

# NEWS LETTER

Safe Respectful Learners  
TERM 1 | WEEK 7 | March 2021



CREATING OUR FUTURE

We would like to celebrate these young men who have all been awarded at one time for their diligence in their jobs at McDonalds. Kaiden Jones is an Area Manager, Riley Fairbairn, a Crew Trainer and our latest award recipient, Kundi Kemp, year 9, was named 'Rookie of the Year' at the end of 2020, congratulations!

Kundi has worked at the Service Centre for 14 months and always makes himself available for shifts and extra hours. Kundi credits his award to his determination and says he follows the rules, is nice to customers and staff and always tries hard. The senior students are very proud of how well Kundi has performed in his position.

Riley says Kundi won the award because 'he is always down to work and has a work ethic'. Kaiden felt 'Kundi's dedication and because he is so keen to learn, makes him a better crew member than staff who have more experience'.

## Rookie of the Year



## North Coast Swimming Champions



Congratulations to our North Coast Age Swimming Champions: Imogen Bilsborough, 12 Years Girls and Mitch Hickey, 17-19 Years Boys.



Our 14 Years Boys Relay Team: Luke Jones, Fyn Harrison, Jesse St Leon and Jacob Crawley, came third and will also compete at the State Swimming Championship.



### Archibald Prize



Year 10 and 11 art students gained a valuable insight into portraiture on their excursion to the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery to view the Archibald Prize exhibition last week.

Students can now use this inspiration as they create portraits in class. Photo on left shows Emily completing a class exercise in mixing paints to match skin colour.

## Senior Scholarships for 2022

Year 10 students are now invited to apply for our senior schooling scholarships for 2022.

**Two (2) Scholarships to the value of \$1000 and four (4) Scholarships to a value of \$500** each will be awarded to Year 10 students who intend to complete their senior studies at Toormina High School. These scholarships will recognise students who have achieved outstanding outcomes at least (2) of the following areas:

- Student Leadership
- Academic Excellence
- Sporting Excellence
- Excellence in Creative and Performing Arts
- Community Spirit

These scholarships will support student learning and ongoing education at Toormina High School.

**Applications have been emailed to Year 10 students' email addresses and will close on 23rd April 2021.**



## NAPLAN 2021

Test Dates

Year 7 & 9 Writing Test administered - 12-13 May 2021

Reading Test, Conventions of Language Test & Numeracy Test administered between 11-21 May 2021.

Exemption from sitting NAPLAN

If you want your child to be exempt from sitting NAPLAN in 2021, please contact the Principal ASAP.

Signed consent form is required at the school before 23 April 2021.





## Young Bakers

Year 8 students studying the Food Technology component of the Technology Mandatory subject this rotation, are completing a Designer Cupcake unit. Students had the opportunity to make a basic cake mix, bring flavourings from home and make their cake original. Their originality shone through with their decorating techniques. This group of young bakers will now work towards creating their own cupcakes early in Term 2

**Melanie Sharkey, TAS Teacher**





### Legal Studies

The year 11 Legal Studies class has been learning about the origins and structure of our legal system. Together, the class researched and created a flow chart for our classroom wall showing the court hierarchy of the federal and state systems, learning exactly which courts deal with different types of cases.

**Bridget Kramer,  
Legal Studies Teacher**



### Year 7 2021

We have 5 sets of twins in year 7 this year: Adrian and Bailey Frankham, Cooper and Isabella Brooks, Abby and Lachlan Timms, Max and Gus Tiedeman and Emily and Miranda Crawford!



### BUS PASSES

Students MUST present their bus passes each time they board a school bus, if they cannot present a pass they are required to give the driver their name and address so this can be followed up by the bus company. If they are not eligible for free travel they are required to pay a fare or purchase a term pass which can be done online or in the office at Coffs Harbour.

### Thank You

Toormina High School staff are dedicated to public education and volunteer to hold positions in various roles outside school hours, see list.

A high school has the important role of educating, preparing and developing our students for adult life and we would like to thank our staff for their commitment to our school community.

- Weekly staff meetings
- Weekly Executive Team meetings
- Weekly faculty meetings
- Work Health and Safety Committee
- High Potential Gifted Education Team
- Wellbeing Team
- Attendance Team
- Positive Behaviour for Learning Team
- Professional Learning/VOR Committee
- Finance Committee
- Technology Team
- Literacy Team
- Sustainable School Network meetings
- Extension classes (held before school)
- Information Nights – Year 7, Year 6 into 7, Year 11
- Parent Teacher interviews
- Excursions
- Kokoda Challenge (plus weekend training)
- Parent requested interviews for individual students
- Lions Club 'Youth of the Year'
- ZONTA events
- NAIDOC community activities
- Debating competitions/camps
- CAPA competitions/performances/camps
- HSC Holiday Tutoring
- Sport Representative trips/coaching/supervision
- P&C meetings
- Mock Trial
- Student Leadership Team
- Debating
- Chess Club





## YEAR 7 BONDING DAY

Wednesday, March 17  
Boambee Creek Reserve

Students travel by bus from school, morning tea and lunch is provided, cost \$10 and can be paid online by going to the school's website then choosing Make a Payment then follow the prompts.

