emotional wellbeing. It not only sits nicely alongside the pastoral care programs – Buddies and Peer Support – that we run, but intertwines with the school values of Compassion, Integrity, Curiosity and Perseverance. It is also something that is discussed at length as part of our CAVE and Outdoor Education Programs. We have a lot to be grateful for and one of those things is you – the wonderful TAS community.

Mothers and Carer's Breakfast



TAS Kewarra Beach Primary

PREP–YEAR 2 MUSIC RECITAL

Friday 4 August 2023

3:30 pm–4:30 pm

St Peter's Chapel

Trinity Anglican School, 45 Poolwood Road

We are thrilled to invite TAS Community members to the KBCP Prep–Year 2 Music Recital. A showcasing of performances from Prep–Year 2 Choir, Ukulele group and an incredible range of solo performances.



Update from the Head of White Rock Primary

MR PETER GAZZOLA

What a terrific semester made better when we were awarded an Excellence Award at the prestigious Australian Education Awards 2023. The award of Best Co-Curricular Program: TAS White Rock Campus-Primary (Year 6 Connections Program) follows our Excellence award for Best Non-Government Primary School in 2022.

As part of the Year Six Connections program the Year 6B visited the Cattana wetlands. We were also fortunate to spend some time with a few environmental scientists conducting a study of Lake Jabiru and the fish population. It was pleasing to get compliments from the public on how well our students conducted themselves during the investigation. This fragile ecosystem of Cairns needs protection, and the baton is passed on to the next generation through this hands-on project. 6R will be attended the excursion on July 14.

The Year 6's also headed off to the historic town of Chillagoe. The program included a guided tour of Donna Cave. The students explored the history of the Chillagoe Township. Night activities included a visit to the Chillagoe Observatory, night games at the local recreation reserve and a treasure hunt

around the Chillagoe Town Centre. This program is also connected to our Year Six Connections Program.

We celebrated Mother's Day with a terrific turn out on Friday May 12th with a shared morning tea before school. It was great to feel the TAS community spirit during the morning.

Congratulations to our students who placed in the Mathematics and Coding section of the Da Vinci Decathlon competition. This gives WRCP a top 3 finish over the four years we have participated in the competition. Considering the quality, we are competing against, which includes the prestigious independent schools of Brisbane and the Gold Coast, we all can be very proud of the results. Thanks to Mr Reid and his efforts with the team.

As always, I am proud of our community as we continue to strive for greater heights and celebrate each students' time in the spotlight and help them shine for whatever their achievement may be.

Peter Gazzola
Head of White Rock Primary

NAIDOC

Earlier this term, students from WRCP, KBCP and WRCS enjoyed a wonderful day at Radiant Life College in Innisfail, sharing in the NAIDOC Day celebration. They participated in exciting activities, indulged in authentic food, and had memorable experiences. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Principal Nathaneal Edwards, the staff, students, elders of Radiant Life College, and the local community for their generous and warm hospitality in sharing their culture with us.



Year 2 Minibeast Expo

Year 2 children showcased their Minibeast projects before an audience of their families and peers. They confidently shared their knowledge of a chosen Minibeast through a cross-curricular project, which included a scientific report, PowerPoint presentation, and diorama. We applaud all the children for their hard work over the term in completing their projects, and we extend our gratitude to everyone who attended to support them. Well done, Year 2!



National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 24 May

This term, Principal Sjogren eagerly joined the students from Prep to Year 6 in the library for National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). They gathered in anticipation to listen to this year's chosen book, "The Speedy Sloth."

NSS is a vibrant and captivating celebration that emphasizes the importance of reading and literacy. This annual event aims to promote the joy of reading across the nation, featuring an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated librarians for organizing this fantastic opportunity, allowing us to participate and contribute to the development of a strong educational foundation for our students.



CHESS

A record-breaking number of 438 players participated in a seven-round Swiss tournament, delivering a high level of competition across multiple divisions. The second round of the Far North Queensland Interschool Chess Championships took place on 1 June in our Bishop Centre. We are proud to announce that our TAS Primary teams secured the top four positions in the A Division. Congratulations to all the students for their outstanding participation and achievements!





