STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2013

The 2013 SRC members were recently inducted at a ceremony held in front of parents, the Principal, staff and fellow students. In a wonderful gesture, introduced during the prefect induction, parents or a representative of each student, presented and pinned the SRC badge proudly on their child. Our SRC is as follows ...

Presidents - Blake Greenway and Tarsha Shipman (both Yr 11)
Vice Presidents - Justin Pryce and Elizabeth Ross (both Yr 10)

Year 7 - Drew Gilchrist, Ella Shaw, Meg LaMacchia and Hannah Richardson
Year 8 - Kaitlyn Bland, Krystal Camp, Kristy Fuller, Tanisha Giulati, Natalie Hawkins and Nadine Hughes
Year 9 - Aimee Donaldson, Dakota Mace-Seccombe, Kate Malcolm, Tylah Semenikow, Jessika Smallwood and Chloe Smiles
Year 10 - Alysha Buckingham, Brianna Hawkins-Cain, Kiyah Kemp and Lillie Moye
Year 11 - Grace Casey, Laura Devoy and Mikayla Lee
Year 12 - Simon Greenway, Kate Harding and Micheal McDonald
Support Unit - Cianan Halloran (Yr 10) and Jason Moran (Yr 11)
Indigenous - Lindsay McDonald and Hope Rose (both Yr 11)

Congratulations to these students. It’s great that individuals are prepared to give up their time and commit to all the projects the SRC undertake. These are the type of people that make things happen rather than waiting for them to happen. We look forward to working together as a team and enhancing the Toormina High experience for the student body.

Regards
Cheryl Ward and Brad Poidevin – SRC teacher leaders.
**CHS Basketball**

The Coffs/Clarence Zone CHS Open Basketball was held at Sportz Central Bray Street Coffs Harbour on Tuesday 19th February. Toormina High School’s boys & girls team represented the school honourably. Players performed well but were graciously defeated on the day.

The boys played valiantly in all rounds. They were leading the first half of Round 3 against the CHEC College by several points. Unfortunately they tired and were beaten at full time 38 points to 45 in the Zone final. Shane Holten & Braidon Mort both went on the gain selection in the Zone team. Other players on the team making notable contributions to a successful day were Chris Morcombe (who narrowly missed out on Zone selection), Nathan Cunningham & Jake Saunders.

The girls team went down to Orara High School 33 to 26 in their first game. They were again defeated by the eventual zone champions Jetty High in their second match for the day. The girls won their last match of the day against South Grafton High 22 point to 20. Grace Autry-Hall played with outstanding skill. Maddie Beverley, Elizabeth Ross & Monique Sawarsin made notable contributions to the team on the day with Stephanie Brewster playing with a good deal of heart.

Well done to all team members. You are all heroes & have done Toormina High proud.

P. Ward (Team Manager)

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**Bravissimo!**

The Year 12 Music class drove to Port Macquarie for the 'Bravissimo' H.S.C Music Showcase on Wednesday, 20 February. Despite some awful weather and a highway closure, we made it, and all enjoyed a thoroughly entertaining and inspiring concert of some of the best H.S.C. Music performances from 2012 from our region. The musicians came from schools as far away as Grafton, Armidale and Wingham and included some excellent performances from Coffs Harbour locals. Performances ranged from piano, vocals and guitar to the bag pipes!!

A great excursion!

Mrs B. Babbage

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**Spirit of Toormina Awards**

Congratulations for showing a fantastic attitude that embodies the Toormina High School philosophy of caring, sharing and participating.

- Savannah Lancaster
- Zackery Lancaster
- Mr Simon Bilsborough
- Jeanette Farley - our fabulous ‘Canteen Lady’

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**THS Girls Basketball Team**

Back Row - Emily Bond, Maddy Beverley, Monique Sawarsin, Grace Autry-Hall, Kyah Kemp
Front Row - Stephanie Brewster, Lil Ross

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Pictured above, Gracie Khalil and Emily Hodgens
What is your favourite thing about Australia?
Well the climate here in Coffs, its like not too hot and not too cold…. simply perfect! And the laid back and outgoing people.

