IMPORTANT DATES

| MON  3/8 - 14/8 | Year 12 | HSC Trial Examinations |
| MON  10/8 - 12/8 |         | Future Leaders Excursion |
| MON  10/8         | Year 9  | Police Liaison Visit |
| TUES 11/8        | Year 8  | Project Based Learning Field Study |
| TUES 11/8        |         | 2016 Student Executive Training Day |
| WED  12/8        | Year 9  | ‘Core of Life’ Program |
| THURS 13/8       |         | Support Unit Coffee Shop ALL welcome! |
| MON  17/8        | Year 9  | Police Liaison Visit |
| TUES 18/8        | All School | PARENT TEACHER AFTERNOON Bookings online THS website for information |
| THURS 20/8       | Prefect Induction Ceremony 10am |
| THURS 20/8       | Student Executive Dinner 6pm |
| FRI  21/8        | Year 8  | PROJECT BASED LEARNING Presentation |
| FRI  21/8        | All School | SRC Sausage Sizzle |

ROBOGALS

A team from Newcastle University, ‘Robogals’, visited THS to encourage more girls to consider engineering as a career.

Robogals was fun, we got to program small robots to move and speak. It was quite simple and easy to understand. Maths was involved because we had to measure the distance the robot traveled and program the degree of the turns we needed for the course, which was an imaginary trip from Earth to Mars. The second program was an obstacle course race. It was a great way to look into engineering in the future.

Jaimie-Lee Buck & Jessica Lee
ENGLISH SHOW BAGS

7 World have been sharing their love of books. Recently, they created showbags for their favourite character and presented them to each other in class. Each show bag contained a number of items chosen by the students that they felt best represented their character. Student were able to explore their books in a detailed and perceptive manner and the presentations were of an exceptionally high standard. Their presentations have provided me with a new list of books I would like to read!!

Thank you!!

Lisa Mullan - Head Teacher English

7 World’s Showbag assignment was pretty cool. We got to listen to people talk about different books with items that were carefully, creatively, crafted especially from the chosen book. There were a variety of great books and some excellent presentations that people obviously worked very hard on. Good job 7 World!

Tarsha Brady
TOORMI THUNDER - Kokoda Legends!

The Toormi Thunder team of teacher, Sheridan Watkins, and students, Hunter Bake-Smith, Chloe Rann, Zyla Steele and Hannah Bake completed the gruelling Jim Stillman Cup in 18 hours and 8 minutes! The students said it was an ‘amazing experience and the best part was the sense of achievement as they crossed the finish line. The worse part was the cold and dark conditions, being exhausted and the mental challenge’. They all agreed their team definitely showed all the attributes of the Kokoda Challenge: mateship, sacrifice, courage and endurance! Also the team is leading the fundraising with $2,500! WELL DONE!!!

THS PRESS CONFERENCE

What a wonderful group of students we have in year 8! Thursday, week 2, we were privileged to have 3 local writers from the Coffs Harbour Writer’s Group come to our school for a mock ‘Press Conference’. These women, Robyn Veugen, Rosalie Skinner and Leonie Henschke, have a wealth of experience in areas such as writing, publishing and manuscript appraisal. Our year 8 classes each sent delegates from their class to act as members of the ‘Press’, who had prepared questions to ask our panel, relating to the PBL project on Genre.

I was very proud of our students. They asked some very interesting and insightful questions about the processes of writing, editing and publishing. The panel was particularly impressed by one very thoughtful question - “Has writing changed you as a person?” The students returned to their classes with information and insights into the real world of writers, which they will share as they continue developing their English projects. We look forward to seeing the results on Presentation Day, Friday 21st August.

Julie Roberts, Head Teacher - Teaching & Learning
AMAZING ANIMORPHS

The fantastic work from the talented year nine drawing and painting class is currently on display in the library and is well worth a closer look. Students cleverly combined themselves with another living creature to create a very surreal and provocative image. You can see the animal morphing of many species including a human / spider, a human / peacock even a human / octopus! Only up for a limited time, so be quick!

Ms McAuley, Head Teacher
CAPA
Congratulations JACK!
Jack Briggenshaw from year 9, competed in the Australian Offroad Enduro Championship in Kyogle on July 25 and 26. On Saturday Jack finished 5th in Australia in his division! In the second race on Sunday Jack broke his foot but continued to race and came 10th in his class on Day 2 of the competition. Jack hopes his foot will heal quickly as he is keen to keep up the good results. Well done Jack!

Girl’s Rugby League
THS students participated last week in the All Schools Girls Rugby League Championship at St Mary’s, Sydney. The team was the Mid North Coast Under 16’s and was a great learning experience for the girls.

We would like to thank: G.K. Denney Tyres, Toormina Physiotherapy, M.I. Organics and Rick Black for their sponsorship.

