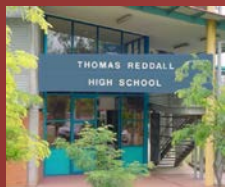


# Thomas Reddall High School Newsletter



*Focusing on our Future*

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## Principal's Report

*Mrs J Fuller (Principal)*

Thank you to all of the parents and carers for their support in getting their children to school on time. Importantly, we have reduced lateness by over 50% from 2017, which is just astonishing. This means that our students are in class, learning, more often which sets them up for greater academic success. We hope that this trend continues.

Our school looks in for a settled start to 2019. We are in the process of finalising the timetable and are looking at forming 3 classes in Year 7. We have had a few staffing appointments with Mr Pillay permanently appointed to our school in the Science Faculty. Ms Sidia Yaqub has been offered the Mathematics position, following Mr Gongupalli's transfer, and he will begin in 2019. We have advertised a number of Head Teacher positions and we expect an outcome on these later this week. We are anticipating a full complement of staff to begin the year which will be great for our students.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that have finalised their fees for 2018 and paid the deposit for 2019. This also helps tremendously and allows for a smooth and settled start to the year as we know what students are committed to what courses. For any families that have not finalised fees please do so by December 5, 2018. If you still have fees outstanding you would have received a letter advising you of the amounts owing. Please feel free to book an appointment with me should you be in need of financial assistance.

Students will only have to Week 3, Term 1 to change courses. Changing courses will be on a case by case basis and "I don't like the course" will not be considered a reason for changing. We have

timetabled and offered courses based on student choice and, as you can appreciate, we cannot change courses because students have now changed their mind.

Each year our school nominates 2 members of staff for the Principal Network Awards for the Campbelltown area. This year our nominees were Mrs Edwards, Head Teacher TAS in the Executive Teacher category and Ms Osborne of the Science Faculty who was nominated in the Early Career Teacher category. Both are exceptional educators who continually go above and beyond for our entire school community. We are incredibly lucky to have teachers of the highest calibre at Thomas Reddall High School and Mrs Edwards and Ms Osborne are no exception. There are only 5 categories for these awards and our Director, Educational Leadership then selects an overall winner from each category. I am very pleased to announce that Ms Osborne was the winner in the Early Career Teacher category for the Campbelltown Network. This is an outstanding achievement for Ms Osborne and we congratulate her. I would like to extend my personal thanks and congratulations to both Mrs Edwards and Ms Osborne for their dedication and commitment to our school and to your children – they are both most deserving recipients of these awards.



It has been an incredible year of learning and growing at Thomas Reddall High School. As the year comes to an end, I encourage all students and parents to reflect on their achievements and set goals for improvement for 2019. I hope to see you all at one of the many functions or events that are organised over the



coming weeks. If I don't get the opportunity, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our great school and thank you for making my first year at T-Red such a fulfilling one. I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and hope that you enjoy some quality time with your children. I look forward to seeing you all in 2019.



### **Deputy Principal's Report**

*Mr P Abboud (Deputy Principal)*

Well the festive season is upon us and that means 2018 is drawing to an exciting climax. It has been an exciting year for everyone at T-Redz with many events and highlights projecting our school into the spotlight both in the local community and as we seen with Boyz 2 Men into the living rooms of all Sydneysiders. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our school community for their dedication and persistence as we move forward in making our school a great place to learn. I have seen the students really applying themselves to their studies this year and have been excited by the commitment of our teachers to challenge themselves and the students with a variety of new teaching strategies. I look forward to further successes moving forward.

It was great to see so many parents turn out for our Year 12 Parent Information evening. On the night we discussed two new programs we have invested in to help support the students through the HSC. All students have now been trained by external operators on the Elevate and Edrolo programs, and as a result of the Parent Information evening, parents have a clearer picture of what they can do to support their child through this most difficult time. One thing I have always stressed to our parents, is that it takes a community to educate a child. Everyone has a role to play in the education of their child, school, home and community and

with everyone working together and pulling in the same direction, we are more likely to see educational success from our students. The school has invested significant finances into supporting our new Year 12 group by providing these new learning platforms and by heavily subsidising the upcoming Year 12 Camp in March at Teen Ranch. So we encourage all students and parents to work with us at school and commit yourselves to the camp. If you require any information on the camp please contact the school and I'm am happy to discuss the program of the camp, as well as discussing what the new programs, Elevate and Edrolo are about. Introductory videos and information will be placed on our social media communications, so if you don't have our Facebook page and our Skoolbag App, now would be an excellent time to gain access to those forms of communication.

