Three scholarship winners

THREE year 12 students from Chatham High School have won a Defence Technical Scholarship worth $3000 each.

Students Thomas Wood, Jacob Shelton and Jeremy Miller were very pleased with their result, particularly as competition was fierce this year.

“We heard about the scholarship through Mr Locker, our careers advisor. He helped us through the process,” Thomas said.

The Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) is aimed at students who intend to pursue a general entry technical trade career with the Australian Defence Force after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects.

Although there is no obligation for scholarship winners to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, applicants had to describe why they are interested in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process.

Thomas and Jacob are still considering their options, however Jeremy is fairly sure he will be joining the ADF as an aircraft technician.

“I definitely want to join. It seems like a great option for me,” Jeremy said.

Chatham High School careers advisor, Neil Locker, said the fact that the scholarship does not oblige winners to join the defence force, means there are a lot of applications.

“We had five students apply this year and all of them have great positive attitudes. However the increase in applications made it quite competitive, so only three were successful. It is also a nice way of promoting trades.

“It gets the message out there that these opportunities are available for young people,” Neil said.

Shop manager chased tin thief

OLD Bar Beach Sand Replenishment Group gives a big thumbs up to the manager of a Taree takeaway for her quick action in chasing a thief recently.

The Old Bar community group has placed charity tins in shops and businesses in Old Bar and Taree, to help raise money for its fight to stop ongoing erosion of the local beachfront.

One of the tins is on the counter of a Taree Centerpoint eatery, but it proved too much of a temptation for a male opportunist thief.

Seeing the man make off with the tin under his jacket, the female business manager ran off in pursuit and challenged the man, who handed the tin and its contents back.

“We need every dollar we can get to save Old Bar Beach, so her efforts are really appreciated,” a group spokesperson said.

Teachers stop work on Friday

PUBLIC school teachers across NSW will attend stopwork meetings for up to two hours from 9am on Friday.

They will hear reports from the Teachers Federation’s senior officers and consider the minister for education’s response to the federation’s letter seeking assurances about the government’s Local Schools Local Decisions policy.

Wingham Road speedsters targeted

SPEEDING is a major road safety issue, not just here in Greater Taree, but across the whole of Australia – it kills get speeding drivers on Wingham Road, as this has been identified as an area where speed related crashes are of concern. Speeding is not only considered to be driving over the posted speed limits, but it is also driving too fast in the prevailing

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