



## NEWSLETTER



Term 4 Week 9 8th December 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Next week on Tuesday 13th December, we will send home an early newsletter which will contain important information for 2012. It will also be posted on our website. Please read it as it will contain information that will assist your child to start the new school year of 2012 prepared for success.

It was a good time to reflect on the year's past achievements and to express our pride in the students of Toormina and their successes in 2011. We acknowledged the exceptional accomplishments of students from Years 3 to Year 6 in academic, sporting, creative and citizenship areas of achievement.

Some of your achievements of 2011 were the results in the University of NSW tests, in Maths Olympiad, the Chess teams, our students who spoke so eloquently at school and District level in the Public Speaking competitions, Debating and the Premiers Spelling Competition. A wonderful school musical that all enjoyed. Our sporting teams achieved success, individual students were successful in swimming, athletics, cross country and team sports to zone and district level. Our choir and dance groups represented us proudly at school and community levels as well as Education Week performances. Students demonstrated their talents in the extension and enrichment programs. Students made amazing advances in Reading Recovery, Multi Lit and Quicksmart programs - and many were outstanding.

We have had a lot of fun through learning at Pyjama Days, Fathers Day Barbecues, Discos, Easter Hat Parades, NAIDOC Week, Education Week, Book Week, Community Mural Painting, the Big Bike Ride and an excursion to Broken Bay and gardening programs. Throughout all these activities and events we have been supported by parents, carers, friends and community members of Toormina P.S. We have been supported in classrooms and at a full range of school functions and events.

The very hard working P&C team, led by our President Mrs Angela Phillips Gow, was amazing. The Yarn Up Group of Aboriginal parents and community members has supported all students in learning about Aboriginal culture. The school canteen managed by Penny, is one of the most popular places in the school for staff and students. We couldn't be a successful school without the support of community members, your enthusiasm and your hard work.

We value and appreciate the loyalty and that you speak so highly of our school within the community. I am very proud to call the teaching staff of T.P.S my colleagues. They are first and foremost outstanding teachers who are respectful to each other and even more importantly, respectful to children. The collegial support they offer to each other and myself makes our school a happy place for us all to work and play. I include in this description the Support staff who work with our teachers to provide the best in learning and caring for students with special needs. Behind the scenes in Administration, our office staff keep our well oiled machine of school life running smoothly. Our General Assistant and our amazing cleaners maintain our buildings and environment with great detail and pride. Our school appearance is always commented on by visitors.

When we talk about pride in our school's appearance there is another staff member who comes to our mind, and that is Mr Bagust. I am sure Mr Bagust knows every nook and cranny of this school. Our school is very well maintained and we have had a very significant advantage over other schools because of Mr Bagust's practical knowledge and his absolute commitment to making sure our school has the best that the DEC could provide. It was Mr Bagust that presided over the BER constructions ensuring that the school was receiving the best value for money and that the construction occurred with minimal fuss or disruption. We have, as a result a wonderful state of the art covered multi purpose court and a double classroom equipped with all the latest educational essentials.

Mr Bagust's interest and expertise in technology has also meant that Toormina Public School has had excellent access to technology and here once again we have benefitted in great value for money. Mr Bagust, sadly for us, is retiring and will not return to our school next year. All our staff would join me in expressing our appreciation of Mr Bagust's very significant contribution to Toormina Public School and wish him well in his retirement and that his golf handicap reflects all the extra practice his free time will allow. We are all blessed to be members of Toormina Public School community. Personally, I consider it to be a privilege to be the Principal of such a wonderful school. I wish you all the blessings and joy of the Christmas season and I look forward to sharing with you the opportunities 2012 provides.

*Elaine Norman*

## ***Congratulations to the following achievers***



### **Club 2000**

Carley Jefferies	4J
Alex Cook	1G
Ben Forbutt	2B
Chloe Becker	2B



## **Gotcha Being Good**

*Winners of this week's "Gotcha Being Good" awards for demonstrating one of our school rules—Be Responsible*

Thu	01/12/11	Jessie Dawson	5/6G
Fri	02/12/11	Shyanne Bullock-Harding	5/6C
Mon	05/12/11	Imogen Greig	3KC
Tues	06/12/11	Kailah Johnson	5/6G
Wed	07/12/11	Shaylee Hardcastle	4J

## **2011 Major Award Winners**

- Quota Citizenship** - Jacob Whalen  
**Public Speaking** - (Stage 2) Hannah Davies  
 (Stage 3) Emily Brockett-Branster  
**Dux** - Pippa West  
**Principal's** - Keeden Corliss  
**Year 6 Student of the Year** - Holly Koivisto  
**Maam Miindalaygamba (Place of Learning)** -Tiffany Smith  
**Excellence in English** - Pippa West  
**Excellence in Mathematics** - Tye Shipman and  
 Mia Auton  
**Excellence in HSIE** - Nell Higgins  
**Excellence in Science & Technology** - Natalie Hawkins  
**Excellence in CAPA** - Grace Richardson

### **Aboriginal Achievement Awards**

- Stage 3** - Ace Craigie  
**Stage 2** - Braiden Craigie  
**Stage 1 - Year 2** - Inick Bullock-Harding  
**Year 1** - Izacc Astill  
**Kindergarten** - Jahna Lugnan

## **Big Bike Ride**

Stage 3 students went on a Big Bike Ride last Friday. We were very fortunate to have perfect weather, many parent volunteers and no major accidents along the way. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who joined us for the ride and to Mr Newland for organising such a fantastic day!

