



Congratulations to our incoming 2022 THS Student Leadership Team!

AIMS OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

To represent and uphold the ethos of Toormina High School, both within and outside the School.

To assist effective communication between all members of the staff and student body.

To be a visible presence in the broader life of the School, fostering enthusiasm and positive attitudes, building School spirit, assisting peers and younger students to achieve their goals, and helping to maintain the school's positive learning environment.

To ensure the Schools values of Safe, Respectful, Learners is upheld throughout all Student Leadership Team activities.



Troy Backhouse



Casey Cowgill



Lilly Devine



Brayden Edgar



Maya Farmer



Arabella Flowers



Jacob Fuller



Zoe Gill



Freyja Giese



Mitchell Hickey



Kaitlyn Holm



Katie Homes



Claudia Jones



Charlotte Myers



Lexie Pennington



Freya O'Reilly



Hayden O'Rourke



Jake Simpson



Phylicia Stock



Molly Ward

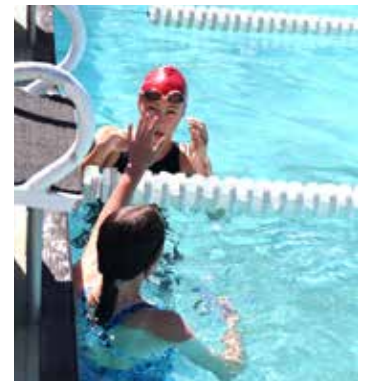
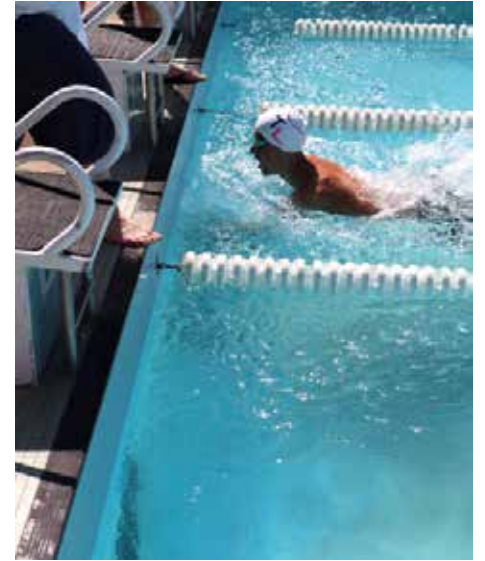


Max Watts



Hannah Zahra

Competitors only SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2022



Friday 11 February saw approximately 30 students compete in a range of 50m, 100m and 200m events at the swimming carnival. Thank you to the parent helpers that gave up their time to assist with the running of the carnival and to the Year 11 students helpers. Congratulations to all swimmers for their outstanding performances. We wish those students competing at the next level in Grafton on Monday 21 February all the best.

Swimmers representing Toormina at the MNC zone carnival include: Arla Aspden, Jude Aspden, Ivy Barker, Imogen Bilsborough, Amy Dart, Finn Groth, Rose-Anna Herden, Mitchell Hickey, Oscar Hickey, Luke Jones, Eva Knight, Otto Knight, Jesse St Leon, Savannah-Grace McIlveen, Skye Murphy, Owen Stevens, Taylor Williams, Zachary Wilson.

Michelle Wilsmore, Sport Coordinator

Lions Youth of the Year



Bonville/Sawtell Lion's Club recently held their annual Lion's Youth of the Year competition. Toormina High School was represented by Ella Drewell and Maya Farmer of year 11, and School Captains, Mitchell Hickey and Phylcia Stock of Year 12. All four students were commended by the Lion's Club and competition judges and described as 'excellent representatives of Toormina High School and young people today.'

Congratulations to Maya Farmer who was successful in moving forward to the next round. Maya will represent Bonville/Sawtell Lions Club in Urunga and March 12. Toormina High School wishes her all the best.

Lisa Mullan, Head Teacher English

Congratulations to Tane Skinner, year 10, on his selection in the Mid North Coast AFL team.



