

# CHATHAM

## High School



### NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 4 | FEB 2018



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018! I'll start by acknowledging that our school is built on land that has seen continuous human habitation for over 40,000 years and I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this country, the Biripi nation and pay my respects to their elders both past and present. I also acknowledge my Aboriginal colleagues who work tirelessly to ensure ALL students at Chatham High School are fully prepared as the future leaders of our community.

At the conclusion of 2017 I was left with a real sense of optimism about the prospects for this year. We have completed evaluations of our last strategic plan and are about to begin with our new plan concentrating on the strategic directions of STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE and WHOLE SCHOOL WELLBEING. These directions came about through the many conversations we had during our consultation phase. A big thanks to everyone who stopped and had a yarn at our 'Pop-Up Shops' and to our P&C who made sure our planning was in line with community expectation.



Work has already begun on Whole School Wellbeing and our staff development day this year focused on how taking care of oneself enables us to be better at our job. Staff were asked to consider how they adopt a strengths based approach to our interactions at school and how that can lead to outcomes that are more positive for both students and colleagues. Based on a solid research footing, the strengths based approach assists people in recognising the innate capabilities we all possess and the concept we can all grow, regardless of what we may consider to be barriers. The manner in which ALL our staff, from front office to teachers and paraprofessionals, approached this learning demonstrated to me the commitment we all have to ensure every student exits Chatham not only a stronger learner but a healthier, happier person.

We understand of course that the growth of our students is a journey families are most in connection with and without the combined effort of school and family a student will always be working at half throttle. There are plenty of ways that families can further support their students and joining either the AECG or P&C is a great way of providing input into how our school can best serve it's community. Can I encourage you to overlook the best efforts of some teens when they try to lock you out of what's happening at school and ensure you stay in touch with our staff to make sure you have the full picture of your child's progress. We will shortly re-launch our Parent Portal to enable you to keep a closer eye on what's happening in your own student's school life, including attendance, timetable and calendar information.

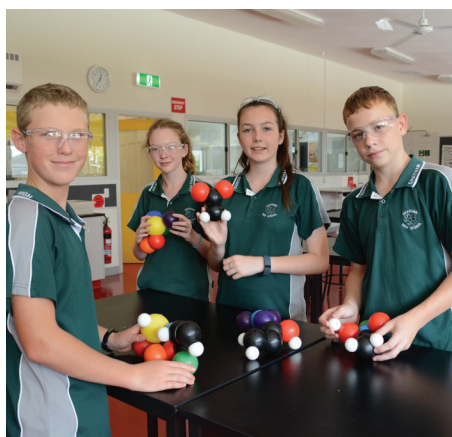
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The continued hot weather may have played a part in reduced student numbers at the swimming carnival, for those students who were there though, the participation rate and general behaviour was outstanding! A number of students did feel the heat a little too much and it is timely to remind students to increase their water intake during periods of hot weather. Thanks to the generous fundraising of 2016's year 12, we have two chilled and filtered water coolers installed in the playgrounds for students to fill bottles or take a sip.



One particularly pleasing part of our first week back has been the number of students wearing the school uniform. Whether you choose to call it pride or commitment, wearing a uniform allows us to consider our schools common expectations of being Respectful Safe Learners.



We're really excited about what we've got in store this year at school and hope you'll enjoy reading about it in our newsletter or seeing it on social media. If there are items of news that you think deserve telling others about, please don't hesitate sending them through to the school.

