CREATING OUR FUTURE

TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL

MALAKHI DONOVAN
ZONE ATHLETICS BOYS 12 YEAR AGE CHAMPION

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Regional Athletics Championships to be held in Coffs Harbour on July 31: Aleigha Bentley, Shavannah Boota, Rhiannon Barlow, Jada Brunton, Talirah Patterson, Ee Ee Nuon, Hayley Bowman, Malakhi Donovan (photo left), Zac Paunovic, Jack Ingram, Alikkan Jerrard, Damien Dickson, Damion Dumas, Jason Donovan, Matthew Markham and Brad Clarke.

Simon Bilsborough
CHS Co-ordinator

TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Four scholarships to a value of $500 each will be awarded to Year 10 students who intend to complete their senior studies at Toormina High School. These scholarships will recognise students who have achieved outstanding outcomes in at least two of the following areas:

- Student leadership
- Academic excellence
- Sporting excellence
- Excellence in the creative or performing arts
- Community spirit

Students wishing to apply for these scholarships may collect an application form from either the front office or Mrs Bellette. Applications close Friday, July 31.
THE GREAT DEBATE AT TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL

On Wednesday, June 10, Toormina High School, represented by the Year 9 and Year 10 Debating Teams, competed against Woolgoolga High School. Our teams expressed their ideas clearly and it came down to a nail biter finish in both debates. The topic that both teams chose to debate was ‘All schools should have CCTV installed’. With only one hour to prepare, the teams had to present their arguments to the audience and opposing team members. After flipping a coin both THS teams presented the negative view, which gave Toormina the advantage of closing each debate.

Mr Ian Muldoon, the adjudicator, was very impressed with our student’s confidence and clearly presented ideas. The Year 10 team won their debate against Woolgoolga High School but unfortunately our Year 9 team was defeated. Congratulations to all the students for representing our school with pride. The Year 10 team will now go on to compete at Woolgoolga High School in the zone finals on Friday 19 June.

Breaking News!
The Year 10 team WON this debate and are now ZONE CHAMPIONS and are will now compete at a regional level! CONGRATULATIONS!

Sally Johnson - English/Drama Teacher
BUSINESS WOMEN’S NETWORK BREAKFAST

Eight THS students joined staff members attending the Coffs Harbour Business Women’s Network breakfast. The guest speaker was Australian lawyer and passionate and inspiring spokesperson for Muslim women, Lydia Shelley. Students pictured above are Taylor Gray, Erika Goines, Nadine Hughes and Matisse Herdegen.

P & C NEWS

Uniform shop will be closed during school holidays but WILL BE OPEN 13th July. Uniform shop hours are every Monday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

P&C meeting Wednesday, 15th July, 5:30 pm all welcome.

Good luck to the TOORMI THUNDER team in the Kokoda Challenge on July 18 & 19 on behalf of the Toormina High School community.

THS ENGINEERS

Students, family and staff from THS attended the ‘Discover Engineering’ presentation advertised in previous newsletters. Eight guest speakers made for an informative and inspiring night. Robyn West - Careers Adviser

2016 YEAR 7 EXTENSION CLASS APPLICATIONS

The Year 7 Extension Class at Toormina High School has been established to meet the needs of talented, motivated students. Our selection of students for this class is based on academic merit, motivation and an interview. Information kits and application forms are available from the school and on our website www.toormina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. Please contact Laura McRae, Head Teacher Welfare on 66533 077 for any further information. Applications close Friday, July 31.
NEW Toormina High School Skoolbag App for Smartphone, Ipad or Tablet

This FREE App will allow you to receive alerts, information and school newsletters from our school instantaneously.

We are pleased to be able to offer this App free of charge to all parents and students. You are able to modify the App via Push Categories to receive information relevant to your child’s particular year at school.

It is very easy to install so head to the Skoolbag website to find out more. (www.skoolbag.com.au) If you have any concerns please come into the school or make contact with us on 6653 3077 for further help.

GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE TEAMS PLAY AT GALA DAY

Toormina High School Girls Rugby League Year 7/8 team, Under 16’s team and Open team, recently played in a Rugby League Gala Day at Geoff King Oval in Coffs Harbour.

The girls played extremely well, with the Year 7/8 team winning their games overall, but, unfortunately being defeated by Orara High School on 'for and against' points. The Under 16’s team came in second to Melville High School and our Open team came second to St Pauls Grammar.

This year has seen THS Girl’s Rugby League develop and the girls are extremely enthusiastic. The teams will compete again in June in another gala day against Upper Mid North Coast teams.

2015 COMBINED HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS STATE KNOCKOUT

Toormina High School commenced the 2015 Combined High School Tennis season by drawing Orara High School in the boys division and Bellingen High School in the girls division.

The teams played at Sawtell Tennis Courts on Thursday, 28 May.

The girls team pictured above (left to right) consisted of Annaliese Galvin, Brooke Rerekura, Charis Williams and Melissa Lieschke. The girls defeated Bellingen in a comfortable 5 sets to 3 victory.