Students are required to wear casual clothing with closed in shoes, bring appropriate swimmers, rash shirt, hat, water bottle, towel, sunscreen. The kiosk will be open.

**This day is designed to develop positive peer relationships as a cohort through team building and bonding activities.**

### DATES

Thurs	11/3	Year 7 2022 Information Evening
Fri	12/3	World's Greatest Shave
Mon	15/3 - 19/3	WEEK B
Tues	16/3	Vaccinations
Wed	17/3	Year 7 Bonding Day
Wed	17/3	P&C Meeting 5:30-7:00pm All welcome!
Mon	22/3 - 26/3	Week A

### TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN every Monday  
8am - 12pm,  
every Thursday  
12pm - 4pm

For more information  
Jess 0468 436 217  
**NEW Stock has arrived!**



When you arrive at school...  
**DON'T FORGET TO 'POUCH' YOUR PHONE!**



Please 'like' and 'share' our posts on the Toormina High School Facebook page (look for the school logo) as this is a free, easy way to show our community all the great activities at THS!

## Chess

Students have been trying out to become members of the Toormina High School Chess Team this week with Team Coordinator, Holly Trimble.





## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Emma Aspden, (a Toormina High School parent, mother of year 8 student, Arla Aspden), named as Coffs Coast's Woman of the Year 2021, announced at the International Women's Day breakfast.

Emma has 20 years experience working with vulnerable people and is currently the coordinator for a refugee and migrant women program in Coffs Harbour - The 3E's to Freedom.

Emma has worked hard to create a safe space for women to learn, have fun and make mistakes. Emma empowers women to successfully navigate their futures by developing confidence, building community, and broadening womens experiences to become stronger.

Senior students from the THS Student Leadership Team also attended the Zonta International Women's Day breakfast with teachers, Kate Williams and Sheridan Johnston.



### BroSpeak Program

Our school dharuk is an amazing space for our BroSpeak program, this week we had Troy Robinson as our guest presenter.

This program aims to encourage students to take pride in what they do at school and in the wider community.



### Volleyball

Congratulations to our Zone Volleyball girls, Elke and Gabby Bowles and Rory Buhler.

Rory has now qualified for the North Coast team, an exceptional achievement as Rory is in year 9 and will be playing in the Opens team.



### Student Leadership

Ten members of our Student Leadership Team took part in the GRIP Leadership Conference on Tuesday, 9th March. The conference was held at Coffs Harbour Showground and was attended by a range of public and private schools from Woolgoolga to Port Macquarie. Our students engaged in a number of sessions to enhance their leadership skills and develop ideas for the future of our school. The team is excited to share his experience with the rest of their peer leaders and look forward to planning a range of initiatives and events at Toormina High School in 2021 and beyond.

**Sheridan Johnston**







## Hydroponic Garden

Teacher Marg Hope and students in the Toormina High School Support Unit have a hydroponic garden! This garden will be used in science lessons and will also provide produce for the Food Technology classes.

## Sentral Parent and Student Portal

Year 7 parents should now have received instructions and their Access Key for the Sentral for Parents app. Parents of other Year groups would have received this with the mailout of School Reports last year.

We encourage all parents to register & enter their unique Access Key to their child's information. This will enable more efficient communication between our school and parents.

We have so far released Timetables, Attendance data (including Absence notifications), School Reports, a Newsfeed and "Activities" that students are involved in. We will be utilising more of the functionality in the Sentral Parent and Student Portal during this year.

Students have recently been handed a print out of revised timetables. **The latest up to date timetables are always available online in Sentral. Here is how to view your child's timetable in the Sentral for Parents mobile phone app. (see diagram on next page)**

The easiest way for students to access their timetable is to go to our school website, click on Links, then click on Sentral for Students and Parents. All students are automatically provided with a Sentral account and should log in with their school user ID (NOT email), e.g. joe.citizen3 and their school password.

1. Open the Sentral for Parents app and tap on Portal



2. Tap on the Home icon to see a drop down list of your linked children.



3. Tap on a child to access more detailed information.



4. Tap on Student Details. You can then select to view your child's timetable.



5. Scroll down to view the timetable by period.







# School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

## What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



## Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

**Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.**

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We create  
**collaborative**  
learning  
environments

We  
all play  
**a part**

We work  
**in partnership**  
to promote  
student  
learning

## Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: [education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](http://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students)

## Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

## Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative.**  
**Respectful.**  
**Communication.**

**School Community Charter**

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