



It has been a big few weeks at Hunter Sports High with a visit from the NSW Minister for Education last week as well as the commencement of classes in our new S Block, and this week we kicked off our end of year celebrations with the Year 12 Formal on Tuesday night and our 2017 TSP Presentation Night last night.

Our student leaders, staff and parent representatives spent time talking with Education Minister Rob Stokes when he stopped in at Hunter Sports High to view the progress of the redevelopment last week. The minister explained that the \$45.1 million project will see Hunter Sports High become one of the most modern schools in the state and that its design has been influenced by the new ways of teaching and learning that will help prepare our students for the jobs of the future. He also acknowledged the complexities of the build and logistics involved with the demolition, construction and keeping the school running throughout this time of immense change for our students, staff and community. The commencement of classes in the temporary learning spaces in S Block has been a major milestone this term, with classes settled in as we now prepare for the demolition of the remainder of A and B blocks, C block and part of E block during the Christmas holidays.



Our Talented Sports Program students, families, staff and sponsors celebrated another year of achievement and success at our annual TSP Sports Awards Presentation Night at Wests Leagues Club last night. Year 12 student Erin Cleaver took out our Sports person of the Year Award for the second year running after her outstanding silver medal-winning performance at the World Para Athletics Championships in London. A full list of award-winners is included in this newsletter, along with some photos from the night. I take this opportunity to thank our TSP coordinators and coaching staff for their continued hard work and dedication to developing our students, both on the sporting field and in their education. Thanks also go to our valued sponsors for their support of our TSP programs and students, to Mr Pascoe and Ms Calman for their efforts in organising this great event and to Mr Colley for coming back for a guest appearance as MC!

**Top:** Our Sports person of the Year (for the second year running) Erin Cleaver at Wednesday night's TSP Presentation Night.

**Above:** Minister for Education Rob Stokes speaks with our student leadership team on his visit to Hunter Sports High last week.

**NEXT P & C MEETING:**  
**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**6PM AT HSHS**

On Tuesday night our Year 12 students dressed up for their formal and celebrated the end their schooling days with their friends and teachers at Merewether Surfhouse. Special thanks go to Mr Harrison for all his work as Year Advisor and for his commitment and dedication to see this great group of Year 12 students successfully graduate high school. With their HSC now behind them and results only a few weeks away, we wish them all the very best in their future, whatever path they choose.

Year 7-10 students have now completed their end of year exams and staff will be finalising marking and reports over coming weeks. Keep an eye on our school calendar for dates and times of all our end of year events and assemblies over coming weeks. A reminder too for students and families wishing to attending our Minimbah Celebrations on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – please get your RSVPs and payment in as soon as possible.

**Rachel Byrne – Principal**

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## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
<b>Fri 17 November</b>	2017 NSW Touch Football Year 7/8 State Final
	Shine Program
	Brospeak
	VET Retail Excursion
	Royal Life Saving First Aid Training
	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
<b>Mon 20 November</b>	Support Unit Leaving to Learn
	Marine Studies Snorkeling
	Why Try?
	TSP Hockey Fitness Session
<b>Wed 22 November</b>	Centre for Hope
	Girls Rock & Water Program
	Why Try? Program
<b>Thur 23 November</b>	U14 & U17 SHSA Rugby 7's
	Sports High Baseball Gala Day
<b>Fri 24 November</b>	Job Centre Program Taster
	Shine Program
	Brospeak
	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
	BeYoutiful Disability Services Taster Day
	Year 7 Soccer Gala Day
	Students on Track–Newcastle 500
<b>Mon 27 November</b>	Support Unit Leaving to Learn
	Why Try? Program
	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
	TSP Hockey Fitness Session
<b>Mon 27 &amp; Tues 28 November</b>	Big Picture Filming
<b>Mon 27 Nov – Wed 29 November</b>	Davidson Shield T20 Cricket Gala
<b>Wed 29 November</b>	<b>Minimbah Celebrations, 6-9pm</b>
	Centre for Hope
	Girls Rock & Water Program
	Marine Studies Snorkeling
	Why Try? Program
<b>Thur 30 November</b>	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
<b>Fri 01 December</b>	Shine Program
	Brospeak
	Job Centre Program Taster
	Level 2 Rugby League Training
	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
	Baseball NSW Partnership Launch

## Meeting the Minister



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## Sport in the Spotlight at TSP Awards Night

Our talented athletes converged on Wests Leagues Club last night to celebrate another outstanding year of sporting achievement at Hunter Sports High School. Special guest speaker and ex-student Sione Mata'utia spoke about his years at Hunter Sports High and his pathway to the NRL and becoming the youngest Australian rugby league representative in 2014 when he was just 18 years old. Sione's story is an inspiration for other students following in his footsteps.