Mid North Coast Representatives

Congratulations to Rory Buhler, year 10, Ella Loader, year 7 and Koen Loader, year 9, on their selection in the Mid North Coast team for volleyball.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

The Toormina High School Aboriginal Education Officer, Gloria Mercy, provides support for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners both in the classroom and with individualised programs and also support for student wellbeing. Toormina High School Deputy Principal, Michelle Elliot, is responsible for the support and development of Aboriginal programs at THS.

Support for our Aboriginal students starts early with our team working in collaboration with teachers, families, and partner schools to enable a successful transition from primary school.

THS hold regular morning teas 'Yarn Ons' for community members and staff and we join the Community in celebrating NAIDOC week.

In 2020, the Nguura (gunya) was built as a respected cultural space for our students to deepen cultural knowledge and understanding and the school recognises the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country. We are actively involved in projects and grants as they become available, these include art projects, building our gardens to include edible native plants, and landscaping projects for the Nguura.

The local Gumbaynggir language will be taught in Year 8 in 2023. The elective courses in Gumbaynggir for Year 9-10 with Aboriginal Studies as a Stage 6 course will be offered in our curriculum. Additional Aboriginal Learning classes provide opportunities for our students to celebrate their cultural identities through Aboriginal Girls Dance group, weaving, SistaSpeak and BroSpeak.

The Junior AECG and the Student Leadership Team provide a voice for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Students also have the opportunity to meet with community on Leadership camps. We are committed to providing individualised learning programs and applications for scholarships such as the Elsa Dixon Program and School Based apprenticeships are encouraged.

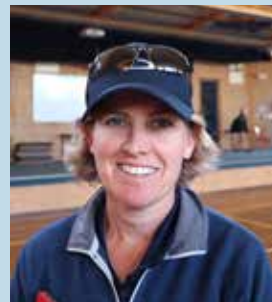
Please contact Aunty Gloria or Michelle at THS, 66533077, for any further information.



Room 21
The room 21 class made rock cakes with Head Teacher, Scott Gale, last week during their TAS lesson.

Supervisor of Girls

Congratulations to PDHPE Teacher, Michelle Wilshire, who will be Toormina High School's Supervisor of Girls for 2022.
Welcome to the Wellbeing team Michelle!



Best Start Year 7 Assessment

Year 7 students have been participating in the Best Start Year 7 Assessment during Term 1. Best Start Year 7 is an online literacy and numeracy assessment available to secondary schools that assesses key literacy and numeracy skills of Year 7 students. It is designed to assist teachers to identify students who may require additional support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. Best Start Year 7 is just one of a range of assessments the school uses to assess students.



We like to introduce new staff with a short questionnaire...



Name...**Jodie Hartmann**

THS Position...Mathematics Growth Team Trainer

The high school I attended was...Coffs Harbour High School.

On weekends I enjoy...chasing after my children. Mostly we are either at the beach or playing soccer.

I love...surfing, swimming or walking at the beach with my family.

I don't like...getting up really early.

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...to travel more.



Name...**Wendy Storok**

THS Position...English Teacher

The high school I attended was...St Clare's High School, Taree.

On weekends I enjoy...being out and about - visiting family and friends, playing tennis, or heading to the beach (if the weather is great!).

I love...snowboarding, the history and culture of the Vikings, traveling and exploring new countries and most importantly, spending hours (and money) on online shopping.

I don't like...eating spicy foods or chicken.

When I was a teenager, I wish someone had told me...no one determines who you are or what you will be, even though they will try!



Name...**Chris McDonald**

THS Position...Student Learning Support Officer

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

On weekends I enjoy...playing golf, watching sport, and catching up with mates

I love...sport, especially The Parramatta Eels, and The Simpsons.

I don't like...Mondays and brussel sprouts.

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...to not sweat the little things, and enjoy school more, life might get better, but it doesn't get any easier.



