



# the ponds high Gazette

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WELCOME back to all students.  
Please remember my Dr Suess quote from the assembly day!

"You have brains in your head  
you have feet in your shoes  
You can steer yourself  
in any direction you choose."

It is great to see 99.9 % of students making excellent choices and a special thank you to the Year 8 students being positive and winning themselves prizes. Other years stay tuned.

Clubs lists for 2024 are finalized.  
They will be emailed to you and  
your parents.

Do yourself a favor and join a club. They are certainly my best memory of school. Remember if you have a great idea put it in writing and ask the student window to give it to me. Thanks to the suggestions by a year 7 student this week.

**Have you heard of any of these Aussie country towns?** Hay, Conclurry, Malula Bay, Mildura, Dungog, Rutherglen? What do they all have in common with The Ponds High School?  
Answer: We all have approximately the same population! But we , of course, are in a very condensed area which is why our 5P's are so important.

When we follow these P's we all work together and succeed.

Enjoy your Gazette and  
enjoy 2024!



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## Some handy tips to help with year 7!

- Manage your time wisely! A common mistake is procrastinating, though it really is better to get it over and done with, and that leads to the next tip:
- Maintaining a positive attitude: Staying resilient throughout your first year and proceeding when facing challenges (assignments, exams, etc.) will enable a better learning experience!
- Maintaining healthy sleep patterns! Aiming for 7-8 hours a day can enhance your focus throughout the day and whatever activities you may be participating in.
- Remember to stay organized. Planners or calendars are a great way to keep track of your assignments and exams.
- If you are struggling with studying, assignments or school work, don't forget your **teachers are a helpful resource!**
- And don't forget: Have fun! Take your first year lightly, but not to the point where you aren't trying your best; this is the year you learn about the curriculum, the school, even where all the blocks are (A, D, E, F, T), create healthy relationships, and strive to achieve the best results!



# Valentines Day

LOVE is in the air at TPHS!!



From-  
the Teddy in the library

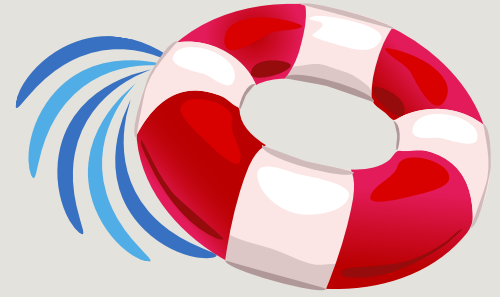
St Valentine's Day is an annual festival celebrating romantic love, friendship, and admiration on the 14th of February. This year, prepared by the Senior leaders, TPHS celebrated Valentine's Day by handing out roses, Valentine's themed polaroid photos and love songs being played out near the hall.

**Did you know?** Valentine's Day originated when the Roman festival of Lupercalia was outlawed near the end of the 5th century and was often replaced with Valentine's Day? Near the 14th century, Valentine's Day was associated with romance. By the late 1700s, cards were being used, and Valentine was commonly depicted with Cupid, the Roman god of love. Now Traditional gifts include candy and flowers, particularly red roses, which are a symbol of beauty and love to gift to your loved ones.



# G Swimming Carnival

Swimming carnival



The annual swimming carnival at The Ponds High School took place on Thursday, February 16th. It was a fantastic day of fun water activities for all participants, competitors or non-competitors.

Numerous individuals eagerly competed in various races, striving to do their best against their peers. Seeing our school's students break records and demonstrate Ponds Pride was truly thrilling. Despite the sweltering weather, the water activities made up for it. Congratulations to all the competitors and we can't wait to see you next year!





# Disaster Relief and Fundraiser

Environment Team Charity



## THE CHARITY

In the aftermath of a disaster, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the seriousness of what needs to be done. You and others don't have to take that journey alone, which is why TPHS environment team helped with fundraising for Salvation Army's Disaster Relief Program. This charity allows support for those who had been affected by these disasters.



## AT SCHOOL

On Thursday 16th February, leaders raised money by selling ice creams and soft drinks in the breezeway. Many students loved the sugary sweetness despite the cold weather that day and managed to raise over \$160 in profit for the charity. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed by buying at least one item!



## NOTE FROM TEACHER

*'Students in the Environment Team did a fantastic job raising funds for environmental disaster relief. Our Environment Team planned this initiative after seeing the impact of floods and bushfires across Australia in the last couple of years and wanted to contribute to communities in need. Although it was quite a cold day, the team sold out of drinks and ice creams! Our teams passion for helping local communities was present throughout the planning and execution of this fundraiser and I couldn't be prouder of their dedication and the leadership they demonstrated when putting this event together.'* - Ms Depares

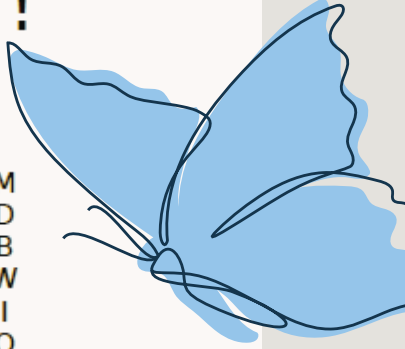
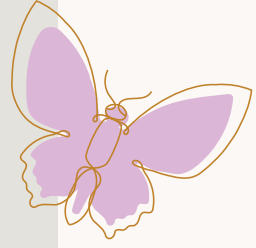




# Games and Activities

Play this find a word in your free time

## TAYLOR SWIFT ROCKS !!!



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SKYE AND TAYLOR 4EVER

YOU BELONG WITH ME

HOW YOU GET THE GIRL

WILDEST DREAMS

A SUPERSTAR

I KNOW PLACES

SAFE AND SOUND

SHAKE IT OFF

BAD BLOOD

FEARLESS



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