

NEWS LETTER

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Athletics Carnival 2021





MAD Showcase

On Thursday, June 3, the CAPA department held the MAD showcase in the library. This was a chance for Toormina High School to celebrate the achievements of our creative arts students and for the students to build confidence and performance skills.

CAPA students performed and showcased their artworks in three sold out shows. A primary school show in the morning, a high school show in the afternoon and a community show in the evening.

Well done to all the artists who displayed work or performed and a big well done to year 11 VET Entertainment students who ran the production for the show.

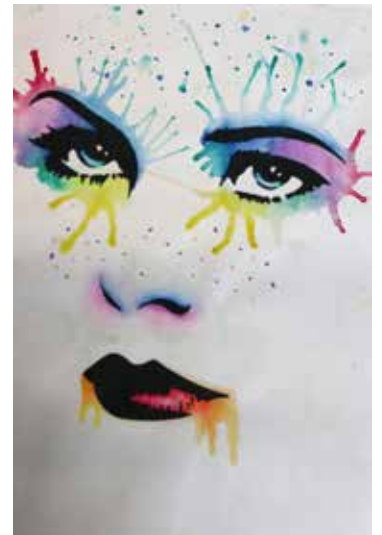
Kyle McGeary, Head Teacher CAPA (Relieving)



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Parent Teacher Interviews

Bookings for Parent Teacher interviews, to be held on Tuesday, June 22, at school, can be made through the Parent Portal app. Information is attached on the school website.

<https://toormina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2021/6/parent-teacher-interviews0.html>

If you need your individual access code please phone the office, 66533077.

P&C Pie Drive

I would like to thank everyone for their support in the 2021 Pie Drive, for those who have ordered pies they are to be collected TUESDAY 15th June between 2- 3.45pm by your preferred choice as selected on the order form.

Regards Sandra P&C President



NRL

Recently, Cronulla Sharks players, Chad Townsend and Aaron Woods, joined up with the National Rugby League Career Wise team on a visit to THS to talk to our football players about the importance of education and careers.

Year 11 2022 INFORMATION

An information evening has been organised for parents, carers and Year 10 students regarding HSC pathways for 2022/23. It is imperative that parents/carers attend this information session.

Year 10 school reports will be handed out at this information session.

Where: Toormina High School Library
When: Tuesday 15 June 2021
Time: 5:30 – 7:00pm

Topics to be covered include:

- HSC Pathways for Year 11 and Year 12
- Requirements of RoSA and the Higher School Certificate
- HSC Minimum standards and ATAR
- Available courses and opportunities at Toormina High
- School to work and careers support
- Subject selection process

Student reports for Semester 1 will also be distributed to parents on the night.

Due to COVID, requirements we require parents to register their attendance.

You can do this by completing the online form available at <https://tinyurl.com/thshsc>.

Alternatively, contact the school on 6653 3077.

| DATES | | |
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| Mon | 14/6 - 18/6 | WEEK A |
| Mon | 14/6 | Public Holiday |
| Tues | 15/6 | Year 11 2022 Information Evening |
| Tues | 15/6 | Pie Collection |
| Thurs | 17/6 | University of Newcastle Excursion |
| Fri | 18/6 | Write a Book in a Day |
| Mon | 21/6 - 25/6 | WEEK B |
| Mon | 21/6 - 25/6 | Year 10 Work Experience |
| Mon | 21/6 | NSW CHS Boys Touch Football Inverell |
| Mon | 21/6 | Merit Assemblies |
| Tues | 22/6 | Recognition of Student Achievement Awards |
| Tues | 22/6 | PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS |
| Wed | 23/6 | UNE Armidale Excursion |
| Wed | 23/6 - 24/6 | CAPA Excursion |
| Thurs | 24/6 | Rewards Excursion Movie World |
| Fri | 25/6 | Last day Term 2 |
| Mon | 12/7 | Staff Development Day PUPIL FREE |
| Tues | 13/7 | First Day Term 3 WEEK A |

Single Subject Distance Education

Studying a single subject via distance education is an option THS offers to students in Years 9 to 12 who wish to study a subject not offered in our school curriculum. This year we have 11 students studying a range of single subjects through the Southern Cross School of Distance Education.

These students have scheduled online lessons for their distance education subject structured into their regular school timetable. Instead of learning in a classroom with their peers and a teacher out the front, they head off to the library, pick up a laptop and a pair of headphones, and complete tasks located on their online learning platform. Subjects studied this year include; engineering, economics, business, modern history, industrial technology, French, Spanish and Japanese languages.

