



**CREATING OUR FUTURE**

## Archaeological Excavation at THS!

As part of the ongoing improvement to teaching and learning programs at Toormina High School, Year 11 Ancient History were given an opportunity to conduct an archaeological excavation in our own backyard! 'Bartholemew' was buried during the holidays and students were tasked with digging up the skeleton and formulating a hypothesis about the skeleton's identity from a number of artefacts found at the dig site.

This activity highlights some of the issues around excavation and interpretation of evidence in Ancient History which should give them an edge heading into their HSC course later this year. Well done Year 11!

**Richard Raward, Head Teacher HSIE**





## The Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7 and 8

On Wednesday August 3rd our Year 7 and 8 debating teams competed in the third round of the Premier's Debating challenge against South Grafton High School. Both our teams were excited to represent the school and continue our strong debating legacy.

Year 7's Jack Benfield, Isla Hewitt, Saskia Iredale and Tyla Long argued the negative stance on the topic that school sport and PE classes should only play team sports. They presented passionately for the case that individual sports and athletic skills are essential to students learning and were proud to win their final debate for the local zone tournament. Congratulations Year 7!

Our Year 8 team, Emily Crawford, Miranda Crawford, Lexie Pennington and Amber Morley have retained their undefeated status in a close debate that we should ban social media influencers. This was a fantastic opportunity for our team to refine their skills as the affirmative team. Following the debate, the team received some peer feedback and guidance from Year 10's Jay Bloomfield and Kira Long who attended the debate and who have become active mentors for our junior students. Congratulations to our Year 8 team who look likely to be named zone champions for the North Coast.

**Anita Milne, Debating Coordinator**



## Congratulations



Congratulations to Jake and Zac Creenaune and Kai Bennett who played a major part in the North Coast Tennis Team finishing third in the State Tennis Championship finals last week!



**THS Stars!**  
Congratulations to Lillian Cruwys, year 8, and Tiana Boys, year 10 on their recent successful audition to perform in the upcoming production of Frozen by the Coffs harbour Regional Conservatorium!



### Our talented MOLLY!

The Talent Development Project is a highly successful creative development program for select musical talent from NSW Government high schools. This success is based on TDP's direct access to the music and entertainment industry.



We are very proud of the selection of our THS Vice Captain, Molly Ward, into the 2022/23 audition workshop after a video audition process.

While Molly was disappointed not to go through to the next stage, she felt she was able to take a lot away from the experience and got to meet some amazing people. This project is competitive statewide and what an amazing achievement and opportunity for Molly, and another great representative of our school.



### Camp at Yarrahapinni

On the 2nd and 3rd of August four students from Toormina High School attended the NSW Department of Education Coffs Harbour Deaf Camp at Yarrahapinni Youth Centre, Grassy Head.

The camp aims to bring together students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, to develop and renew friendships. Students develop skills in communication, social skills, Auslan signing and growth in the areas of responsibility, resilience, confidence and co-operation.

The students had a great time and are already looking forward to catching up with their friends at next year's camp.

## ACTIVE ARVOS 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>



## Homework Centre Week 5

**From 3.30 - 5.00PM in the Library**

Bring any work you would like to do along and our wonderful staff will help you!

Snacks will be available to get you through the afternoon.

Any questions? See Ms. Kramer in the HSIE staffroom.



TUESDAY 16th August	WEDNESDAY 17th August	THURSDAY 18th August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal setting with Mr Bilsborough</li> <li>• Essay and/or report structure with Ms Menzies</li> <li>• General help from Terri (SLSO) and Amanda (SLSO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referencing and research with Mrs Gillingham</li> <li>• General help from Todd (SLSO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment task planning with Mr Birrell</li> <li>• Reading corner with Ms Barwick</li> <li>• Maths help from Matt (SLSO)</li> <li>• General help from Ms Taylor</li> </ul>

## DATE CHANGE

Our Year 12 Farewell Assembly and Formal will now be held on **Thursday, September 22**, we apologise for any inconvenience.



# NEWS LETTER

Safe Respectful Learners

TERM 3 | WEEK 4 | August 2022



Thank you to Ms Storok and the Student Leadership team for a fantastic social!  
More photos on the school website and Facebook page.



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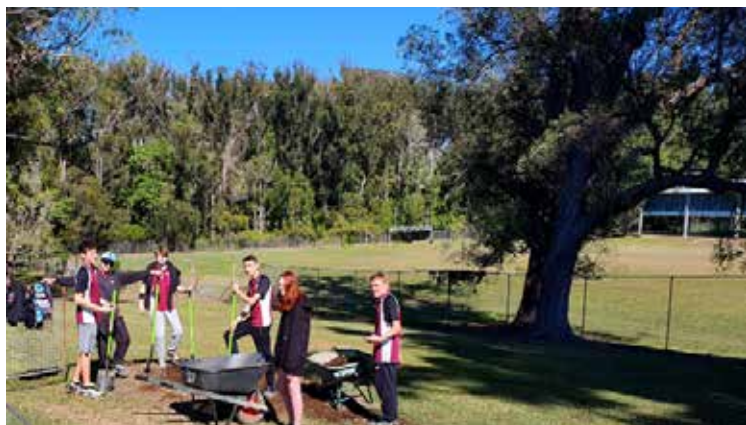




## Agriculture

Year 9 and 10 Agriculture students have been studying earthworms and other decomposers. They have set up two worm farms and are collecting food scraps from the canteen to feed them. They have also planted an orchard of citrus trees and a row of passionfruit. The castings created by the worms will be used to fertilise the trees.