Update from Outdoor Education

MR DARREN OSMOND

We've had an incredibly busy second term for Outdoor Education at TAS, with delightful autumn-into-winter weather allowing us to make the most of our activities. The year-level programs were conducted in the following order: Year 6, 11, 7, and 3. The Year 10 Outdoor Recreation program students have had multiple opportunities to climb on the school's indoor wall and new bouldering wall. They also enjoyed a fantastic day off-site at the Northern Outlook.

We are thrilled to announce the successful launch of the 6th TAS World Challenge Expedition, scheduled to take place in Nepal in

December 2024. Additionally, we have presented approximately ten Duke of Edinburgh Awards, including several at the silver level. Our dedicated outdoor education staff have also participated in various professional training days, such as the pool lifeguard course. Furthermore, they have explored an alternative expedition site near Paluma.

Overall, it has been an eventful term for Outdoor Education, with exciting adventures and continuous growth for our students and staff alike.

Director of Outdoor Education
Darren Osmond

STAY CONNECTED



INTRODUCTION LETTER

An introductory letter was emailed at the beginning of the year.

For a copy, please email darreno@tas.qld.edu.au.



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YOUTUBE

Our YouTube Channel contains videos from past programs, including highlights.

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FAMILY INFORMATION HANDBOOK

Details on equipment required for programs. For a copy, please email darreno@tas.qld.edu.au.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD



Natalia Howe
Bronze



Anna Pearce
Bronze



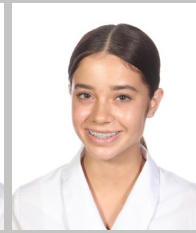
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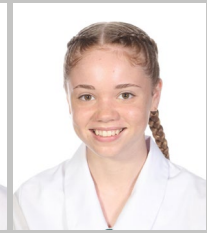
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Phoebe Halkidis
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Taslyn Tanswell
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Matilda Hancock
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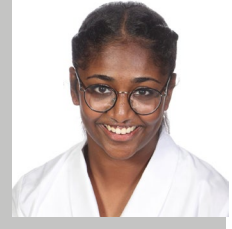


Georgia Clague
Silver



Alyssa Atfield
Bronze

School Captain Myuri Gopalapillai finished her prestigious Gold Award in April and will receive her certificate from the Governor General at the State Award Ceremony in Brisbane in July.



Myuri Gopalapillai
Gold

YEAR 10 OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM

Rope activities have been the focus of the Year 10 Outdoor Recreation Program in Term 2. The students had the chance to experience the newly introduced MPH bouldering wall on a few occasions, as well as utilize the main indoor climbing wall at the school. They displayed great enthusiasm for climbing and appreciated the opportunity to enhance their skills during a visit to the Redpoint Climbing Centre at the Northern Outlook. To conclude the term, the students enjoyed a relaxing paddle on the scenic Copperlode Dam, which had been rescheduled from Term 1. It was a term filled with exciting rope-based activities, allowing the students to develop their climbing abilities, build confidence, and appreciate the beauty of nature.



WORLD CHALLENGE UPDATE

In June, we launched TAS's next World Challenge expedition, which will be our 6th. This 21-day expedition will be to Nepal in December 2024 and is open to current Year 9 and 10 students, (Years 10 and 11 in 2024). These life-changing personal development experiences include approximately 8 days of trekking at altitude, a community service project (often in a school), along with several other cultural experiences.



When: Wednesday 7 June – Friday 9 June

Where: Camp Paterson

Outcomes: Responsibility, independence, bush and aquatic environments.



Students enjoyed the water wipe-out and land obstacle course challenges, the campfire, and staying in the permanent tent cabins. It was wonderful to see students thrive under the challenge of being away from home and in an unfamiliar environment, many of them for the first time.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts and resilience. Thank you to the parents and staff who generously gave their time to enrich the outcomes of this program. Special thanks to Scott and Lyn from Camp Paterson for providing the wonderful venue, activities, and food.





OUTDOOR EDUCATION YEAR 6 PROGRAM

When: Tuesday 18 April – Friday 21 April

Where: Chillagoe

Outcomes: Campsite skills in a cave, history and geography and teamwork.



