



# Message from the Principal



## School Fair

Last Saturday will remain a highlight for years to come. Organising a fair of this magnitude should not be underestimated. Kelly-Barr Jones with the support of our parents was able to pull off an extraordinary celebration of community. The performers, helpers, staff, students, rides and activities all tied together to make for a great day. The part that I will remember most fondly is the efforts that I saw from individuals working alongside one another that ensured everything ran smoothly. I have had lots of comments from people not directly connected to the school who were in awe of the sense of community and comradery on display. Enjoy the many photos on our school website [here](#)

## Silver Assembly

Our Silver Assembly is an opportunity to celebrate those students who have received 50 green slip merits. Although external recognition is nice, I spoke with students about looking at situations and asking themselves what needs to be

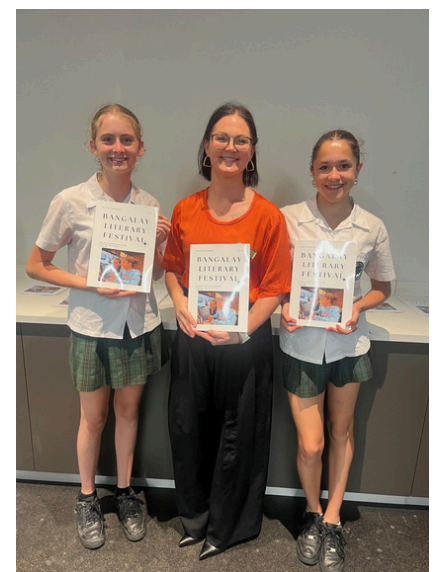
done. At times there will be acknowledgement, at times there won't. The intrinsic satisfaction one will get from helping another person will be an important motivator for future acts. Many thanks to Mrs Gourlay for her expert planning and coordination of this most recent Silver Assembly.



## Bangalay Literary Festival

The Concourse at Chatwood was a fitting venue for the presentation of the impressive works that have come from the

Bangalay Literary Festival. As you might know, students from Ryde, Chatswood and Hunters Hill NS-EC schools have been hard at work all year crafting their creative compositions with assistance of their Author Mentor. At the Showcase, students presented their creations to their families and some of their teachers. This will be something these students will remember for a long time. Ms Peachman in 2023 launched this exciting initiative. I'm hoping this is something that will continue for years to come.



# Respectful Relationships

On Wednesday our Year 10s were treated to a presentation by guest speaker Brent Sanders who spoke to them about Risky Business and Respectful Relationships. Brent is a highly respected author and lecturer and an engaging communicator who brought a depth of knowledge following his distinguished career in the Police Force. It was a valuable educational opportunity for our students.



## Next Week

Next week things will continue to be busy with important learning experiences for students both within and outside the classroom.

### On Monday

Our Year 7 students will continue with their swim school training. Our Year 10 students will receive their school reports and will be supported through goal setting sessions with coaches.

### On Tuesday

On Tuesday we will welcome in our incoming Year 7 students for Orientation Day. Our Peer Leaders have undergone training this week with Mr Argue and Ms van Der Veer and they along with our staff will be ready to support our incoming students.

During Period 5 our Year 8 and 9 students will watch an interactive performance that focuses on the dangers of alcohol use.

“Smashed” explores the effects of alcohol – impacting health, safety, relationships, and career aspirations. Students will watch a performance about three friends who find themselves in trouble as a result of their misuse of alcohol. An interactive workshop follows the play where students are invited to work with the cast to explore ways of combating peer pressure and changing the outcome for our characters.

### On Thursday

We will welcome Picton High School who are here to collaborate with our Year 10 students when learning Shakespeare. Every year, Bell Shakespeare welcome 30 teachers from across the country to their headquarters in Sydney.

This year our Head Teacher of English, Sarah Peachman was involved in four intensive days of training as part of their mentorship program. This has resulted in our wider English staff undertaking further professional learning in this space. The focus has been on innovative Shakespeare strategies, active learning principles, and teaching techniques to engage all learners across all year levels. It was at this training that our partnership with Picton High School was formed. The newfound knowledge and skills have not only been shared with our students and staff but also Beacon Hill Public School as part of the recent kids teaching kids program. This program involved our Year 10 students teaching our primary students.





