

# NEWS LETTER

Safe Respectful Learners  
**TERM 2 | Week 10 JUNE 2020**



THS Library will once again be hosting Write a Book in a Day on August 5, Term 3.

This event is an Australian wide writing competition aimed at raising funds for the Kids' Cancer Project, a national charity, with a mission to fund scientific research to improve treatments and ultimately find a cure for childhood cancers. The competition involves teams of five to ten members completing a set writing task.

This task will be completed within one consecutive 12 hour period, 8 am to 8 pm, in our school library. The writing task is a collaborative effort where each group must plan, write, illustrate, print and bind a book, all within the 12 hour period. The published books will be donated to hospitals for children to enjoy whilst they are receiving medical treatment. Participating in this event not only allows students to contribute to raising funds for the Kids' Cancer Project, it will also cultivate student's skills of working within a team to develop creativity, imaginative thinking, planning and communication. Pictured above are THS and Primary school students from Bongil Bongil Community of Schools who participated in this event in 2019. The Kids' Cancer Project disclosed that almost 8,500 writers, illustrators and editors were involved in 2019, creating 1,100 books for children in hospitals around Australia, whilst raising a whopping \$475,000 for childhood cancer research. Students interested in participating in this worthwhile event who have not registered their name are encouraged to do so as soon as possible with Mrs Allen in the school library.

Information/permission notes have been sent home with students who have expressed an interest in this activity, however, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Adrienne Gillingham, Teacher Librarian; Lisa Mullan, Head Teacher English; or Karina Allen, Library Assistant on 66533077.

**Adrienne Gillingham, Teacher Librarian.**



## The Australian Mathematics Competition

is an opportunity for students to apply their numeracy knowledge to mathematical problems in a nationally recognised competition. It is open to all students from Year 7 through to Year 12.

If students would like to participate they need to collect a note from outside the Mathematics Staffroom or see their Mathematics Teacher. The note plus \$5.00 needs to be returned to the front office by the last day of term.

**Paula Stanton,  
Head Teacher Mathematics**



## Life long learning!

The Toormina High School staff have been busy. Recently at school we have had workshops on the NSW Department of Education's new Wellbeing Framework and the Literacy Team have been developing strategies to continue improving student's literacy levels.



## Fast Forward

The Toormina High School Support Unit has implemented the Fast Forward Literacy Program across all classes, every morning. This program has associated literacy activities and the students in Room 24 have been engrossed!

## Access to Toormina High School

Department of Education guidelines mean the Toormina High School gates will remain closed and ALL visitors including parents and guardians will need to phone the school in advance to organise an appointment or to make arrangements to collect your student.

Office staff will have students wait at the gate for pick up at the time requested. Thanks for your cooperation, school number is 66533077.

## Do you live or work in Toormina? Fill in our survey and go in the running to win 1 of 3 \$100 vouchers!

Get Connected Toormina is running a Toormina Community Assets and Aspirations Survey to gather information from people who live, work or are connected to Toormina. If completed, people can go in the running to win 1 of 3 \$100 vouchers.

The information collected, which will be published on the Blue Sky Community Services website, will be used to help identify future initiatives that would benefit the Toormina community.

We want to hear from anybody who has a connection with Toormina and in particular young people and families.

Please click on the link below!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KC78QQZ>



## Busways and Forest Coachlines are changing bus numbers, July 2020, please check link below on our school website.

<https://edit.sws.schools.nsw.gov.au/editor.html/content/doe/sws/schools/t/toormina-h/www/news/2020/6/new-bus-numbers.html>

Please download the FREE Skoolbag communication app to your phone. We use this app for reminders and alerts. Instructions are on the Toormina High School website. Follow Toormina High School on Facebook (look for the school logo).



## Sistas

Sista Speak, is an Aboriginal girl's well-being program, with Aunty Gloria and Gumbaynggirr language teacher, Penny Grace. It aims to raise the self-esteem of participants and encourage students to make positive choices about school, careers and future lifestyle choices.



**Vaccinations for Year 10** were held this week. For more information on vaccinations contact Head Teacher, Wellbeing Scott Gale.

