



College Band



The College Band was invited to play at the Rotary 9690 District 2010 Conference at Club Forster for their Friday Evening Dinner, on March 19.

After a year of planning the event and negotiating the program and timeframe for the performance the College Band successfully performed a 45 minute dinner set which included Jazz, R&B and movie theme pieces.

Thank you to all the students who performed as well as Mrs. Narelle Richardson (Music Staff TJC), Vincent Jensen (Music Staff FC), Stuart St. Hill (Technical Support Officer TJC), Gabrielle Barlow and Wilbur Cross (Great Lakes Band) for supporting the College students at this event.

The Rotarians were very impressed with the standard of the Band and enjoyed the variety of music performed. The 9690 District donated \$500.00 in appreciation to the Band, which will enhance the College Band funds to allow the purchase of a greatly needed new instrument.

Jann Duggan - Head Teacher

Creative & Performing Arts Tuncurry Campus / Band Director.



COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

The new and updated websites for Forster, Tuncurry Junior and Tuncurry Senior Campuses are now available at the following addresses:

www.glcforster-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
www.glctuncjun-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
www.glctuncsen-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

These websites will be updated regularly with information and reports for our local community to access.

I have recently had discussions with project managers and architects on initial concept plans for our proposed Trade Training Center facilities at each of the campuses. I would like to acknowledge the efforts and valuable input of Nic Wisemantel, Col Stewart, Greg Webber and Greg Glanville in ensuring that the facilities are appropriate and designed for maximum outcomes for our students. I will keep our community informed of further progress over the coming months.

Last week I attended the North Coast Principals Conference and the North Coast Quality Teaching Conference with a number of staff from the college. Regional Director Peter Haigh in his presentation to principals, acknowledged the outstanding data in relation to public and private education and market share in the Taree/Forster districts. Public education was overwhelmingly the preferred choice by parents in educating their children.

This is a direct result of the quality of our teaching and non teaching staff in the college, our focus on quality teaching and drive for continual improvement, our curriculum offering, NAPLAN, SC and HSC results and the strong links between the Great Lakes Learning Community (GLLC). Also attributed to this, is the investment from the college in funds for professional learning of our staff in attending these conferences to ensure they have access to current teaching and learning practice which makes the difference in the classroom and improves student outcomes. I know the staff who attended believed it was a very valuable experience.

Graeme Jennings
College Principal

COLLEGE SPORT

Kayaking Becomes a Sport Choice

Forster Campus has introduced canoeing as a sport choice in 2010. Year 10 gold RAP students were able to choose the sport for Term 1.

The students are double and single person kayaks to learn the basic strokes as well as safety and rescue techniques. In the process they are having a lot of fun doing wet exits and swimming in the lake.

Great Lakes College would like to take the opportunity in thanking Michael Perkins of Waterline Marine who has provided the students with the kayaks.

Anita Roche
Coach



Above: Paddlers rafting up

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Open Boys Knockout Basketball

Thirteen boys from Tuncurry Campus trained for four weeks into the lead up to this competition. We had a bit of experience to work with but most of the boys were fairly new to the game. We missed out on valuable game time in the lead up to the tournament as we won our round one game by forfeit. This put us straight into the major day of competition.

The team was fired up on the drive down thanks to the 1500 watt sound system on the mini bus, and stepped straight into the stadium ready for their first game. We played Lambton High who seemed like a fairly professional outfit based on their warm up drills. Our Captain, James Duval huddled the boys in and got them ready for the first half.

We got off to a slow start, eventually finding our rhythm. Our defense was rock solid with Jordan Tapper, Tim Groth and Steven Henderson under the ring and James Duval and Tim Rorison on the perimeter. At the other end of the court we were quite rushed, allowing easy turn overs before converting. Lambton took a five point lead at one stage, but as soon as that happened things fell into place for our team. Jordan Tapper made some strong baskets, and Tim Groth's best on court performance meant Tuncurry had very quickly made up the deficit and now had a five point buffer of their own.

The second half was very exciting and very tough. Subs, Beau Lowry and Brendan Ford came on and had a big impact, and Matt King, Scott Katen and Kale McCarthy worked hard while the starting five were rested. We held the lead for the whole second half until the last few minutes. Lambton got two quick intercepts and two baskets and had a Three point lead with two minutes left. Tuncurry got another basket making us one point down. With 40 seconds left we all thought Lambton would put a shot up, but they held the ball and played out the remaining seconds, giving them victory.

Our boys were gracious in defeat, although a little disappointed, but I was very proud of their efforts. We did get a second game in the repercharge round where we played Taree High. In this game we blooded the youngest members of our team, Sam Webber, and Mitchell Inglis. Mitchell used his height to advantage, getting numerous rebounds and a basket, and Sam Webber nailed two three pointers with ease.

