

NEWS LETTER

Safe Respectful Learners

TERM 3 | WEEK 2 | July 2022



CONGRATULATIONS

to all our Semester One Award winners!
More photos available on the Toormina High School website.



We would like to thank the presenters at our NAIDOC assembly: student Keira McEwen, Aunty Vicki and Uncle Miklo who shared their stories and inspired our students and staff. Also thank you to our dancers and Aunty Gloria, our community members and staff involved in the organisation of this memorable NAIDOC celebration!



NAIDOC 2022 Assembly



Kiera McEwan NAIDOC Speech

I'd like to start my speech off with a quote from James, leader of the Galarwuy land: "The land is my backbone... I only stand straight, happy, proud, and not ashamed about my colour because I still have land... I think of land as the history of my nation."

NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people.

Australia celebrates NAIDOC Week from the first Sunday in July through the following Sunday. National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee is known by the acronym NAIDOC. It began as the Day of Mourning in 1938 and expanded to a full week in 1975.

This year's NAIDOC theme, 'get up, stand up, show up,' demands becoming active in the events and a force for change rather than just observing them, it's also a call for systemic change to keep rallying around our mob, our Elders, our communities.

The person I look up to the most is my mum, because when she is struggling and at her lowest she always gets up, stands up and shows up. My mother has always been an independent, strong, Indigenous woman, whether it be with the bills, the groceries, my education and with raising 4 kids of her own and even putting her hand up to raise 2 more kids not her own. People came in and out of our lives and mum always stayed a strong, solid piece of my family. As I'm getting older I'm realising my mum is a warrior, a fighter. No words can ever explain how much love and appreciation I have for her.

Last year my mother went through a really rough patch, with her health, family and with money, and as her child this hurts to see, but everyday my mum fought, she never gave up, she never let anything defeat her and never let a day pass where she let her guard down.

As this year's theme this is why I chose my mum to talk about, she gets up, and shows how strong she is, stands up and gets things done and shows up to everytime we need her.

To truly make the most of the celebrations this NAIDOC week I challenge each of you to get up and get involved. Stand up against racism and for our first nation people, show up to show you care.



Australian Geography Competition



Earlier this semester our year 9 Geography students were given the opportunity to participate in the Australian Geography Competition. This national contest for secondary school students assesses geographical knowledge and skills, and aims to encourage student interest in Geography.

In this, our first year in the competition, we had three excellent results. These were: James Arnold, who received a Distinction; Hendrix Brazier, who achieved a High Distinction; and Siena Walsh, who achieved an outstanding result, placing in the top 1% of Year 9 students in Australia. Well done Siena!

Nick Brooks, HSIE Teacher



WINNERS!

Our Girls Opens Rugby League team won the day at the Katrina Fanning Cup!



Congratulations

Congratulations to THS School Captain, Mitchell Hickey, who has been selected in NSW Open Water Swimming squad. Mitchell will be attending the NSW Hub at Blacktown, as coaches prepare him for NSW State Age Championships and the NSW Open Water Camp – which has a 10km swim event.

ACTIVE ARVOS starts Week 3, August 3, then every Wednesday, at school 3:30 - 5:00

Active Arvos is a program which aims to enhance student's health and wellbeing through participation in a range of non-competitive, social and sporting activities. All students are welcome to attend and participate in a range of field, court and fitness based activities. For more information contact PDHPE Teacher, Kate Williams. A permission note is available on link below or see Ms Williams for a paper copy.

<https://forms.gle/PAN2F2wzp3nYGfKz7>



THANK YOU!

P&C members and staff organised **1,159 pies** for our recent Pie Drive orders!!! Thank you to our school community for your support!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to OneMob Radio who ran workshops for our students during NAIDOC Week.



Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

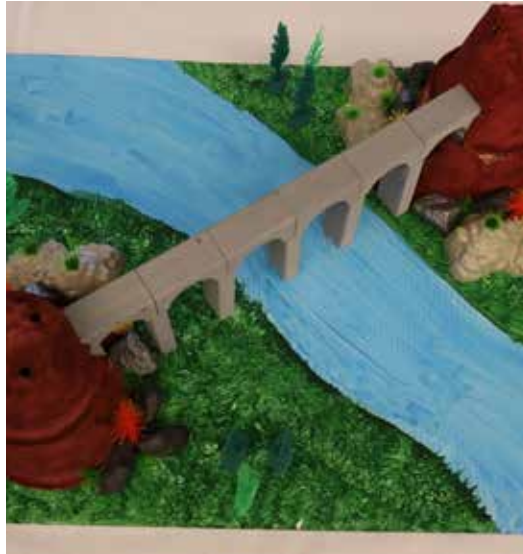
Kayla, year 8, would like to raise awareness by sharing her story about her journey with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis with the school community, this video is available on the school Facebook page.

Please view this video so you can learn more about what Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis is and, if you would like to show your support for students experiencing these conditions, **please add something BLUE to your uniform (e.g. socks, a jacket, a hair pin, a bracelet etc.) this Friday 29th July, 2022.**

History Projects

During Term 2, year 8 students had an opportunity to conduct research into an aspect of a Mediterranean Ancient Civilisation's culture and then make an item for an 'in-school' exhibition. These projects were absolutely fabulous and students demonstrated fantastic engagement throughout the process! A massive thankyou to our students for getting stuck into these projects that were made both at school and at home. Also, a massive thank you to our parents for their support and our teachers who had some messy classrooms through the construction phase! Due to this success, we look forward to making our exhibition bigger and better next year! Go THS!

