

NEWS LETTER

Safe Respectful Learners

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CREATING OUR FUTURE

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS of 2021!

It is sad to see this wonderful group of students leave the school. They have been a resilient, hardworking and clever group of students from when they arrived in year 7.

We wish them all the best in their life after high school.

Leanne Firkins, Year Adviser



Awards 2021

Reuben F Scarf Award For Commitment – Piper Seccombe

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award – Amy Newcombe

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Future Innovations Award - Sharnte Cannon

Citizenship Award- Adam Rollans

The Zonta Club of Coffs Harbour Pat Funnell Encouragement Award- Ellena Cheers Flavell

Ampol All Rounder – Amy Newcombe

University of Newcastle Award for Academic Excellence-Emily Buckle

Premiers Sporting Award – Travys Downton

Principal's Award – Ellena Cheers Flavell, Cooper Bake Smith

Southern Cross University Vice Chancellor's Scholarships - Myah Harrison and Sophie Henderson

Maya's hard work pays off!

Year 10 student, Maya Farmer, has been selected as a recipient of the Modern Language Teachers Association of NSW, (MLTA), Denise Soos Language Scholarship for 2022. The expert selection panel from MLTA were extremely impressed with the quality of Maya's application. Maya will receive a certificate and a cheque for \$500 which will be presented to her by the Principal of Southern Cross School of Distance Education. Maya has been studying French as an elective subject throughout Years 9 and 10 via distance education through Southern Cross School of Distance Education. Her French teacher, Ms Rosa Sharp said, "It has been an honour and a delight to work with this student in Years 9 and 10 and I know she will do us proud as she continues to study French Continuers in 2022".

Maya also achieved outstanding results in Year 11 Preliminary HSC Modern History which she has studied as an accelerated subject this year, also as a single distance education course. She accomplished this whilst completing her Year 10 commitments, Year 11 Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Extension. Maya, along with other students from THS, who choose to study single subjects via distance education, complete their course requirements in our school library during scheduled lessons. It takes a dedicated, independent learner to achieve the results Maya Farmer has throughout 2021 and we wish her all the very best with her academic aspirations in 2022.

**Adrienne Gillingham,
Teacher Librarian**



Important Dates

Thursday, December 16, 2021 - LAST DAY all students

Friday, December 17, 2021 - Pupil Free Staff Development Day

Friday, January 29, 2022 - Pupil Free Staff Development Day

Monday, January 31, 2022 - Pupil Free Staff Development Day

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - Year 7, 11, 12 Student's FIRST DAY Term 1 2022

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - All students return

Attendance

The Attendance Team of Toormina High School wishes everybody a Merry Christmas and a strong start to the new school year in 2022! It's not too late to send in any reasons for unexplained absences for 2021- just head to the Sentral Parent Portal or sms/email/phone in any reasons for your child's absences for the year, just in case some have slipped through.

'Happy holidays!'

Due to COVID, we will be unable to hold our Semester 2 Rewards Excursion to QLD. However, we will be holding a Rewards Afternoon on site on Thursday 16th December 2021 for all years. The criteria for being able to attend this activity is as follows:

- Attendance for 2021 at school and in class is no less than 95% with no recorded trancies
- No negative behaviour incidents, N Awards, suspensions or warnings of suspension.

We are looking forward to celebrating with eligible students as we view a movie and indulge in some delicious pizza.



Please 'like' the Toormina High School Facebook page (look for the school logo) and 'share' our posts - this is a free, easy way to show the world our achievements and activities!

The THS Library also has a Facebook page.

Thank you



Thank you to our Youth Workers Penny and Cameron who, through Your Dream Schools, coordinated the collection of 23 Christmas Hampers which have been donated to Toormina High School families.

Any donations of unwanted uniform items would be gratefully accepted by our office staff.

Stage 4 and 5 VISUAL ARTS!