All up it was a great day and everyone said they would do it again in an instant.

Chris Kingston
Coach



Boys from our College Basketball Team

Hunter Combined Special Education Swimming Carnival

On Monday March 8 the Tuncurry Junior Campus Support Unit took eight students to a regional swimming carnival at Newcastle.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all our students who represented the College with pride.

The weather was lovely, the pool was warm, the venue comfortable and the carnival a sensational success. Cody Wallace was narrowly edged out in his 50 metre breaststroke race to finish second. Nathan Dillon won his 50 metre race, Well done!

Kiara Gaul made an outstanding effort in the many races she competed in.

Many thanks to the Nabitac Hotel for donating the use of their mini bus for the day.

Michael Wiersma
Team Manager



Students attending the Swimming Carnival

GLC Surfest Champions

Great Lakes College returned champions from Surfest after making the finals for the third consecutive year. The college displayed its depth of talent with the girls being named champions and the boys taking out fourth position in the final.

150 surfers from as far south as Moruya and north to Woolgoolga converged on Newcastle last week to compete in the Yellow Pages Surfest Schools Team Challenge.

Great Lakes College was represented by Pip Whitehouse, Brenner Riley and Bree Gardiner as the girl's team, while the boys team consisted of Jono Rooney, Nat Tyrrell and Brodie Pitt.

Day one saw competition moved to Stockton Beach due to dangerous surf conditions at Mereweather. At the completion of the first day's competition the girls were sitting in third and the boys in 16th position.

Day Two saw competition moved to Nobby's Beach. Displaying good wave selection and excellent tactics by scoring bonus points in the semi finals, both teams gained a finals berth. The girls were wanting to improve on last year's bronze medal. Surfing against St Pauls Port Macquarie, Lake Munmorah and Moruya, Great Lakes continued to display great team tactics to take out the final from Moruya.

Not to be out done, the boys from GLC who entered the quarterfinals in 14th position improved their overall ranking to 4th in the final.

Annette Sanders
Team manager



Below: Bree Gardiner



FORSTER CAMPUS

Principal's Report

The NAPLAN tests will be held in May. These tests are used by all staff to assess student needs. This data is then used to inform our teaching and learning programs. Whilst the Year 7 tests largely measure progress in Years 5 and 6, the Year 9 tests map progress during a student's time at our campus. The main needs that were determined in 2008 for the then Year 7 cohort were: use of complex punctuation (apostrophes of contractions and possession, use of colons and semi-colons, parenthesis, etc); spelling of three plus syllable words; understanding of figurative language; writing of narratives (in relation to text structure and features); and numeracy concepts of number, patterns, algebra. All staff are currently focusing on explicit teaching in these areas.

I am thrilled with the way students are progressing in class. In the classes that I visit there is a quiet focus and students are clearly trying to do their personal best. Our Regular Assessment Program is now in its second round and substantial numbers of our students are in the top two colour bands of gold and blue. Staff are currently investigating ways of acknowledging and rewarding students who are consistently working their hardest.

On a final note, we really appreciate the strong support that parents give to our canteen. There are a wide range of volunteers who help out. There is always a friendly smile and a pleasant few words to share. This sort of support enables our school to thrive. Thankyou!

*Judy Hall
Principal*

Fees and Voluntary Contributions

Invoices are currently being sent out to all families. Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

The voluntary contribution of \$40 goes towards funding the large number of extras that enrich a school learning environment – additional resources, shade and seating, beautifying our grounds with mulching, additional planting of trees and shrubs, providing additional technology and library resources – the list is endless! The \$40 payment is really only a \$1 a week

investment in your child's future! Please consider making this payment.

TUNCURRY JUNIOR CAMPUS

Relieving Principal's Report

Tuncurry 7-10 Campus has had a very active start to the year this term. There have been a range of extra curricular activities from sporting to academic to excursions. Our staff do a great job of providing these opportunities for our students and I know the students appreciate them.

Yesterday was Harmony Day and the STC, under the excellent guidance of Mrs St Hill, did a really good job of raising student and staff awareness of the differences in the cultures within the school while at the same time providing some great food that was consistent with the occasion. I would like to thank all of the parents who made contributions to this event but especially Mrs Visser who cooked so many spring rolls and provided them for the STC to sell to raise funds.

To the STC students as well, my great appreciation for what you did on the day and in the lead up. Such activities do not run so well without significant preparation. It was great to participate!

Last Friday, myself and Mrs Ralston took both our captains, Sarah Germyn and Mitchell Dagger, to Sydney for a leadership day. It involved going to parliament house for a tour and discussion about our tiers of Government as well as meeting with many politicians including our local member, the Honourable John Turner, and the leader of the NSW Opposition, the Honourable Barry O'Farrell.

