

NEWS LETTER



Safe Respectful Learners
TERM 4 | WEEK 9 | November 2021



Year 7 2022 ORIENTATION DAY

183 year 6 students
enjoyed a great
day at THS!



Career News

There are several **Traineeship and Apprenticeship opportunities available** now.

A Cert 11 Civil Construction Course will begin in 2 weeks time with Kevester PTY Ltd.

This qualification is expected to take 12 weeks. Applications are due now.

The course is fully subsidized by the NSW Government and funded by Smart and Skilled.

For more information see Mr Francis or Mrs West in the Careers Office.

TVET Courses

Offers for 2022 TVET courses have been made.

If Mrs West has given you a form to be signed, please return it to the Careers Office asap so that you can accept your offer.

Whitecard Course

Friday 3rd Dec is the next Whitecard course at Toormina High School.

The course is full. All participants need to be at school by 8.30am. The course runs all day.

Robyn West, Careers Adviser



Literacy

Some members of the school's literacy team are working on developing professional learning sessions to upskill teachers how to explicitly teach reading comprehension skills, vocabulary, spelling and paragraphing. This is a great opportunity for teacher development through cross-faculty collaborations whilst developing high impact professional learning in differentiation to improve educational outcomes for our students.

Stage 5 Child Studies

Stage 5 Child Studies students have been budding party planners this semester. They have been busy planning baby showers and gender reveals for a "client".

Students had a lot of fun making themed food items and decorations for a class party. They were also required to create a party game for entertainment.

Melanie Sharkey, TAS Teacher



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.

Monsters

7TECH1 are busy working on designing and creating their crazy monsters, as part of the Technology Mandatory course. The students are given a number of limitations in their designs but are free to be as creative as they like.

Tanya Crough, TAS Teacher



Live stream our 2021 Year 12 Graduation Assembly Monday, December 6, 10:00am

[YouTube stream link: https://youtu.be/Tk0odXcFgD4](https://youtu.be/Tk0odXcFgD4)

The Nanga Mai Awards ceremony celebrates and recognises Aboriginal students, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal teachers, other departmental staff, Aboriginal community members and schools that demonstrate excellence across a diversity of areas. The ceremony will be pre-recorded and launched live on 1 December, 2021 at 9:00am on the Department's Homepage – Nanga Mai (using the link below). It will also be made available live on demand after the broadcast.

<https://bit.ly/3FFwNT6>

We hope you can view and share with your families, community and colleagues.

Congratulations Chloe!



Congratulations to year 11 student, Chloe Szabo, for completing her Level 10 Tap examination, receiving **100%!**

Chloe is photographed with Glenn Wood, examiner and creator of the syllabus. Special Mention to our very own THS teacher, Sally Atkins, for teaching and preparing Chloe for this senior tap exam. What an outstanding achievement!

Thank You

What an amazing school community we have!!! The Support Unit have been collecting bread bag tags and community members have also sent the tags to school - thank you!

They will be sent off to Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs who collect bread tags nationally in Australia. The tags are recycled locally, raising funds to buy wheelchairs for disadvantaged people.



Thank You

Support Unit staff received a beautiful thank you gift from year 12 student, Kaitlan Carmady, and her carers

Welcome to new staff!



Name...**Carlie Briscoe**

THS Position...Pre Service Teacher (Mathematics)

The high school I attended was...John Paul College.

On the weekends I enjoy playing...spending time with family.

I love...tea and playing board games.

I don't like...olives.



Name...**Sami Berrada**

THS Position...PDHPE Teacher

The high school I attended was...Toormina High School and JPC.

On the weekends I enjoy playing...playing Quidditch with friends.

I love...the most talented sibling at school.

I don't like...Bazz being my boss.

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...to not look at your study notes in the middle of a science test.



Name...**Xanthe King**

THS Position...Pre Service Teacher (HSIE)

The high school I attended was...Coffs Harbour Christian Community College.

On the weekends I enjoy playing... chasing waterfalls, enjoying the ocean & the company of my family/friends.

I love... my dog 'Balto', he is a 2 year old border collie.

I don't like...maths (geography is more interesting).

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...to put down my phone, drink more water and go to sleep earlier.

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

2021 Premier's Reading Challenge Success!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge! The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. This year at Toormina High School, more than 40 students expressed an interest in picking up a PRC book. Impressively, several students managed to satisfy the requirements of the Challenge, by reading at least 20 books between March and September. These exceptional students will be presented with a certificate signed by The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier of NSW. This is an especially remarkable feat given how COVID-19 has interrupted routines and impacted on motivation and mental health over the past 12 months. Toormina High School would like to recognise the achievement of these students and encourage all students to explore the wide pleasures and benefits of reading by picking up a book these upcoming holidays.

A special congratulations to the following students who completed the Challenge:

Lauren Krainik (Year 8)

Keira Welsh (Year 8)

Kaitlin Kirby (Year 9)

Lilleyahna Shelley (Year 7)

Congratulations to all 2021 Challengers!

Mr Maurice Podbury and Mr Todd Winsor
2021 PRC Co-ordinators



Thank you to teachers, Bree Taylor and Richard Raward, for organising a staff golf game at the beautiful Bellingen Golf Course!



FOOD TRUCK CHALLENGE!

Year 10 Food Technology students came up with some amazing creations as part of their Food Service and Catering unit.

The school community were able to buy sweet and savoury options served in waffle cones in the Food Truck Challenge!

There were loaded fries, tacos, chicken bites, oreo or caramel cheesecake and rocky road!

We are all looking forward to the next Food Truck Challenge, well done to teachers, Greg Woods and Mel Sharkey and all our chefs!

Support Unit News



Toormina High School office staff received a beautiful flower arrangement from Kaitlan and her carer to thank our great staff for all their support over the last six years of high school. Kaitlan completes Year 12 this year and will be missed by our entire school community!



Our hardworking Support Unit Works Skills students, Bryce and Bailey, photographed with our principal, Paul Humphrey, do a valuable job around our school delivering paper to staffrooms and organising recycling. Great work boys!



Deana and Lainey were very pleased to have a visit from the newest members of the THS Farm Family!

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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



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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

KEY EMPLOYMENT PRESENTS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY CARNIVAL BONANZA

Face Painting
Jumping Castle

Fairy Floss

Ice Cream

Side show alley



FREE BBQ!



Come and see how you can
go into the draw to win a car!

Friday 3rd December
10am-2pm