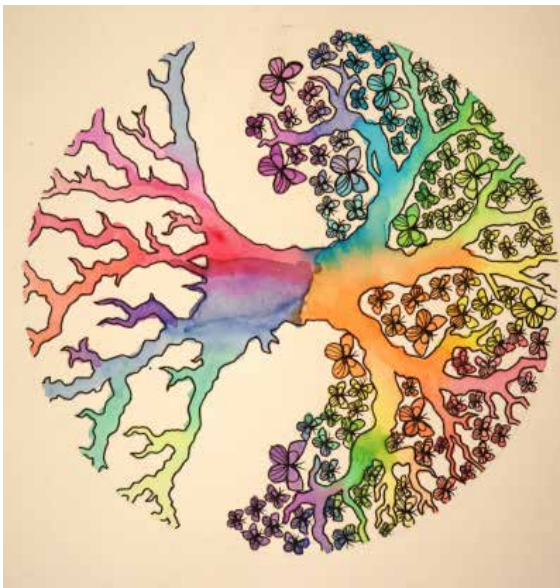
Amazing work, congratulations to our artists and teachers, Wendy Whittle and Andre Strydom!



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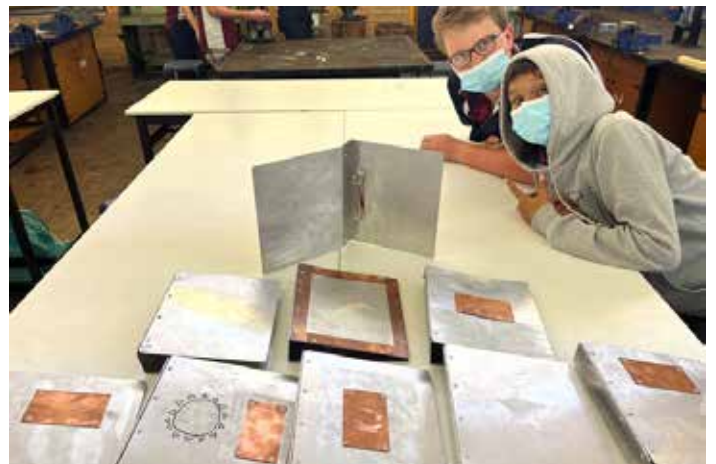


Congratulations Arlo!



Congratulations to year 7 student, Arlo Smith, who won the Under 16's age division in the Kobba's Skate Festival!

Technology Mandatory



The nightlights in the photo on the left, were completed by 7 Technology 3 students. The house was drawn using CAD software by Kaleah Donovan in 7 Technology 4. Amazing work Year 7!

Year 8 Tech 7 made aluminium binders by hand.
Joel Warren,
TAS Teacher

SUPPORT UNIT WORKING BEE



On Saturday 5th December the Support Unit staff held a Working Bee. We decided that after the hail our gardens needed some extra TLC. The unit staff came together for the morning. We had extra help and loads of enthusiasm and because of all the hard work the playground and gardens look amazing.

We would like to thank all those who gave their time free of charge. Tom Sole and his wonderful excavator from Twin Rivers Excavating who gave up 5 hours of his work time to help. Helen and Charlie from Bonville Sawtell Lions Club who not only donated their time but have offered to return to help us with vegetable seedlings and natives next year as well as monetary support in the future.

Also, thank you to staff family members, Andy and Joe, for all their hard work.

Louise Evans and Jo Robb
Garden Coordinators



Year 9 Language

In 2021 Toormina High School conducted a pilot program offering Year 9 Language students the opportunity to complete a Certificate I Aboriginal Languages – Gumbaynggirr TAFE qualification. Uncle Glen Cook Language and Cultural Advisor, for Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships, Aboriginal Education and Communities attended a celebration for the students completing all TAFE modules. Kundi Kemp delivered Acknowledgement to Country in the Gumbaynggirr language. Students were congratulated by Aunty Gloria our AEO, Uncle Glen Cook, and certificates were presented by Mr. Humphrey. This was followed by a morning tea enjoyed by all.

Aunty Penny Gumbaynggirr Language Teacher



Principal's Column

Another year is rapidly coming to end, although I am sure that many of us will be glad to see the back of 2021. This year our students, parents and staff have demonstrated the resilience that we so value dearly. It certainly has been a trying year for all.

We have celebrated the achievements of our students over the past two weeks, with Year 12 Graduation and the formal and Minor and Major Assemblies for our other year cohorts. It was very pleasing to see the large number of students who achieved academic merit, excellence and first in class awards this week. Our year 12 (2021) students will have to wait until Monday 24 January 2022 to receive their HSC results.

