

# Toormina High School 2014 CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

This year we asked our students to answer a few questions....

In 2014 the best thing was....

..my trip to dreamworld  
because it was all new  
and I loved it  
Ben, year 10



..when NSW Blues  
won the State of  
Origin.  
Obian, year 7



...going to Forster  
with my Dad and  
Lee to watch  
Dad at the State  
Surfing.  
Kirra, year 7



...DISCOVERING YOGHURTLAND! hannah, year 7

...was that I made better decisions to  
improve my behaviour and I chose  
what I want to do in the future.  
Caleb, year 9



...I passed my year 9 exam in Africa and I got the opportunity to  
come here to Australia, I am lucky that I am at Toormina High School!  
Beatrice, year 9



...**EVERYTHING** about this year! I started year 7 and I'm having  
an absolute ball! I am so excited for Christmas and to start the  
new year and to be in year 8! **WOOHOO!** Destiny, year 7



...when my new little baby sister was born and we wel-  
comed her to our family. Jireh, year 7



...SEEING  
KATY PERRY  
LIVE IN  
BRISBANE!  
NADINE, YR 9

...the decision I made to start playing basketball, it has made  
me more social at school and I've also met heaps of people at  
representative training. Basketball also helped with my fitness and  
since I'm fitter I generally feel better. Kurt, yr 9

...GETTING THE BEST GROUP OF  
FRIENDS I'VE EVER HAD.  
DANIELLE, YEAR 7



...starting high  
school!  
Oriana, yr 7



...coming back to Toormina High Support Unit.  
Hayden, yr 10



In 2014 the best thing was....

...almost everything. I started education in Australia, it was my first year. I met new friends at school and learnt new things.  
Victor, yr 9



..the Dreamworld excursion was the best!  
I faced 20 fears in the shape of a rollercoaster!  
Taleisha, year 7



...The FIFA World Cup!  
Travis, David, Orion,  
Keeden, Jackson, year 9

...getting picked for the NSW Indigenous AFL team.  
Damien, year 9



In 2015 I hope.....

...I'M ABLE TO MAKE MY WEBCOMIC AND GET IT TO BECOME REALLY POPULAR! MIA, YR 9



...to get a UNICORN. CIANNAN, YR 11

...i can dance.  
Jackson, year 7

...to get my l's car license.  
Aaron, year 9

...I can achieve all of my goals, like making new friends and getting great marks in year 10.  
Kristy, yr 9



..Ebola goes away.  
Tamika, year 7



...I can do a cutback on my surfboard and be smarter and have a new skateboard.  
Tahnee, year 7

## I think Christmas means...

...it is soon New Year for Christian people. We don't celebrate in Iran and the Iranian people called him Father Noel not Santa Claus. In Iran for the Muslim people we celebrate Nourooz New Year in April and we give gifts to each other.  
FatemeH, yr 7

..it's a big celebration and family holiday and is the birth of Christ for Christian people. Sediqeh, yr 9

...i think christmas is no school and a big holiday and people will go to picnics, and the beach and surfing and party and the amusement park at the jetty. ali akbar, yr 8

...I think Christmas means Jesus Christ's birthday and then Christian people are happy and all Australian people have a big beautiful holy day.  
At Christmas time the big amusement park is erected at the Jetty for the children to go to over summer.  
Morteza, yr 8



## If I could invite ANYONE for Christmas it would be...

...Miss Kelly because she has stuck by me throughout the year. She's a good teacher, she's a strict teacher but she's got a sense of humour & I love her & she loves me, she understands me. Shana, year 8

...Leonardo da Vinci because he's a genius. Kirrily, yr 7

...christiano ronaldo because he is just simply amazing!  
jackson, year 9

...Arthur Beetson and my Pop because Artur Beetson was one of the best footy players ever and my Pop because I miss him and would like one more day with him. Jarod, yr 9



...THE AVENGERS BECAUSE THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WOULD BE AWESOME!!  
HUDSON, YR 9



...Robin Williams because I really want to convince him how much everyone loves him.  
Oriana, year 7



...Adam Scott and Tiger Woods.  
Cameron, year 10

...my family and cousins because this Christmas is my best Christmas.  
Mahdi, yr 8

## For Christmas I wish...

...FOR A MACBOOK AIR AND A KAR-DASHIAN BAG. JAVENA, YR 10



...that my family and friends can have a wonderful Christmas day.  
Mitchell, year 9

.....to not leave the house or get out of my pyjamas.  
Kirrily, year 9

...that I could have one of Santa's elves so I don't have to do any work!  
Keely, year 7



...that my Grandad is healthy enough to be there and i hope I get a new phone and another rabbit. Holly, yr 9

...to get a genie in a bottle. jakob, year 7

...for a pug and a teacup pig. Georgie, year 9

...for a labrador!  
Tayla, yr 9



...for my family to be safe and happy.  
Tyler, year 9

...TO EAT LOTS OF GOOD FOOD! MATISSE, YR 9



If Santa could give me a superpower for Christmas I would choose.....