You've been travelling around the country a little bit. Where have you been so far?
I've been to Victoria, Melbourne, then twice in Sydney and then Brisbane… and Sydney again in the next few weeks for a festival. In April I will be taking on a Safari around Australia I will be visiting places including Canberra, Melbourne, Cairns, Alice Springs, Uluru, Adelaide, Gold Coast. Mainly down the south, mid and east coasts of Australia.

What are some unusual things you have found about Australia?
School buses, noisy, delayed… but still friendly people. I've had a few wild buses, compared to Finland, where the buses are much more calm. It was funny…. some primary school students came up and asked who I was. "Who are you? When did you start catching this bus?" They seemed a little hyper and excited after a long school day. But after all I found them friendly.

How is schooling different in Australia compared to Finland?
School is harder in Finland, and really requires study everyday. We don't have school uniforms. We also have a bit more freedom like, for example I can make my own timetables and can change it five times a year. And the schools offer free warm lunch :) The lessons in Finland are more like lectures and often teachers assume that we know things before we go to the lesson (so we can go deeper in studies).

How did you find vegemite?
Well… to be honest, the first time, it tasted quite bad. A thick layer on toast with no butter. But I'm getting used to it… now I am starting to like it.

What do you miss about Finland?
Of course I miss my friends (playing ice hockey with them), my brothers and family. And the school lunches.

What's some new hobbies you've picked up in Australia?
New hobbies I've picked up are surf patrols, learning to surf, I can stand up now :) I really enjoy the activities I cannot do at home. Hockey season starts soon here and I'm really looking forward to it. I haven't played outdoor hockey before so it should be fun.

Thanks Hassan!
On the 'Road to Rio'?

Erykah Waters in Year 9 has been trying out for the 'Road to Rio' Australian Women's Rugby Union Squad. If successful Erykah will be part of the team of countries which introduces Rugby Union to the Olympic Games!

The first round, held in Newcastle at the end of last year, saw Erykah proceed to the next round as the youngest player. There are several more rounds to go before Erykah hopefully takes her place as Left Prop or Flanker in a squad of 14.

Erykah loves rugby union with a passion and comes from a long line of high achieving sports people having three uncles who have been members of the Lloyd McDermott Squad and a Grandfather who is a manager with this team currently.

One of Erykah's achievements is to be the only Aboriginal female referee on the Mid North Coast. She is also a valued member of our THS Community and an excellent role model to all students.

Everyone at THS wishes Erykah every success in her endeavours to be a part of the Australian Olympic Team!

Meet the TAS Faculty

Remember they can only use three words!!!

Judy Phemister - Totally*Co-ordinated*Always, Gavin Vanderkly - Heavy*Metal*Hero,
Greg Driscoll - The*Bright*Spark, Phil Ward - The*Lumber*Jack, Russ Murchie - The*Departure*Lounge,
Judy Wood - My*Kitchen*Rules, Jeff Thornton - Obsessive*Culinary*Disorder, Janene Parbery - Well*Trained*Baby
On March 5 all Year 7 students, with their Year 10 Peer Leaders, spent the day at Sawtell Reserve for the annual Anti-Bullying Day. Students participated in team-building exercises and lessons on building resilience.

"We watched a mini play about bullying and then did some activities. We did a teamwork activity where we had 5 people tied together and ran a race!"

Drew Gilchrist

"'The Anti-Bullying Day was fun and we all enjoyed the performance and the activities.'"

Zyla Steele

"'On the Anti-Bullying Day it was fun doing all the activities but my favourite thing of the day was meeting and spending time with the year 10 students and seeing what they were like.'"

Liam Taylor

Photos show Year 7 students enjoying the day's activities and the sunshine!
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Simon McKinney
Deputy Principal

A group of 23 enthusiastic year 10 students have been trained as peer mentors. The training took place under the guidance of Mrs Mullan and Mr Driscoll.

Students explored what it means to be a peer mentor and the qualities of effective leaders. Both Mrs Mullan and Mr Driscoll were impressed with the commitment and level of maturity displayed by the students.

The peer mentors will work with groups of year 7 students throughout the year, offering guidance and support for their first year in high school.

Deputy's Column

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Vaccinations

Information packs have been sent home with students and are due back at the school by March 15. Only students with a signed consent form will be vaccinated.

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