2019 will see a renewed emphasis on classwork and appearance at school. Students are expected to bring all the necessary equipment to every lesson and we ask that parents ensure that they provide their children with the basic tools for learning. We will be putting out book requirements sheet for Years 7-10, and they will be distributed with reports at the end of the year. These will also be placed on our social media accounts. We ask that you adhere to the book requirements and get exactly what is stipulated for each subject as this provides a solid platform for your child's learning at school. Years 7 and Year 8 can purchase a book pack from the front office, these have everything you need as far as books go, students will need to expand their stationery on what we give them in the book pack to their own specific needs. Uniform will also be a continued emphasis for us in 2019, so please ensure that students are appropriately equipped for school with their dress. All uniform is available at Macarthur Square Lowes, and we have been told there is plenty of stock in all sizes.

Have a great Christmas everyone and I look forward to seeing what 2019 brings to our school.

### **HSIE Report**

*Mrs B Jones (Head Teacher HSIE)*

HSIE has had some exciting events running this term, thank you to all staff and students who took part.

On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> November our school held a Remembrance Day Service to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War One. Students and staff upheld the T-RED value "represent" by showing respect to the past and present men and women who served their country with honour and dignity. Special thankyou to Aiden Antonio, Reham Suleiman, Ryley Pelaez, Krystal Macdonald, Meika Gregory, Bailey Proctor and Clarese Cook for their parts in running this ceremony. Mr Joseph and Ms Walsh did a wonderful job assisting those students.

Captain Aiden and Vice-Captain Ryley represented Thomas Reddall High School at the Remembrance Day Service at Mawson Park on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of November. The boys, escorted by veterans, laid a wreath on the memorial at Mawson Park to pay tribute to so many servicemen and women who served our country. On the day, the captains also enjoyed visiting military and vehicle displays, poppy making stations and a hospital tent scene. Ryley and Aiden were able to meet fellow students from the region and had a chat with Mayor of Campbelltown George Brticevic.



Year 9, Modern History and the Support students were lucky enough to have Shane from Living

History come and visit the school. These students all study World War One it was great to see history coming to life before their eyes! The students were able to see a replica trench and learnt about how difficult it was for soldiers during WWI. Students also were able to dress up in WWI uniform as well as learn about the weapons through the replicas they saw. Judging by the big smiles and all of the "that was cool" comments from the students the day was a great success.



### **7FETech ABCN My Career Rules Program and Excursion.**

Miss O'Loughlan (Teacher HSIE)

For five weeks, 7FETech have been involved in the 'ABCN My Career Rules' program. The program, run by the Australian Business and Community Network, links students to professionals through a series of interactive live stream meetings held every Thursday. The initiative, which was the first of its kind, aimed to do three things.

The first was to open student's minds to career possibilities that reflect the current workplace. Our students heard from consultants, lawyers, nurses, construction managers, retail managers and designers.

The second was to break down stereotypes around career paths, gender and diversity. This was done by showing successful males in predominantly female jobs, like nursing, and successful women in predominantly male jobs, like construction.



The third was to reinforce messages about the skills and mindsets needed to make a successful career in the future workplace, something the 7FETech students found most inspiring.

Through this program, the class was able to attend an excursion to be a part of the live studio audience for the interactive meeting. We had six panelists from the class asking the professionals questions about their journey before and during their careers.

They had an absolute blast and hope to go again next year!



### Playwriting Project

*Ms Walsh (Drama Teacher)*

Thomas Reddall High School was one of four schools invited to participate in the Playwriting Project, run by Sydney Story Factory and Belvoir Street Theatre. Students from the Stage 5 Drama class participated in idea generation workshops in May, which were held in the performance space. Six lucky students (Jordan, Bailey, Krystal, Emmeline, Carly and Kaeli) were then selected to work intensively with experts to collaboratively write a new play.

Every week students participated in practical warm ups, drawing, improvisations and creative writing in an extremely dedicated manner. As part of this project students also travelled to Belvoir Street Theatre in July and August to meet with the other schools participating and collaborate with them. Our students were complimented by the facilitators on their supportive collaboration, excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for the project.

The final product, When the Leaves Fall consists of eight scenes with a running time of approximately 50 minutes. It was presented as a rehearsed reading in the Downstairs Theatre at Belvoir on Tuesday 20th November. Jordan, Bailey and Krystal did an excellent job of presenting believable characters in a very short space of time. They were focused and worked in an extremely diligent manner with the professional director who complimented them on their outstanding behaviour. The audience loved the play and its very sophisticated structure and ideas. Hopefully one day in the future there will be a full production of this fantastic work. I am so proud of all of the students involved in this project.

Well done!