Students enjoyed a sunrise viewing, evening challenge activities, the caving experiences, and spending time reflecting at Chillagoe Creek.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts and resilience. Thank you to the parents and staff who generously gave their time to enrich the outcomes of this program. Special thanks to LoveLee Catering and the Chillagoe Caving Club for their hospitality.





When: Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May

Where: Bilwon State Forest and Camp Paterson

Outcomes: Campsite and expeditioning skills, hiking and mountain-biking skills and team-building.

Students enjoyed the water and land obstacle courses and mountain biking through big mud puddles. It was great to see students develop food preparation and cooking skills. Congratulations to all students for their efforts and resilience. Thank you to the parents and staff who generously gave their time to enrich the outcomes of this program. Special thanks to Scott and Lyn from Camp Paterson for providing the wonderful venue and several of the activities and meals.





OUTDOOR EDUCATION YEAR 11 PROGRAM

When: Wednesday 3 May – Friday 5 May

Where: Northern Outlook Training Facility

Outcomes: Development of leadership, teamwork and communication



Students enjoyed the vertical artificial caving activity and spending time with their peers. It was wonderful to see students develop leadership and collaboration skills. Heads of House attended the program to work with their students and see their skills and qualities outside of the normal school environment. Congratulations to all students for their efforts and resilience. Thank you to the parents and staff who generously gave their time to enrich the outcomes of this program. Special thanks to the team from the Northern Outlook for providing the wonderful venue.





Update from Sport & Activities

MS JULIE-ANN BROWN

FOOTBALL

In 2023 the Jamie Gosling Football Academy have once again been enlisted to deliver the TAS Football program, providing our players with a high standard of coaching and player development. This year, TAS Football have over 155 players across 20 teams from U5-U14 playing in the FNQ Football competition.

NETBALL

The TAS Netball program is run by our Head Netball Coach and former NZ Silver Fern, Mrs Elisa Robati, who has been working with our TAS Netball teams for over 10 years. This year, TAS Netball have over 40 players across 5 teams from U10-U16 playing in the Cairns Netball competition.

HOCKEY

The TAS Brothers Hockey program is run by Brothers Hockey Representatives along with TAS staff and student coaches including - Mr David Long, Ms Louise Hammond and Ms Anna Timings. This year, TAS Hockey have over 60 players across 9 teams from Prep-U18 playing in the Cairns Hockey competition.

ACTIVITIES

The Secondary Activities program runs throughout the four terms of the school year and activities are delivered by specialist instructors and our very own teaching staff. In Term 1 students in Years 7-10 participated in the following activities: Cooking, E-Sports, Visual Arts, Chess & Board Games, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball and Table Tennis.



LEICHHARDT

TOTAL POINTS: 45
OVERALL PLACING: 1

KENNEDY

TOTAL POINTS: 38
OVERALL PLACING: 2



DALRYMPLE

TOTAL POINTS: 34
OVERALL PLACING: 3



MULLIGAN

TOTAL POINTS: 23
OVERALL PLACING: 4



REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

TCS INTERSCHOOL 10-19 YEARS CROSS COUNTRY

The 10-19 Years TCS Interschool Cross Country was held on Tuesday 2 May at St Mary's Catholic College. There were some remarkable achievements, with an incredible 27 students qualifying to represent TCS at the Peninsula Regional Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to the following top three placegetters (1st, 10 Boys) Archie Loveridge, (2nd, 11 Boys) Viyaan Jindal, (1st, 12 Girls) Elizabeth Leary, (2nd, 12 Girls) Alexis Wood, (3rd, 13 Girls) Jessica George, (1st, 14 Boys) Luke Swindale, (3rd, 14 Boys) Alex Jenkins, (1st, 15 Boys) Ryan Elliott, (2nd, 15 Girls) Felicity Pyne, (3rd, 15 Girls) Sedona Field, (2nd, 16 Boys) Jonah Matthews, (3rd, 16 Girls) Cara Elliott, (1st, 17 Boys) Albert An, (1st, 17 Girls) Amber Robinson and (1st, 18 Boys) Nicholas Berther.