Truly our system of government is unique and something of which to be proud. We sat in the public gallery for some time listening to the debate that was unfolding on the floor around a bill recognising the significant role that carers fulfil within the community. It was both interesting and challenging at the same time. I believe that full time carers fulfil the most important role in the community and that teachers perform the second most important role. The thought that we need a

bill in parliament to recognise the significance of the role of carer truly is a sign of the times.

From Parliament House we walked to Government House for a meeting with the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Marie Bashir. She was truly riveting and I suggest to anyone who doesn't know her or about her to do some research and find out. She is a remarkable lady and did an excellent job of pointing out to our leaders that they are responsible for enacting the change they want to see in our society but that they should weigh their decisions very carefully as leadership for change carries with it a great burden of responsibility.

There I go talking about our Core Values again. I see them so often and our students, especially our leaders, are doing a great job of learning how to live them. I was extremely proud of Sarah and Mitchell last Friday, just as I was extremely proud of our STC yesterday. We are growing a culture here of living the Core Values and our RAP process is allowing us to report to you about how your students are going with learning to live them.

I believe these Core Values (Personal Best, Cooperation, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness), if lived, develop successful members of our community both now and in the future. As a school, we are moving down that path together. At the start of the year I told the students that; "Your past does not have to determine your future. What matters is choosing a course of action that will move you forward into a positive tomorrow. Do you want your life to be measured by reasons or results?" I see our students making those positive choices. I see them want their lives to be measured by results.

Paul Bulbert
Relieving Principal

Shave for a Cure

On Friday March 12, Yasmin Porrello of Year 8 had her long hair cut off to a number one razor cut. As part of the cancer initiative to raise money for cancer research, Yasmin raised over \$380. She has given her ponytail to her grandfather. Well Done Yasmin!!!

Before:



After:



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Cleaning Up Australia Sunday March 7



Below: Olivia Leung & Caitlyn Hayes-Hanson

Above: Students of STC

Below: Jacqueline Bailey-Rodick



13 students and four staff represented our school at the northern Tuncurry Clean-Up Australia Day.

The following students volunteered for two hours on this day:

Caitlin Hayes-Hanson, Steve Mallia, David Stevenson-Relf, Cassie Yoole, Rachel Feehely, Nick Gray, Olivia Leung, Emily Duval, Sam St Hill, Jacqui Bailey-Rodick, Madie Rowe, Zjahnai Poole and Daniel Clancy (Year 11). Also Laura Tollis and Kaitlin Langdon participated at Nabitac.

They found tyres, a burnt out wiz bin and numerous bottles and general rubbish. The TAFE construction site generated lots of rubbish also. The perimeter of our school and cemetery is much cleaner now thanks to them.

The students were joined by Ms Janelle Evans (maths), Mr Paul Bulbert (relieving Principal), Andy Jones (pastoral care worker) and Mrs Jo St Hill (STC coordinator).

The Lakeside Church acted as the coordinator for the northern Tuncurry site and with the assistance of two local businesses, the volunteers enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and water at the conclusion. We would like to acknowledge that Mark Darwin from Tyre Power sponsored the sausages and Scott Fletcher Builder provided water bottles.

Pastor Daryll Moran from Lakeside Church spoke very highly of the wonderful students who joined with other volunteers on the day. As we walked around our designated area we received lots of encouragement from the general public. It was a "feel-good" event that was lots of fun and worthwhile.

*Jo St Hill
Teacher Librarian
Tuncurry Junior Campus*

Students Take Charge Report (STC)

On February 12 we held our Valentines Day fundraiser where we raised \$176-00 to go towards the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. We sold balloons, chocolate hearts, cards and a variety of cakes. Thanks to Zjahn Poole for all her hard effort in making the delicious cup cakes. Also thanks to everyone for their support on the day.

Our next fundraiser was Harmony Day which was held on Monday March 22. Harmony Day is all about the awareness of cultural, racial and religious issues. Harmony Day celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promotes the benefits of cultural diversity. Photos and report will be available in the next issue of the Dolphin.

On Tuesday February 23, three STC members helped assist with the Year 7 parents barbeque. It turned out to be a successful event and the assisting students did a wonderful job. Thanks to Tegan Long, Andrew Moulder, Sam Webber and Matt St Hill.

As an STC group we take on board suggestions and problems that students have, for example the state of our school toilets.

Just a quick note to all Year 7 students to start thinking about nominations for 2011 STC as the opportunity is arriving soon. Please think seriously about this as it is a huge responsibility, but very worthwhile.

*Sarah Germyn
School Captain*

2010 Vaccinations			
Date	Year	Vaccine	Dose
Friday May 28	7	Boys & Girls Hep B	1 st Dose
	7	Girls HPV	2 nd Dose
Friday June 25	10	Boostrix	1 Dose
	7	Chicken Pox	1 Dose
Friday October 15	7	Boys & Girls Hep B	2 nd Dose
	7	Girls HPV	3 rd Dose

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Parents/Carers we are having many parents contacting students directly via mobile phones at inappropriate times.

