Swimming Carnival 2015
Mr L Smith (Head Teacher PDHPE)

The Annual TRHS Swimming Carnival was held against the ever-changing back-drop of the Four Seasons on Friday 6th of February at the Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre at Bradbury.

It was great to see plenty of House colour in the stands, which was enhanced by Year 12 attending their final ever swimming carnival dressed as their favourite characters. After a march past from the senior students in their flamboyant attire, it was down to business with the start of the carnival.

Students competed in official time trials for 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and the 100m Freestyle throughout the day, as well as the novelty house relay, the kickboard relay and the 4x50m age relays.

As always, the annual inflatable race between Year 12 students and a team of teachers proved to be a highlight, with the teachers again proving victorious in getting their blow-up crocodiles to the wall first.

This year also saw Houses get the opportunity to earn bonus points by making lots of noise in the Chanting Competition judged by Deputy Principal - Mr Abboud. Jackson House had the 'loudest' cheer but the extra points weren’t enough to knock Bradman House out of top spot, as they defended their Swimming Carnival House Championship for another year. The final House Point Score Placing’s were:

1st - Bradman - 445 points
2nd - Jackson - 240 points
3rd - Ella - 207 points
4th - Goolagong - 193 points

The Age Champions were as follows and will be recognised at forthcoming assemblies:

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Those students who finished in the top 2 in the Time Trials will now be eligible to represent the School at the Macarthur Zone Swimming Championships to be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at Camden Pool. Those students will receive their permission notes shortly.

Thanks to all students and staff who attended the day, it was most definitely the best attendance and participation seen at the Swimming Carnival for many years.
Our Not So New Deputy Principal
Mr M Hurley (Principal)
Many members of our school community may not have been aware that Mr Abboud, who has been with us as a Deputy Principal for the last two years, has been on secondment from another school and not part of our substantive staff. Thanks to the recent changes in the model of funding used to calculate our staff entitlement I was required to advertise the position and make it a permanent job.
Mr Abboud had to apply like everybody else and go through the very harrowing and demanding interview process. I am now happy to report that Mr Abboud was the successful applicant for the position and has been permanently appointed to this school. Mr Abboud’s commitment to our school and the Campbelltown/Macarthur community will ensure a long and productive association. Congratulations Mr Abboud.
From the Deputy’s Office
Mr P Abboud (Deputy Principal)

2015 is looking like an exciting year at Thomas Reddall High School, as we begin to build on the successes of 2014. Many staff have returned from their well earned break with vigour and are looking forward to providing our students with a positive experience at school.

For the past 6 months a team of dedicated staff have been analysing HSC data and reviewing programs that may offer a benefit to our Stage 6 students in an attempt to significantly improve their HSC results across all subject areas. Under the leadership of Mr Smith, the team has reviewed the ALARM (A Learning and Response Matrix) system, and is looking at its implementation over the next term. This program will work in conjunction with the wonderful work already being done in Stage 4 by the Reading to Learn team lead by Ms Meyer. It is great to see so many staff interested in providing enhanced opportunities for our students to achieve their potential academically.

The Gifted and Talented team led by Mrs Hurley will continue to grow and thrive in 2015. The students continue to work on their Personal Interest Programs, as well as developing enrichment afternoons for our surrounding Primary Schools. 2015 will see the introduction of a huge initiative known as Wizz it Up, which will be an extravagantzation of challenges and puzzles. Students from Years 5 to 10, from all over the state, will be coming to our school for a week of enrichment and enjoyment. It will be a proud week for our school as we showcase the excellent work of our students and staff.

Two other exciting initiatives taking off this year are the Boys II Men program and the Girls’ Empowerment Program. The Boys II Men program, run by Mrs Boswell and Ms Cunningham will be focusing on providing leadership opportunities to previously identified Year 11 boys. Focusing on becoming role models both within the school and the community, these boys will be mentored by staff and community leaders from the Macarthur area. Our Girls Empowerment Program lead by Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Hurley will be focusing on the self esteem of our girls at Thomas Reddall High and tending to needs associated with their learning in our classrooms and their own future desires.

It’s a great time to be a member of staff at Thomas Reddall High School, as we strive to take pride in our school. Of course we need your cooperation in developing and sustaining a sense of pride in our school. All parents and carers can support our staff by ensuring your children are adequately prepared for school. Correct uniform and ample books and stationery for learning are simple ways that you can help us provide positive learning experiences for our students. Ensuring students arrive at school on time each day is another way to show your child that you care for their learning.

It's great to be back at such a wonderful school and I look forward to sharing the learning opportunities provided to our students with you in 2015.

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Creative and Performing Arts Showcase
Ms T Myer (Head Teacher CAPA)
Thursday, 4th December, 2014 saw the sun come up on what was going to be a hot, overcast, muggy and extremely busy but highly successful day. Mr Hope and his co-worker William arrived at school very early to start setting up lighting and sound equipment and straight after Roll Call dress rehearsals commenced. The day and then the performances went exceptionally well. Art works were displayed, an interactive art demonstration was held, students, played instruments, sang, danced and acted their way through a tight program. The full audience cheered and clapped, and students ran out of the Performance Space after each performance with radiant smiles on their faces. I still well up when I remember this.

