



At Toormina High School we TALK THE TALK!



During week 3, 18 students from Toormina High attended the regional debating camp. Students were able to develop their skills and fine tune their debating prowess with three of the top adjudicators in NSW. Our year 10 team, made up of Sharnte Cannon, Mariah Anderson, Ellena Cheers-Flavell and Myah Harrison won the semi-final against Bellingen High School and competed in the regional finals against Maclean High School. With a 2-1 split on the panel, our team were unfortunately defeated despite their efforts. Special mention must be made of this team, who have been talented enough to make it through to the regional final four years in a row now, no other school has achieved this success. Throughout the camp, the adjudicators watched the various debates and selected a team of 8 students from the 104 attendees to represent the North Coast at the Junior State Debating Championships in December this year. Sharnte and Mariah were both selected to be part of the training squad, an outstanding effort by both students. Congratulations to these girls as well as all of the year 10 team for their debating success this year.

Sally Johnson, Debating Coordinator



On Friday 9th of August Toormina High School held the Legacy Junior Public Speaking North Coast Finals. Maya Farmer, year 8, represented our school and spoke with eloquence about social media. The second part of the competition involved the students presenting an impromptu speech about a topic that they were given 5 minutes beforehand. Maya was impressive to watch as she spoke about the topic 'End of the Rainbow' and discussed humanities constant search for happiness. Maya was recognised as one of the best speakers on the day and is to be congratulated on her fine representation of Toormina High School in this competition.

WOW!

Congratulations to these champion girls! Demi Martin and Shayla Webb, as members of the North Coast Gymnastics Team, came first overall at the State Combined High School Championships at Newcastle.

Also, Demi came first on the vault and third on the floor and Shayla first on the floor! Well done girls! Great representatives of Toormina High School!



Congratulations James!

Over 250 competitors participated in the Woolworths NSW Junior State Surfing Titles in Coffs Harbour last term. 2019 was the ninth year Surfing NSW combined the NSW School Surfing Titles into the event.

Our very own, James Hill, year 10, made it through to the semi-finals in the Under 18's section. Congratulations to James, another fine representative of our school!



Thank you Kerry!

Toormina High School would like to thank Kerry Keogh who has returned to her position as Out of Home Teacher after filling in as Head Teacher of the Support Unit.

Teacher, Bridget Thornton is now acting in this position until our new Head Teacher support, Seanine Cooper, takes up the position in Term 4. Great teamwork at THS Support Unit!



Support for year 12

Do

- guide, support and encourage your teenager
- encourage healthy eating, regular exercise and plenty of sleep
- take your teenager's efforts seriously
- create an effective work space in the house if your teenager can't study in their room
- take a whole family approach to supporting your teenager
- remind your teenager of his or her goals
- give your teenager positive feedback whenever possible
- encourage your teenager to take study breaks when necessary
- remember, the final year is about your teenager, not you
- help your teenager put, and keep, the year in perspective
- keep an eye on his or her emotional health – look for changes in sleeping or eating habits, and see your GP if you are worried
- let your teenager know that you're there when he or she needs you
- encourage your teenager to believe in themselves.

Don't

- nag
- overload your teenager with domestic chores
- tell your teenager 'if you don't work harder you will fail'.



Welcome!

Welcome to pre-service teachers, Caitlyn Beverley and Patrick Mullan, to the Mathematics Faculty. Caitlyn and Patrick are both studying at the University of New England.

Anti-Racism Contact Officer

NSW Public Schools reflect Australian communities. Students and staff come from a diverse range of cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds. The department is committed to building a diverse and inclusive learning environment that benefits all students. All teaching and non-teaching staff contribute to the eradication of racism by promoting acceptance of Australia's cultural, linguistic and religious diversity, challenging prejudiced attitudes and ensuring that sanctions are applied against racist and discriminatory behaviours.

