



CREATING OUR FUTURE

Minister visits THS

The Hon MLC Sarah Mitchell, Minister for Education and Early Childhood, together with MP for Coffs Harbour, Gurmesh Singh, visited our school last week. They called in to a Year 7 LOTE class, and listened to the Giinagay Song. Mr Humphrey is introducing our guests in photo below. Check out the video on our school Facebook page.



At the Support Unit, the Minister heard about the recent excursion to Sydney. Our visitors got to sample amazing cakes made by our Hospitality students and also met our Student Executive Team during their visit.



Welcome back to THS Ash!



Ashleigh Frost graduated from Toormina High School in 2007, travelled for a number of years then achieved a Bachelor of Social Science, Sociology at Southern Cross University. Ashleigh completed 2 overseas internships, one at the University of Barcelona, Spain and the other with a 'not for profit' organisation in Nusa Penida, Indonesia.

After university Ashleigh completed some post-grad studies: an art administration cert 4 and a graduate diploma in Community Development at Murdoch University, WA. From there she worked for a number of years coordinating creative projects for a range of local governments and not for profit organisations, primarily with First Nations Communities in the South West of WA. These projects varied in their scope and medium, including documentaries on place & language, women's weaving workshops, managing community grants for migrant communities, textile work with First Nation Burmese women, animations, clay workshops with Noongar youth and many more. She also has her own practice as a visual artist and has done a number of community murals, creative workshops for local music festivals in Fremantle WA, and a number of community events including a dog fashion show featured in Frankie Magazine!

Ash now works at the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery as their Programs Facilitator and is excited to work with schools as part of the Overwintering Project. Photo below shows Ash and local artists with students creating lino prints of migratory shorebirds as part of this project which is a partnership between local schools, (Woolgoolga High School and THS), the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, local artists and art groups, National Parks and Wildlife and Birdlife Australia. The work will be printed by a steamroller on Saturday, November 30, at the Castle Street carpark in Coffs Harbour, see poster on next page. www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/gallery





Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery presents

STEAMROLLER PRINTMAKING THEATRE

Roll up to watch Woolgoolga & Toormina High School students getting inky & making amazing shorebird prints for The Overwintering Project exhibition!

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019 * 8.30AM - 12.00PM
CASTLE STREET CARPARK, COFFS HARBOUR

More information & FREE tickets: www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/gallery

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

Othello by Rachel Holm

Last term, year 11 Advanced English students studied the Shakespeare play Othello. Below is a 'shrinklit' version of the play written by Rachel Holm.

Desdemona betrayed her father for sure,
to marry the war driven unfortunate Moor.

Desdemona was so strongly in love,
but did Othello really fit the glove?

Cassio's spot Iago did want,
it could not be said in a big enough font!

In Othello the green vengeance shone,
but doth he escape it before it is gone?

Roderigo jewels are left in the dust
when Iago says his blood is a must.

Tempers boil 'n' bubble a high,
while Iago sits down with a contented sigh.

Desdemona's handkerchief doth Emilia steal,
Iago's joy barely felt real.

Weep and wail does a heart that's broke,
all those observing, such unfortunate folk.

Smothered a soul so sweet and naive,
Othello did take it, her life he did thief.

NEWS LETTER

Safe Respectful Learners

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THANK YOU to P&C members, staff and students who worked at the Bunnings BBQ!



Photo above is from the **Headspace workshops** held in our TLA (Tiered Learning Area). These workshops provide information on mental health support networks available to students.

We like to introduce new staff members to our school community with a questionnaire...

Name...Seanine Cooper

THS Position...Head Teacher of Support

The high school I attended was...South Grafton High School

On weekends I enjoy...swimming snorkeling markets and soccer.

I love...singing in bands, sports and snorkelling.

I don't like...the destruction of the earth, people or animals suffering.

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me....that I could achieve my goals regardless of the boundaries that may get in the way. Always believe in yourself and never give up.



Trainee Finance & Business Support

COFFS HARBOUR

Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) is currently recruiting for a Traineeship in Finance for Galambila Aboriginal Health Service.

For a copy of the position description please contact AES or access Galambila Aboriginal Health Service website - <http://galambila.org/jobs.php>

If you have any questions please contact AES on (02) 5625 0100
All applications to be sent to Aboriginal Employment Strategy

- > Committed to undertaking Certificate IV in Business Administration
- > Confirmation of Aboriginality
- > Pass a police check, have a clear Working With Children Check
- > Must have a strong interest in finance
- > Drivers licence



Please contact AES for information on;

T/ 02 5625 0100

E/ coffs.recruitment@aes.org.au

www.aes.org.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15 November 2019



LOVEBITES

Love Bites is a program about healthy relationships which all our year 9 students will participate in over the next few weeks.



BANDANNA DAY

Year 7 held a fundraiser for CANTEEN on Bandanna Day. We would like to thank Year Adviser, Cherie O'Brien, and the volunteers, well done!



VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations were held at THS this week.



WELCOME

We have two Pre-service teachers at Toormina High School. Jane Barron is in the English Faculty and Christian Parkes is in Technical and Applied Studies, both are studying at Southern Cross University. Welcome to Toormina High!



Junior Netball Gala Day

Friday, November 1st, the Junior Netball team participated in the local Gala Day. Our first game was against Orara High School. The team was nervous to face such talented competitors first game, however, took to court and played with great heart. By 4th quarter, THS found it's groove and smashed Orara with 9 goals to 5 in the last 10 minutes. As the team had not begun training until this term, this is a massive effort and the girls should be congratulated for their efforts. We fell to Orara by 6 goals, 17 – 23. Orara made it to the grand final on the day. All students represented the school with pride and finesse, demonstrating the values of our school.