If you need to contact your child whilst at school please follow school protocol and contact will be made via the school office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Come along to the North Coast Junior Rugby
Union Skill Development Camp
for U14s, U15s & U16s

Where: Stuart Park, Port Macquarie

When: Mon April 12 & Tues April 13,
2010 (School Holidays)

Cost: \$80 for 2 days (Numbers limited to
120 / 9am - 4pm)

Register

@ <http://www.coursepay.com.au/nswrugby/events.php?etid=3377>

For Further information contact Bruce
Frame - North Coast Rugby Development
Manager

0404 196 491 or

email bruce.frame@rugby.com.au

YMCA of Great Lakes
DASH N SPLASH
Run Swim Fundraising Event
Hosted by YMCA Swim Squad



DATE	RUN	SWIM	# LAPS	HANDICAP	CATERING
March 9th	1km	100m	3	x	BBQ
March 16th	2km	200m	2	x	PIZZA
March 23rd	1km	100m	3	✓	PIZZA
March 30th	2km	200m	2	✓	BBQ & PRESENTATION

 Race Briefing 6:30pm for 6:45pm start
 Entry Fee - \$5 per race or \$15 per series; (including those in teams)
 Age Categories - Kids, Opens (16 yrs +) & Teams
 Catering: Available for purchase / drinks will also be on sale

The Great Lakes Aquatic & Leisure Centre
 your local YMCA - Lake Street Forster
 Phone: 6591 7199
www.greatlakesaquaticcentre.com




Friendly Reminder with the seasonal weather
change please be vigilant in checking your
student for head lice and taking action if
required.

ROCK OFF@ YOUR LIBRARY Coming Soon...

To the Town Library

Friday 9th April 2010

Live Bands , Live Performances, Open Mic, all
Local Artists

Come & support your peers or try your skills -
A GATHERING OF YOUTH FOR YOUTH WEEK
for details coming soon to your school
noticeboard.

Keep a look out. Bring your friends and their
friends.

School Years 6 - 12

12 - 18 years of age

AND OF COURSE THERE WILL BE FOOD!!!!

Attention: ALL VET STUDENTS

Work placement is **MANDATORY** for each VET subject.

35hrs for each senior year of study.

- Develop skills & knowledge
 - Gain maturity in an adult work environment
 - Develop an employer relationship
- Students need to be **involved** in the process

to help find the right employer for them! Work
placement will be arranged for students, with their help
and input. A fee for service will be incurred for
placements that have been cancelled as a result of
student inaction, change of mind non-attendance etc.

School allocated dates for work placement are:

Year 11: Week 8 – Term 2

Weeks 5, 6, 9 & 10 – Term 3

Year 12: Weeks 3 & 5 – Term 4

Further details call:

Catherine Burke, Work Placement Coordinator

Ph: 6555 6125 or 0439 246670

FORSTER CAMPUS CANTEEN ROSTER				Ph. 6554 5259 or Ros 6554 8432
MONDAY 22/3	TUESDAY 23/3	WEDNESDAY 24/3	THURSDAY 25/3	FRIDAY 26/3
B Heffernan L Kerrison	G Weerheim N Williams	P McNamara B Ellery/P Whitton	P Crawley D Murray	G McBride M Caldwell
MONDAY 29/3	TUESDAY 30/3	WEDNESDAY 31/3	THURSDAY 1/4	FRIDAY 2/4
C Gorton	A Kuruppu Y Ireland	J Thomas D Gatland	B Lancaster P Crawley	Good Friday
MONDAY 19/4	TUESDAY 20/4	WEDNESDAY 21/4	THURSDAY 22/4	FRIDAY 23/4
Staff Development Day	G Weerheim N Williams	P McNamara B Ellery/P Whitton	P Crawley D Murray	G McBride M Caldwell
TUNCURRY CAMPUS CANTEEN ROSTER				Ph. 6555 0575 or Ros 6554 8432
MONDAY 22/3	TUESDAY 23/3	WEDNESDAY 24/3	THURSDAY 25/3	FRIDAY 26/3
Caroline Toohill	C Moss E Hoerzer	L Howard	Kamily Melham	L Howard
MONDAY 29/3	TUESDAY 30/3	WEDNESDAY 31/3	THURSDAY 1/4	FRIDAY 2/4
M Smith C Toohill	T Eacott	L Howard	J Shaw K Melham	Good Friday
MONDAY 19/4	TUESDAY 20/4	WEDNESDAY 21/4	THURSDAY 22/4	FRIDAY 23/4
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College Office Hours All Campuses
8am to 4pm Monday to Friday

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