Kellie Rayner, team coach.

Year 8 Project Based Learning
PRESENTATION & CELEBRATION
Friday, August 21
9:30am-2:30pm
Toormina High School Library

Parents, friends and special guests please join with our Year 8 students as they display their Project Based Learning presentations.

9:30 Presentations - parents welcome at any time as presentations will be on display all day.
10:30 Morning Tea - students will go to recess.
11:10 Official opening, introduction of guests, presentations continue.
1:00 Lunch, SRC will run a fundraising BBQ.
1:40 - 2:30 Presentations continue, closing address.
Principal’s Column

On Thursday, July 23rd I had the pleasure of enjoying a lovely breakfast with ten of our highest achieving Year 10 students (photo below). The first of our Year 10 ‘Breakfast with the Principal’ events, this was an opportunity for students to share their ideas and future goals with the Principal, Deputy Principals and their Year Advisor, Mr Francis. The students discussed their ambitions, the subjects they love to study and spoke with real passion about the benefits of learning at Toormina High School. I left the breakfast with a real sense of encouragement and a belief that our school and community are in great hands with these future leaders.

At Toormina High School we continue to promote pride in our school and recognise those students who achieve both in the classroom and out of it. The Year 10 and Year 12 ‘Breakfasts with the Principal’ are one of the ways of recognising those students who are positive role models for the junior school through their hard work and academic achievements. Another is the Dreamworld Rewards Excursion which is being held on Friday August 28 this year. This excursion recognises students who received awards for meritorious effort, achievement and engagement in Semester One. It is an excellent incentive for students to strive for the highest of standards and to focus on positive behaviour at school. I look forward to celebrating the achievements of all of our students at such events in the future.

Joanne Bellette

THS TREES

Year 8 students participated in the Planet Earth Initiative on Friday 24th July. They planted small shrubs and native grasses in the garden outside the Science classrooms for National Tree Day. Year 8 are currently completing a Project Based Learning task on the environment and their impact on the local ecosystems. This activity encourages students to beautify and develop our school environment. A few students were lucky enough to represent our school on NBN news on Friday night. Thanks to TOYOTA for shirts and plant guards and their support every year.

Michelle Nicholls - Science Teacher
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THS
We have three international students in studying classes at THS and staying with local families as part of a Department of Education program. We gave them our newsletter ‘introduction questionnaire’.

On far left we have Aline De Wit from Belgium, year 11.
On weekends I enjoy... sleeping in, doing sports and hanging out with friends.
I love... music and sports.
I don’t like... spiders and snakes.
Biggest difference in school in Australia... in Belgium we have a lot more subjects and you can’t choose them, you just pick science or economics etc and then they make your timetable. The timetable has got the same subjects for everyone that chose eg, science. You will have all subjects with the same people.

Above right is Teresa Manara from Italy, year 11.
On weekends I enjoy... going out with my friends and doing sports and on Sunday when I don’t study I really enjoy spending time with my family.
I love... the two things I most like are going out with my friends and meeting new people and that is why I decided to do this beautiful experience where I’m experiencing new things with my host sister, Shay. I really love also the beaches here, they are wonderful.
I don’t like... very much going to school in Italy because there I have to study a lot, I study chemistry, Ancient Greek and Latin but here it’s all different, I enjoy.
Biggest difference in school in Australia... the Italian school system is totally different from here. We go to school from Monday to Saturday, we start at 7.55 and finish at 1.20pm. Therefore, we have lunch at home usually with the whole family. Maybe the biggest difference is that we stay in the same classroom for all the school day and we have the same school mates for all the 5 years of high school. We choose the type of study before beginning high school and every school has a different type of study (languages, scientific etc).

Left is Duong Thuy Phan from Vietnam, year 9.
On weekends I enjoy... studying maths.
I love... maths.
I don’t like... when it is noisy in class because I can’t hear what the teacher is saying.
Biggest difference in school in Australia... in Vietnam students stay in the one class and study all subjects, not move to another class.

SENIOR CAFE
Students in Year 11 Hospitality are practicing their skills and working towards gaining competencies towards their Certificate II Food and Beverage course by cooking and running a cafe for senior students. A variety of hot and cold food as well as milkshakes and hot coffee can be purchased. The cafe is held several times in each term giving the students valuable work experience.
Judith Phemister
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE  More photos in future newsletters.

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JR CYCLES at the Promenade
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BLUSH Make-up & Beauty Studio
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HELPTECH Computers
Coffs Harbour COURTHOUSE
TREEHOUSE Early Learning
Sawtell PUBLIC SCHOOL
PACIFIC VETCARE
Coffs Harbour CITY COUNCIL
AMART SPORTS
LET’S ANIMATE!
3D ANIMATION IN AUGUST

AIE will be running a course on the Coffs Coast this August!

