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## Newsletter

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**28th November, 2013**

### Up Coming Important Dates November

29th Kindergarten Transition 9.20 - 1.45pm

### December

2nd Volunteers Christmas Party 1.50pm

6th Yarn Up breaky 9.30am (Staff room)

11th Presentation Day

12th Party day/Disco night

16th Year 6 Formal

17th Talent Quest

18th Students' last day for 2013

### Principal Message

I don't normally write opinion pieces for the school newsletter but yesterday's comments from the Federal Minister for Education Mr Pyne have caused me great concern. As you would all be aware we are commencing our first year under the new 'Gonski' funding arrangements in 2014. As a needs based funding model this goes a long way to correcting the present system that fails to recognise that some children need more help in their education than others. The NSW government was very quick to sign on with this system and the NSW DEC has moved very efficiently to provide schools with accurate indications of the quantum of funding they will receive in 2014, as well ballpark indications of what to look forward to in the first four years of the funding cycle. Mr Pyne has said he wants the system replaced because it is a 'shambles'. Toormina Public School has received a very comprehensive funding document from the NSW DEC that relates to every facet of the operation of the school. It is anything but a shambles. It is clearly set out, it explains why we get the funding we do, and provides a very clear framework for the school to plan and implement quality teaching and learning programs for every child. It would be an extremely poor move, in my opinion, if the Minister were to ignore the extensive research and input that went into the Gonski Review and throw out the new allocation model just one year into its existence.

On a positive note, our Intensive Swimming scheme has kicked off this week with some kind weather and plenty of enthusiasm from the children. The groups have been sorted and activities have begun in earnest. This very

important program will continue through to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

This week will be the last week for Kindergarten Orientation. We will be seeking feedback from parents on Friday to help us in our planning for 2014 orientation programs. If your child has been part of this year's program we would like to hear from you about aspects you found helpful as well as your ideas on what might be done to improve the experience both for parents and their children. A survey sheet will be made available to you at school this Friday.

### Presentation Day Assemblies

Wednesday 11th December 2013 Kindergarten to Year 2 - 9.45am to 10.30am Year 3 to Year 6 - 11.15am to 1.00pm. All parents/family members of Award Winners are invited to join us for these assemblies. Parents/carers of each student winning an award will be notified by letter during the next week.

### Congratulations to the following students

#### Club 1000

Joel Watson

KB



### Congratulations to the following students Gotcha Being Good

21.11.13	Bailey Gee	1MC
22.11.13	Bailey Gee	1MC
25.11.13	Liam Hand	4H
26.11.13	Bailey Gee	1MC
27.11.13	Caleb Crutchfield	KH



### Canteen Roster

Fri	29.11.13	Toni Montgomerie, Alicia Angus
Mon	02.12.13	April Ingram (1pm), Kirrilee O'Connor
Wed	04.12.13	Kerin Lugnan
Thur	05.12.13	-

## Library

Counting, counting and more counting! Yes it's stocktake time and we are busy gathering and counting every single book and resource in our library so we can provide the best possible service to our school community. Student borrowing has ceased for the year but we have opened the library at lunchtime each day for anyone wishing to read and/or browse. We thank the children who have already returned books for processing and kindly ask that **all** books be returned to the library by Friday 6th December. We appreciate your cooperation during this time.

## Book Club

This will be the last book club of the year so please get your orders in ASAP. As book club is a big fundraiser for the school, our library benefits from every order that is taken. We have stopped our term 4 book fair now which means we have lost a big fundraiser. Please continue to support our school and Book Club and place orders at the Library or office by Friday 29th November. **READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE!**

Thanks  
Kristy Glyde

## Grand Toormi Tea Party

At Toormina Public School, students strive to be responsible, be safe and be learners. As part of our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) program, teachers keep a record of students in their class who display these behaviours each day. As regular attendance at school is vital to ensure success in learning, each student must attend school to be eligible to earn a tick for that day. Throughout the year, students have been awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold Toormi certificates for reaching targets within this program. Students who have an excellent attendance record and have achieved the required number of ticks by next Tuesday (Week 9) will be invited with their parents to the Grand Toormi Tea Party on Friday 13th December, 2013. Invitations will be sent home with students by Wednesday next week (Week 9).



### Christmas Craft Fun

**Saturday 7th December,  
Coffs Harbour Library**

**10:00 – 12:00.**



**Make Xmas Decorations & Trinkets  
Create with Beads & Felt**



Join in anytime throughout the morning  
No need to book.  
\$2.00 donation per child would be appreciated, as all materials will be supplied.

More info - 6648 4900.  
Web: [libraries.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au](http://libraries.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au)



Toormina Public School

Would like to thank our many parents  
and community members

who kindly volunteer in so many ways  
to support our staff and students.

You are cordially invited to attend

Afternoon Tea

to be held in the school staffroom

on

Monday 2nd December 2013

at 1.50pm

We hope you will be able to join us  
on the day and enable us to thank you  
for your help throughout the year.



## High School Information

### Toormina High School Orientation

The orientation day for students attending Toormina High School in 2014 is Wednesday 4th of December.

Details are as follows:

- Students arrive at 8.55am and are picked up at 2.45pm (Wed is our early finish day)
- They wear school uniform and bring a pencil case
- Lunch is provided but they bring morning tea and water
- They will be involved in a number of activities throughout the day and will meet key people in the school

### Coffs Harbour High School Orientation

The orientation day for students attending Coffs Harbour High School in 2014 is Wednesday 4th of December.

Details are as follows:

- Students will engage in activities with their peer support teams and have sample lessons
- Please ensure students bring morning tea, a drink and covered shoes. Lunch will be provided.
- Parents are welcome to join the children from 9 - 9.30am. Students will be at school until 3.20pm.

### Coffs Harbour High School Uniform

The new Coffs Harbour High School uniform and school book packs will be available to purchase on the orientation day and on special opening times during the school holiday period.

These dates are:

- Thursday 23rd January 2014 9am - 2pm
- Friday 24th January 2014 9am - 2pm
- Tuesday 28th January 2014 9am - 2pm

## P&C Reminders

All uniform surveys are due back to school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If for some reason you did not receive one, please contact your child's teacher or front office.

**All** tickets and money for our "2013 Mega Christmas Raffle" **must** be returned to school by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. We will be drawing the raffle at school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. All winners will be contacted by phone. Good Luck!

## Uniforms

Our uniform shop is open Tuesday mornings 8.30am - 9am and Friday afternoons 2.30pm - 3.00pm in the school canteen.

We have ample stocks of culottes and shorts in sizes 4-14.

Uniform orders can be placed anytime at the front office.

### TOORMINA PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT ENC.
Polo Shirts (size 4)			\$25	
Polo Shirts (size 6-16)			\$20	
Girls Cullottes (size 4-16)			\$17	
Boys Cargo Shorts (size 4-16)			\$15	
Zip up Fleecy Jacket (size 4 -16)			\$20	
V Neck Fleecy Jumper (size 8 - 16)			\$10 (special)	
Boys Cargo Long Pants			\$18	
Boys Tracksuit Pants			\$13	
Girls Bootleg Stretch Pant (size 8 - 14)			\$15	
Caps			\$12	
Broad Brimmed Hat (55cm, 57cm & 59cm)			\$9	

Money Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Second hand clothing items are also available for \$2 each

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 Order to be picked up by parent

Please send order home with Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the completed order form with correct money in a sealed envelope to the School Office**