## Lifeline Book Fair – Call for Student Volunteers

Lifeline are holding their next Book Fair from 12–15 December at St Augustine's College in Brookvale and they are looking for student volunteers on Sunday 15 December from 3–6pm to help with packing up. If your child is interested in signing up, please contact Michelle Butler at Lifeline via email: [Students4Lifeline@lifelineb.org.au](mailto:Students4Lifeline@lifelineb.org.au)

## Northern Beaches School Captains' Conference at Oxford Falls Grammar

Our 2025 Captains and Vice Captains have been invited to attend an afternoon of discussion and collaboration today from 1.00–3.00pm. They are excited by the possibility of learning from other leaders in their community about our leadership experiences and vision, so that each of them can grow in their leadership roles in our Northern Beaches schools. The objectives for the afternoon are:

- To build the skills for leadership roles, in schools and beyond
- To learn about different leadership styles and different leadership team compositions
- To discover the challenges that different leaders have encountered and to brainstorm potential solutions
- To develop and embed a legacy of effective student leadership in all of our schools

The afternoon will include open discussions about the value and purpose of student leadership. There will be some small group activities where we can share our thoughts about the leadership challenges and opportunities we may face in the coming year.

### Upcoming Events

2 December – Year 7 Swim School

3 December – Year 7 2025 Orientation Day

4 December – P&C Meeting – 7pm

17 December – Presentation Night

18 December – Christmas Assembly and Last Day of Term 4 for students

19 December – School Development Day – staff only

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31 January – School Development Day – staff only

3 February – School Development Day – staff only

4 February – School Development Day – staff only

5 February – School Development Day – staff only

6 February – all students return



**THANK YOU!**



Dear TFHS Community,

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the support and participation in our 'All Together Now for a Brighter Future' school fair! Your presence and contributions have truly made this event unforgettable, and we are so proud to be part of such an incredible school community.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to our tireless Committee members who dedicated countless hours to make the fair a reality:

- School Stall Committee: Kate Williams, Lisa Mozes, Madi Butt, Bec Wayne, Suzette Stevens and Eriki Krause
- Marketing Committee: Lucy Jackson and Katrina Hogan
- Ride Committee: Alissa Denly and Karena Rustia
- External Stalls: Karen Pritchard and Maria Battista
- Sponsorship: Geoff Woods
- Waste Management: Penny Karandonis
- Food Team: Headed up by Korena Monzo and supported by Jet Hall and Renee Jacobs

A special acknowledgment goes to our P&C Treasurer, Karen Pritchard, whose role reached a whole new level during the fair. From processing invoices to organising EFTPOS machines and handling countless additional tasks, your efforts ensured everything ran smoothly. We are so grateful for your dedication and hard work!

A special thank you to the TFHS staff members who went above and beyond:

- Mr Lawler for his immense support behind the scenes and on the day, including getting soaked in the dunk tank
- Ms Crowe for her unwavering commitment and support leading and on the day
- Mr Layton and Mr Hendy for their participation in the dunk tank.
- Ms Carroll for creating the fair map artwork and volunteering on the day
- Miss Murray for her support and encouragement of our SRC students' involvement.
- Ms Yea for sourcing power to the stage and supporting Year 10 Band.
- Ms Coleman and Ms Pomponio for working tirelessly all day on various stalls and staying for pack up.
- Tas Team, for sharing their kitchen and Sports department for letting us store items in the gym.
- Ms Turner and Ms Weatherall for supporting our student dancers and student stalls.
- The wonderful Wes our GA, for the help leading up to the fair. I don't think I will be on his Christmas card list!

Ms Aroyan for coordinating our amazing Forest High Fashion Show, which added a unique and stylish touch to the event. Your creativity and effort truly made the show a standout feature of the day!

We appreciate all the families donating to our school stalls, especially Caroline Tyler who propagated plants, set up on Friday and worked all day. Tracey Chew who propagated and brought the herb and vegetable seedlings and worked on the day, Graham Gatward donated plants and the Novosel family who donated plants , one selling for \$130.00, and Mrs Coleman that supplied a mountain of succulents.

A personal shout-out to Gav Nagle, my incredible wingman throughout the day. Your support, energy, and ability to step in whenever needed were invaluable. I couldn't have done it without you.

We are so grateful to every volunteer and member of our school community who showed up and helped make the fair an event to remember. Your hard work and enthusiasm were the driving forces behind the fair's success.

We would also like to express our deep appreciation to the many businesses that supported our event, especially One Agency Frenchs Forest, whose generous contribution of \$20,000 has helped us immensely. All profits from the fair will go towards funding a school bus, which will provide invaluable support to our students.

Last but not least, a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated office staff for going above and beyond their duties—collecting donations, sending emails, checking WWCCs, and managing all the behind-the-scenes details. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for everything you do.

Please join us on Wednesday 4th December at 5.30pm in the DBLC (room upstairs above the office) for drinks and nibbles (sorry no students) for our end-of-year celebration, where we will share the final figure raised by the school fair. This incredible event has been a true community effort, and we are so proud to be part of TFHS.

Thank you all once again for your amazing support!

With gratitude,  
Kelly Barr-Jones  
TFHS P&C Association President

