Principal Message
With the weather clearing this week we were finally able to run our school cross country carnival on Tuesday. Mr Greenway did a fine job with setting out the course and the carnival ran smoothly throughout the day. It was very pleasing seeing so many children competing in the age races, and giving their very best efforts. As a result of the racing, 10 children were selected for each age division in boys and girls, to compete at the District carnival which will be held this Friday at Sawtell. Mr Greenway, Mr Matete and Mrs Barlow will be accompanying the children on the day. Children who have been selected will have received a permission note this week.

Today Mrs Greenway and 20 of our student leaders attended a student leadership course in Coffs Harbour. Here at Toormina we value the contributions our student leaders make to our school and by giving them experiences such as these we are aiming to develop their skills of leadership so they can be the best leaders possible. These skills and understandings are very valuable, not just for their time here at Toormina, but also as part of the tools they will need to be successful citizens in later life.

Our P & C will be cooking breakfast tomorrow morning to help our children and Mothers celebrate that most important of all days, Mother’s Day! Please come in to school from 7.45 am onwards to enjoy a fresh BLT and juice with your child/children and enjoy the company of many other family members. It is a great way to start the day, plus you get a chance to share a bit of the less frantic school life in the earlier part of the day.

A thank you letter from the Sawtelle RSL sub-Branch
The attendance of large numbers of students from Toormina Public School on ANZAC day, the 100th anniversary of the landing of Gallipoli for the March and memorial service was very pleasing.

The President and Members of the sub-Branch extend to your students and teachers sincere thank you for the schools attendance.

Kerry Baylis
Hon. Secretary

OC Placement
Parents of students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 must submit their application between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

There are no paper applications. Parents without internet access can go to a public library to complete their online application.

You are welcome to come into the office to pick up an Application Information form for more information.

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

Assembly News
An awards assembly is scheduled for this Monday 11th May to distribute the Cross Country Ribbons. The assembly will start at 2.30pm in the hall. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.
Cross Country

On Tuesday 6th May, we held our School Cross Country. The course was wet and muddy but all the students who participated gave their very best effort and were exceptionally well behaved. All students who participated were given the chance to win a major prize by going into a raffle draw. Four major prize packs were won by Melanie Gregg, Taleah Chapman, Chloe Peters and Enna Bilsborough with 20 other students winning a Yoghurtland voucher in the raffle draw. All the students competed with a positive attitude and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. The age champions were: 8/9 Boys - Luke Jones, 8/9 Girls - Amber Heward, 10 Boys - Jyelee Milne, 10 Girls - Holly Payten, 11 Boys - Gabe Boota, 11 Girls - Melanie Gregg, 12/13 Boys - Dakoda Bennett, 12/13 Girls - Gabi Nash. 75 Students from our school have qualified to compete at the District Carnival which will be held Friday 8th May at Sawtell Caravan Park. Well Done!

P&C News

MUMS DAY B.L.T. BREAKFAST
Thank you to all our mum’s who helped at the Mothers day stall yesterday - Jodie, Melissa, Liz, Kate and Linda.
Remember our Mothers’ Day Breaky is tomorrow, Friday 8th May at 7.45am!!

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE
Raffle will be drawn at 9.15am.

Book Fair
Support our school by purchasing at our book fair. A percentage of sales will go towards books for the Library.
Open tomorrow for purchases at 8.40am - 9.10am and at 11.10am - 12.00 noon.

Basketball News
Toormina Tigers played a very tight game last Saturday against the St Augustine’s Scorpions. It was neck and neck the whole game, but unfortunately they lost the battle 29/32.

Stewart House
Stewart House envelopes were sent home last week with the newsletter. To be in the draw for the $4000 holiday, simply place a $2 coin inside the envelope, complete details on the back and return to the school asap.

Canteen Roster

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School Photos
Unfortunately MSP Photography have had delays due to printing and laminating issues. Individual and Class photos will be sent home as soon as possible but at this stage it won’t be until later this term. MSP Photography apologises for the delay.

Information for parents
NAPLAN tests are held in May each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Parents or carers of students who sit for the NAPLAN tests will receive a written report of their child’s achievement in September.

NAPLAN student report
The NAPLAN student report will show your child’s results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 80% of students nationally and your school’s average for each test. This means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling. The additional student report will list all the questions in each test, along with a brief description of each question. This report will show you which questions your child answered correctly. A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child’s progress through the years. It is recommended that you make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss your child’s results and how to interpret the NAPLAN reports.

NAPLAN 2015 timetable

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