**Michelle Nicholls, Agriculture Teacher**





## Principal's Column

It has been an incredibly settled start to Term 3 with HSC trials concluding today and several students tasting success in a variety of sporting and academic competitions. I attended the Zone Basketball yesterday and saw our triumphant boys' team win through to the next round of the competition. Unfortunately, our girls team won one of their two games but were not able to progress. Congratulations to all our players of both teams who represented our school so highly on the day.

We have had to move the Year 12 Breakfast, Graduation Ceremony and Formal to Thursday 22 September as our senior girl's football team were successful in their last game and will be playing their finals on the Central Coast on the previously planned day of celebration. The graduation and formal are significant highlights for our Year 12 students and this year again will be able to invite our parents to attend the events. The day will start with a breakfast at school for our Year 12 students' and their families. The Graduation Ceremony will commence later in the morning with the Formal at Coffs Harbour Surf Club later in the evening. I encourage all our parents to attend all three events on the day and celebrate the achievement of their children completing 13 years of school.

We recently held a highly successful Year 10 dinner at Sawtell RSL club. The dinner was an evening for our students to come together as young adults to enjoy each other's company. Before the night, students attending were given a little bit of information about table etiquette and they demonstrated this understanding well on the night. This was the first time we held this type of event and students reported that they had a great evening. The evening was not a 'formal' with students required to wear smart casual clothes to the event. It was such a successful evening that we are now considering having a Year 8 and Year 10 dinner in 2023.

We will be meeting with students in Year 10, 11 and 12 who are at risk of not meeting subject requirements over the coming weeks. Students in these years are required to complete no less than 50% of assessment tasks and no less than 50% of the marks. Students who have not completed at least this amount of work may be considered for an N-Determination in a subject or subjects for their Record of School Achievement (RoSA) or Higher School. Students will be asked to complete tasks. Students with poor attendance will also meet with staff to determine their pathway as a minimum attendance of 85% is generally considered as acceptable by NESA.

We have noticed many students this week bringing water pistols to school. Students are not permitted to bring these items to school. Students who bring these items will have them confiscated and risk disciplinary action being taken for repeat behaviour.

**Paul Humphrey, Principal**

**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.

<https://daylightsportswear.com/toormina>

Manager Mel, 0468 436 217

## IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 15/8 -19/8	WEEK A
Mon 22/8 -26/8	WEEK B
Fri 26/8	'Write a book in a Day'
Mon 12/9 - 23/9	Year 11 Examinations
Thurs 22/9	Year 12 Farewell Assembly & Formal



# Ways to SUCCEED at THS!

**TOORMINA  
HIGH SCHOOL**

## Attendance Matters

## The Six Ps

**100%  
ATTENDANCE**



YOU ARE INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE AND HAVE EVERY CHANCE OF GETTING TOP MARKS



**95-99%  
ATTENDANCE**



YOU ARE VERY CLOSE TO HITTING YOUR TARGET. REMEMBER, IF YOU WANT TO PROGRESS EVERY LESSON COUNTS



**90-95%  
ATTENDANCE**



MAKE THE EXTRA EFFORT AND ATTEND ALL YOUR CLASSES-IT WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE



**BELOW 90%  
ATTENDANCE**



BE CAREFUL-YOU MIGHT NOT REALISE YOUR POTENTIAL. WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE MORE LIKELY TO DROP A GRADE. WHY NOT UP YOUR EFFORT AND IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES.



**BELOW 80%  
ATTENDANCE**



THIS IS REALLY WORRYING, YOU ARE LIKELY TO DROP SEVERAL GRADES AND BE DISAPPOINTED. TRY TO WORK HARD IN THE TIME YOU GET



**1**

**PRESENT**



*Be present if you want to progress*

**2**

**PUNCTUAL**



*every minute counts for us time*

**3**

**PREPARED**



*come to the class with what you need, be ready to learn, do your homework and any extra work to make sure you achieve your targets, ask for help*

**4**

**POSITIVE**



*always give 100%*

**5**

**POLITE**



*Deal others with respect - remember - the respect you give to others is a dramatic reflection of the respect you give yourself*

**6**

**PROUD**



*celebrate your achievements*



**CULTURALLY SAFE  
SPACE FOR ABORIGINAL  
WOMEN**

# **Nyami Gawbarri**

## **Toormina**

**Come hang out with local  
Goori girls!**



**Every  
Wednesday  
from 3pm**

**Activities  
Art  
Beauty  
Dancing**

**14 Toormina Rd  
across from the shops**

**ANY QUESTIONS CALL 0497 113 691**



# Women's Wellbeing Circle for Aboriginal women caring for a child/children age 10-18



Goori mothers, aunts, grand mothers & carers of Teens,  
come along to our next yarning circle  
located at Nyami Gawbarri on the 15th of August !  
A deadly feed, great company and culturally appropriate  
activities.

Call for more details : 0422 942 241



HAPPY  
BOYES

Earth  
Jinda

ADDF Alcohol and Drug Foundation Australian Government  
Local Drug Action Team Program

blue sky