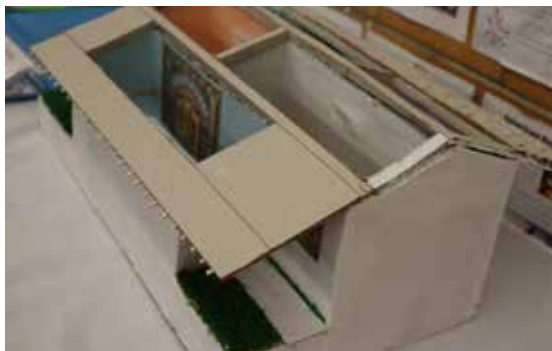
Richard Raward, Head Teacher HSIE



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Tournament of the Minds

Toormina High will be taking two teams to Port Macquarie at the end of the August to compete in Tournament of the Minds. These teams will work together to solve a problem and will present their findings in a 10 minute piece. Good luck to these students over the coming weeks as they work hard to find a solution.

Sally Atkins, Tournament of the Minds Coordinator



Write a Book in a Day

On Friday August 26 Toormina High School Library will be hosting it's 6th annual Write a Book in a Day event. This event is an Australian wide writing competition aimed at raising funds for the Kids Cancer Project, a national charity, with a mission to fund scientific research to improve treatments and ultimately find a cure for childhood cancers.

Students from Toormina High, Bonville Primary, Boambee Primary, Toormina Primary, William Bayldon Primary, Crossmaglen Primary and Sawtell Primary Schools will work collaboratively in teams to write in a day.

Students are able to register individually or as a team via the OPAC computer in the library. For more information, please contact Mrs Gillingham, Mrs Allen or Mrs Mullan.



Senior Debating Round 6



On Friday July 22nd our senior debating team Jay Bloomfield (Yr 10) Maya Farmer (Yr 11) Katie Homes (Yr 12) and Molly Ward (Yr 12) took part in round 6 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. This team has been hugely successful in the knock-out competition to date, defeating a range of academically selective and city schools. This round saw our team come up against Newcastle's Merewether High School (another academically selective school) in the controversial debate about the reintroduction of mask mandates Australia wide. Presenting the case for the negative, our team presented compelling arguments for the freedom of choice and more effective health measures that can be used without mask mandates. In light of the ongoing Covid-19 situation this was a fascinating debate with a lot of relevant political and healthcare knowledge presented from both sides.

Unfortunately it wasn't enough to dispel the potential benefits and community safety of mask mandates (which we may see return in the near future - you heard it here first!!). This marks the end of our progression in the competition.

Toormina High would like to congratulate our amazing team, who after finishing immediately asked if there were other competitions or debates they could join! There is no stopping this incredible, inspiring group of young people! You have made your school (and your gushing coaches!) extremely proud. It is true achievement to have made it this far in the competition. Bring on 2023!

Anita Milne, Debating Coordinator

2022 HSC Trial Examination Timetable
is available on the THS website

[https://toormina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/
news/2022/2022-hsc-trial-examination-timetable.html](https://toormina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2022/2022-hsc-trial-examination-timetable.html)

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Around the School
Tuesday, Week B, Period 2



Making Johnny Cakes during NAIDOC Week



Coffs Harbour Gold Cup

Coffs Harbour City Council have advised that the NSW Government has declared that Thursday 4 August 2022 is a part-day local holiday from 12:00pm midday to 5:30pm, for the whole of the Coffs Harbour City Council local government area.

In accordance with this our school will be open for normal lessons from the normal commencement of the day and classes will finish at 12:00pm midday on 4 August 2022.

Information regarding the holiday can be accessed on the Industrial Relations website, see 2022 local public holidays 2022 at – <https://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au/public-holidays/public-holidays-in-nsw/>

Your support in arranging to pick your child up from school on this day at 12:00pm would be most appreciated. As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school on 6653 3077 to discuss.

Covid Tests

We are anticipating another distribution of Covid RAT Tests to all students in the coming weeks but if you require more RATs now please enquire at the Front Office we do have supplies of tests available for students and staff.

THS Uniform Shop

is OPEN

every MONDAY 8am - 12pm
every THURSDAY 12 - 4pm

Orders can still be placed
online and collected after a
text notification.

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Manager Mel,
0468 436 217

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 1/8 - 12/8	Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations
Thurs 4/8	Coffs Cup Half day Public Holiday
Mon 1/8 - 5/8	Year 11 Assessment Reviews
Mon 12/9 - 23/9	Year 11 Examinations
Tues 20/9	Year 12 Farewell assembly & Formal

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HOMEWORK CENTRE
every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
in the THS library 3:30 - 5:00pm

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Free webinar

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Learn about TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube to help your children stay safe online.

Join **eSafety's** expert education and training team for a **FREE** live webinar designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13.

It will include case studies, research and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

Dates: (Australian Eastern Standard time)

Monday 1 August: 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Tuesday 16 August: 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Thursday 25 August: 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



esafety.gov.au



TOORMI CONNECT

**SPORT, GAMES, ACTIVITIES,
AND FREE FOOD!**

-  **Every 2nd Thursday**
From 2nd of June, 2022
-  **3 pm - 5 pm**
-  **Toormina Skate Park**

Toormina High School

Works notification

22 July 2022

During routine inspections at Toormina High School, asbestos containing material was found in the floor tiles of a classroom in Block C. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

We are following all the advice and protocols of asbestos removalists, assessors and other experts.

The classroom is cordoned off and will remain off bounds to students and staff until remediation is complete.

This area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations, the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan, and any relevant site-specific management plans. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines, and based on assessment of site context and conditions.

Work will take place Saturday 30 July 2022. Air monitoring will occur while work is being conducted. All asbestos containing material will be removed outside of school hours.

Testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated.

The school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is open to students and staff.

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

For more information contact:

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