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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to all parents and students to the 2014 school year. The staff and I are looking forward to many exciting events this year, as well as assisting students in their educational, cultural, sporting and social achievements.

This letter is to outline important information for you to be aware of for Term 1. A full 2014 calendar will be sent home early in Term 1. Our website also has a wealth of information for students and parents.

***Term 1 activities:***

**January**

Tuesday 28th School Staff return

Wednesday 29th Years 7, 11 & 12 return. Swimming for sport

Thursday 30th Years 8, 9 and 10 return

**February**

Wednesday 5th THS Swimming Carnival

Year 12 University of Wollongong Discovery Day

Monday 10th Year 12 students meet with their teacher mentors during the week

Wednesday 12th THS Photos

Thursday 13th –14th Drama and Dance excursion to Sydney

Monday 17th Year 11 students meet with their teacher mentors during the week

Tuesday 18th Years 9, 10 & 11 receive their Yearly Assessment schedules (during school day)

Year 10 students and parents – ROSA information meeting. 5:50 – 6pm

e-Diary Information session. 6:15- 6:45

Parents & Citizens Meeting— 7pm in Common Room

Wednesday 19th SRC Assembly – 12:20 in MPU

Friday 21st Zone Swimming Carnival - Tumut

Friday 28th Schools Clean Up Australia Day

Mid-term gradings completed by teaching staff

**March**

Friday 7th Riverina Swimming Carnival

Newsletter distributed

Tuesday 18th Year 7 and Year 9 boys – Needles

Parents & Citizens Annual General Meeting (AGM)— 7pm in Common Room

Friday 21st Year 11 – Rotary Young Driver Awareness (RYDA) Day - Wagga

Thursday 27th Aboriginal Performer for Years 7 & 8, then Aboriginal and Visual Arts students.

Friday 28th “THS & Beyond”

End of term gradings completed by teaching staff

**April**

Tuesday 1st – 2nd Athletics Carnival (Day 2 Wednesday during sport)

Wednesday 2nd – 10th Year 12 Half-yearly exams

Monday 7th – 8th CHS Swimming Carnival

Monday 7th – 9th Stage 4 Warrumbungles excursion

Friday 11th Newsletter distributed

Final day for students Term 1 – Happy Easter and safe holidays!

***Attendance***

The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented from doing so by sickness or other good reason. The Act requires you to explain your child's absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded.

It is important that all students are at school and on time to school by 8:52 as much as possible. This term has many opportunities and learning experiences for students that we ask them at attend regularly to make the most of these opportunities. A positive start to the year will assist each student’s learning for the rest of the year.

***e-Diary***

We are starting an exciting initiative for diary use, with an electronic diary being used. Teachers can add in homework, assignments, notes or events to student’s calendars. Parents and students are then able to access the e-Diary website to check what is coming up.

It is vital that we have a parent’s email address to enable sign up. Please contact the school with your email address if you have not done so in 2013.

An information session is planned for Tuesday February 18th for more assistance for parents who are interested.

***Parents and Citizens Meetings***

I thank all parents and community members who have been involved in the THS P&C. This is a very valuable group in our school that contributes so much. Last year this dedicated group worked with our school to again stage a successful cabaret, as well as providing funds for major projects such as the Performing Arts Centre, grounds & oval upkeep and textbooks for new curriculum and teaching in English, Maths, Science and History. I again thank all members who have been involved in the P & C and call upon parents and community members to consider being part of this valued and constructive group to help make THS continue to be successful. We meet each third Tuesday of the month during school terms at 7pm in the Common room, Administration block.

I again look forward to working with students and parents in this new year and welcome all new families starting their educational journey with us at Temora HS.

Yours sincerely



Mr Patrick Nethery

Principal