Achieving academic outcomes via this mode of learning can prove to be a challenging experience for these students, however, it can also be very rewarding. Students not only learn to master digital technology skills and processes; they also build personal confidence through participating in their online learning environment.

THS Teacher Librarian, Adrienne Gillingham, is the single subject distance education supervisor, providing support for these students and their Southern Cross School of Distance Education teachers, to ensure their learning experience is fulfilling and enjoyable.



Jade, Chloe and Bianca, in the top photo are studying the Japanese language and Maya, below, is learning French.

Kinship

Year 10 Child Studies students had the opportunity last Friday to visit the gunyah (or dharuk in Gumabynggirr language) where SLSO, Darryl Lockwood, shared his valuable knowledge on kinship systems. Students have been learning about family structures and all child studies classes will participate in some kinship activities with Aunty Gloria and Darryl to gain a deeper understanding of Aboriginal Culture.

Melanie Sharkey,
TAS Teacher



Primary School Visits

As part of our commitment to enable a strong and successful transition to high school, students from William Baydon, Crossmaglen and Bonville Public Schools were in the science labs last week dissecting prawns as part of the Marine Studies program.



On Friday, June 4, year 6 students from all our local primary schools participated in the application process for the two Toormina High School High Achievers classes for 2022.

There was lots of great ideas in their 'Tournament of the Minds' challenge.



Head Teacher Mathematics, Paula Stanton, recently held a maths enrichment session involving a group of year 6 Toormina Public School students with some year 7 and 8 Toormina HS students.

Photo below



SAVE THE DATE

DISABILITY EXPO 2021

Friday 27 August 10am – 1pm

TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Access to over 20 local service providers
Information will be available for young people with a disability from Stage 3 onwards and their parents/guardians to assist with general support programs and the transition from school to a range of post school options for high school students

Including schools from Grafton to Macksville

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Congratulations



Congratulations to Gypsy Eldridge, year 7, who has won the Novice Section in piano in the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod!



Weekends with Gus!

We would like to thank all the staff who come to school on the weekend to feed Gus and all the students who get to school early to make his bottles and give him breakfast!



Write a Book in a Day

On 18 June, approximately 80 students from the Bongil Bongil Community of Schools will participate in an Australian wide writing competition, Write a Book in a Day, aimed at raising funds for the Kids Cancer Project. Recently, Toormina High School students held a cake stall, raising \$420, with the money raised going to this national charity with a mission to fund scientific research to improve treatments and ultimately find a cure for childhood cancers. Thank you to all families who contributed to the cake stall.

UNIVERSITY SHIELD

What a team! They may have lost 28-22 to Warner's Bay High School but played with heart and commitment! Congratulations boys and Team Manager, Brad Herman.





Chess

Toormina High School played against Coffs Harbour High School in round three of the NSW Junior Chess League on Tuesday the 1st of June. The team consisting of Liam Curran (Year 11), Billy McCormick (Year 9), Adam Rollans (Year 12), and Jack Baker (Year 12) were successful in securing a win. Our team will move onto round four playing Coffs Harbour Christian Community School in the coming weeks. Congratulations Toormina High School.

Holly Trimble, Team Manager

Mock Trial



On Friday 28th May, the Toormina High School Mock Trial team travelled to Orara High School for the trial of Fleming v Burwood Council. Local lawyer Heather McKinnon presided over the case as magistrate. As the defence team for Burwood Council, we were represented by Katie Homes and Arabella Flowers as our barristers, with Hayden O'Rourke working as solicitor. Molly Ward was the court officer, ensuring the court process operated smoothly. Our two witnesses, Mackenzie Davies and Mitchell Hickey, presented their statements, working with the barristers to outline our case. The overall scores between Toormina and Orara were very close, with the win going to Orara High School. Heather McKinnon gave some great advice and wisdom to the students, with the Mock Trial competition proving to be an invaluable experience for all students involved. Heather was very impressed with our students who have proven to be excellent representatives throughout the competition. Well done to the team! We are excited to host our next trial early next term, against St Columba Anglican School of Port Macquarie.

Bridget Kramer, Mock Trial Coordinator



Harry Potter

Year 7 Opal have been stepping into the world of Harry Potter this term. Part of their 'Close Study' was to build character profiles. Students completed chocolate frog cards for the characters which helped them analyse character traits and explore the figurative language used by J.K.Rowling. The class bought the magic alive by making chocolate frog boxes with a quote from the text.

Bree Taylor, English Teacher



Snowi Says...

Looking after your physical health helps your mental health too!



Year 8 Scientists

Mr Howard's year 8 students are studying 'Life Systems' and last week dissected sheep hearts in the science laboratories.