Katie Griffiths, Team Coach

BILLY-JOE'S DAY...



School work doesn't stop for our senior support unit students, in between the work experience and transition planning all students still access all subjects. Mr Williams enjoys teaching science to his students and Billy-Joe is always ready with a question or two.



Billy-Joe practises his information literacy skills which are key in today's work force. Available to all students are a range of accessibility tools that allow all to access technology.

Billy-Joe is a student in the THS Support Unit. As a senior student, Billy-Joe is preparing for life after school, and has had the first of many transition meetings. An important part of the Support Unit program is a gradual transition to the work force, this includes theory lessons and working on resumes, also practical work experience such as gardening and landscaping in the Support Unit and the Skills for Work program at Bunnings.



Billy-Joe and his class are very fortunate to get expert cooking instruction from chef and teacher Natalie Zegers! Preparing and cooking healthy food are essential skills for our seniors as they think about leaving home and living independently.

Four Support Unit students went to Sydney to attend the Focus on Ability Film Festival Red Carpet event last term. We were finalists in this competition and although we didn't walk away with a prize we had an amazing experience. The night celebrated the diversity of ability we embrace at Toormina High School and especially in Room 21. Our students sat in the front row and really enjoyed the films and music performances, we even got up and danced at the end! Every student represented Toormina High School well and made us proud! To celebrate our achievement we took the students to Taronga Zoo and had an excellent day! Even 'Mozman' explored the Zoo, you will see more of him next term when Room 21 reveals their secret project. We would like to thank the P&C and the Coffee Shop for helping us fund this amazing experience for our students and we look forward to next year when we will try and bring home a trophy! Thank you to all the staff who came and gave up their weekend to allow these students to safely attend this excursion.

Bridget Thornton, Support Teacher



The SUPPORT UNIT on tour!



Superheroes

Year 7 have been exploring the idea of heroes and superheroes in English class. They also studied the conventions of creating a comic strip. Here are some examples of texts created by 7Dahl.

These comics are by Isabella Warren-Zanzerl, Jade Pesimo, Lily Davies-Jamieson, Kyra Clunas. Congratulations!



Principal's Column

Having high expectations for students is an integral part of ensuring success for students. Teachers, parents and students themselves, should have high expectations for performance at school. Students should always be seeking to do their best in all endeavours. Attending school and class each day is an important aspect to achieving success for students. Some students avoid going to class for a variety of reasons, however, parents and the school should work in partnership to ensure that these difficulties are overcome. Completing assessment tasks on time and submitting them to the teacher provides students with feedback from teachers to improve performance. It is important that each part of the partnership triangle between students, parents and the school does their best to have high expectations of each other in order for students to achieve the success levels that they are capable of.

High expectations of students are when we do not accept lateness to school, truancy, not completing assessment tasks, being constantly on a mobile device without permission and not being in school uniform each day.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework and Vivo rewards system aims to encourage students to actively engage in their learning through explicit teaching and the rewarding of students for demonstrating our values of: safe, respectful, learners. Many students this year have been acknowledged, with many receiving prizes for achieving the high expectations we hold for each student.

Mobile phones continue to be an ongoing problem in the classroom and playground. Data released last week indicates that teenagers use a mobile device up to 44 hours per week! That's the equivalent of a full week at work plus some overtime. We are currently investigating a program called Yondr (<https://www.veryondr.com/>) for 2020 which will assist teachers in taking phones out of play during the school day.

We recently had a visit from The Hon. Sarah Mitchell, MLC the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning and Mr Gurmeh Singh, our local MP. They visited several classrooms and spoke to our captains and vice captains and were very impressed with our students and school.

Paul Humphrey, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES		
MON	28/10 - 8/11	Year 10 examinations
MON	28/10 - 8/11	VALID test period
MON	4/11 - 8/11	WEEK A
MON	4/11 - 15/11	Year 7, 8, 9 examinations
FRI	8/11	Year 11 RRISK at CHEC Reduce Risk Increase Student Knowledge
MON	11/11 - 15/11	WEEK B
MON	11/11	TomorrowMan & TomorrowWoman
WED	13/11	Year 6 Taster Lessons
WED	13/11	Love Bites
THURS	14/11	Coffee in the Courtyard, 10am - 2pm, in the Support Unit, all welcome!
THURS	14/11	STEM Interschool Rally Challenge CeX Stadium
SAT	16/11	First LEGO league Robotics Competition
MON	18/11 - 22/11	WEEK A
MON	18/11 - 19/11	Year 9 Peer Support Training
TUES	19/11	Whitcard course
WED	20/11	Year 10 Mental Health First Aid course
WED	20/11	Year 6 Taster Lessons
WED	20/11	Staff Professional Learning 3 - 4pm
THURS	21/11	'Safe on Social'
FRI	22/11	Dance Rites
FRI	22/11	Junior State Debating Training Day



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The ideal applicant would have completed at least Year 10, with strong results in Maths, English & Design/Technology/Metalwork areas.

All resumes should provide full details of education, copies of school reports, work experience, the trade you are applying for with a covering letter in your own handwriting stating the reason why you are applying.

WRITTEN APPLICATIONS ONLY TO:

Apprentice 2020 C/- Faircloth Reynolds
12 Hurley Drive - COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450
Closing date for applications **Friday 22/11/2019**

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