Principal Message
Gonski Week
This week we are celebrating Gonski Week across schools in NSW. The Gonski Review put forward a new way to fund schools across Australia. The model aimed to ensure that every child in every school was given the correct level of support to help them reach their true potential. Extra funding would be directed toward children who are disadvantaged in a socio-economic sense, non-English speaking, indigenous or disabled. Importantly, this model also stressed the need to give every school a correct base of support for every child in the school.
Here at Toormina we have been using this support to implement a wide range of programs to meet the individual needs of our children. I have described these programs in previous newsletter and they are included in the Toormina P & C section of this newsletter. These programs have been very successful and we plan to continue to implement and fine tune them in 2016 and beyond.
We are very hopeful that the Federal government will continue to support the Gonski model into the fifth and sixth years of its operation. These years will see the bulk of the funding support distributed according to student need, across Australia.
For more information about Gonski I would suggest you can visit the ‘I give a Gonski’ website at www.igiveagonski.com.au

Assembly News
Very cute! We always look forward to seeing what Kindergarten come up with for assembly items and we were not disappointed with the entertaining performance that Kindergarten Red put on for us this week. The students looked fantastic in their colourful outfits and had clearly done a lot of rehearsing to learn the movements to the song. Congratulations and we look forward to Kindergarten Blue’s performance in a fortnights time. As usual parents and family are both welcome and encouraged to attend. Below is the special award winners for the week:

Captains Award: Jarred Lynwood for being a great Toormi Mentor
Gotcha Draw Winner: Charlotte Cooper - 3 Purple
Environment Award: 1/2 Green
Class of the Week: 6 Emerald

Big Bike Ride
Up Coming Important Dates

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Our school is offering this wonderful opportunity. **Intensive 10 Day Learn to Swim Program to**

- improve water confidence; and
- provide students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

If your child is in Years 2-6 and is unable to swim 25 metres confidently unaided in deep water then they are eligible to participate in this swimming program.

The program is provided by DET trained swimming instructors.

Cost is only $55 for 10 days which covers bus travel and pool entry each day. All swimming instruction is done during normal school hours.

Children travel to and from the pool with class teachers.

To ensure your child’s place in this program, **please complete the permission note sent home Tuesday Week 3 and return with the money to your child’s CLASS TEACHER.**

**Full payment must be paid by Friday 20th November 2015.**

Extra notes available from the School Front Office.

**Health News**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worst at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

**Community News**

- Tern Up Sawtell opening night at Sawtell art gallery entry by donation. Saturday 7th November at 5pm
- Tern Up kids art workshop ages 5+ at Sawtell art gallery, parents encouraged. Bookings essential 0417 286 505. $5/child, Sunday 8th November 10-12 noon.
- Tern Up twilight street parade: welcome back Little Terns! Sawtell summer sessions, 1st Ave Sawtell, Thursday 12th November 5-8pm
- Tern Up poetry and sand performance evening at Sawtell art gallery, entry by donation. Saturday 14th November 5-6.30pm.
- Tern Up bird watching, family picnic NSW National Parks Discovery at Bonville Sawtell (southern) headland, Boronia at Sawtell. BYO picnic/rug. Free community event. Weather pending (facebook) Sunday 22nd November 4-6pm.

By joining the Team Amart loyalty program, and nominating our School, members will receive awesome benefits throughout the year, like member only sales, exclusive competitions and special events.

For every member purchase, Amart Sports will give Toormina Public School 5% of that transaction in the form of an in-store credit.

This means the more community school members who join and nominate our school with Amart Sports, the more credits our school accumulates and the more products we can buy at Amart Sports to help improve our facilities.

**Sport News**

Toormina Tigers Vs Wildcats Crusaders on the weekend, they tried their very best even though they lost 15/37.

**Canteen Roster** (Every Tuesday closed)

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**Club 1000**
- Skyla Ryman - 2 Orange

**Club 2000**
- Degan Charman - 2 Orange
- Meicha Thompson - K Blue
Our P and C give a Gonski!

2016 will be the 3rd year of Gonski Funding.

From 26th Oct – 1st Nov is Gonski Week. Please support Gonski Week by going to this website

www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm and leave a message regarding the funding for our school.

Schools are using this targeted funding in ways that make a difference to students. The only problem is we still don’t have a commitment from the politicians’ to honour the NSW Gonski agreement, and to deliver the final two years of funding, when the bulk of the money is due.

With the millions of children we have in Public Schools, we have the numbers; we just need YOU to join the battle for better funding of Australia’s Schools. You can help all Australian Public Schools (Toormina Public included) by signing the petition at this link: http://www.igiveagonksi.com.au

Here at Toormina Public School we are receiving ‘Gonski’ funding, which is directed at the student needs in our school. This funding allows our school to run a range of programs which are specifically designed to meet the unique needs of our students. These programs include:

- Classroom Support – to provide School Learning Support Officers across the school to work in classrooms with targeted children and groups
- Aboriginal Teacher – to work with Aboriginal children across a range of academic, social, cultural, engagement and attendance issues
- Student Support Officer – Mrs Paff works with children, teachers and families to provide support across a wide range of welfare issues
- Instructional Leadership – which helps Assistant Principals and leading teachers to lead school teams to improve student outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy
- Occupational Therapy – for identified children
- Racing Ahead With Reading – where individual instruction for selected students is provided to help improve reading and comprehension skills
- Managing the Bull – a program that helps selected children to overcome difficulties with social adjustments

To help keep the funding in our school, so as we don’t lose any of the wonderful programmes this funding supports. So as our dedicated team of teachers, can give our children the very best of high quality education, for their future learning years. So please spare a couple of minutes to click and sign the petition, Our Children are our future and their future is in our hands. http://www.igiveagonksi.com.au