Schools have trained Anti-Racism Contact Officers (ARCO), and at Toormina High School this is Suze Hardy. If you, or your student, would like to contact Ms Hardy parents can phone the school and students can call in to her office (opposite Careers).



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

Name...**Darryl Lockwood**

THS Position...School Learning Support Officer

The high school I attended was...Orara High School.

On weekends I enjoy...being outdoors.

I love...who I am and my culture.

I don't like...racism.

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...the importance of learning culture for our people!



Name...**Vicky Rezo**

THS Position...PDHPE Teacher

The high school I attended was...St Agnes Catholic School & St Mary's Senior HS

On weekends I enjoy ...spending time with my daughter, hanging out with friends, being outdoors, playing soccer.

I love...SPORT.

I don't like...rudeness.

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...it was SO hard to win the lotto!



Name...**Penny Grayson**

THS Position...Youth Worker

The high school I attended was...Monaro High School, Cooma, Snowy Mountains.

On weekends I enjoy ...anything that involves hanging with people. Sports, eating, relaxing etc.

I love...people and dogs! Also Mexican and Italian food.

I don't like...pickles, or the sound of ice scraping on ice, or nails on a chalkboard,

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...that what you do now has a direct impact on your future.



Name...**Sue McKee**

THS Position...Mathematics Teacher

The high school I attended was...Pittwater High School, Mona Vale.

On weekends I enjoy ...playing ice hockey, my favourite headland and beach, doing maths.

I love...mathematics, history, a good book, playing ice hockey, learning new and interesting things and most of all spending time with my family.

I don't like...bullying, playing 'politics', brussel sprouts.

When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...travel and learn as much as you possibly can about people, their history, what they think and how they live.



Principal's Column

It has been just over 18 months since we changed our roll making procedures to vertical rolls, where students in each year group are in the same class. The idea of having mixed year groups is to ensure that our students are all known, valued and cared for, supported by the same teacher from Year 7 through to Year 12. With school commencing at 8.55am, it is essential that all students attend roll call each day, developing the ongoing relationship with their supervising roll teacher. The restructure of roll call allows for senior student to mentor junior students, developing important lifelong skills. Students who do not attend roll call create attendance issues as many do not get their name marked as being present at school on the day.

Our recent Year 11 (2020) information evening was very well attended by our prospective students and their parents. It was great to see such positive support for our students and our school. We are again looking at increased enrolments for 2020 and it is expected that waiting lists will be developed across most year groups.

I recently spoke to the students about bike, scooters and skateboards. It is expected that students secure their bike each day at the bike racks with a chain and padlock. Scooters and skateboards MUST be given to a staff member so they can be secured for the day. Students are expected to take their scooter or skateboard immediately upon arrival at school to a staff member. Students who choose not to do this risk having the scooter or skateboard confiscated and returned to a parent. Normal disciplinary processes will apply to students who refuse to have their scooters or skateboards secured for the day.

Congratulations to our Gumbaynggirr girls and boys dance groups. Everywhere they perform they demonstrate to our community the values of Toormina High School and represent our school and our community with pride. We get wonderful feedback from the schools or groups they perform for. The leadership shown by these students is amazing – well done.

Reminder parents, the bus zone does not permit cars to enter or park (even for pick-up or drop-off) from 8.00am till 9.30am and again from 2.30pm till 4.00pm. Drivers risk a \$344.00 fine and 2 demerit points.

Paul Humphrey, Principal

Work Experience

Recently 40 year ten students participated in a week long block of work experience. A huge thanks must go to all of the wonderful employers who generously gave up their time to give our year 10 students an opportunity to experience a wide variety of possible future career options.

