Staff Development Days
There will be 2 Staff Development Days at the beginning of Term 2 to allow for comprehensive teacher professional learning based on the new NSW syllabus for the National Curriculum. This means that students will return to school from holidays on Wednesday 1st May.

Mobile Website
Our school’s mobile website is a great place to check for information on events. It is also a good communication tool for us to alert you in times of bad weather, late excursion buses, cancellation of events etc. If you have a smart phone and are unsure how to use our mobile website, please let the office know so that we can organise for you to be shown how to use it.

Cyberbullying
An issue that many young people of today may face is ‘cyberbullying’. I urge you to have at least one conversation (preferably regular conversations) with your child/children who come into contact with any social media sites.

An excellent website that offers support resources for parents and children to be able to have this conversation is found at the following address: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/

There are many resources available at this website for you and child/children to discuss. There is also an excellent video clip ‘How Cybersmart are you’. I strongly suggest that you watch this.

Please remember also, that children under the age of 13 years should NOT have Facebook accounts.

Jane Martyn
Relieving Principal.

Canteen News
The canteen needs helpers on Wednesdays and Thursdays. No experience is necessary and lunch is provided. If you are able to help could you fill out the form below and return it to the canteen or office.

Thank you Penny Szafranski

Up Coming Important Dates

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Canteen Volunteer - 2013

Name: ___________________ Phone: ____________
I am able to help in the canteen on the following days:

- [ ] Full Day (till 2.30pm)
- [ ] Wednesday
- [ ] Fortnightly
- [ ] Short Day (till 12.30pm)
- [ ] Thursday
- [ ] Monthly

Canteen Volunteer Roster

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QR Code
Simply download the QR Code reader on your phone from the app store. Or you can just enter http://www.rems.mobi/grim.php?id=137

We suggest you bookmark it and place it on your homescreen

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28th February, 2013
As part of Toormina Public School’s commitment to achieving a “bully-free” school we will be participating in the Australia-wide National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

This national campaign will occur on Friday 15th March 2013 as part of our school’s anti-bullying program along with classroom lessons and the implementation of a standard behaviour response to bullying.

Students will be taught strategies to deal with bullying, both as participants and bystanders, in line with our school anti-bullying policy.

If you would like more information about our school policy please contact Mrs Judy Burns at school either in person or by phone.

Students will receive more information about this day in our next newsletter.

District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, 19th February 28 of our swimmers competed in extremely difficult conditions at the District Swimming Carnival. They did not allow the rain to hamper their enthusiasm for the competition and performed very well and we now have 10 children in individual events and 4 relay teams competing at the MNC carnival today. A fantastic effort from all children. I was proud of all children in attendance and I must make special mention to the parents who acted as officials on the day in the torrential rain. THANKYOU for your heroic performance it was greatly appreciated by the staff in attendance - we could not have run the carnival without your assistance.

Pam Greenway

Easter Hat Parade

Our K-6 Easter Hat Parade will be held on 26th March at 12.15pm. All students will make their hats in class and will be part of our fun parade.

Parents/Caregivers are most welcome to attend

K-6 Assembly

This year we will be moving to a whole-school assembly which will be held on Monday afternoons at 2:20pm. All students from K-6 will attend. Our first assembly will be on this coming Monday, 4th March. Students will receive their ribbons from our school Swimming Carnival, with District ribbons being handed out the following Monday.

Please feel free to join us. Due to the fact that all classes will need to fit into the hall, seating for parents & friends will be on the side stairs, towards the back of the hall, as our ‘Class of the Week’ will be using the front section.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kinder Bus Program

The Kinder Bus Program which was postponed from Friday 22/2/13, due to heavy rain, will now be held next Monday 4/3/13 in class time.

If you want your child to catch the bus home, please advise us in writing and include the number of the bus and the days that they will be catching the bus.

Thank you, Kindergarten Teachers

P&C News

On the 15th of March the P&C is holding a fundraiser at the Big Banana water slides, with money raised to go to the computers which the school purchased at the end of last year. Though the weather forecast is not good for the rest of this week we are hoping that after all the bad weather we have had the sky will be clear for the 15th. With this event we need tickets to be pre purchased as we need a minimum of 100 wrist bands sold for the event to go ahead. Please invite family and friends to come along and join in the fun. In the case of bad weather or not enough numbers there will be a total refund. Wrist bands are to be purchased at the office, a voucher will be given and the bands will be collected on the night. If you lose your voucher a secondary list will make sure you don’t miss out!

