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Up Coming Important Dates

December

- 6th Yarn Up breaky 9.30am (Staff room) 11th Presentation Day Years K-2 (9.45am - 10.30am)
 - Years 3-6 (11.15am 1.00pm)
- 12th Party day/Disco night
- 16th Year 6 Formal (6.00pm 9.00pm)
- 17th Talent Quest
- 18th Students' last day for 2013

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 have been notified by letter during this week.

Principal Message

This week we held an informal 'Thank you' afternoon tea for our band of volunteer helpers. We are most grateful to these people for the time and effort they freely devote to our school. Their contributions are very important to the successful running of the school, but more importantly we value the fact that they want to be involved in activities in our school. I truly believe that for a school to be dynamic and vibrant it has to have a strong and enthusiastic community and I feel that we have that here at Toormina. Once again, thank you to all of our helpers!



Thank you to our School Community Volunteers





Newsletter

Principal **Mr Peter Miles**



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5th December, 2013

As part of our Annual School Report requirements this year we are seeking your input into two main areas of our school performance. The first is quite simple, as it is English. The second area is a little less tangible, as it is the school culture. This is about the general feel of the school, with regard to the people who work here, the people who come here to learn, and the people who comprise the families of those learners. If you could spare some time to put your thoughts together on the survey form that is attached to this newsletter we would be most grateful.

We are also looking at evaluating another program that operates in the school, that of our Student Welfare Officer, Mrs Elizabeth Paff. As you know, Mrs Paff is the initial 'go to' person for the daily welfare issues that sometimes confront children and their families. We are required to conduct an appraisal of this program by the authority that sponsors it. We have sent a survey form accompanying this newsletter and we hope that you may find some time to put down your thoughts.

Peter Miles

Congratulations to the following students

Club 2000 Lyla Paul



Congratulations to the following students **Gotcha Being Good**

28.11.13	Bailey Gee	1MC
29.11.13	Lilly Morrison	1MC
02.12.13	Liam Jones	KH
04.12.13	Shakira Astill	5/6M

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Student Banking

Remember to bring in your bank books this Tuesday for School Banking!

Student Health

It has come to our attention that some of our senior students have been experimenting with piercing each other's ear lobes.

We would encourage you to speak with your child, as we have, about the possible health risks of this kind of action.

Some students have also spoken of trying to do this in environments, such as the toilets, which are unclean and obvious sources of infection.

Please support us in discussing choices like these with your children and the need to choose professional people working in sterile conditions to provide this kind of service.

Working together to provide advice for our students and your children will achieve the best outcomes for all.

Judy Burns

P&C Mega Christmas Raffle

A reminder that children must have ALL of their tickets & money returned to the front office BY FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER please! We will be drawing the raffle at morning assembly on Monday 16th December.

Our committee will also be at Toormina Gardens shopping centre this weekend selling tickets (outside Cunningham Jewellers) so please tell your friends and family to come and buy a ticket and support our school. All monies raised will be go towards our new Stephanie Alexander outdoor garden/kitchen project in 2014, something that everyone is very excited about at school.

Special Xmas Discount for Toormina Public Parents

The first prize in our Mega Christmas raffle is a DAIKIN 'air purifier' thanks to Allied Air Conditioning & Refrigeration. This quality product improves air quality and breathing comfort, perfect for allergy and asthma sufferers. As a special offer to all of our parents & teachers, if you order an air purifier from Allied before the 31st December 2013, you will receive 15% discount off the purchase price. Phone: 6652 5366

(Simply mention Toormina Public School & present the accompanying flyer)

Sport News **Congratulations Theo**



Theo Richardson represented our school in Croquet and received a certificate for coming 2nd from the President of Croquet NSW.

If any Toormina Public School kids are interested in learning how to play Croquet and would like a free lesson at Sawtell Croquet Club, please contact Peter Richardson on 0468 990 031.

Community News **RIP CURL ALL GIRLS SURF WEEKEND**

Sat 21st Dec @ 9.30am & Sun 22nd Dec @ 10.30am Where: Coffs Yacht Club Cost: \$50.00 per person All participants receive Rip Curl T.shirt and show bag.

Fun, safe and professional! Girls only classes! All equipment supplied.

SURF GROMS XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS Mon - Fri courses

Choose a week that suits you Jan 6th to Jan 10th Jan 13th to Jan 17th Jan 20th to Jan 24th Age groups: 5yrs to 8yrs & 8yrs to 12yrs Times: 8.30am to 10am & 10.30am to 12pm



Register now with Lee Winkler's Surf School 66500050 lwss@bigpond.com

Learn to surf with the best surfing program on offer.

Canteen News

Playwater will not be available for the rest of this year. Thank you.

Penny Szafranski Canteen Supervisor

Canteen Roster

Fri06.12.13Toni Montgomerie, Paul JonesMon09.12.13April Ingram (1pm), Kerin LugWed11.12.13Paul JonesThur12.12.13Vashti Broadbent
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Janteen Open Or BYO Snacks and Drinks

> Chairs welcome to be set-up at rear

The Orara Valley Progress Association Inc. presents





Movies under the Moon

SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY 2014, 7.30pm

CORAMBA SPORTS GROUND

NB. The Coramba Sportsground is a NO GLASS venue

Tickets purchased on the night \$10 Each \$30 Family of 4 or \$40 Family of 5 Children 3 yrs & under Free!

All funds raised will be divided between the heating of the Orara Valley Community Pool and the Coramba Sportsground If you would like to advertise your business on the night, or for any further details please contact Stephanie on 0409 369 046