PENINSULA REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

TAS students travelled to the Avenue of Honour in Tinaburra for the Peninsula Cross Country Regional Championships on Tuesday 16 May. Congratulations to the following students who were top 5 finishers: (4th, 12 Girls) Elizabeth Leary, (1st, 14 Boys) Luke Swindale, (5th, 16 Girls) Cara Elliott, (4th, 17 Girls) Amber Robinson and (1st, 18 Boys) Nicholas Berther.



TRINITY COAST SOUTH TEAMS

Congratulations to:

- Edward Dziov & Gregory Critchley – 17-19 Boys Football,
- James Bryceson, Raiyaan Baig, Carter Peters, Alexander Roll, Ryan McDonald, Archer Twomey – 10-12 Boys Hockey,
- Brodie Beatty, Baxter Strout, Clancy Ross -10-12 Boys Football,
- Isabel du Plessis – 10 – 12 Girls Football and
- Cody Peters, Harrison Morris, Jay Curtis – 13-16 Boys Football.



PENINSULA SPORT TEAMS

Congratulations to:

- Isabel du Plessis – 10-12 Girls Football,
- Alexander Roll & James Bryceson – 10-12 Boys Hockey,
- Harper Twomey, Elizabeth Leary, Chelsea Turnbull & Chanel Phillips – 10-12 Girls Hockey,
- Elizabeth Leary, Luke Swindale, Jonah Matthews, Cara Elliott, Amber Robinson – 10-19 Years Cross Country and
- Lily Watts, Giaan Tippet, Elangi Cuttance – 13-19 Girls Football





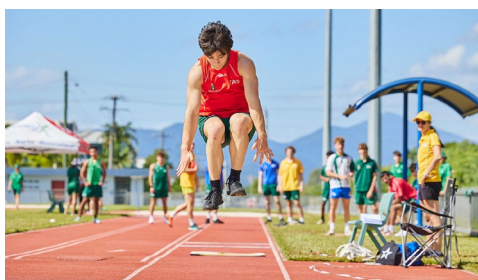
YEAR 7-12 INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Monday 22 May

It was wonderful to see students representing their houses with pride and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Samson Jubi who broke the 13 Boys 100m record and Jesse Locke who broke the 15 Boys Javelin record.

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 & U Girls	Alexis Wood (D)	Sophia Whyte (D)	Isabel Raubenheimer (L)
12 & U Boys	Brodie Beatty (D)	Arima Rajeswaran (M)	Treyton Muirhead (K)
13 & U Girls	Tarni Warcon (D)	Jessica George (K)	Gypsy Malyon (M)
13 & U Boys	Samson Jubi (D)	Veer Jindal (L)	Jacob Nguyen (K)
14 & U Girls	Ruby Walkear (L)	Ashlyn Tanswell (D)	Maiala Backer (D)
14 & U Boys	Charlie Small (D)	Harrison Morris (K)	Jai Jassar (M)
15 & U Girls	Imogen Green (D)	Lyla Pokarop (K)	Felicity Pyne (D)
15 & U Boys	Jesse Locke (M)	Ryan Elliott (K)	Luke Berther (L)
16 & U Girls	Eliza Sailor-Tabuai (M)	Giaan Tippet (D)	Cara Elliott (K)
16 & U Boys	Phiroj Monger (M)	Ryan Musumeci (M)	Xavier Hillier (K)
17 & Over Girls	Elangi Cuttance (D)	Veronica Stocks (L)	Rebecca George (K)
17 & Over Boys	Travis Drinnan (D)	Nicholas Berther (L)	Daniel Statton (L)





YEAR 3-6 INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Monday 12 June

Congratulations to all the students who represented their houses proudly and to Kennedy who were crowned the overall winning house.

Three records were broken at the 2023 Primary Interhouse Athletics carnival. Well done to Elizabeth Leary, Warren Stuart and Adel Mack-Weinstock

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
8 & U Girls	Athena Jorgensen	Naomi Tsang	Stella Bartlett
8 & U Boys	Easton Portz	Charles Taylor	George Kang
9 & U Girls	Adel Mack-Weinstock	Isabelle MacDonald	Mikayla Riseley
9 & U Boys	Dante Higham	Andrew Leroy	Ryan Coxon
10 & U Girls	Ella Wright	Isla O'Mahony	Jade Pettigrew & Jasmin Petersen
10 & U Boys	Archie Loveridge	Hudson Bartlett	Talan Barfoot
11 & U Girls	Ava Nguyen	Kayla Koopman & Sienna Edwards	
11 & U Boys	Cameron Walters	Finn Curtis	Viyaan Jindal
12 & Over Girls	Chelsea Turnbull	Elizabeth Leary	Isabel du Plessis
12 & Over Boys	Luke Critchley	Oscar Loveridge	Baxter Strout