Our Director of Sport, Mr Pascoe, outlined some of the impressive statistics from another successful year for the Talented Sports Program. "We are State Champions in two team sports this year, and on top of that we have also come second, third or fourth in nine other team competitions, making one third of our teams top four finishers in statewide knockout tournaments – an incredible effort and a true reflection of the outstanding work that goes on in our sports programs."

On an individual level Hunter Sports High's Talented Sports Program has assisted the development of 344 students across 13 sport programs, we've had 98 Hunter region representatives, 54 NSW representatives and 11 students reached the ultimate goal of being selected in national teams, including one in an Italian softball team.

Congratulations to the following students who received major awards last night:

- **Body Science Sportsperson of the Year:**  
Erin Cleaver (Athletics)
- **2HD Senior Sports Person of the Year:**  
Teah MacPherson (Athletics)  
Joel Rauch (Basketball)
- **Newcastle Herald Junior Sportsperson of the Year:**  
Annalee Grove (Football)  
Zachary Summers (Basketball)
- **NBN Team of the Year Award:**  
Open Girls Cricket Team
- **Richard Face Award: (for academic & sporting achievement)**  
Nell Gibson (Cricket)  
Logan Kubica (Basketball)
- **Hunter Sports Centre Sportsperson of the Future:**  
Lainee Harrison (Athletics)  
Brandon Tangaroa (Baseball)
- **Fitness All Rounder Award:**  
Teah MacPherson (Athletics)  
Phoenix Crossland (Rugby League)



Clockwise from top left: Senior Sportspeople of the Year Teah MacPherson & Joel Rauch; Junior Sportspeople of the Year Zachary Summers & Annalee Grove; Richard Face Award winners Nell Gibson & Logan Kubica; Sportsperson of the Future Award winner Lainee Harrison.

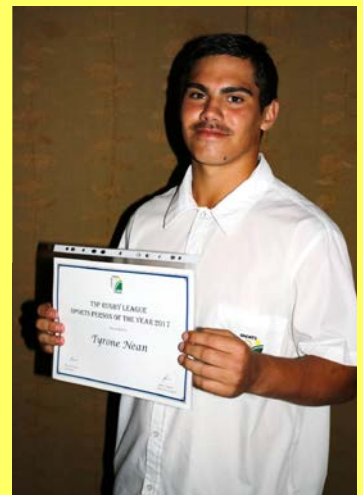
Sportsperson of the Year Awards were also presented for each sports program and the winners were:

- **AFL** Bailey Cullen
- **Athletics** Teah MacPherson
- **Baseball** Mitchell Ellison
- **Basketball** Joel Rauch (Senior)  
Zach Summers (Junior)
- **Cricket** Nell Gibson
- **Football** Jackson Frendo (Senior)  
Annalee Grove (Junior)
- **Hockey** Brendon Crouch
- **Netball** Murren Woods
- **Rugby League** Luke Huth (Senior)  
Tyrone Nean (Junior)
- **Rugby Union** Emma Bradford  
Fossie Bradford
- **Swimming** Zachery Renshaw
- **Tennis** Farisha Khan
- **Touch Football** Jessie Jenkins

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## Students Schooled in Japanese Culture



During the school holidays and week one of term Mrs Ingram was fortunate to travel to South Korea to attend a workshop with the Asia Education Foundation based at Melbourne University. During this time she studied various aspects of Korean language and culture through a number of interesting workshops and day trips. Mrs Ingram will be sharing her knowledge with students, especially comparing the similarities and differences between Korea, Japan and Australia as she broadens students' knowledge of Asian literacy.