Matt Francis, Transition Adviser



IMPORTANT DATES		
FRI	16/8	SCU Open Day, Coffs Harbour Campus, 3-7pm
MON	19/8 - 23/8	WEEK B
TUES	20/8 - 23/8	Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp
WED	21/8	Senior Creative & Performing Arts Showcase, 6pm, THS Library
THURS	22/8	Coffee in the Courtyard, THS Support Unit 10am - 2pm, all welcome!
THURS	22/8	Year 12 Southern Cross University information session, 12:50 - 1:30pm
MON	26/8 - 30/8	WEEK A
WED	28/8	Disability Expo, 9 - 12
WED	28/8	Staff Professional Learning 3-4pm
FRI	30/8	WEAR IT PURPLE Day

Win a \$15 000 scholarship with Southern Cross University's Open Days!

Come and explore our campuses, meet our staff and attend presentations. Parents are catered for, with a kids' zone for the younger ones and a Parents' Guide to SCU presentation too.

To win, register online at www.scu.edu.au/opacity and then attend any of our Open Days:

Coffs Harbour: Friday August 16, 3-7pm

National Marine Science Centre: Saturday August 17 10am - 3pm

Woolworths Coffs Harbour casual jobs

Minimum age 14 and 9 months, to apply -


- wowcareers.com.au,
- set up a candidate profile,
- complete the getting to know you quiz
- and woolies fit quiz.

Year 12 University Talks at THS

Maths Computer Room
 Mon 2nd Sept UNE 10.50am
 Tues 3rd Sept CSU 10.50am
 Wed 4th Sept University of Newcastle 10.50am

TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR CAPA SHOWCASE



Celebrating the success of Senior Music and Drama Students

Wednesday 21st August
Toormina High Library @ 6pm
 Gold Coin Donation | Tickets at CAPA Staffroom

The Toormina High School Support Unit are collecting bread tags to make wheelchairs for people in South Africa. Collection point will be the library. Please place your bread tags in the buckets provided.

For more information, check out...
<http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/>



Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg/month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. Now we are collecting in Australia too!



Welcome Cecilia!

International student, Cecilia Di Domenico, has joined year 11 at Toormina High School for 3 months.

Cecilia is from Livorno in Tuscany, Italy and she is enjoying life with us! Welcome!



Police Liaison Visit

Our school has a very special relationship with Police School Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Snow, built up over 11 years! This means our students are comfortable asking Snowy about anything. Last week she was answering questions on cyber safety, sexting, assault, drugs and alcohol, with our year 9 students.

Scooter Racks at Toormina Gardens

Toormina Gardens has installed three brand new scooter racks immediately adjacent to the existing bicycle racks. The scooter racks can be found at each main carpark entry and also at the Wirribilla Drive entry to the Centre. Scooters can be securely stored with a padlock (please see attached example).

This will remove the need for scooters to be brought into the Centre.



P&C News

Last week our annual p&c pie drive order forms were sent out. Money raised from this pie drive will be going towards the purchase of updated curriculum resources and graduation gowns & sashes. If anyone was away last week and didn't receive a pie order form they are available from the front office. All order forms to be returned to the front office and payments due by Wednesday 21st August 2019. We thank you for your support.

I would like to mention that the P&C have made a contribution towards the support units excursion to Sydney to attend the Red Carpet Gala awards night which is taking place early September. This is in recognition for their short film & documentary that they produced for the NOVA Employment 2019 Focus On Ability Short Film Awards earlier this year. We hope they have a great time.

Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday 11th September, 5.30pm in the staff room.

Everybody is very welcome... please come along if you can make it.... see you there.

Thankyou

Sandra Jeffery, P&C President.



PLAY FUTSAL

5 A Side indoor Soccer

32 Industrial Drive North Boambee Valley Coffs Harbour
with Australian Futsal Association

New Season Junior Futsal programs/ Competition starting Term 3

Junior Comp/ programs

Junior Comp (10 Weeks) \$95
JINGA ages 4 to 16 (10 Weeks) \$120
\$100 Active Kids Vouchers Accepted

Coffs Futsal has pathways for

Representative Teams
Regional & National Club Championships
Regional & National School Championships
International Tours

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Active Arvos, supervised fun physical activities is held after school at THS every Monday from Week 3, August 5, to Week 9, September 15, for more information contact PDHPE Teacher, Kyah Schwartz.