Our focus over the next few years continues to be on literacy and numeracy with targets to improve our reading and numeracy results in year 9. These targets have led to our teachers engaging in large amounts of targeted professional learning in these areas which will continue to be explored in 2022. We are confident that improvements made in year 9 in these areas will have a significant impact on student HSC results.

During the holidays, Toormina High School is scheduled to commence the Cooler Classrooms Project with all classrooms in the school finally being air-conditioned. It is hoped that this project will be completed prior to our return.

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers for the fabulous support that they have provided to Toormina High School during 2021. A huge thank you to all the teachers, administration staff and support staff that have worked with the students in 2021. I am extremely proud to acknowledge the work that every staff member has done during 2021 in supporting our students.

Have a merry and safe Christmas break.

Best wishes, **Paul Humphrey, Principal**

Wellbeing in the Holidays

Here are some practical wellbeing ideas and support available online during the school holidays from respected providers:

[Reach Out: https://au.reachout.com/](https://au.reachout.com/)
[Headspace: https://headspace.org.au/](https://headspace.org.au/)
[Beyond Blue: https://www.beyondblue.org.au/](https://www.beyondblue.org.au/)
[Yarn Safe: https://headspace.org.au/yarn-safe/](https://headspace.org.au/yarn-safe/)
[The Brave Program: https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/](https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/)
[Smiling Mind: https://www.smilingmind.com.au/](https://www.smilingmind.com.au/)
[Digital Dog: https://digitaldog.org.au/](https://digitaldog.org.au/)

Lifeline: 131114
Mental Health Access Line: 1800 011 511
Suicide Call Back Service (15 years +): 1300 659 467
1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732
Q Life: 1800 184 572

Laura McRae, Head Teacher Wellbeing

Miimi Gundi Wajaar

Congratulations to our Miimi GundiWajaar dancers and Aunty Gloria and Ms Thomas on another great year at THS!



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SALTWATER
FRESHWATER
INVITE YOU TO
THE OPENING OF



SALTWATER FRESHWATER ARTS 2021

ABORIGINAL ART AWARD
AND CONTEMPORARY
CULTURAL OBJECTS
TOURING EXHIBITION

**OPENING:
SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER, 2021
3-5PM**

**WADJAR REGIONAL
INDIGENOUS GALLERY**

69 RED ROCK ROAD, CORINDI BEACH

Free, bookings essential via:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/saltwater-freshwater-arts-2021-opening-tickets-208321293597>

RSVP by Tuesday 30 November, 2021



In line with current NSW Government Health Guidelines, those in attendance must be double vaccinated and wear a mask as directed.

THS Uniform Shop

During Term 4, 2021 the THS Uniform Shop is processing online orders only.

<https://daylightsportswear.com/toormina>

JANUARY 2022 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS are by appointment only, please check the available times via the link below.

<https://calendly.com/toormina>

Orders placed online can be collected after a text notification.

Manager Jess, 0468 436 217



UNISEX POLO SHIRTS
All years
\$35
Sizes available 8 - 6XL
also PE/Sport shirt



SENIOR GIRLS BLOUSE
Year 11 & 12
\$30
Sizes available 6 - 18



UNISEX SHORTS
All years
\$25
Sizes available 8 - 5XL
also PE/Sport shorts



JUNIOR BOYS BLUE SHIRT
Year 7 - 10
\$27
Sizes available 6 - 2XL



UNISEX JUMPER
All years
\$30
Sizes available 8 - 4XL



SENIOR BOYS SHIRT
Year 11 & 12
\$27
Sizes available 10 - 2XL



UNISEX JACKET
All years
\$60
Sizes available 8 - 3XL



JUNIOR GIRLS SKIRT
Black with box pleats
Year 7 - 10
\$35



UNISEX TRACK PANTS
All years
\$38
Sizes available 8, 10, 12, XS, M, L, XL



SENIOR GIRLS SKIRT
Maroon with box pleats
Year 11 & 12
\$35



COFFS HARBOUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

FAMILY FUN & SIGN ON DAY

KIDS OF ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2022

FUN GAMES
ENTERTAINMENT
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST USING QR CODE

GIRLS:
9:30am -11:30am

Lunch: 11:30-12:30

BOYS:
12:30pm-2:30pm

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