

TERM 4 | WEEK 2 | October 2019



# Year 10 Drawing and Painting EXHIBITION

The Year 10 Drawing and Painting students held an amazing exhibition in the library during Week 10 last term. Congratulations to students and teacher, Nicole Browning.















#### Climate Emergency

Over the holidays I joined with two other school students, Freyja Giese in Year 8 at Toormina High and Catie Zugajev, a Year 12 student from Coffs Harbour Senior College to present at the Coffs Harbour City Council meeting. We spoke in favour of a petition calling on Coffs Harbour City Council to join over 60 local councils across Australia, including our neighbouring Bellingen and Clarence Valley Councils, in declaring a climate emergency.

What is a climate emergency? A climate emergency recognises the need to take immediate action in response to the scientific evidence of the consequences of global warming. It also gives hope to people who are feeling concerned and powerless. Australia was one of the many countries that signed the Paris agreement in 2015 vowing to keep our earth's temperature under 1.5 degrees. To achieve this goal, action is needed now at all levels of government.

Toormina High School has taught me to think critically and take action for issues I believe in.

I created a petition on Change.org which is still open and has gained over 1700 supporters. I did this because I felt the need to take positive action in response to the overwhelming scientific evidence regarding the impacts that climate change will have on all of our futures. I then joined with my fellow students to present this petition to council on the 10th of October.

Unfortunately, the original motion was not supported and an amendment was proposed and passed which, although it contained positive steps towards combating climate change, did not include declaring a climate

emergency.

Over 60% of Australians agree that 'global warming is a serious and pressing problem'. My fellow students and I have not given up and will return to Council in the near future in the hope of gaining their support for Coffs Harbour City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Ellena Cheers-Flavell, year 10



Please inform the school, 66533077, if you or your partner change - \*phone number \*mobile number

\*email address

\*emergency contact details

\*student medical requirements/health

care plans

#### **P&C NEWS**

On Saturday. November 2, the Toormina High School P&C are hosting a **Bunnings barbeque** from 8am-4pm. If you are able to help out please contact me on 0409647050.

We are also holding a **P&C meeting** this Wednesday 23rd October, 5.30-6.30 in the staff common room. All welcome.

Sandra Jeffery, P&C President

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CREATING OUR FUTURE

#### Lunchtime at THS

Last Thursday there was a Rubik's Cube competition at lunchtime. The winner was Toi Wordsworth, 20.32 seconds and second place to Tor Boyton with 25.62 seconds.

Every Tuesday and Thursday you can learn while having fun with the Robotics group in DT1.

PDHPE Teacher, Kyah Schwartz is organising Oztag teams for a lunchtime competition and on Fridays you can sing along with karaoke in the library!











#### Positive Behaviour for Learning!

Students can receive Value+ cards for meeting our core expectations of Safe, Respectful, Learners in the playground. Teachers on playground duty will be handing out green Value+ cards to students. Students can then hand the slips in to the front office to go in to our Weekly Assembly prize draw.

#### Vivo Shop

You asked and we listened! There are now more items you can buy from the Vivo shop!



Want some putty or slime we have you covered (not literally)!

Uno cards or Kinetic sand! Got that!!!

Want to buy your very own robot! We have those!

How about those artists out there, we have some art packs for you, no matter your level!

If your thinking of Christmas how about some vouchers, we now have Kmart, Plaza, Donut King, Rebel Sports and...

We have \$20 iTunes or Google Play vouchers they should be 330 vivos but for a lucky few they are 250 vivos! So be quick!

#### Futsal Gala Day

Our school competed in the North Coast CHS schools futsal gala day held at Sportzcentral. Both boys and girls teams, demonstrated a high level of skill and determination during the day. Both teams had a win and a loss, but are to be commended for their efforts.

#### Adam Berrada, PDHPE Teacher





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### **Bro Speak**

Former Toormina High School student, Brian Bolt, a Customer Experience Coordinator at CHESS and Kevin Wilson, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, were guests for Bro Speak last week.



Students and staff will be buying bandannas on Friday, October 25, to support Canteen.

Please bring \$5 and help year 7 with their fundraiser!





#### **MathsOnline**

Paula Stanton, Head Teacher Mathematics, has organised free access for all students to MathsOnline until the end of the year.

Students will receive their password and login details from their maths teacher. This excellent resource will provide access to tutoring support, revision and homework at home. We would like to receive feedback from parents on the program. Parents can email the school toormina-h. school@det.nsw.edu.au with MathsOnline as the 'subject' and these emails will be forwarded to Ms Stanton.

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After all the rain over the holidays, the Room 25 students in the Support Unit have been busy out in the garden harvesting a range of fresh produce. Photo below shows Ms Zegers, Taliesha, Nathan, Liam, Huon and Eden with their haul of fresh baby carrots, french and green beans, silverbeet, and cherry tomatoes.

The produce was prepared and enjoyed in Miss Zegers's cooking classes last week!

#### DOWN ON THE FARM

The year 10 Agriculture students have been growing oyster mushrooms in buckets at the farm. They grow on straw and coffee grounds provided by the Support Unit. Recently, with the arrival of rain, they have started to flush. Mushroom spawn was knidly donated by Fungus Humongous.