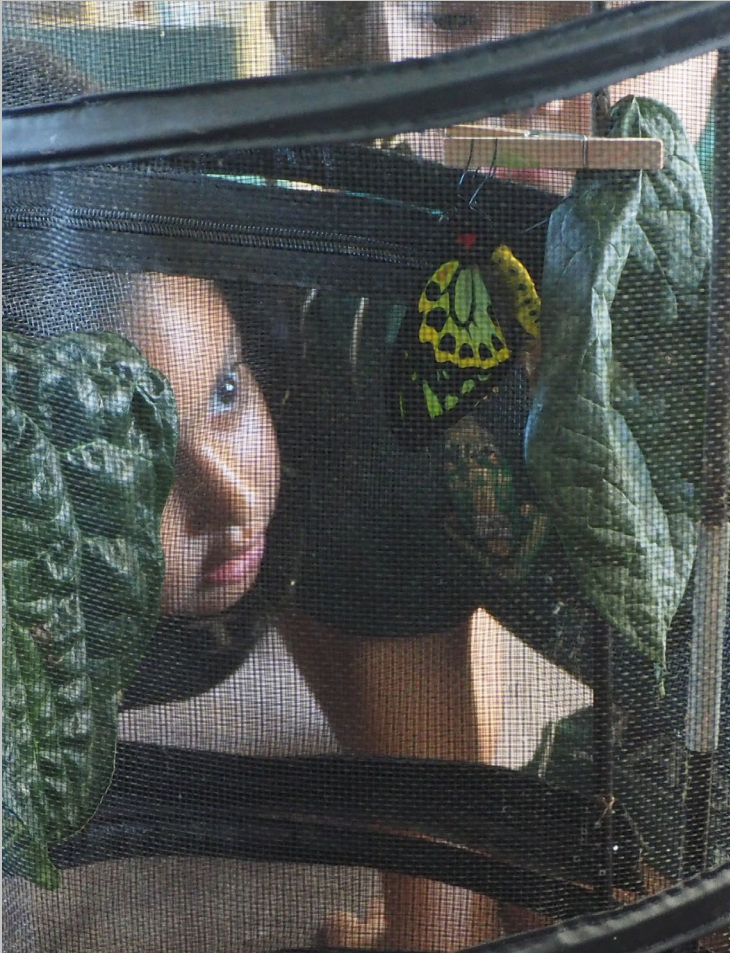


Kewarra Beach Early Learning Centre

KELLY HART, DIRECTOR

This term, Kindy students participated in community collaboration which saw them attend the Northern Outlook centre in Redlynch. Children worked together to solve numeracy and problem solving challenges, developing key skills of collaboration and enjoying the beautiful rainforest.





White Rock Early Learning Centre

KIM COMPORT, DIRECTOR

Kindergarten students have been on an incredible journey of discovery with our Butterfly Lifecycle Project! Over the past two months, our little learners have been using their keen observational skills to document the magical process of caterpillars hatching from eggs and transforming into beautiful butterflies. This term, the classroom buzzed with excitement as the students witnessed their butterfly emerge from its cocoon. To make this experience even more special, we were thrilled to have Principal Sjogren join us as we released our fluttering friend into the world. Through this incredible project, our kindergarteners have had the chance to explore and understand the unique attributes, behaviors, and anatomy of caterpillars and butterflies. They've been comparing and contrasting, building observation skills, and nurturing their natural curiosity

Landcare Grant

TAS White Rock Campus Early Learning Centre secured the Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant of \$1000 for our Bush Tucker garden this term.

Thank you to Mark Adams, the Mount Sheridan Woolworths Manager, who presented the award to our educator Latisha Milini, who was pivotal in securing the grant. Mark also brought a box of fruit for the students.





40TH ANNIVERSARY

TRINITY ANGLICAN SCHOOL