She visited a school during her time in South Korea where she learnt that the South Korean education system is extremely rigorous with it being common for students to attend one or more 'cram schools' when their regular school day has finished. These extra classes, known as 'hagwon', either supplement what the students have already studied or in many cases advance the students' knowledge. As the students are often not home from school until around 11pm, they are exhausted but this lifestyle is essential to get into good universities and good jobs in South Korea!

In Week 2 of this term, Mrs Ingram and Miss O'Brien were invited to attend a ceremony and reception hosted by the Consul-General Keizo Takewaka at his residence in Sydney to celebrate the achievements of NICHIGO Press who received the Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation in recognition of their contribution to Japan-Australia relations over 40 years. This monthly publication is the longest continuous Japanese-language newspaper in Australia. This reception was a formal occasion where both Mrs Ingram and Miss O'Brien were able to converse with many Japanese guests while being served delicious Japanese-Western fusion foods. New connections were established with Japanese guests at the reception and we hope to have some of these people visit our school in the near future to meet our students.

It is with great sadness that we farewell Miss O'Brien this week as she takes up a new permanent position at Dungog High School. Miss O'Brien has worked so hard in the CAPAL faculty over the years and students have enjoyed her passion for Japanese language and culture as well as her photography lessons over the years. We wish her all the very best in her new position. She will be missed!

For the last eight weeks Mrs Jodie Vandermeer from Newcastle University has been completing her practical experience with Japanese classes. Students were very fortunate that Mrs Vandermeer organised to have Mr Darius Wingate-Pearse, who has been involved in martial arts for almost 30 years, come to class to talk to them about his experiences. He has trained exclusively in Aikido since 2000 and is ranked Yondan (fourth degree black belt) via world Aikido headquarters. Aikido is a modern Japanese martial art which uses a system of holds, throws and locks to subdue an opponent. Literally translated, aikido means "the way of harmony with the force and principle of nature". The focus is a non-violent resolution of conflict. Students enjoyed meeting Mr Wingate-Pearse and asking him questions. If any students are interested in learning more about Aikido, Mr Wingate-Pearse runs a full-time Aikido dojo in Hamilton and a satellite dojo at Windale PCYC.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November students were fortunate to meet Rie Sato, a Japanese lady studying at Sydney University who came to classes to talk with students and assist students with their studies. It was wonderful to hear students practising their Japanese language skills as well as ask questions about Japanese language and culture.

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November we had a sushi day where staff and students of Japanese could order sushi for lunch from Akira Sushi in Mount Hutton. This day was very popular with both students and staff. We look forward to having more sushi days in the future.



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## Scavenger Hunt and Sushi Farewell



Our Year 10 elective Japanese class were unleashed on Charlestown Square last week, armed with their Japanese knowledge, a list of items to photograph and questions in English and Japanese to answer. This was a great way for our students to practice the work they have done on following Japanese directions and navigating. Congratulations to Sophie and Natasha who won our scavenger hunt, but all were rewarded by a sushi lunch at Sushi Bay that afternoon. Of course, no Japanese excursion would be complete without a trip to the arcade, so Year 10 Japanese finished the day with nine holes at Holy Moly Putt Putt to farewell Miss O'Brien. A fantastic day of applying our Japanese knowledge and a great send off! Thank you Year 10!

## School Band Hits the Road

The Hunter Sports High School Band went along to Bandfest recently to watch the amazing local talent and get some wonderful tips from our neighbouring schools. The week-long Bandfest competition is an annual event involving schools from across the greater Newcastle region. It celebrates school bands and is for the enjoyment and enrichment of all who take part and all who are lucky enough to go along to watch. Although not competing this year, our band was lucky to see Eleebana Public School, Swansea High, Warners Bay High and Hunter School of Performing Arts but we will be back on the stage next year bigger and better than ever. In Week 8 the HSHS Band goes on the road. We will be visiting our local primary schools to show off our talents and to drum up some more business for next year. With three shows on the one day we will really find out what it is like being a band on the road!



## Amazing Artworks



Year 10 have finally finished their Major Works using them as a showcase for their talents. Works displayed here are by Cheyanne Tomkins, Draye Patrick and Kayla Steadman.



Year 9 have finished printing their celebrity lino prints with similar awesome results. Kudos to Abby Broderick, Demi Hilditch, Hannah Worley, Jasmine Evans, Shayla Dwyer and Jessica Love.



