

NEWS LETTER

Safe Respectful Learners
TERM 1 | WEEK 11 | April 2024



Our **Year 7 Geography students** have been learning about landforms and landscapes while enjoying a site study at the World Heritage Dorrigo National Park.



Congratulations to these students who qualified for the NSW State Combined High School Swimming Carnival in Homebush next term:

Imogen Bilsborough, Fletcher Bridgeman, Lily Bright-Taylor, Coen Groth, Rose-Anna Herden, Edward Kearney, Parnlin Koman, Savannah-Grace McIlveen, Jesse St Leon, Wyatt Stevens, Molly Williams, Taylor Williams.



Congratulations

Recently, our THS Vice Captain Zac Creenaune, as a member of the NSW Combined High Schools tennis team, won the silver medal at the All Schools State Championships in Bathurst and individually Zac qualified to try out for the Pizzey Cup. Congratulations Zac, a fantastic representative of Toormina High School and public education.



Congratulations to our Term 1 Merit Award Recipients!

Toormina High School held assemblies for each year in the library to celebrate our student's school work during Term 1.

Awards were presented for -

- Consistent effort and application in all classroom activities
- Demonstrates a respectful attitude to self, peers and staff
- Most improved in engagement and effort
- Submission of an excellent assessment task
- Positive contribution to classroom discussions



Science and Engineering Challenge

Students who are entering the Science and Engineering Challenge and 10Science1, enjoyed an engineering mentor session. This workshop was offered by the Coffs Harbour Bypass Project that has partnered with the Coffs Coast Science and Engineering Challenge. This year and our school was identified by the Science and Engineering Challenge organising team as the recipients of the mentor sessions as we did so well last year.

The engineers, in this pre-event session:

- o Introduced themselves and presented an overview of their career to date
- o Gave an insight into engineering learning pathways re construction and infrastructure
- o Tips for the Challenge and things to think about - specifically the bridge building challenge.

These mentor sessions are a great opportunity for students to build their network, workshop ideas and hear about the different learning pathways available within the industry.



ADF Careers

Interested year 10 students attended an information session to learn about careers available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Students learnt about the recruitment process, what to expect from Online Aptitude Testing, fitness requirements, upcoming Defence Work Experience Program/DFR events, how to apply, how to seek additional information and had the opportunity for individual Q&A.

ANZAC Day, April 25, is in the second week of the school holidays. All students are invited to represent our school and show our respects at the ANZAC Day march and ceremony at Sawtell. All students are to wear FULL school uniform. The main community service will commence with a street march starting at 11:00am sharp from the intersection of 1st Ave and 2nd Ave, to return to the Lyle Rose RSL Memorial Park, where the service will then commence. Students are to meet at 10:30am behind the RSL on 4th Ave, meeting Ms Johnston. Notes will be going out, please return permission note online if you will be attending.

Bangarra Dance Group

In Week 7 Kate Williams and myself took a group of Aboriginal students to a dance workshop run by Bangarra Dance Group at Bowraville Central School. This proved to be an engaging and enjoyable experience for all students who participated. The students were introduced to various traditional and contemporary Indigenous dance techniques, including the use of gesture, storytelling and movement. The workshop not only provided a platform for the students to learn new skills, but also helped to broaden their cultural understanding, appreciation as well as forming connections with other students from various high schools across the region. The Bangarra Dance instructors demonstrated a high level of expertise and engagement with the students, leaving a lasting and positive impact on their learning and development.

Chris McDonald, Aboriginal Education Officer



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School photographs will be taken on June 6 & 7. Students are encouraged to wear the new school uniform.

Agriculture

Toormina High School offers an amazing Agriculture program for students.

Agriculture is offered as an elective subject for Year 9 and 10 in addition to students being able to study it as an ATAR course in their HSC. So far this year, students have learned about various plant and animal systems and sustainable ways in which we can produce food at home and on the farm.

Year 9 students have commenced hand-raising their own chickens with daily monitoring and learning about the wellbeing aspects of poultry farming. They have also begun the establishment of a perennial food garden system which is based on the principles of permaculture and alternative farming methods.

Year 10 students have been focusing on the small herd of Dorper and Merino sheep and learning basic animal husbandry skills such as tagging, shearing and vaccinating. In addition to these activities, Year 10 have also been learning how to operate a tractor which is fitted with a remote control shutdown system for safety. They have participated in the ploughing of fields and planting of sunflowers.

There are many other exciting projects planned for the school farm for the remainder of this year including native bee hives and composting systems.