Location: Coffs Coast Community College (5 minutes walk from Park Avenue bus stop)
Date: Saturday 15th August
Duration: 1 day (9.00am – 5.00pm)
Contact: 02 6652 5378
admin@coffscollege.nsw.edu.au
Level 1, City Square 66-90 Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour

Cost: $80

Installation of flashing lights near Toormina High School
The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of this year to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times.

Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to travel at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area. Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this safety initiative and plans to install signs outside Toormina High School Northbound on Alleena Drive.

Lights are installed on pre-existing poles or new poles are put in place if needed.
Partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.
For more information about the flashing lights program please visit the Centre for Road Safety website at www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe (go to the schools section) or you can contact our team on 1800 726 958 or flashinglights@rms.nsw.gov.au.

P&C PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER
Toormina High School P & C are holding a Pie Drive to raise valuable funds to assist the staff and students at Toormina High School. We aim to assist with the purchase of a minibus for the school and support the education of our students.
Please purchase your pies from the order list on next page, feel free to copy and share it with friends, neighbours and work colleagues.

Important Dates:
• All order forms and money to the front office by Wednesday 19th August 2015.
• Any cheques are to be made payable to Toormina High School P & C.
• Please indicate on the order form how you would like to receive the pies by indicating if you would like to personally collect them from the school or have the pies sent home with the student listed on the order form.
• All pies will be delivered to the school and ready for dispatch on Tuesday, September 1.
• Thank you, we appreciate your support.

Skoolbag is a FREE app for your smartphone, ipad or tablet which allows you to receive alerts and information instantly from our school.
We are encouraging everyone to please install Skoolbag. This is an easy, cost effective means of communication for THS. Simple instructions are on the THS website or contact us for help on 6653077.
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Please advise (circle) the preferred method of receiving the pies:

A) Please send the pies home with the child mentioned above
B) Please leave the pies for me to collect from the school office on Tuesday 1st September between 2pm – 3.45pm

Return form & money by: Wednesday 19th August 2015

Distribution Date: Tuesday 1st September 2015 All cheques are to be made payable to Toormina High School P&C
Winter Fire Safety Checklist

FACT

Each year, the Fire and Rescue NSW attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 30% of them occurring in winter months, and 47% of fires starting in the kitchen.

IS YOUR HOME WINTER FIRE SAFE?

We recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:

☐ Never ever leave cooking unattended. “Keep Looking When Cooking”

☐ Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly.

☐ Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.

☐ Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.

☐ If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean, and its properly ventilated.

☐ If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.

☐ Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.

☐ Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.

☐ Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.

☐ If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.

☐ Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.

☐ Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.

☐ Always handle candles or any other open flame with care.

☐ Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.

☐ Avoid the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. Use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build up of carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Use only authorised installers of fixed heating appliances.
- If possible, in the kitchen keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed near the exit.
- In Case of an Emergency Get Out Stay Out and Call Triple Zero (000).
KEEP LOOKING WHEN COOKING
The leading cause of home fires in NSW is leaving cooking unattended.

IF YOUR PAN CATCHES FIRE, HERE’S WHAT TO DO
- Turn off the stove (if safe to do so) and use the lid to cover the flame.
- Use a fire extinguisher or fire blanket in the first few seconds of ignition if you are confident.
- Never use water to put out a fat or oil fire.
- Leave the kitchen, close the door and call Triple Zero '000'.

CARBON MONOXIDE FROM OPEN FIRES
Avoid the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build up of Carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.

PREVENT FIRES FROM HEATERS
1. Keep everything one metre away from your heater.
2. Install and use as per manufacturer’s instructions.
3. If you suspect a fault, have the heater serviced or replaced.
4. Always supervise young children in rooms with open fires or working heaters.
5. Ensure flues and chimneys are regularly cleaned.
6. Strong fire screens should be set up in front of open fires.
7. Never use wheat bags in bed.
MAINTAINING YOUR SMOKE ALARM

1. Test your smoke alarm batteries every month by pressing and holding the test button for five seconds. Replace batteries every 12 months.
2. Vacuum dust off alarms every six months.
3. Replace smoke alarms with a new photoelectric alarm every ten years or earlier, if specified by the manufacturer.

For more information on smoke alarms, visit: fire.nsw.gov.au and planning.nsw.gov.au

BE PREPARED BY MAKING A PLAN OF ESCAPE

- Draw a floor plan of your home, including two ways of escape from each room.
- Plan an escape route and ensure everyone knows how to get out.

- Block exits are a hazard. Keep exits clear.

- Keep door and window keys in or next to locks so they can be opened easily.

- Decide on a meeting place outside e.g. the letterbox.
- Provide alternatives and someone to assist for anyone with a disability.

Plan two ways out of a room.
- Primary
- Secondary

In case of a fire, get out, stay out and call triple zero.

Fire & Rescue NSW
Help us, help you
Be home fire safe