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## TAS on the Move



We recently welcomed Mr. David Winter to the TAS staff, coming to us from Northlakes High School on the Central Coast. With over 20 years of teaching experience, he will take over the role of Head Teacher from the beginning of next year and we all look forward to working with David as part of our TAS team.

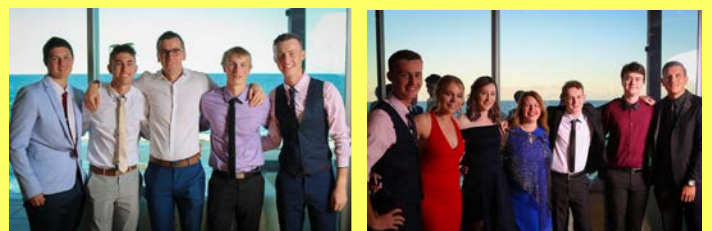
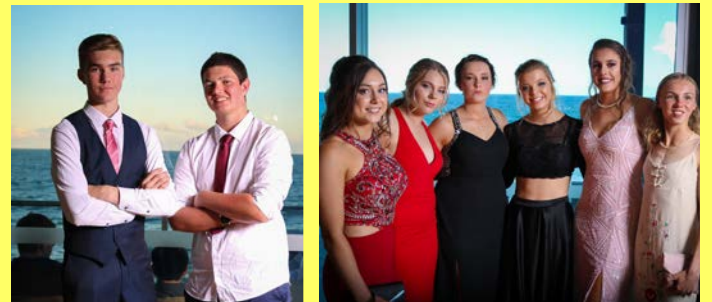
The TAS faculty have been extremely busy through the beginning of term 4 with preparation work for the school redevelopment. The existing kitchen and technology classrooms in B and C block that were used to teach Food Technology, Technology Mandatory, Marine Studies and Design and Technology have been handed over to the redevelopment building team to be demolished ready for the next stage of the new school build. A new demountable kitchen has been located near the school canteen and the F block workshops have been converted to allow for more standard classrooms to be used to cater for subjects that were previously taught in B and C block.

F block now has one wood workshop, one metal workshop, one demountable wood workshop and two converted technology classrooms (pictured above and below) with desktop computers to support student learning. It has taken a significant amount of work from our TAS and other school staff to move and create these new learning spaces. I would like to personally acknowledge and thank the fantastic TAS team that have worked so hard during this time.

## Nigel Hogan – Relieving Head Teacher TAS



## Year 12 Formal Photos



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## Bowling Brothers Blitzing It

The Freeman brothers have had outstanding success on bowling greens around the state this year with a long list of achievements for them both. Congratulations to Lachlan (Year 11) and Connor (Year 9) on this super effort!

### Connor Freeman:

- Runner Up 2017 Grade Two Pennants
- Runner Up Junior Singles, Junior Pairs
- 2017 Zone 2 Newcastle Junior Fours and Triples Champion
- Equal 9<sup>th</sup> NSW CHS Singles and 6<sup>th</sup> in Pairs
- CHS Hunter Fours side 5<sup>th</sup> in NSW
- Hunter Representative & Hunter Blues Award
- Country Representative at City v Country
- 1 Gold, 1 Silver and Bronze overall at CHS National Championships playing for NSWCHS
- Gold medal in Junior NSW 7-a-side Fours, Bronze overall
- NSW Gold Squad Member



### Lachlan Freeman:

- Played for NSW at Australian Junior Championships
- Runner Up 2017 Grade Two Pennants
- Winner of Newcastle Junior Championships – singles, pairs and fours
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in CHS Singles and 6<sup>th</sup> in Pairs
- CHS Fours side 5<sup>th</sup> in NSW
- Hunter Representative
- Played in NSW team four times in 2017
- 2 Gold and 1 Silver at CHS National Championships playing for NSWCHS
- Gold medal in Junior NSW 7-a-side Fours
- City vs Country

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**School students tap into**



An important requirement of School Opal card is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

To further promote the use of School Opal, Busways will also be conducting checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. All students travelling on buses to and from school will be required to show their card and ensure they Tap On and Tap Off every time they catch the bus. Students without an Opal Card will be provided with a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

Please support Busways staff with afternoon boarding and checks to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times and demonstrate a united front to students on bus travel and Opal Card use.