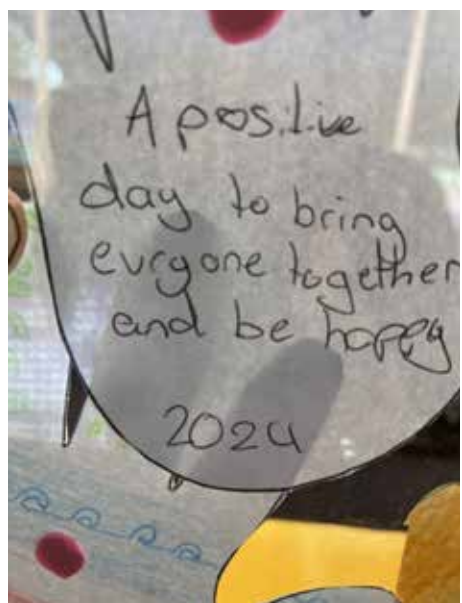
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Our Toormina High School **Harmony Day** was a great success, congratulations to all involved in organising!



Term 1 Library News

We have hit the ground running in our library this year with many new educational activities on offer as well as the usual day to day happenings.

THS Library Monitors: We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated students who assist in our library on a daily basis. Duties include logging onto the Circulation and OPAC computers each morning, shelving books, borrowing and returning resources and setting up/packing up library activities and displays. Our library would not run as efficiently without your help. Thank you!

The Premier's Reading Challenge is in full swing with many students participating. It is not too late to join up. If you are interested see your English teacher, Mrs Gillingham or Mrs Savage in the library. Reading lessons are scheduled in the library for all Year 7 to 10 English classes, including the Inclusive Education classes.

The idea is for every student to develop a love of reading. Our library is well stocked with an amazing array of reading resources, we have something for everyone, and we pride ourselves on creating collections that reflect the interests and needs of our school community. If we don't have a title you are interested in put your suggestion in the Book Wish Jar and we will do our best to purchase the resource for you to enjoy.

The Toormina Gardens Read and Return Book Exchange is a dynamic space located near the Coles supermarket in Toormina Gardens. We encouraged you to read the books and then return them to the shelves for others to enjoy. Please feel free to add your own pre-loved books to the Read and Return collection and become involved in our very worthwhile community project.

Single Subject Distance Education: This year, we have 9 senior students studying a single subject via distance education with Southern Cross School of Distance Education. Subjects include Earth and Environmental Science, Japanese Beginners, Korean Beginners, French Beginners, Spanish Beginners, Legal Studies, Chemistry and Textiles and Design. Studying a single subject is an alternate pathway of being able to study a HSC or Elective course that is not offered at THS. Last year, Maya Farmer achieved a Band 6 in French Continuers, which she studied as a single subject, and we are hopeful we will have similar success this year.

Karaoke Friday, held in our library during Break 2 each Friday, continues to be the weekly highlight for many students at THS. It is a great way to end the school week by either singing, or being a part of our audience as we roll into the weekend. It is a space where anyone is welcome to sing a song, including teachers, without being judged. We love our Karaoke Fridays.

Library Displays are a great way to raise awareness on many national or global celebratory days. Some of the displays thus far this year include Harmony Day, Library Lovers and Valentine's Day, International Women's Day and Earth Day.

Write a Book in a Day 2024 is scheduled for June 28, the 2nd last Friday of Term 2. Please save this date if you are interested in participating. More information concerning this event will be communicated early next term.

Trivia Tuesday will commence next term in our library to support our Pastoral Care Program. What a fun way to earn house points. Watch this space for further information. Our library plays a positive role towards learning and enriches the lives of our school community. Please follow Toormina High School Library on Instagram and Facebook to keep updated. **Adrienne Gillingham, Teacher Librarian**



Next Gen Debaters

Our amazing and supportive students have also been working as mentors to help train students at Boambee Public School in debating. Eva Smith, Saskia Iredale and English teacher/debating coach Anita Milne shared their knowledge and experience to help students in years 5/6 prepare for their first year in the Premier's Debating Challenge. It is inspiring to see our students volunteer their time and skills to support our new and upcoming debaters. Public education building communities!



Squash

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Mid North Coast Squash trials on Thursday, April 4: Jesse St Leon, Jake Creenaune, Zac Creenaune, James Arnold, Taj Bennett and Whitby Collins. Great day had by all, with ongoing success for Whitby and Zac, who have been invited to represent the North Coast in Sydney in early July. Jake has been selected as a reserve.

Whitby played as an individual female and after several of games was chosen to go through to the next level. Zac played several games against a number of students with his agility and skills improving in each game.



Taj was undefeated in his level and improved in every game. James was complimented on his game and how fast he improved and Jesse has been invited to attend the squash centre for up-and-coming adventures. Toormina High School Team versed Coffs Harbour Education Campus Team and won over all in points. All students had a great time although they had limited experience of the game, all students smashed it out at some level, showed respect and had behaviour to be proud of.

Cathie Luff, Team Coach

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 9/4/24	Science & Engineering Challenge
Friday 12/4/24	Whole school Cross Country and FUN!
Monday 29/4/24	Staff Development Day Pupil Free
Tuesday 30/4/24	Student's first day Term 2
Tuesday 30/4/24	THS ANZAC Assembly
Tuesday 30/4/24 - Friday 3/5/24	UNE Oorala Aboriginal Centre Experience Day Program

FUN DAY!