Robotics this term is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime. Anyone interested in robotics is welcome, for more information contact TAS Teacher, Greg Driscoll (Robotics Group below).



CHOOSE MATHS!

The CHOOSEMATHS Student Awards celebrate mathematical achievement, creativity and excellence in Australian schools. The awards encourage students to get creative as they step beyond the classroom to bring their understanding of mathematics to life on film. Students use their imagination to create and submit a 3–5 minute video based on this year's theme, MATHS MAKES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE.

The aim of the competition is for students to produce a video which explains a mathematical problem, or demonstrates an application of mathematics, using clear and precise mathematical language, in a creative and entertaining way. Students compete as a team in order to foster a positive environment, giving them the opportunity to reason and work collaboratively.

The two groups from THS that have entered in this years competition have worked hard and we wish them all the best in the competition.

Group one: Kiara Wishnowsky, Audrey Van Schellebeck and Mia Diggins

Group 2: Cassandra Hay, Jia Mounser, Pollyanna Elliott and Poppy Browne

Check out their videos on our school Facebook page or...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HChbmFQfL4I&t=3s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wVIFwEHF64&t=4s>

You can also nominate a Mathematics Teacher for an award!

Information can be found at the following link.

<https://choosemathsawards.org.au/teacher-awards/>



PIE DRIVE ORDER FORM

Standard Lunch Size Pies 220g	Price	Qty
Beef Steak Pie	\$3.60	
Curry Steak Pie	\$3.60	
Steak & Mushroom Pie	\$3.60	
Steak & Kidney Pie	\$3.60	
Steak & Potato Pie	\$3.60	
Steak, Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$3.60	
Angus Chunky Steak Pie	\$3.60	
Angus Chunky Steak & Pepper Pie	\$3.60	
Angus Chunky Beef Stroganoff Pie	\$3.60	
Angus Chunky Steak Dianne Pie	\$3.60	
Chicken Mornay Pie	\$3.60	
Honey Soy Chicken Pie	\$3.60	
Chicken Curry Pie	\$3.60	
Vegetable Mornay pie	\$3.60	
Apple Pie	\$3.60	
Large Beef Sausage Roll	\$3.00	
GLUTEN FREE Mince Beef Pie	\$4.60	
GLUTEN FREE Chunky Steak Pie	\$4.60	
GLUTEN FREE Chunky Steak & Pepper Pie	\$4.60	
GLUTEN FREE Chunky Lamb & Rosemary Pie	\$4.60	
GLUTEN FREE Chicken & Vegetable Pie	\$4.60	
GLUTEN FREE Vegetable Mornay Pie	\$4.60	
Large Family Size Pies 700g	Price	Qty
Angus Chunky Steak Pie	\$10.00	
Beef Steak Pie	\$10.00	
Steak & Mushroom Pie	\$10.00	
Steak & Potato Pie	\$10.00	
Steak, Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$10.00	
Chicken & Vegetable Pie	\$10.00	
Apple Pie	\$10.00	
	Qty Total:	
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Organisation: Toormina High School P & C

Student Name: _____ Year _____ Phone: _____

Please advise (circle) the preferred method of receiving the pies on Wednesday 11th September 2019:

- A) The child mentioned above will collect the pies from the Staff Common Room after sport
- B) Please leave the pies for me to collect from the school office between 2pm – 3.45pm

Return Form & Money By: Wednesday 21st August 2019

Payment Method (please circle): Cash Cheque Direct Debit
 (Direct pay details: Toormina High School P&C, Commonwealth Bank.
 BSB 062678 Acc 28012784

Please ensure you place student's full name in 'details' to assist with identification of payment)

All cheques are to be made payable to Toormina High School P&C.