### Dates to Remember

#### Term 1

##### Wk 4

19 Feb	P&C Meeting @ 7pm
20 Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival
20 - 26 Feb	Royal Canberra Show
21 Feb	Year 11 and 12 Information
Evening	

22 Feb	Opens Girls Water Polo
23 Feb	Clontarf - Yr 7 Induction

##### Wk 5

26 Feb	EXPO Evening
27 Feb	Open Girls Water Polo
	Yr 7 Swim School
28 Feb	Youth of the Year Competition

##### Wk 6

6 Mar	Guest Speaker - John Coutis
8 Mar	Yr 7 Vaccinations

##### Wk 7

13 Mar	Yr 7 Swim School
15 Mar	AECG Meeting - Taree West Public School

16 Mar

School Photos

##### Wk 8

20 Mar	Yr 7 Swim School
21-22 Mar	Clontarf Junior Camp

##### Wk 9

27 Mar	School Cross Country
	Yr 7 Swim School

28 Mar	Parent/Teacher Interviews
30 Mar-2 Apr	Easter Holidays

##### Wk 10

3 Apr	Yr 7 Swim School
	School Photo Make Up Day

##### Wk 11

10 Apr	Yr 7 Swim School
12 Apr	Zone Cross Country
	AECG Meeting - Taree High School

#### Term 2

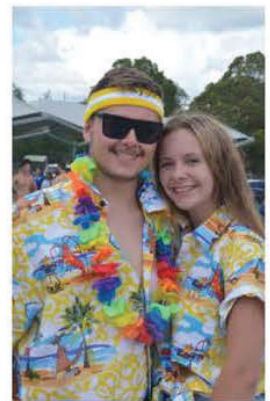
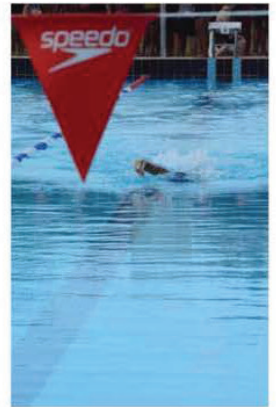
##### Wk1

2 May	School Athletics Carnival
3 May	Yr 10 Science & Engineering Challenge





# 2018 Swimming Carnival



## 2018 Swimming Carnival

Term 1 got off to a great start with beautiful weather for our swimming carnival which was held Tuesday Week 2. Congratulations to all those who competed, the carnival was a great day that was enjoyed by everyone. Awaba were the leading house of the day with 842 points.

### Girls Age Champions

Opens	Talea Fernance
16yrs	Charli Muir
15yrs	Keira Boshier
14yrs	Bibiannah Peattie
13yrs	Georgia Boshier
12yrs	Chelsea Atkins

### Boys Age Champions

Opens	Ashley Clements
16yrs	Cooper Armstrong
15yrs	Jacob Moss
14yrs	Ethan Martin
13yrs	Zac Olive
12yrs	Blake Dumas

Good luck to those students who qualified to compete at Zone, Tuesday 20 February.

## Crossroads for Year 11

Our Year 11 students have just three terms to complete their Preliminary courses. They are coming to grips with combinations of ATAR, non-ATAR, TAFE, VET and shared curriculum courses that they have chosen as their HSC pathway.

They worked out their assessment task schedules and combined this

with their other commitments: part-time work, sport, cadets and other activities. Students are also encouraged to consider some time for sleeping and helping at home!

The school had the Year 11 group come together on Thursday 8 February to give them this guidance, and have time to work through what is needed to complete courses and still enjoy all their other activities. This Crossroads Day ran at the racecourse function venue with its large light filled space allowing students to rotate around activities. The racecourse committee is very helpful in making this available to the students. The keynote presenter Nathan

Paff, our School Student Liaison Officer, spoke about Safe Partying. He shared with them how to plan ahead for safe transport, looking out for each other and having a backup plan. Nathan also explained why the teenage brain is wired for the now and not as tuned into the consequences, leaving them open to taking unexpected risks.

There was an excellent turnout for the day and the Year 11 team appreciate the support of the parents in encouraging their students to come along.



Students have been reminded about Chatham High School's Mobile Phone Policy, which in summary, is phones off and away during class time. We ask parents and carers to support the school by contacting students through the front office.