Last day of term, Friday April 12, we will be hosting a whole school carnival. This will include games, such as matball, a mat race and a 4 way tug of war, team building games, such as escape rooms, a water challenge and the whole school Cross Country.

Participation points will be going to the overall house score.

The Kokoda Challenge group will be running a BBQ during the day.

This will be a great day of fun where you can gain house points and participate in fun activities.

Students may wear appropriate mufi clothes in house colours, students must wear covered shoes.



Follow us on the Toormina High School Facebook page - look for the school logo. Please 'like' and 'share' to show our community all the fantastic achievements and activities at THS!

Free tickets for Sea Monsters for Youth Week – on Thursday 18th April (in the school holidays)

Students must book a ticket via the Eventbrite link - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-youth-tour-of-sea-monsters-tickets-871405295697>

UNIFORM

With the cooler weather, please ensure that your child has a school jumper for term 2 return to school. These can be sourced from -

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Students consistently out of uniform are being recorded and interviewed by Deputy Principals. THS would like to support families struggling to provide uniform. Please contact the school for further info. Many students have been provided additional uniform items.

Kath Bear, Deputy Principal

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Bill Turner

Just before the Easter break, Toormina High School hosted Orara High School for the first round of the Bill Turner Trophy.

Bill Turner Trophy is a 15's and under football (soccer) competition involving all high school schools (public, catholic & independent) from Queensland to Victoria.

Our THS team found themselves 1-nil down in the first 10 minutes of the game, but they quickly turned this around finishing the first half 2-1. The second half found Toormina with no subs left on the bench and at one stage 10 players on the field. However, our team had found their groove and Orara were struggling with fatigue. When the final of whistle blew, we found ourselves up 7-1.

I'd like to congratulate the team on their team work, sportsmanship and perseverance. I would also like to thank all the parent, families and friends that came down to support us. It was a great vibe!

Sheridan Johnston, Team Coach



Boys beat Woolgoolga High School, 3-0, in the Bill Turner Cup, in very hot, humid conditions, well done boys!



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April 11th - 21st

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Thurs 11th First Responders Fundamental Workshop, Coffs Harbour RFS Fire Control Centre 9am - 3pm	Fri 12th One Mob Big Breakfast Interrelate Office Coffs Harbour 7am - 9am	Fri 12th First Responders Fundamental Workshop, Woolgoolga Wiigulga Sports Complex 9am - 3pm	Fri 12th Concert For Climate Coffs Harbour Education Centre 6pm - 10pm	Sat 13th RiverYouthFest Bellingen Skate Park 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Mon 15th Monday FUNDAY! Key Community Group 10am - 2pm	Mon 15th Bongil Bongil Youth Collective 'Ideas for Icycoles' Toormina Community Centre 3pm - 5pm	Tues 16th Ramp Up Skate & Create Workshop Woolgoolga Skate Park 10am - 2pm	Tues 16th Headspace Studio 12-16 yr olds Grow The Music Studio 10am - 1pm	Tues 16th Electronic Music Production Yarrila 10 am
Wed 17th Ramp Up Skate & Create Workshop Corindi Skate Park 10am - 2pm	Wed 17th Digital Art Yarrila 3pm - 5pm	Wed 17th Youth Homelessness Matters Day Coffs Central 10am - 12pm	Wed 17th Bongil Bongil Creators Arts Activities Toormina Community Sector 3pm - 7pm	Thurs 18th Ramp Up Skate & Create Workshop Toormina Skate Park 10am - 2pm
Thurs 18th Headspace Studio 17-25 yr olds Grow The Music Studio 10 am - 1 pm	Thurs 18th Sea Monsters Exhibition Free Youth Tour/Entry Yarrila 9:30am - 4pm	Thurs 18th Capoeira 1-hr workshop Bellingen Youth Hub 11am - 12pm	Fri 19th Skate Jam Brelsford Park 3pm - 6pm	
Fri 19th Football for Community Key Community Group 4pm - 5:30pm	Sat 20th Skate Jam Brelsford Park 9am - 5 pm	Sat 20th Youth Awards 2024 Brelsford Park 5pm - 7pm	Sun 21st Sea Monsters Exhibition Free Workshop Yarrila 9:30am - 4pm	

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Or contact Reanna @ Groundworks Youth and Family Hub
P: (02) 5632 4020 | E: reannausher@bluesky.org.au



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Wednesday, 24 April 2024 10:15am to 2:00pm iPlay Coffs Harbour 74-76 Grafton St Coffs Harbour

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TO NOMINATE!

Winners will be announced on 20th April, 5pm @ the O2 Living Skate Jam at Brelford Park!

* Anyone can nominate a young person aged 13 - 24 years & who is living on the Coffs Coast

* Nominations close at midnight on 16/04/2024

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Friday 12 April

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