## **Banking Coordinators**

A huge thank you to our happy and committed team of Banking Coordinators. Between the four of them, Steph, Deb, Travis and Lorrinda make sure that at least one of them is available on a Tuesday morning to collate and organise our students' banking. Each parent feels passionately about the benefits of children

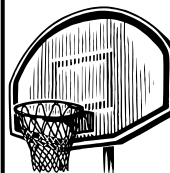


Lorrinda,  
Steph,  
Deb &  
Travis

learning to save at a young age and find that this is a contribute to Toormina Public School. While busy with the banking, Tuesday mornings have turned into a bit of a social event with their young children getting together for a play and the morning teas becoming more fancy (and fattening). Merry Christmas to you all!

*Elizabeth Paff  
Community Liaison Officer*

## **Basketball News**



The year is coming to an end for our basketball teams! The boys (Titans) played their final game on Saturday, you all should be very proud of the way you have all played this year. I hope the boys who are going to high school next year keep playing as you are all an amazing bunch and I'm honoured to have coached you.

The girls team (Tigers) have made it to the finals on Saturday, playing SFX at 9am, if they win that game (which I know you will) we will play the Grand Final at 1pm. Good luck girls, I know you can do it and all of your hard work this season will pay off.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents in both my teams for all your help and dedication and allowing me to coach your children. I'd also like to thank Kylie and Michael Crawley from Boambee Home Improvements for your wonderful donation to our teams, your sponsorship is very much appreciated.

Don't forget our presentation day is this Sunday at 11am at Boambee Reserve.

Anyone wishing to play next year can contact me, Mel Fraser on 0432 677 588. we need girls and boys.

*Thankyou Mel Fraser*

**P&C News**

Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas Carols last Thursday night. It was a bumper crowd and from where I was standing everyone was having a good time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Greenway and her fabulous family for all the hard work and effort they put in both before and on the night to make it a most enjoyable evening. The Greenway kids did a great job leading the dancing and singing and Kiara Greenway was responsible for the music and put together the song books used on the night - great job!

Also like to say thank you to the school choir, who performed on the night and as always was fantastic. And last but not least all the parents and teachers who were there lending a hand to make it all possible. It was a good night, looking forward to an even bigger and better Carols next year. Thoughts are already afoot!

**Raffle Tickets**

Due to the fact that a lot of children have not returned their raffle tickets, we did not draw it on Presentation Day. Please return all tickets by tomorrow **Friday 9th**. Raffle will be drawn **Monday 12th December**.

**DISCO**

**Sawtell Golf Club,  
Bayldon Road, Sawtell  
66531006.  
For kids 6 -12yrs old only!  
Entry \$5.00  
Thursday 5<sup>TH</sup> January 2012  
6pm – 9pm**

**Upcoming Events****December**

- 9th Talent Quest Final  
Intensive Swimming
- 12th Year 6 Farewell Dinner  
O.C. Orientation Day
- 13th Party Day Stage 3
- 14th Excursion to Pool and Cinema Stage 2  
Excursion to Cinema Stage 1
- 16th Students Last Day

**East Coast Surf School**

Holiday Mad Surf Camps for children age 5-13yrs.

Camp Dates: December 2011– 12-16th

2012 -



Camp 1 January 2-6th  
Camp 2 January 9-12th  
Camp 3 January 16-20th  
Camp 4 January 22-27th



Cost starts from \$40 per day. Wetsuits and surfboards provided. Activities include surfing, body boarding, fishing, snorkelling, kayaking, Jetty Jumping.... Based out of the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club at the Jetty area with 19 years of operation! Safe, fun, high quality and educational. Ph: Helene for an information pack on 66 515515.

**Sawtell Uniting Church  
& Sawtell Golf Club Ltd**

Invite you to attend

**SAWTELL CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT  
ON  
THURSDAY, 22ND DECEMBER 2011**

Join us on the 9th fairway of the Sawtell Golf Club from 6pm

Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner or there will be food and refreshments available from the club  
Santa will be arriving at 7.30pm to start the Carols

**SURF GROMS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

New courses – Levels 1, 2 + 3

Starting these school holidays for new and existing students

Courses start Dec 20<sup>th</sup> (Tue + Thur), Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mon + Wed),

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> (Sat + Sun), Jan 10<sup>th</sup> (Tue + Thur)

2 lessons per week

Morning & arvo sessions

Coffs Harbour Yacht Club.

Fee \$200 p.p

Book now, limited spots per session 66 500050

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**Canteen Roster**

- Fri 9.12.11 April Ingram, Taquita Garic
- Mon 12.12.11 Louise Pearsall,  
Angela Phillips-Gow
- Tue 13.12.11 Canteen Closed**
- Wed 14.12.11 Kerrie Laroux,  
Toni Montgomerie
- Thur 15.12.11 Louise Pearsall, Kerin Lugnan