



Toormina Public School Newsletter

Week 5 Term 1 • 26 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to the marvellous efforts of our swimmers at the Mid North Coast Zone (MNCZ) PSSA Swimming carnival yesterday. We are proud of all our students attending. Further congratulations to Owen and Wyatt who qualified to compete in multiple events at the North Coast PSSA Swimming Carnival next Wednesday. Good luck for your events and enjoy the experience!



This week Mr Simpson has selected a small group of students to attend the MNCZ Tennis Trials next Wednesday. Notes should be returned to school on Monday. Good luck to these students trying out.

In the event that a child is required to bring a mobile phone to school due to before or after school events, these must be handed in each day at the office in the morning and collected before going home in the afternoon. This helps keep these devices safe during the day and avoids inappropriate use of these devices during school hours.

Kind regards,
Mr. Matt Hankinson
Principal

SRC

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC representatives.



The SRC have decided to begin collecting bread tags. These tags will be used to raise funds for the Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchair's program.

The tags are sent to South Australia to be recycled and made into items such as bowls, doorknobs and coasters. The funds raised from the sale of those items are used to buy wheelchairs for disadvantaged people. It takes about 250kg of tags to make one standard wheelchair. The aim of the program is to change the lives of disabled people in need of wheelchairs who may otherwise not be able to afford one, as well as keep bread tags out of landfill to help preserve the environment. Since 2006 this program has funded 800 wheelchairs.

Can you please save your bread tags and send them in with your child, where they will be collected in the classroom.



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Attendance

This year as part of our new *2021-2024 School Improvement Plan* we will be looking at ways in which to improve our attendance levels. Our aim is to increase student's attendance to 90% or greater. Some initiatives to assist this will include:

- 1) Students who have attended for 90% or greater within a 5-week period will receive a Zooper Dooper. The first Zooper Dooper will be handed out on Monday.
- 2) Students with identified attendance issues, or who have medical certificates to explain their absences will receive an attendance plan and a modified target which is negotiated with either the classroom teacher or Stage leader. Those students who achieve their personalised attendance goal will also receive their Zooper Dooper. Please note that the first cycle of this will be from Weeks 6-10.
- 3) Any student who has achieved 90% or greater attendance within the 5-week period (or achieved their individual attendance goal) will receive a ticket for a Rebel draw (maximum of 2 tickets per child, per term)
- 4) These tickets will go into a raffle and are drawn out on the last day of each term. Each stage will have 5 prizes to distribute.
- 5) Our whole school target is to improve the proportion of students with 90% attendance or higher. We are aiming to go from 71.1% attending 90% or greater to 76.6% (2021 goal – this target will increase to 81.6% next year). If this target is met each term the school will host a whole school fun day on the last day of term.
- 6) At the end of the year any student who has an overall attendance rate for 2021 of 95% or higher will go into a separate Rebel draw and will be drawn out on the last day of the school year.

We thank you for your support to improve of school attendance.

Voluntary Contribution

School voluntary contributions are now able to be paid at the front office or via the school website. These are \$50 per child for the year.

Upcoming events

Tues 2 March	Soccer Trials – boys and girls
Wed 3 March	North Coast swimming carnival and MNCZ Tennis Trials
Fri 5 March	Schools' Clean Up Day
Tue 16 March	School Photographs

Canteen

The canteen is seeking donations of 4 litre ice cream containers please, these can be left at either the canteen or the front office.

Our canteen is welcoming new volunteers to help with food preparation and service. If you are able to donate a few hours each week or fortnight please see either April in the canteen or let our front office staff know.

Year 6

Year 6 shirt order form will go home early next week. If you can please start to send in your child's shirt you wish to have printed on. Please label the shirt with their name and class.

Big Veggie Crunch!



Toormina students will be joining thousands of other students across NSW in the "Big Veggie Crunch" on March 18th at 10am.

Did you know that only around 6% of Australian children eat enough vegetables? Kids need to eat 3-5 serves of vegies each day.

To help get our Toormi Kids crunching more often on delicious, fresh vegies, we will be joining in the Big Veggie Crunch on **Thursday March 18th at 10am.**

Primary schools across NSW will be joining us to try to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables simultaneously.

The current record is: 50,260 students (set in 2018).

What can you do to help?

- Pack a container of vegetables (not fruit this time) for your child to eat on Thursday 18 March
- Remember to keep serving up the vegetables at home and in your children's lunchboxes.
- Check out the [UP THE VEG at Home](#) resource for ideas





- 2/3 Lime Robert, Madison, Jayden
- 3/4 Jade Zara, Harmony, Cleveland, Grace
- 4/5 Amber Iluka, Edward, Chanelle, Selene
- 5/6 Aqua Madison, Jamie, Lachlan
- 5/6 Green Shayla, Russell, Claudia
- 5/6 Violet Tyler, Eve, Jarrah


Toormina Public School PHOTOS

Will be taken on **Tuesday 16th March**

Information and envelopes will be sent home soon.

Individual, class and family photos will be available.

Envelopes allow for payment by cash, card or online.



"Toormi Clean Up Schools" Day

On Friday 5th March
 our school will be participating in our annual
"Clean Up Schools Day".



All students will help to clean up our school grounds and playground.

Please send in garden gloves for your child
 to wear on the day if possible.



During the next fortnight, students will participate in discussions about "Being Safe" when helping with our "School Clean Up Day" and lessons about how we can care for our environment every day!

