



# Congratulations

Dear Parents,

This week we are celebrating the achievement of Head Teacher English, Mrs Lisa Mullan, who has been awarded in a World Teachers' Day ceremony in Port Macquarie last week.

This award recognises Mrs Mullan's deep commitment to the educational achievement and wellbeing of all students in our school and it celebrates her achievements as an outstanding educator.

The recognition is awarded by the Australian College of Educators and is a fitting recognition of her work over the past seven years at Toormina High School. It was a lovely touch that Mrs Mullan's mother, Ms Lorraine Freeman was able to attend the awards ceremony. Congratulations!

Best wishes,  
E. Donnan



## Southern Cross University Head-Start Program



In 2014, five students from the Coffs Harbour region undertook the Human Physiology unit via the SCU Head-Start program. Head-Start is a program that enables talented year 11 and 12 students to undertake one unit of study from a university degree whilst studying their HSC. Successful students receive direct entry and advanced standing into a range of degrees at Southern Cross University.

Elizabeth Ross from Toormina High School completed the Human Physiology unit whilst studying year 11. She actively engaged in her weekly laboratory session and lectures, receiving an overall grade of Distinction for the unit and placing 73rd out of approximately 800 students who studied the units at the Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast and Lismore campuses. Not only did Lil achieve a fantastic result but she gained the respect of her fellow Head-Start students, other university students and tutors because of her mature outlook, personal presentation and attitude towards learning. Elizabeth will be a brilliant university student and SCU looks forward to welcoming her in 2016.

Caitlin Burcher

Project Officer - SCU Access & Head-Start, Southern Cross University

Photo shows Lil with her proud parents.

Please be advised that the time has changed for the **YEAR 10 FORMAL DINNER**.  
Now beginning 6:30pm and concluding 9:30pm, Tuesday, December 9 at the Coffs Harbour Racing Club.

## Early leavers during sport from outside school venues

Teachers are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of students both at school and at sport. Consequently teachers cannot leave students unattended at sporting venues, even at the conclusion of sport. If a parent wishes to collect their child prior to the end of the school day, or from a sporting venue, the student must provide a signed note from their parents to this effect and collect an early leavers pass. On collecting their child the parent or caregiver must make themselves known to the staff on duty.

When picking up a child from a sporting venue parents need to be prepared to collect them by 2.20pm due to varying bus departure times. We are unable to delay buses due to other pick up commitments or leave students behind unsupervised. Those students who are not collected before the necessary bus departure time will be returned to school by 2.45 and can be collected from there.

## NORTH COAST ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AWARDS 2014



Toormina High School was very successful at the 2014 North Coast Aboriginal Education Awards held at Sandy Beach Public School on Thursday, November 6.

Tori Rose was presented with an award for 'Outstanding Student Participation', Jasmine Bolt for 'Outstanding Visual Arts', Kaitlin Reeves for 'Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking' and Grace Casey won for 'Student Leadership'.

Staff member Vicki Filewood received an award for her service to Aboriginal education over many years.

Congratulations to the award winners and the THS Aboriginal Education team for all their hard work.

### CAREERS

Please make use of our careers website, which is linked to the Toormina High School home page.

This is a "One Stop Shop" for information regarding Career Planning.

Students can generate a resume in the student area and parents can find information about ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank), HSC (High School Certificate) and ROSA (Record of School Achievement).

Various University and TAFE course information can be found via the Course Camel section on the front page.

Some of the School- based Traineeships that are on offer at the moment are:

- Aged Care
- Dental Nurse
- Business

Apprenticeships and traineeships are also available in Mechanics, Retail, Sheetmetal, Electrical and Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.

See Mrs West in the Careers Office for more details.

Year 10 Work Experience (1st – 5th Dec)–

All forms to be handed in by 13th November for processing.

No late applications will be accepted.



## Gumbayngirr language at THS

Year 7 LOTE students practicing Gumbayngirr language with Penny Grace. Ms Grace is completing a research project teaching Gumbayngirr language as part of her Master of Indigenous Language Education degree through The University of Sydney. Gumbayngirr language is the local Aboriginal language and will be the language taught at Toormina High School during LOTE from 2015.

Students, be sure to enter our handball competition this term - staff and students all vying for the ultimate accolade - 2014 TOORMINA HIGH HANDBALL CHAMPION!!!

