Community Participation

We at Toormina Public School value all input from parents and families. We believe that it is vital for our community to play an important role in the education of our children. Two of the many ways that this partnership can be achieved is through your attendance at Yarn Ups or at our P&C meetings.

Our next P&C meeting will be Thursday 14th February at 9.30am and our next Yarn Up is on Friday February 22nd at 12.30.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, a letter of explanation should be given to your child’s teacher explaining the reason for this immediately following their absence. It is really important that your child arrives at school by 9.10am each morning. Arriving late can often cause your child to be unsettled and out of routine for the day. They miss instructions for lessons and important learning.

Classes

Students have been placed into classes temporarily. Some of these classes may change as we have had many new enrolments. This may be a possibility this year and we would welcome the smaller classes.

Swimming Carnival

On Monday 4th February we held our swimming carnival at Coffs Harbour Pool. All teacher’s were very proud of all children in attendance due to their sportsmanship, participation and behaviour. The pool proprietor said that our student’s behaviour was fantastic and that they had left the pool in an immaculate condition.

The champions and winning house for 2013 will be formally announced on the morning assembly on Friday morning.

I would also like to make special mention of all parents who assisted with time keeping on the day:

A HUGE THANKYOU to:
Tania Tate, Toni Montgomerie, Mel Bennett, Fiona Lawrence, Kirriilee O’Connor, Amanda Ensbey, Troy Gordon and Leanne Elkins-Baker.

Up Coming Important Dates

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Canteen Roster

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We suggest you bookmark it and place it on your homescreen.
**Our School Community – Kirsty Schweikert**

We are very fortunate to welcome Kirsty, who is working with our Year 1 Aboriginal students under the Wambinya program. This program, which started last year and continues to the end of this term, supports the development of early reading and writing skills.

Kirsty, was born and grew up in Gumbayniggirr Country and was actually a student of our school. After finishing her HSC, she worked in retail management before doing her degree at Southern Cross University. Kirsty is really happy to be working closely with the students on the Wambinya program, “I feel that working in a one on one situation with students and being an Aboriginal person, who has had to work hard to achieve at school, I can really relate to, and help, these children.”

*Elizabeth Paff*
Community Liaison Officer/Student Welfare Officer

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**Student Awards**

*Congratulations to the following students*

**Gotcha Being Good**

05.02.13 Enna Bilsborough 1MC
06.02.13 Tiara Wild 1/2C

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**Library**

Welcome back to another exciting school year. As we are busy getting settled into our new classes another important day to remember is LIBRARY DAY! To help in getting yourself organised in remembering when to bring a library bag I thought I would send out a quick message to help you prepare. K-4 students must have a bag to borrow be it a plastic/material shopping bag, pillow case or purchase a bag from the office for $2.

Kindergarten- To be advised
1MC- Wednesday
1/2C- Thursday
2R- Thursday
3M- Thursday
3/4J- Tuesday
4/5N- Tuesday
5/6G- Wednesday
5/6M- Tuesday
5/6C- Wednesday

*Thanks for your support*

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**Book Club**

Toormina Public School utilises the services of Scholastic Bookclub to raise money for the school library and promote reading and literacy in the community. Scholastic sends Bookclub brochures to the school each month and your child will bring home 2-3 brochures relevant to their age.

To order from the brochure, complete the order form on the back and send complete with money, cheque or credit card orders, in an envelope to the Library.

In 1-2 weeks the orders will arrive and be given to your children. Bookclub can be a handy gift idea for grandparents, etc who are looking for a small purchase. Spare brochures are available from the Library.

The current issue is due back on **Thursday 14th February**.

Thank you
*Mrs Kristy Glyde*

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**School Banking**

Don’t forget to bring your bank books to school every Tuesday!
Be healthy - be active
Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Bull Rush.

Registration Day for new and existing players of Sawtell Panthers JRLFC
From Under 7’s to Under 16’s:
When: Saturday 16th February
Where: Centro Toormina Shopping Centre
Time: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
All new players to bring birth certificate
Or passport.
Enquiries: sawtyjuniors@hotmail.com

Sawtell Physi Club
Have you ever wanted to try Physi? Physi is a combination of Exercises performed to modern dance music. It’s great for improving coordination, flexibility and core strength. We cater for girls/ladies of all ages and experience. The first 3 lessons are offered free, so come and have a look. Classes resume Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th February at Toormina Public School.
Information/Enrolment Table will be held at Centro Toormina Saturday 2nd & 9th February 9am - 1pm. For further information phone - (Jo) 6658 1071/0422647 214 or (Denise) 6658 5696.

Southside Hockey Club Incorporated
Southside Hockey Club welcomes present and new players for the 2013 season. Matches are played each Saturday morning for Minkey, U/9, U11, U13, U15 Boys and U16 Girls Divisions. All matches are played at the Coffs Harbour Hockey Fields next to the BCU International Stadium. There are no matches away.
If you are interested in playing, please collect a form from the school office or telephone Bruce Barnier on 66528901 for more details. Please return your form to the school office by Thursday 21st February, 2013.

Lee Winkler’s Surf School
Quicksilver/Vegemite SURF GROMS!
Book now for New surf grom programs with Lee Winkler’s Surf School.
First course starts week beginning Feb 16th
Runs on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Choose a day & time that suits you!
Bookings essential
Www.surgroms.com Or enquiries 66500050
The best junior surfing program on offer!
Loads of prizes for the groms, including gift packs upon sign up.

1st Sawtell Scout Group
Lyons Rd Sawtell (opp Sawtell Caravan Park)
Cubs: 7 – 11 years
Scouts: 11-14 years
Scouts meet each Tuesday 6:30pm – 8:30pm commencing 12 February 2013
Cubs meet each Thursday 6:30pm – 8:00pm commencing 14 February 2013
FREE FEBRUARY – Come and try cubs & scouts for the month of February for free
Annual fees apply thereafter, payment plans available
Contact Rhyz 0429 963 051 for further details or check out our blog at sawtell-scout-group.blogspot.com/

Fuji Karate Club
* 2 day training course for beginners
* Thursday 28th Feb and 7th Mar
* 5pm to 6pm
* Boambee Public School
- Lindsays Road, Boambee
Qualified Instructors Total cost $20
Contact - Francisa & Wayne 66559318