The boys team pictured bottom (left to right) consisted of Damon Meyers, Luke Field, Gerard Purton and James Benecke. The boys defeated Orara in a close match that required a count back of games after the score was level at 4 sets all.

As usual, all of the Toormina students represented the school admirably and we wish them well for future rounds in the competition.

Phil Ward - Team Manager

Extension to deposit due date for Year 10 Excursion to Moreton Island

A deposit of $170 to secure a place on this wonderful Year 10 excursion is now due by the end of Week 3, next term, July 31.

Please ring Matt Francis at THS 6653 077 for further information.
‘WALK THE TALK’ AND READY MOB VISIT

Toormina High School’s Aboriginal students enjoyed participating in an interactive workshop at school with the Ready Mob learning about healthy lifestyle choices and the year 9 and 10 students attended the 4th annual ‘Walk the Talk’ at the Coffs Harbour Showground.

NSW CELEBRATE POLICEWOMEN

Women have been fighting crime in NSW for 100 years, but for much of that time they have also been fighting for equality. 2015 marks the centenary of women in the NSW Police Force and to help mark the occasion, a custom-made NSW police baton, which has toured the state over the past six months, was relayed from the Coffs Harbour Police Station to the Jetty Foreshore.

Several THS Year 12 students attended the celebration on Sunday 14th June, along with Senior Constable Snow, and they met and spoke with Superintendent Doreen Cruickshank, the longest serving policewoman in NSW. Students also met a number of water police, general duties officers and Hayley, a police sniffer dog.

Laura McRae - Head Teacher Welfare

COFFS CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY


This is a gazetted public holiday. Toormina High School will close at 11.30am.

Bus companies will operate the morning service. No bus pick up will be available for students at midday.
This newsletter we are introducing the school cleaners and school grounds staff

Name... Jackie Leipper
THS Position... Cleaner
The high school I attended was... Kingston High in Brisbane.
On weekends I enjoy... walking, camping, fishing and sewing.
I love... to travel.
I don't like... people who have no respect for other people's property.
When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me... to get a career before having children.

Name... Steve Beveridge
THS Position... Cleaner
The high school I attended was... Bonnyrigg/Evans/Jetty High Schools.
On weekends I enjoy... playing & recording music and relaxing.
I love... to see the sun rise.
I don't like... dogma.
When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me... how ironic life can be.

Name... Ken Higgins
THS Position... Cleaner
The high school I attended was... I was sent out to work at the age of 5 by the orphanage (down a coal mine).
On weekends I enjoy... everything.
I love... to share work.
I don't like... combing my hair.
When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me... to get out of the coal mine!

Name... Jason Pickering
THS Position... General Assistant
The high school I attended was... Eagle Vale High School, Sydney.
On weekends I enjoy... fishing, kayaking and riding motorcycles.
I love... spending time with my partner and three children.
I don't like... not catching fish!
When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me... to aim to retire early.

Name... Gary Matthews
THS Position... General Assistant
The high school I attended was... Camp Hill High School in Brisbane.
On weekends I enjoy... relaxing and helping others.
I love... life and my family.
I don't like... physical work in humid conditions.
When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me... they may have told me but I may not have listened.

SPIRIT OF TOORMINA AWARDS
Congratulations for showing a fantastic attitude that embodies the Toormina High School philosophy of caring, sharing and participating...
Liam Booker
Joel Morris
PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

It has been a busy term at Toormina High School with our students continuing to excel in a broad range of areas from the sporting field to the classroom. Congratulations to Miss Johnson and our Year 10 debating team (Natalie Hawkins, Mitchell Biggin, Tarquin Jones and Nadine Hughes) who won their most recent debate and will now represent Toormina High School at the regional completion. Mention must also be made of the Year 9 debate team who are continuing to develop excellent skills. We wish Miss Rayner and both the Open and Under 15 Girl’s Rugby League teams all the best when they represent Toormina High School at the Legend’s Shield Competition in Sydney in August.

This term has seen the introduction of some exciting new initiatives at Toormina High. This year we are introducing 4 new scholarships for Year 10 students to support their participation in senior studies at Toormina High School. Each scholarship is worth $500 and will recognise students who have demonstrated outstanding academic, sporting, leadership or creative skills at school. I encourage all Year 10 students to consider how they might meet the criteria and contemplate applying.

I’d like to take this time to recognise the work of two staff members who are officially retiring at the end of Term 2. Mr Milne has been an important member of our staff for 20 years and has been instrumental in the education of students with special needs at Toormina High School. Mr Hendry was a member of the English faculty for 25 years and has seen enormous changes in our school and he too will retire during the coming holidays. The staff and students at Toormina High School would like to take this opportunity to wish both Mr Milne and Mr Hendry all the best in their retirement.

Joanne Bellette

THS is UNIVERSITY BOUND!

On Wednesday the 8th of June forty Year 9 students took the opportunity to experience university and understand what can be achieved by participating in higher education. Southern Cross University’s UNI-BOUND program aims to improve access, participation and support of people traditionally under-represented at university, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students from low socio-economic backgrounds and families who have not previously accessed university studies.