Toormina High School has it's own CAREERS WEBSITE <https://www.toorminahighcareers.com>

This is a "One Stop Shop" for information relating to Careers, such as; Work Experience, Resumes, Higher School Certificate, Record of School Achievement, University Admissions Centre, career videos and pathways, gap year options, Defence Force information and much more.

## Principal's Column

It is hard to believe that this is only the last day of Term 2 2020, it feels more like the end of a very busy year. Watching and talking with the students, staff and parents over the last few weeks it is very clear that we all need a relaxing break.

We have been advised by the NSW Department of Education that reports for Semester 1 need to be delivered to parents by the end of August (Week 6, Term 3) due to the impact of Covid-19, however, the report will be a simplified format compared to what we would normally send out at the end of a semester. Due to disruptions there will be no marks or ranks indicated, but will comment on your child's performance during the teaching from home and at school phases of semester 1. Please be assured that staff are happy to discuss your child's individual performance via a teleconference.

Two weeks ago, we implemented the biggest change in recent history to how we do business with our students in and out of the classroom with the introduction of the Yondr mobile phone pouch. For the most part, students have taken to using the pouch well, with only a few students refusing to follow our new direction. Staff have reported improved engagement in class requiring less challenges over unproductive or off-task work. They also reported fewer negative interactions in the playground. Students that I have spoken to have indicated that it is making a positive difference to learning in class. They also reported that it was noisier in the playground at recess and lunch as kids now have to talk and play with each other. Several senior students have commented that they have been more productive, completing tasks quicker than previously as they didn't have the phone to distract them.

I would like to thank students, parents/carers and staff for their support of the introduction of the Yondr mobile phone pouches. The team at Yondr indicated that approximately 5% or about 40 students would destroy their pouches when they initially received them to see if they could 'hack' the system. At this time, only 5 pouches have been damaged, requiring students to replace them at their expense. So far, the trial of Yondr pouches at Toormina High School is demonstrating very positive outcomes. The Yondr team were incredibly impressed by the maturity of our students.

A big thank you to Marcia O'Sullivan, our school media coordinator for the fantastic work that she is putting into our celebration of our 40th year. We are currently planning some activities for later this year depending on the changing landscape that Covid 19 presents. Please keep those photos and stories flowing in so that we can continue to build our 2020 – 40th Anniversary School Year Book. We will be offering this as a free digital download to our community later this year.

Next term, we have been advised that many of our usual school activities will be able to recommence. School Sport and excursions being the main ones that have been impacted during Covid 19 will be able to restart. To continue to assist Toormina High School in managing Covid 19, parents and carers are asked to make an appointment prior to attending the school. Please phone ahead to arrange an appointment so that we can better manage the physical distancing requirements for adults.

On our Staff Development Day on Monday, 20 July 2020, Mark Scott, Secretary, Department of Education will present to staff, via a live stream, the 2021 School Excellence in Action initiative. During this day staff will participate in workshops on literacy, leadership and teaching practice. The Support Unit will engage in some interesting Team Building and Stress Reduction courses.

I would like to wish students and staff a safe and relaxing holiday after a very busy, disrupted term. The last day of Term 2 is this Friday, July 3 2020. Students are to return to school on Tuesday, July 21 2020.

Regards

Paul Humphrey

Principal



# 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	
<b>Qty Total:</b>		
<b>Total \$:</b>		

Organisation: **Toormina High School P & C** (make any cheques payable to this name)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

Please advise (circle) the preferred method of receiving the pies on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020**:

- A) The child mentioned above will collect the pies from the Staff Common Room after school
- B) I will come to school and collect my pies between 2pm – 3.45pm

Return Form & Money By: **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

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)

## THS P&C



### Toormina High School P & C are holding a fundraising Pie Drive

Please order your pies from the attached form and feel free to copy and share it with friends, neighbours and work colleagues

For your convenience payment can now be made by Direct Deposit  
Other payment options are listed on the order form

#### Important Dates:

- All order forms and payment due by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020**
- Please return forms to the school front office.
- Pies can be sent home with students or collected by you on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August after 2pm.**
- Please circle your preferred delivery method on the form.

Thanking you in advance, we really appreciate your support

Toormina High School P & C Committee