## Dux Assembly

We acknowledged the success of our 2017 Dux of the Year at our Dux Assembly on Friday, February 16. Kyle Beattie was joined by many of his very proud family to celebrate the hard work and dedication that resulted in his being first in the year for 2017. Ex-student, Grant Saunders has recently returned to his community and was our special guest speaker for the assembly. Grant's words were inspiring and encouraged one to think about their own direction and purpose in life to achieve their very best at whatever they choose to undertake. He resonated that one can achieve success through self belief and dedication and delivered this message through his own personal story.



## Heading to the Royal Canberra Show



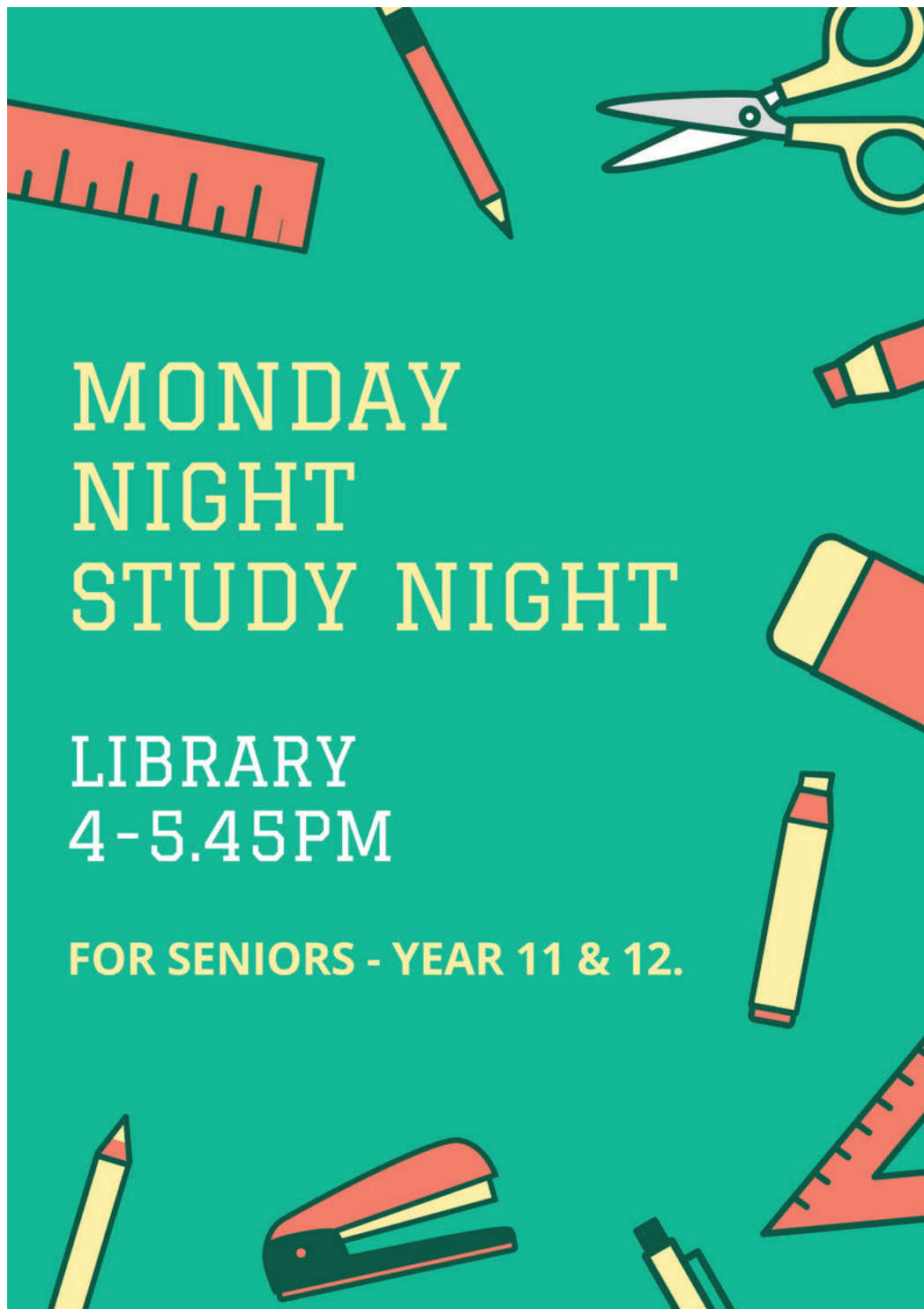
Mr K and his keen agriculture team are heading to Canberra in the early hours of Tuesday morning, February 20. Mr K along with SLSO, Sam Deas will be taking Belicia Watson, Logan Marsden, Thomas Tynan, Bridie Stone, Mitchell Sheldon, Aaron Mellor and Mikalah McDonald to show not only cattle from Chatham High School but also from Bigwig Speckled Park in Hillville. This is the first time that Chatham High School as attended the Royal Canberra show. We wish them all the best and fine weather as they camp out at the showground.