### Bandana Bonanza!!

*Year 7 Student*

Bandana day is a national event, but Thomas Reddall gave the day a whole new level. It welcomed the school's brand new mascot, the Thomas Reddall T-Rex, the red dinosaur of 2018. The school supplied bandanas with all different designs for \$5, all of that which was raised went to the Cancer Council Foundation and our school managed to raise a spectacular \$465 for cancer research.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the day, it bookending with an entire school photo, a first for T.R.H.S. From year seven the farthest down the field and the newly-appointed year twelves at the front, despite a little trouble with the drone, the photo was incredible and will surely be remembered. Though it was called Bandana Day, the introduction of the Thomas Reddall T-rex was by far the biggest event of the day. The iconic mascot is a first for our school and will make appearances at special events to cheer our students on.

Next year's bandana day is sure to be even better with new SRC coordinator Miss. Miller taking charge. The English teacher has a lot of big plans for the team and we are hoping some the new Year 7 students will take the exciting plunge into the squad.



As the year draws to a close, the SRC is currently organising a Christmas Spectacular, looking at the sacred day from all religions, aspects and views. A Christmas tree will be placed in the amphitheatre as well as wish cards where people say what they wish for, or what they are thankful for having. As an SRC member, the group is abuzz with excitement for the big day. Our Christmas celebrations will begin in week 8.

## **QuickSmart Report**

*Lily Davis Year 8*

QuickSmart is a numeracy program to help students with their multiplication, division, addition and subtraction, as well as problem solving skills. This program has helped many students, including myself, with their maths. It has also helped us with our confidence in mathematics.

During the 30 minute sessions we start with doing flash cards, where we try to get over 30 correct in one minute. Once we achieve this two sessions in a row, we can move up to the next level.

Next we are given two minutes to complete a speed sheet, which includes multiplication and division questions. We also get a chance to do speed sheets in some maths classes.

We then complete OZCAAS on the computer, where we answer 20 questions. Topics include addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, mixed operations, triple addition, triple multiplication and maths language. The more we do, the quicker we get. Our teacher records our results, so that we can see how much we are improving each week.

We have also been working on problem solving skills. We started working on easier problems earlier in the year, to build up our confidence and improve our knowledge of maths language. We are now working on more complex questions, which require lots of working out. We usually finish with a game to reinforce what we have learnt in the session, such as maths bingo or dominoes.

QuickSmart has helped build our skills and has made us more confident, especially in our maths classes. I am really glad that we had the opportunity to do QuickSmart this year.





School-Link is a state-wide initiative funded by NSW Ministry of Health, working in partnership with The Department of Education and other services. This collaboration aims to improve mental health for children and young people as well as enhancing partnerships between child and adolescent mental health services and their local schools and TAFE colleges.



This is the link to the School-Link Magazine  
<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2018.01.pdf>

## GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

### Mobile Blood Service visiting:

#### Bunnings Campbelltown,

Budgen Place, Campbelltown

<b>Monday 24 December</b>	<b>8.30am – 2.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 December</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 26 December</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Thursday 27 December</b>	<b>12.30pm – 6.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 28 December</b>	<b>8.30am – 2.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Monday 31 December</b>	<b>8.30am – 2.00pm</b>

**Drink up!** Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

**Eat!** Have a good sized breakfast or lunch

Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call **13 14 95**  
 or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)



### Wanted:



### Families to host "1 Japanese student" 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Students are aged 14 -17 years & speak some English.

What you need to provide:

- A comfy bed (sharing a room is fine)
- 3 meals a day
- Daily transport to/from John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow

Families are paid \$50 per night per student for hosting.

Students attend school on week days & enjoy family life with you on the weekend.

For further information or any questions - Tel: 9889 4366 <http://www.vsoceania.com>  
 Takashi: [ushinohama@vsoceania.com](mailto:ushinohama@vsoceania.com) mob: 0423 097 518 /0408 468 538



**CAMPBELLTOWN**  
 AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

### Junior Development Program 2018/2019

Ages: 11 – 17 years old  
 Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
 Dates: Thursdays 15<sup>th</sup> November – 13<sup>th</sup> December  
 Holiday Break  
 31<sup>st</sup> January – 21<sup>st</sup> February  
 Where: Monarch Oval, Macquarie Fields

#### PROGRAM DETAILS:

- For boys & girls aged between 11-17 years, during year of participation in the program (all abilities accepted)
- Committed to improving AFL skills & education
- Committed to learning about the game of AFL such as game structures and match day plans
- Want to improve your Junior Club Coaching skills? (parents and coaches are encouraged to attend the program & drills, furthering coaching skills and knowledge of AFL)

Program trainings singlets will be available to order for \$20.

Nominations close Friday 2 November 2018

Please return form to Nick Hudson (CAFC Secretary)  
 PH: 0424231773 Email: [nrhudson91@gmail.com](mailto:nrhudson91@gmail.com)