The day featured hands-on activities where student had the opportunity to meet and interact with university student mentors. These mentors shared their insights and experiences to provide a more personal perspective on what university is really like.

It was a rewarding experience for our students who showed a great interest in their own future learning pathways. Our school had the largest contingent of students and as usual their behaviour was immaculate.

Joe Anderson - Year Adviser

IMPORTANT DATES - WEEKS 9 & 10

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IT’S ALL IN THE LINE OF DUTY

After presenting Year 8 Police Talks on Friday 12 June, in the school Library, Senior Constable Snow proved she was a dab hand at the ‘scanning gun’. Senior Constable Snow was encouraging students to borrow a book before leaving the library.

Adrienne Gillingham - Librarian
MARITIME COLLEGE PRESENTATION

On Thursday the 18th of June, Toormina High School was fortunate to have Mr Graham Robinson from the Australian Maritime College present a talk to students from 9 Maths 1 and selected students in Yr 10 who are pursuing higher Mathematics in year 11. The presentation called ‘Why study Maths?’ gave students an insight into where mathematics is used in the real world for engineering and in the process of designing ships.

Renee Dawson - Mathematics Teacher

Year 11 students are now invited to nominate for the Year 12 Student Executive Team. The team is a group of students elected by their cohort and staff and play an integral role in the running of school functions and represent the school in the wider community. The Student Executive Team are a visible force within the school, acting as positive role models for the younger students. They also work closely with the school's SRC to coordinate large fundraising efforts and school projects. Information booklets about Student Leadership at Toormina High School and nomination forms are available from Mrs McRae, Head Teacher Welfare.

Nominations close on Friday 24th July 2015 (Week 2 Term 3).

TRaineeship

On Wednesday 17th June I attended the media launch of the Mid North Coast Health Services Aboriginal School-based Traineeship program. We have 2 students engaged in this program

Dakota Mace-Seccombe is studying Health Services and Shaznay Kale Kale is studying Business Services. Both students are enjoying their training and also their work placement at Coffs Harbour Base Hospital. This program is expected to continue next year, and is suitable for students interested in a school-based traineeship while they are studying to complete their HSC.

Pictured are Judith Peen (AEO), Dakota Mace-Seccombe and her mother Tina Seccombe.

Robyn West - Careers Adviser

THANK YOU

SLSO Extrordinaire, Kim Carter did a wonderful job as Guest Editor of the THS Newsletter for the last 3 issues, thank you Kim!
YEAR 10 CAREERS EXPO AND SUBJECT SELECTION MARKET DAY

On 21st May 100 year 10 students travelled to Coffs Harbour Racing Club to look into various Career Pathway Options and speak with representatives from a variety of businesses, and tertiary education institutions. The students were accompanied by Mrs West, Mr Francis, Mrs McDowell and Ms Bluhm.

Following the morning session they continued the day with talks about subject choices for Year 11 and HSC general information. The day concluded with a parent information night.

If anyone would like to discuss their child’s transition into Year 11, please don’t hesitate to contact Robyn West, Careers Adviser at THS on 66533077.
FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

Loving Your Angry Teen

Toormina High School is hosting this 2 day course for parents covering:

- The adolescent brain
- Hormonal changes
- Helping teens deal with strong emotions
- Coping with change
- Recognising risk
- The responses that help

FREE COURSE for PARENTS

Location: Toormina High School
Date: 23rd and 30th of July (Thursdays)
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

To register phone CRANES on 6642 7257
or email admin@cranes.org.au

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE – Bookings Essential
Save Sawtell Cinema…and be rewarded!

Sawtell Cinema is on the way back but we need your help to get the doors open again. We are launching a crowd funding campaign on 4 July to raise $75,000+ for new seating for the cinema.

For as little as $25 you can join the Save Sawtell Cinema fraternity. A range of great rewards will be available including the chance to have your name engraved in Sawtell Cinema history!

Go to www.chuffed.org/project/save-sawtell-cinema to help save Sawtell Cinema.

The Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge is on Sunday 2 August, this year featuring a ‘High Schools Challenge’ to encourage students and teachers to join the ride. All funds raised will be donated to charities, so you will be raising funds and getting fit.

You don’t have to be a great cyclist or have a special bike – just grab your family and friends, get your bike out of the shed and start doing some practice rides now. The High School Challenge will be part of the 40km ride from the Comets Rugby League field on Hogbin Drive, out through Sawtell village, along Lyons Road to Bonville and back.

By riding in the challenge you will automatically go into the draw for some great prizes valued at over $8,000.00 including flights to Sydney, a brand new road bike, helicopter flights and cash prizes.

Come on Toormina High School, show you are the #1 cycling school in Coffs Harbour and help us reach our target of 1,000 riders in 2015.

To enter, or for more information about the ride, go to our website - www.coffscoastcyclechallenge.com to enter, or email our Event Manager Judy Smith on manager@coffscoastcyclechallenge.com
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at http://education.gov.au/notices.