## Emma and Riley Garland

A huge congratulations to both Emma and Riley Garland for their achievements at the NSW Athletics Country Championships that was held over the weekend of January 27 and 28. Emma walked away with a 1st in high jump, 1st in javelin and a 3rd in long jump. Riley came 1st in javelin and 3rd in both discus and shot put. Both Emma and Riley continuously achieve outstanding results at all their competitions, well done!



A Year 7 BBQ will be held this Wednesday, February 28 between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Invitations were handed out to all Year 7 students Thursday, February 22. This a great opportunity to come and get to know your child's teachers in an informal environment. A light supper will be provided. If your child did not get an invitation or you have any questions please contact the school.



Make sure you are prepared for the HSC by taking advantage these Senior Study Nights. These nights are a great of way of studying with your friends and having staff on hand to answer any questions. If you are interested you need to get a permission note from Mrs Schneider in the library.

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The Skoolbag App is just one of our communication tools and a great alternative to Facebook, the App is free and easy to use. We also regularly post to the Chatham High School website and issue newsletters once a term.



## Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



### Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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There are still some places available on this trip of a lifetime but you will need to get in quick if you would like to join them.



## G'DAY USA JANUARY 2019

### LAST CHANCE TO JOIN!

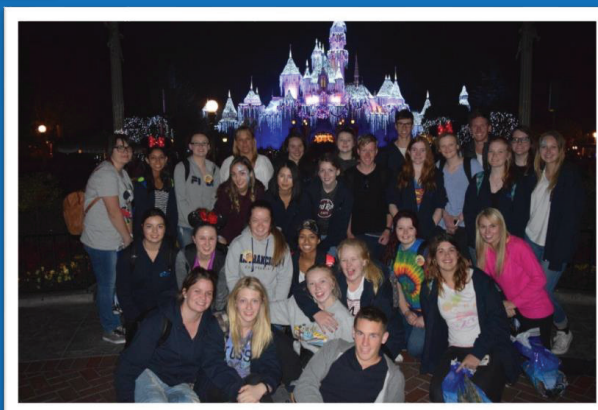


#### 20 Day Tour Highlights Include:

- Disneyland
- Universal Studios
- Knott's Berry Farm Fun Park
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- Stay with a host sister or brother
- Visit an American High School

"Had a fantastic time. Made lots of new friends and the host family was fabulous. Would do it again if I could."

Tyrone, NSW



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**FOOTBALL**  
MID NORTH COAST

## PLAY OR REFEREE FOOTBALL IN SEASON 2018

**\*\*\* 2018 REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW \*\*\***

[www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/](http://www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/)

*Find all information about the NSW Government \$100 Active Kids Rebate at above web address*

Opportunities to play and referee at varying levels exist. There are also competitions to suit everyone from a beginner to an experienced player or match official. Competitions also cater for those able to travel or for those who'd like to be involved locally.

PLAY  
FOOTBALL

Clubs - <http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/fmnc-clubs/>  
Find a club that suits your needs at the above link.