Name...**Kerstin Woodward**

THS Position...Careers Adviser

The high school I attended was...Woolgoolga High School

On weekends I enjoy...spending time with my children and loved ones along with my furbabies! Also cooking up a storm when I can squeeze the time in.

I love...helping students combine their passion with a career pathway.

I don't like...any sort of creepy crawlies.

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...to travel and see the world!



Name...**Cathie Luff**

THS Position...PHHPE Teacher

The high school I attended...was a long long long time ago!

On weekends I enjoy...relaxing.

I love...so many things, life, the beach, good weather and holidays. Oh and weekends.

I don't like...disrespect, but I'm willing to listen.

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...I was amazing.

2022 Year 11 Assessment Handbook

The 2022 Year 11 Assessment Handbook is available on the THS website.

<https://toormina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/school-years/year-11/2022-year-11-assessment-book.html>

Preparations for an exciting project in the CAPA block, photos below.



Year 9 Food Technology learning to cook healthy noodles in photos below.



Vaccinations

Vaccination packages were sent out with all Year 7 and 10 students this week. These packs explain what vaccinations are given to each age group and have consent forms if you wish your child to be a part of the free vaccination program run through schools.

This is not a vaccination for the Coronavirus, it is the usual vaccination program.

Please return signed forms to the office by Friday 25th for Year 7 and Monday 28th for Year 10. If your child will not be having their vaccination at school please return the package with a note to the front office.

Gaye Devoy,
Head Teacher Wellbeing

Student Absence Notifications

From 21 February we will be sending out two SMS messages for student absences. The first SMS will be for the current day's absence. The next SMS will be a reminder for any unexplained absence from the previous week.

We have changed to this format for environmental, efficiency and financial reasons.

We will no longer be sending letters in the mail for student absences.

Any queries please phone or email THS.

Allene Stanton, School Administrative Manager

Mobile Phones

As per the easing of COVID restrictions announced today, parents will now be allowed on site from Monday 28th February. If a student has their phone or headphones confiscated during the day, **a parent will be contacted to collect the device** as per our YONDR policy. We encourage students to either keep their devices at home or they will need to secure them in their allocated YONDR pouch at the beginning of each school day.

Laura McRae, Deputy Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING

Students receive value+ cards for exceeding classroom expectations. These cards go into a draw and the winners this week were...

- Brodie Hill
- Sienna McGinty
- Keira Welsh
- Maya Farmer
- Dylan Teale
- Trystin Sjoberg
- Sienna Ellem
- Jalal Itani

Congratulations Year 12! Year 12 held a fundraiser on Valentines Day and raised \$490!



Attendance Matters!

What parents can do:

- Make school attendance a priority.
- Talk about the importance of attending school every day and the cumulative effect of regular absences and missing lessons.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomachaches may be signs of anxiety.
- Help your child stay engaged, ask questions about what they are learning.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you. Also encourage your student to ask teachers if they feel they have missed an important lesson or need assistance.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Communicate with the school
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behaviour. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school, family, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.

Rewards Excursion to Dream World

We are pleased to announce that Toormina High School will be holding a Rewards Excursion to Dream World in Queensland on Friday 1 July for all years (COVID restrictions pending).

The criteria for being able to attend this excursion is as follows:

- **Attendance for Semester 1 2022 school and in class is no less than 90% with no recorded truancies**
- **No negative behaviour incidents, N Awards, suspensions or warnings of suspension.**

We anticipate the cost of this excursion will be approximately \$80.00 - \$90.00.

All students who apply to attend the excursion will be checked against the criteria listed above. Students who apply and have not achieved the criteria will be determined as ineligible to attend the excursion. In the event a student is deemed as ineligible or becomes ineligible prior to the excursion occurring, parents will be advised and all monies paid will be refunded by the school. Students who know that they do not meet the criteria are advised not to apply to attend the excursion.

Please note: NSW and Queensland do not have a reciprocal ambulance cover for students therefore if your child requires an ambulance it will be at parent expense.