Photo on left shows Charli Cuthel, year 10. We also have twin lambs at the farm (photo below).

Dr. Andrew Willhoite, Agriculture Teacher







#### AFL

Last term our students had the opportunity to participate in an AFL gala day against some of our neighbouring schools. For most of our girls, this was the first time they had played AFL before and they showed great determination and skill progression in a short amount of time.

Our girls years 9&10yrs team kicked off the competition against a strong Bellingen High outfit. Unfortunately we could not capitalise on our chances and went down by a narrow margin. We improved throughout the day and were able to bag a convincing win against BDC in our last game of the day. Standout performances on the day go to Ella La Macchia, Sre Noy Nuon, Billie Denman, Mariah Anderson and Sharnte Cannon. The year 7&8 girls team (in photo below), had showed a lot of promise during our training sessions and were able to carry this over to game situations. We played some very tough games against more experienced teams but were able to hold our own. We were able to win convincingly against BDC with goals to Sora Tamitani, Maddy Adams and Emily Jones-Maher. Outstanding performances thoughout the day from Asha Lloyd, Laeney Williamson, Koa Matete and Lily Davies-Jamieson.

#### Kate Williams, PDHPE Teacher



Wednesday afternoon ORIENTEERING, 4 - 5pm until December 4, at the Coffs Harbour Botanic Garden, meet inside the garden near the stage, \$100 per term.

For more information contact Helen O'Callaghan, Bush n Beach Orienteering Club bushnbeachoc@gmail.com

What is orienteering?

Orienteering is a sport, which combines outdoor adventure with map reading and navigational skills. It involves navigating through the bush, parks or streets with the aid of a specially produced map and a compass, It is a stimulating mental and physical challenge.





#### Development of the THS Indigenous Garden

In 2018 Toormina High School teachers, Louise Evans and Judith Peen applied for a grant with the NSW Environment Trust under the Trusts Eco Schools Grant Program. It was applied for under of the banner of The Support Unit.

We were successful in securing a \$3,500 grant to establish an indigenous edible food garden. The name of the garden is Yuraal wuudgga-mann. This means in the local Gumbaynggirr language: yuraal - food, wuungga - produce through work / make, mann - place. The aim of the project is to develop an outdoor area in which the Support Unit students will have opportunities in practical skills in a calming environment and become caretakers of the garden. This edible garden, centred around indigenous food, will be a shared space to be utilized by our whole school.

After the Year 12 Assembly on September 24, Indigenous community members were invited to view the area and participate by placing handprints on our garden borders. The progress of this valuable resource will be shared and community input is encouraged, please contact Louise in the Support Unit for more information.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers who ran HSC workshops for our year 12 students during their holidays.

Let us know how we are doing....please complete the Tell Them from Me Parent Survey - open until Friday, October 25. <a href="http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/y2hg9">http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/y2hg9</a>

Survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Thank You!







#### Technical and Applied Studies

During the last two terms the Room 24 class in the Support Unit have been busy creating in their Technical and Applied Studies classes. Woodwork with Gavin Vanderkly, making bird houses and Textiles with Louise Evans, creating felt superheroes.

Students are very proud of their projects photographed below.





IMPORTANT DATES		
WED	23/10	Staff Professional Learning, 3-4pm
WED	23/10	P&C Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm, all welcome!
THURS	24/10	Headspace Workshops, year 10 &11
FRI	25/10	Uni Bound excursion, year 9
FRI	25/10	Junior State Debating training
MON	28/10 - 1/11	WEEK B
MON	28/10 - 8/11	Year 10 examinations
MON	28/10 - 8/11	VALID test period, year 8 science
WED	30/10	Year 9 Lovebites
MON	4/11 - 8/11	WEEK A
MON	4/11 - 15/11	Year 7, 8, 9 examinations
WED	6/11	Year 9 Lovebites
WED	6/11	Staff meeting 3-4pm
FRI	8/11	Year 11 RRISK at Coffs Harbour Education Campus

Toormina High School
UNIFORM SHOP
Shop open
every Monday
8:00am - 12:00pm

every Thursday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Manager - Jess 0468 436 217



Please 'like' the Toormina High School Facebook page (look for the school logo) and 'share' our posts - this is a free, easy way to show the world our achievements and activities!







**INFORMATION SESSION** 

# <u>APPRENTICESHIPS</u>

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN APPRENTICESHIP IN

### **Sheet Metal**

### **Electrical**

## **Refrigeration Mechanic**

Faircloth and Reynolds, Aboriginal Employment Strategy and
Coffs Harbour & District Local Aboriginal Land Council are working in
collaboration to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to
apply for up and coming apprenticeships with Faircloth and Reynolds
in the above name trades. Come along to the information session and
learn more about the Faircloth and Reynolds business and

to learn more about these trades.



TIME: 10am

DATE: Thursday 24 October 2019

**VENUE: Wongala Coffs Harbour** 

**Aboriginal Land Council Arthur Street** 

Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Any enquires call AES—(02) 5625 0100 Strategy

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