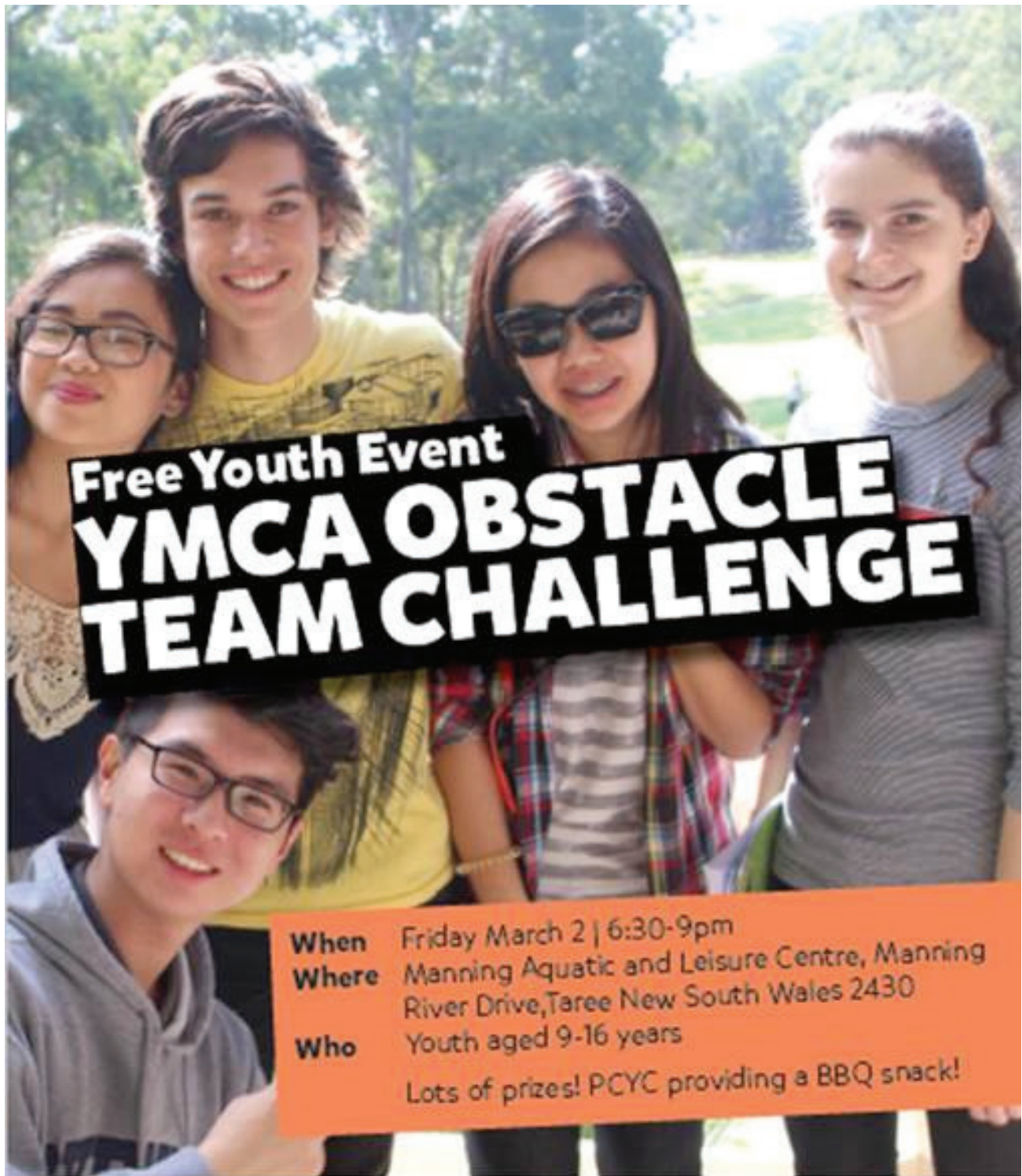
For more information, please contact the FMNC Office on 0265 850 351.  
Community Football Competitions - [admin@footballmidnorthcoast.com](mailto:admin@footballmidnorthcoast.com)  
High Performance Squads - [larry@footballmidnorthcoast.com](mailto:larry@footballmidnorthcoast.com)

REFEREES  
WANTED

Get Paid to officiate on matches at all levels within the zone!