Further details and permission note will be distributed to all students in Term 2.

CHS Mid North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival

On Monday, 21st February, sixteen THS students from Year 7 to Year 12 travelled to Grafton to compete in the CHS Mid North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival.

All students represented Toormina High School with pride and displayed amazing sportsmanship throughout the day, whether they were competing in a race or spectating from the pool edge.

A huge thank you to Mr Bilsborough for driving some of our swimmers to and from the carnival on our new school bus and also doing an amazing job as the carnival race starter; to Mr Minchington for timekeeping throughout the day; to Mrs Gillingham for making sure the students did not miss any of their events and for providing nutritious snacks; and to our parents/grandparents/carers who were able to join us for the day offering encouragement and support.

The following students have qualified for the CHS North Coast Regional Carnival to be held at the Coffs Harbour pool on Tuesday, 8th March.

Girls 13 Year 200 m Freestyle Relay

Imogen Bilsborough
Taylor Williams
Rose-Anna Herden
Savannah-Grace McIlveen

Boys 13 Year 200 m Freestyle Relay

Otto Knight
Finn Growth
Owen Stevens
Jude Aspden

Girls 15 Year 4x50

Girls 15 Year 200 m Freestyle Relay

Skye Murphy
Eva Knight
Arla Aspden
Ivy Barker

Boys Open 200 m Medley Relay 4 x 50

Mitchell Hickey
Oscar Hickey
Jesse St Leon
Owen Stevens

Individual events

Savannah-Grace McIlveen
Taylor Williams
Owen Stevens
Jesse St Leon
Mitchell Hickey



Under 15s Touch Football Gala Day

Our school teams both played well on the day representing Toormina High in a positive way. Respect was shown to the opposition in both wins and defeat with several of our players selected to make the next level.

The girls played three games coming away with two wins and a loss. They were coached very well from senior student Casey Cowgill and Year 10 Lilly Davis-Jamieson. The girls had five players selected to the Mid North Coast team. **Congratulations to Ella Stock, Isabelle Eggers, Myndee Morris, Jorja Barnes and Abby Timms.**

The boys played four games and came away with as many victories. Clear favourites for the day, the boys played with great spirit and at a high energy level that the opposition teams struggled to keep up with. We were very unlucky to not have more students selected in the MNC side but still provided a strong number to represent our school. **Congratulations to Kai Bennett, Tyrell Dootson, Reef Sjoberg, Kai Sjoberg, Tane Skinner and William Sudewa.**

Thank you to Mel Cowgill, Frank Stanton and Sue Jordan for supporting the students and assisting with the day's organisation and coaching of the teams.

Brad Herman, Touch Football Coordinator



Principal's Column

We had advice come through from the Department of Education about the COVID settings for schools that will start from Monday 28 February. The big change for High School's is the requirement for wearing masks for staff and students will no longer apply. Staff and students may still wear masks if they choose to do so. Our staff working with Support Unit students will still be required to wear masks after this date in line with the Public Health Orders around the Disability sector, however it will be nice for students and staff to return to some normality. Additionally, strategies such as cohorting will end which will allow us to have students across year groups travel on buses to sport together and assemblies will return. We can also start considering excursions again.

Many of your children may have reported that they have had collapsed classes or been taught by a teacher other than their normal class teacher this year. Due to a significant lack of casuals and the impact of COVID19 isolation rules, we have had significant number of classes that have needed to be covered. I am very proud of the work my staff are currently doing with many offering to take additional extra periods and playground duties for absent or sick colleagues which are above and beyond their normal allocation. In the first 9 days of school this year, we covered over 77 periods that would otherwise have not had a teacher on them at all and would have been minimally supervised. Please understand that we are doing our best, during this very challenging time, to provide high quality education to our students as professional teachers.