### IMPORTANT DATES - WEEKS 7 & 8

<b>TUES</b>	18/11-21/11	Year 10	Moreton Island Excursion
<b>THURS</b>	20/11	Yr 7	'Uni Bound'
<b>THURS</b>	20/11	Yr 11	White Ribbon Day
<b>MON</b>	24/11	Yr 10	Police Liaison Officer Visit
<b>TUES</b>	25/11	Yr 10	Police Liaison Officer Visit
<b>WED</b>	26/11	Yr 7	Coffs Coast Beach School Excursion
<b>THURS</b>	27/11	All School	Support Unit Coffee Shop All welcome!
<b>THURS</b>	27/11	All School	'headspace' youth worker at THS

## TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

We are currently phasing out our old uniform and are introducing our new school uniform for all years.

Next year there will be a school uniform shop available each week of school on Mondays from 8.30 and 12.30pm, and on Thursdays from 1.30 to 5.30pm and during the last week of the school holidays, from Monday, 19th January to Friday, 23rd January, 2015. Our uniforms will include the school logo.

As we are in detailed negotiations with Daylight Sportswear, the successful tenderer on all items selected, we will begin 2015 with the shorts which are available for boys and girls, the casual collared tee shirt for both boys and girls and with the formal white blouse for junior girls. We are not sure if the tracksuit will be available from the beginning of the year but it may be.

Black covered shoes and black socks are required. Eventually, we may be nominating a school sock but we are not at that stage of development yet.

With the phasing in of a new uniform, students are able to wear either the old one or the new one for a usual period of three years so that full wear may be obtained from purchases.

## Support Unit Classes

Senior Support Ceramic class have worked hard in throwing their bowls on the ceramic wheels. An outstanding result with bright and vivid colours, designed individually to each student interests. Students have made two bowls with intricate patterning, ready for Christmas gifts.

Lina Bluhm - Art Teacher



Also in the Support Unit this fortnight have been drama classes (above), a drumming and percussion class (below) and the regular coffee shop on right.



## Surfing for Sport





## CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12!

This year's visuals arts H.S.C. major works featured a dynamic range of subject and material. The visual arts students portrayed a variety of themes in their work from personal growth, grief, relationships and broader social and political issues. The students achieved some outstanding results across the board including ceramic, sculptural, painted and photographic pieces. Congratulations.

Matt Francis - Art Teacher



## SPIRIT OF TOORMINA AWARDS

Congratulations for showing a fantastic attitude that embodies the Toormina High School philosophy of caring, sharing and participating...

Asha Khamis

Laine Gow

Natalie Hawkins

Kaitlyn Bland

Victor Mugisha

Innocent Mbuto

Hope Shimwa

Beatrice Ilunga

Pim Thasadon

Pam Thasadon

Hayley Masling

Brenton Knight

Kieran Lopes

Marnie Snooks

Chris Rogers

Brianna Cheal

Bianca Carr

Erica Goines

Finley Lewis

Jack Brook

Ebony Tolley

Tyson Hoffman

Adam Shand

Sinead Brown

## BEAUTIFUL, BRIGHT BEANIES!



Students were asked to design a bright and happy beanie that would be suitable for a child suffering with cancer. The students worked through the design process to develop beanies that are one of a kind. They have done a fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves.

Tanya Cheers - TAS  
Teacher

Photo - Erin Potter,  
Tiffany Seymour, Adam  
McDonald, Annalise  
Parkin, Joshua Larnach,  
Courtney Miley, Emily  
Patston, Emily Sagaris

## Year 7 Excursion

The final payment is due on or before the 12th of November for the year 7 students attending the excursion to the Coffs Coast Beach School. If you are unsure of how much you need to pay please call the school office and check how much has been paid.

Total amount due is \$70.  
Any enquiries - Adrienne  
Gillingham, Yr 7 Adviser

## Build a canoe at Camp Creative this summer!

Would you like to build a canoe for under \$500! This is a fantastic opportunity for a family project in the holidays for a Father/ son or mother/daughter or grandparent & grandchildren working together to make this great canoe. No woodworking experience is necessary.

If you're an adult working together with a child (under 16), the cost would be the child rate of \$215 plus \$240 for materials. What a bargain! But you must book now as places are limited and bookings for this course have to close on November 13, to allow for the materials to be ordered.

Don't miss out, go to [www.campcreative.com.au](http://www.campcreative.com.au) to find out more about this great course and check out over 60 other courses running from January 12-16, 2015 in Bellingen.