FMNC are looking for more referees (beginners or experienced).  
There are courses to suit all levels coming up in March.

Please contact Club and Referee Development Officer Justin McIntyre.  
[justin@footballmidnorthcoast.com](mailto:justin@footballmidnorthcoast.com) or in the office 0265 850 351.



**Free Youth Event**  
**YMCA OBSTACLE**  
**TEAM CHALLENGE**

**When** Friday March 2 | 6:30-9pm  
**Where** Manning Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Manning River Drive, Taree New South Wales 2430  
**Who** Youth aged 9-16 years  
Lots of prizes! PCYC providing a BBQ snack!

Manning Aquatic Leisure Centre  
Manning River Drive, Taree North  
☎ 6550 0500 📧 [ymcansw.org.au/malc](http://ymcansw.org.au/malc)



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### **Taree Panther JRLFC – 2018 Player Registration Information**

- **All Registrations** – CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE NOW! (Follow the link on our Facebook page)
- **Online Registration** – ARE NOW OPEN!  
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- **Returning Players** - MUST complete Online Registration (CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE NOW!)
- **New Players** – MUST complete the **ONLINE Registration** process and will need to provide a copy of birth certificate, passport or Centrelink Customer Record document to the club in person or by email: [tareepanthersjrl@outlook.com](mailto:tareepanthersjrl@outlook.com)
- **Clearances & Transferring Players** – Any players that have previously played for another club, and now wish to play for TAREE PANTHERS for 2018 season can submit a “Clearance Submission Request” through the **online registration process or contact**

**Club Register: Adam Holt - 0418 555 103**

**Email: [tareepanthersjrl@outlook.com](mailto:tareepanthersjrl@outlook.com)**

You will need to provide the following information: Surname, Date of Birth, & Previous Club.

- **Registration Fees** – **ALL PLAYERS \$130.00**  
There will be **TWO** payment options 1 x \$30.00 & 1 x \$100.00 for registration fees. This gives families the **option to use their \$100.00 Active Kids Rebate Code** (from 31/01/2018) **with registration and make payment for the \$30.00 as per normal.**  
**Includes:** Taree Panthers playing shorts, Taree Panthers club shirt, Taree Panthers club socks, CRL insurance fees, & **NO GAME DAY FEES** are charged.
- **Active Kids Rebate: 1 x \$100.00 voucher** (1 x voucher for each child for each calendar year)  
**From 31 January 2018**, the NSW Government will provide a **rebate through a voucher system** to parents/guardians of **ALL** school enrolled children. **The \$100.00 voucher** can be used to **register your child with Taree Panthers JRLFC**. There will not be any limits to the number of applications per family, as long as every child is enrolled in school.  
  
**Every family will be given a code for each child from the Active Kids Rebate, which they will need to download to be able to claim \$100.00 rebate and submit with registration after 31 January 2018. The \$30.00 can be paid for at any time through the online registration process.**
- **2018 Taree Panthers Age divisions** – Taree Panthers will have sides in the following age groups.  
**Mini's: U6's, U7's, U8's, U9's**  
**Mod's: U10's, U11's, U12's**  
(Girls are able to play in Mini's & Mod's age groups)  
**Internationals: U13's U14's, U15's U16's**  
**Girl's League Tag: U14's & U16's**
- **Registration Days** – CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE NOW or @ training, for NEW PLAYERS, or anyone that is having difficulty with the online process or would like to discuss payment options.

#### **Club Contact Information:**



Taree Panthers Facebook Page for the latest & up to date information

Email: [tareepanthersjrl@outlook.com](mailto:tareepanthersjrl@outlook.com)

**Club President: Doug Ferguson: 0429 138 950**

**Club Vice President & Club Register: Adam Holt: 0418 555 103**

**Club Sectary: Belinda Hopkins: 0417 060 774**