Last week I attended the Bonville Sawtell Lions Youth of the Year Awards. Mitchell Hickey, Ella Drewell, Phylcia Stock and Maya Farmer presented speeches and spoke on a range of topics. They also engaged in an interview process with the judges. All four students spoke amazingly well and showed great knowledge of current world affairs and perspectives. Maya Farmer was judged to be the overall winner and now will compete at the next round in a few weeks' time.

I have been asked to remind all parents that the bus bay area at the front of the school is a timed bus bay. Stopping or parking in the bus bay during the times of operation is not only dangerous to our students but may lead to a fine in excess of \$275 and 4 demerit points.

Our Parents and Citizens (P&C) committee held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) last week. Thank you to the office bearers from 2021. Sonja Lacey was elected President; Rachel Watt was elected Secretary; Tania Myers was elected Treasurer and Kirsten Chibeba was elected as the Fundraising Coordinator. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 March commencing at 5.30pm.

Paul Humphrey, Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photographs will be taken on March 31 and April 1. More information will be sent home with your student in coming weeks.

Upcoming Sport Trials

Wednesday 23 February 15s and Opens Rugby League trials (selected students only).

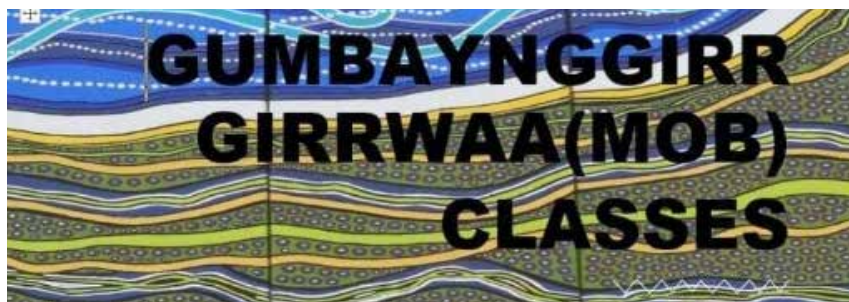
Wednesday 2 March Opens Basketball trials.

Wednesday Sport

Reminder that all students in Year 8, 9 and 10 are required to return a permission note for sport. Anyone requiring a note can collect one from the front office.

THANK YOU!

Staff, Jodie McCormick and Lisa Mullan ferrying students into school in the deluge on Thursday morning.



TUESDAYS

4:00pm - 6:00pm SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Giinagay Ngujawiny (Hello you lot)

Are you interested in learning your ancestor's language?

Come on take the steps to learning and reclaiming your ancestral language.

Come along and design your own life story for your family written in Gumbaynggirr and illustrated by you.

These classes are free for the next 3 years.

Contact Micklo Jarrett 0457 036 698

michael.jarrett@det.nsw.edu.au

THS Uniform Shop

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every MONDAY

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every THURSDAY

12 - 4pm

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Manager Jess,

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12th & 26th February 10am-1pm
at Ayrshire Park



Orientation Day 5th
March
more details to come

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After School Goori Learning Centre

Location & Time

Monday
3.15pm – 4.15pm
-Boambee East Community Centre

Tuesday
3.20pm – 4.30pm
To be advised via text message

Wednesday
3.20pm – 4.45pm
To be advised via text message

Talk to us!

Address: 1 Bray street, Coffs Harbour,
NSW 2450

Phone: (02) 66525080

Website: www.bmnac.org.au

Email: literacy@bmnac.org.au



ACTIVITIES:

- Reading support
- Homework/assignment
- Arts and Crafts
- Cultural Activities
- Gumbaynggirr Language
- Physical Activities & Fitness
- Cooking and Baking
& MUCH MORE



Kids start to arrive and are provided with a healthy snack, fruit or vegetable. Staff and children relax and hang out for a few minutes



Homework and 20 minutes reading started volunteers and staff provide help kids that finish early are given supplementary materials to help improve their grades



Activities like cooking, traditional dance, arts & craft, fitness, science experiments and much more



Free time! Often starts much earlier, and if the weather is nice, a trip to the park may be in order.



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Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR
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