...being able to bring characters from books to life because i would like to meet them. ...TELEPORTING, BECAUSE I WOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL EVERYWHERE FOR FREE & I COULD GO TO ALL DIFFERENT PLACES IN THE WORLD! KIRRA, YEAR 7

...to give it to my mother because I love her much more than the word love. Joy, year 7



...the power of imagination because if my imagination was even more powerful than it already is, I could make my ideas reality! Mia, year 9

...to time travel because it would be awesome to go back in time and learn about history. Sequana, year 9



...a cure for disabilities because I would like everyone to have the same opportunities. Makayla, yr 9

...to walk on water. Cianan, yr 11

...TO BE THE HULK AND TURN GREEN. JASON, YR 10

...to slow down time because then I could get even better at basketball, yeah that's about it. Kurt, yr 9



...to be able to turn into a mermaid! Georgie, yr 9

...the power of flight because i have always wanted to go to Engalnd. Joshua, year 9

..invisibility bacause I want to hear what the teachers say! Tori, year 7





Year 9 English covered a noticeboard with what they are thankful for...

## What are you thankful for?

I'm thankful for my parents for loving me.

Stories

I am thankful for that I can rubbish our prime minister without danger  
I am thankful for living on the coast

CLEAN WATER

A fully functional BODY

PETS

My Family and my friends!



Imaginations

A Loving Family

Books of every kind

NO WAR



MY FAMILY BEING ABLE TO HAVE AN EDUCATION  
Sporting Ability  
clean clothes  
Internet  
Soccer

Breathable air  
Life itself  
I AM THANKFUL FOR...  
THE UNIVERSE  
The atmosphere  
The earth  
LOVE  
Beaches  
Water

MY HIDDEN ABILITIES  
FREEDOM  
COMICS  
MOVIES  
DC  
MARVEL  
ALL KINDS OF

Freedom of speech  
family supporting me  
hobby what I need  
me  
I am thankful for  
that care about me

Having Friends

MY LIFE  
MY PERSONALITY  
MY FAMILY  
MY FRIENDS  
ENVIRONMENT

Chocolate

I AM THANKFUL FOR...  
THE EARTH  
MONEY  
LOVE  
ANIMALS  
PEACE  
LIFE

Johnny Depp

I'm thankful for Education  
I'm thankful for freedom

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## Principal's Column - Presentation Assembly Speech

Congratulations go to all major academic and sport award recipients today.

Toormina applauds these and the personal and character development achievements of its students.

We applaud: students who do the right thing when no one is looking; kindness to others; welcoming of visitors and new school members; generosity with time, friendship and acceptance; generosity in giving to international and local charities such as Rotary Shelter Boxes, the Cancer Council and the P&C fundraising requests.

We understand that at times families have difficulty in making ends meet financially. Our school needs all our students to look forward to the coming school year with excitement and confidence. We do not want financial difficulty to be an impediment to learning for any of our students so for the introduction of our new uniform for the beginning of 2015 we ask that if you cannot afford the \$60 for a shirt and shorts set which will be the everyday uniform available for all students, you let us know so that we can supply your child with uniform during the last week of the school holidays when the uniform shop will be open. I know that you will not ask for the support if you do not need it. If you do need it then ask in the confidence that your request will be seen as confidential and as an opportunity for us to support your child from the beginning of the year.

We thank all those who have contributed to the education of our students over the past year: the P&C, particularly the President, Michelle Bake; Maree in our canteen; the SRC; the Gay/Straight Alliance; the School Learning and Support Officers; our Norta Norta tutors; the General Assistant; cleaners; our teaching staff.

Our focus in 2015 will focus on developing our students' outcomes in HSC achievement, vocational education, skills for learning and literacy. Parents can be of major influence in their children's access to education just by encouraging them to read engaging and imaginative literature for half an hour each day. Literacy is one of the key factors in accessing all curriculum areas and its value cannot be overemphasised.

I wish all the very best for the holiday season. Thank you for all you do for our school. I hope 2015 is a great year for you all.

Liz Donnan

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

TO OUR

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT

TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL

**SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**