The night was exceptional. It wouldn’t have been quite as good without the support of the following people:
Mary Coggins, Freddie Hill, Tracey Phillips, Mark Phillips, Leanne Phillips, Tracey’s mum and dad, Julie North, Gail Lane, Craig Hope, William, Emily Naumovski, Sabrina Pelaez, Alyssa Somvilaysack, Britney Carstens, Teagan Robertson, all of our Visual Arts students, our musicians, our Concert Band, our actors, our dancers and you, our audience.

Big thank you to the following staff:
Ms Cunningham (Dance), Ms Walsh (Drama), Mrs Collison and Mr Stimpson (Music), Mrs Pound, Mrs Morgan and Ms Cusack (Visual Arts), Ms Tammy Ellem and Mrs Lyndall Ball (Support), Mr Hurley (Principal) and Ms Meyer (Head Teacher).

Our first CAPA Showcase for this year will be held on Thursday, 25th June, 2015 (Term 2 Week 10). We look forward to seeing you all there!
Student Numbers (Bottoms on Seats)
Mr M Hurley (Principal)
Each year at this time I am required to notify the system of the number of students who have returned to school.
These numbers determine the level of funding and the number of teachers that the school receives.
Given that all of the planning for classes and the timetable has already been done last year on the basis of predicted numbers, it is a very nervous time while we wait for every last student to either turn up or be confirmed as not returning.
There is some frantic ringing around to try and determine the whereabouts of anyone on the roll but not present at school. We have had tales of hospital stays, lost passports, successful job hunting and apprenticeships as well as people moving away. Leavers have been largely balanced by new enrolments and so I am happy to report that the curriculum and staffing of the school will not be required to change as the actual numbers are very close to predictions even if the names have changed.

The Sign is Good
Mr M Hurley (Principal)
Anyone driving past the school on Woodhouse Drive will have noticed that, in fourth term last year, a new sign was erected at the corner of Jaggers Place to replace the original sign that had been in place since the school was opened. Many observant people have commented on the fact that the changeable part remained constantly black.
The electrical contractor had some issues with the connection of the power. These have now been overcome and the sign is fully operational.
Keep an eye out for information on upcoming events and outstanding achievements that can now be quickly updated.

Concert Band
Ms T Myer (Head Teacher CAPA)
We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Freddie Hill who tutored our band students and conducted our Concert Band during 2014. We are reconfiguring our Concert Band into a Stage Band this year. This means that we will be adding vocalists and guitarists to our ensemble of trumpets, saxophones, clarinets, and trombones this year to create a dynamic and exciting performance group. It will be an exciting year for our Band Program.

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**Hospitality Kitchen**  
Mr M Hurley (Principal)  
The next phase of the installation of a commercial grade kitchen for the teaching of Hospitality was signed off last week.  
It is anticipated that the winner of the tender will take charge of the site in the middle of the year with anticipated completion in time for the start of the 2016 school year.

**Triple Meeting Night**  
Mr M Hurley (Principal)  
This year, again, we will be having our mega meeting night to kick off the year on Tuesday 3 March 2015.  
The evening starts at 3:30pm with the Meet the Teachers BBQ for all parents of the new Year 7 students. This is a wonderful opportunity for new parents to put a name to the face of the teachers their children may be talking about in an informal atmosphere.  
The Open Night for current and prospective students and their parents follows the Year 7 BBQ at 5:00pm. This is a chance for members of the community to come to the school, see the facilities and the wonderful work being done at Thomas Reddall every day in the education of our community’s children. Students and parents who might be considering a high school for a child currently in any year of primary school are very welcome to attend.  
Finally at 7:00 the first Community Support Group meeting will be held in the textiles room.  
Come along to hear about what is happening at the school or to ask questions of the Principal and other parents in an open forum for interested community members.

**Three Old Chestnuts**  
Mr M Hurley (Principal)  
Every year there are a few issues that continue to raise their heads at this time; uniform, fees and charges and lateness.  
While the uniform is improving year on year, in general, there are still some issues particularly with shoes, socks, shorts and shirts.  
Shoes should be all black leather lace ups with black laces and no coloured trim or soles. Socks are plain white ankle socks, shorts need to be King Gee style and shirts are button through ‘Midford’ style, not polo shirts.  
All families have now been invoiced for this year’s fees and charges. These charges have not gone up this year and amount, in most instances, to less than a couple of cans of soft drink a week.  
If you feel you may struggle to meet this commitment please contact the school in order that you can discuss the issues with me.  
This year there will be a concerted effort to reduce regular lateness. It is our observation that while most students are on site on time a small group are regularly late. This must impact on their ability to achieve their full potential. Please ensure that your children are at school before the first bell at 8:20 each morning.

[Image of a brochure for Macarthur Saints JRLFC]

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Exhibition And Open Night
Tuesday 3 March 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Meet The Teachers BBQ
Tuesday 3 March 2015
3:30 – 5:00 pm

All current families and anyone considering enrolling children at the school are invited to come to a brief meeting in the hall. Groups will then be escorted to see the facilities, and programs that support our pursuit of educational excellence.

All parents and friends of Year 7 students are invited to come with their children to an informal opportunity to meet the teachers of year 7 classes. People who stay for the open night will then be escorted to see the facilities, and programs that support our pursuit of educational excellence.

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