P&C AGM

Will be held on Thursday 14th of March at 9:30 in the staff room. If you are interested in a committee position or just want to be involved in how the P&C will be run please come along. Also the running of the uniform shop will be discussed and uniform prices. If you wish to join the P&C and vote on all issues you will need to bring 50c as a token joining fee. This is a requirement of the P&C association. We hope to see you there.

Uniform Shop

Open times are: Tuesday 8:30am to 9:10am and Friday 1pm to 3:10pm.

Parent Information Evening - 7th March

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**Multiplication times tables**

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams.


**Sorting fact from fiction**

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website - or any document - from a bad one. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction

**School Banking Token Redemption**

**Day, Tuesday 26th March**

Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of kids bringing in their tokens at different times. The next Token Redemption Day will be Tuesday 26th March.

**What can be claimed?** Wallet, Handball, Knuckles Game, Dollarmite character Moneybox (Spen, Cred, Pru, Addy & Pat).

**What do you need to do?** Please bring in your 10 tokens and redemption coupon in with your child’s School Banking on Tuesday 26th March. If you need redemption coupons they are available from the School Banking Co-ordinators on Tuesday mornings. We will then order the reward and have it back to your child as soon as we receive it.

Notifications will be placed in the school newsletter to keep you posted on future redemption days.

We have asked all school banking students to bring in their tokens so that we can verify the students have the correct number of tokens according to the Banks records. We were not collecting the tokens in the past as we should have and the students may have the incorrect number of tokens as a result. In order for a child to redeem tokens for a Reward Item they MUST surrender 10 tokens. Please assist us with this by sending in all your child’s tokens next Tuesday for us to verify. We cannot stress how important it is for the children to keep the tokens in a safe place until they are ready to redeem them.

**NO 10 TOKENS = NO REWARD ITEM**

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. We are very pleased to advise that the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program for 2012 raised $507.44 in commission for Toormina Public School for the entire year. This is commission the Commonwealth Bank gives to our school simply for conducting School Banking. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program. For those students who participate in School Banking, keep up the great effort. To those who would like to get involved, all you need is a Commonwealth Bank account. These can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, just take your child’s birth certificate and some Identification for the parent/carer.

**AFL Sawtell Saints Junior**

The Sawtell Saints/Toormina Saints Junior AFL Club is looking to welcome players for the 2013 season. Come and be part of your local AFL club where it is all about fun and fitness. We are seeking all junior ages and skill levels, particularly players keen to give it a go!! All games are played on Sunday morning within the local area.

Training is held on Tuesday afternoons 4pm—5.15pm Richardson Park (opp the Sawtell Railway station)

Total players cost for the season range from $75 to $95 depending upon age.

For further information please contact:
Tony Linnet President 0409 882 872
Brad Donnan Secretary 0417 608 770
email: sawtellsaintsjaf@y7mail.com
Matt Anderson Coach 0407 831 430

**Fundamental Movement Skills**

There is evidence that children with poor fundamental movement skills such as jumping, skipping, leaping, kicking, throwing and catching are less likely to be active. Give your kids a head start and teach them these skills.

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**Easter fun in SAWTELL**

Saturday, 30th March 2013

10 am to 12 Noon

Egg and Spoon Race, Easter Hop (between 10.00 and 11.00am)

Easter Bonnet Parade at 11.00am – all entrants receive a prize

Temporary Tattoos (Free)

Egg Hunt (Non Chocolate/Sugar – spoil sport, I know)
Growing Pet Hatching Dinosaur Eggs - put them in water & they “hatch”

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Come and have fun with the Kids
In November 2012 I was fortunate to take on a new job at our school in conjunction with my Community Liaison Role.

As Student Welfare Worker I work closely with our Relieving Principal, Jane Martyn and School Counsellor, Zahira Tolhurst to support the social and emotional wellbeing of our students and their families.

This means that I assist students and their families when they may be having a difficult day or going through a challenging time outside of school.

I am not a counsellor but am able to provide general support, mentoring and, if needed, offer referrals to school counselling as well as specialist agencies outside our school community.

My work is closely monitored by our school’s Learning Support Team. I may also, with parent permission, run individual and group programs with students which are aimed at increasing confidence, resilience and the well being of the students involved. As Student Welfare Worker, I aim to encourage and guide our students, helping them to learn the skills that they need to live happy and fulfilling lives at school and in the future.

Parents please fill in the following survey and return to Mrs Martyn by next Thursday, 7th March.

1. Before today, were you aware that Elizabeth Paff is employed in the role of Student Welfare Worker at our school? __________________

2. Have you, or your child, sought the assistance of the Student Welfare Worker? ___________________________________________

3. Any comments ___________________________________________
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