“Gonski’ funding is a term that has been used frequently over the last couple of years to describe the funding arrangements for schools across Australia. It is a funding method that emerged from the Gonski Review, which was the most comprehensive review of school funding ever undertaken. As a result of the review schools were funded according to student need, regardless of where that student went to school or whether that school was public, catholic or independent. It is, quite simply, the fairest method of school funding we have ever had.

Here at Toormina Public School our ‘Gonski’ 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

Staffing News
This week Mrs Glyde will be going on maternity leave in preparation for the arrival of a new bundle of joy. We wish her all the best for the coming event, and we look forward to her returning to Toormina PS mid-way through 2016. 3/4 Indigo will be in the capable hands of Miss Michele Renneberg during Mrs Glyde’s leave period. Miss Renneberg has had plenty of experience teaching here at Toormi and we trust the change will be smooth.

Mr Peter Miles
Principal
Lego Club

I am impressed with the Kindergarten students who are coming to Lego Club at the moment. They are working cooperatively to make Minecraft worlds and homes for Steve and his Creeper friends.

Assembly News

For this week’s assembly we saw an entertaining performance from the 1/2G Cowboys and Cowgirls. It was outstanding to see the wonderful outfits and costumes that the students and their parents had clearly put thought into. What was even more impressive was the dance performance they put on the tune of several modern day cowboy songs. It was great to see the students doing both solo dances and pair dancing with their classmates. We were all impressed with the skills as were the large amount of parents that turned up to support their children.

Next week the hall will host the class public speaking finalists of 5 Aqua and 4/5 Amber, followed by an assembly item from 1 Yellow in week 8. As usual parents and family are both welcome and encouraged to attend.

Below is the special award winners for the week:

Environment Award: 5 Aqua
Captains Award: Ieisha Patterson

Year 5 & 6

Lake Ainsworth News

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

If you encounter any difficulties with the completion of the on-line forms, please contact us immediately. We will endeavour to assist you in any way we can, as this is a newly implemented procedure.

Mrs Greenway

RAWR News

Mr Miles is stoked with the great reading results coming out of our RAWR (Racing Ahead With Reading) Program.

Students on the program are withdrawn from class each day to spend 10 minutes reading on one on one with Mrs Sisson (Stage 3), Mrs Sheeves (Stage 2) and Mrs Wallace and Mrs Solomon (Stage one).

These improvements in reading and comprehension lead to a greater confidence in the classroom and increased success in other learning areas. Our SLSOs say that it is great to see students looking forward to coming along to RAWR sessions and that they can see and are excited by the ongoing improvement in their students’ reading.

Well done to all of the RAWR students and our dedicated Student Learning Support Officers. We really encourage parents to continue reading regularly to and with your children as often as possible.

“Go Green” Week

Coming up in Week 9!

“Go Green” Week focuses on eating ‘green classified’ foods (eg fruit and veggies) and sustainability.

We will be holding a “Go Green” mufti day on Wednesday 9th September.

All gold coin donations on this day will go to support our Toormi Garden projects.

The canteen will have a special meal deal and snacks throughout the week.

Children will also be participating in a variety of lessons to learn about healthy eating and sustainability (eg composting).

Helen Trist

Gotcha Being Good
Enna Bilsborough
2015 ICAS Results

Last term students in years 3 to 6 participated in the University of NSW Spelling, Digital Technologies and Science competitions. Congratulations to the following students for their efforts.

**Spelling**
- Enna Bilsborough - Participation
- Wilkie Beynon-Whitelaw - Participation
- Ruby Ensbey - Participation
- Trystin Sjoberg - Participation
- Oliver Sloan - Participation
- Lily Howarth - Credit

**Digital Technologies**
- Oliver Sloan - Participation
- Wilkie Beynon-Whitelaw - Participation
- Lachlan Pennington - Participation
- Ruby Ensbey - Merit
- Leroy Van Schellebeck - Credit
- Trystin Sjoberg - Distinction

P&C News

**New addition to our uniform shop!**

Our new Ponchos are now in stock and will sell for $18 each. They are available from our uniform Shop and via uniform pre-order forms from the front office.

Sport News

**Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival**

On Friday the 14th August, 20 children from Toormina Public School competed at the Mid North Coast Athletics carnival. Once again all competed well and in the Toormina Public spirit. There were a number of children who placed in their respective events and they were:

- Ben Wainwright - 2nd in the 11 years High Jump
- Tristin Gittins - 3rd in the 11 years Shot Put
- Ieisha Patterson - 2nd in the Junior Girls High Jump
- Liam Hand - 1st in the Senior Boys High Jump
- Jack Rann - 1st in the Junior Boys Shot Put
- Gabe Boota - 4th in the 11 years 800m run

We have six children progressing through to North Coast level in Lismore on the 28th August and we wish them the best of luck.

Mrs Greenway

**Basketball**

Toormina Tigers played St Augustine’s Scorpions on the weekend. It was a very exciting game to watch with both teams tying at 20 points all.

**Club 1000**

- Millie Lund - K Red
- Zoe Monro-Taylor - K Blue
- Keira Jones - K Red

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**Hot Dog Day**

On Friday the 28th August, the canteen will be organising a meal deal. The deal will consist of a hot dog and a flavoured milk. The cost will be $5.50 per deal. Orders and money need to be returned to the canteen by Monday, 24th August.

**Name:** ..................................................  **Class:** ..................................................

**Hot Dog:**
- [ ] No sauce  [ ] Tomato sauce
- [ ] BBQ sauce

**Flavoured Milk Drink**
- [ ] Chocolate
- [ ] Strawberry
- [ ] Banana

Please tick boxes for preferred Sauce and Flavoured milk.

Thank you
April Ingram
Canteen Manager
P&C “2015 FATHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS”

FATHER’S DAY STALL - Our annual fundraising Father’s Day stall will be held on Wednesday 2nd September from 9.30am. This year we have a great range of gifts, (priced from $1.00 - $5.00), that are perfect for dads / grandpas of all ages. So please send money to school with your children on this date!

FATHER’S DAY FRY UP – It’s that time of the year again, to treat our school dads with their annual breakfast and this year it’s a “Father’s Day Fry Up” (BBQ bacon, egg + sausage on a fresh roll + juice & hot coffee ☕️) So guys we ask you to please join us again Friday 4th September from 7.45am for a delicious bacon and egg roll, juice & hot coffee for just $6. Please for catering purposes, we ask you to return the pre-order form below (NO LATER THAN Tuesday 1st Sept) with your payment to our front office please.

Please note: This offer extends to all dads, step-dads, uncles or grandads who would like to come along and share a special breakfast with their child 😊

“Pre-Order form – P&C 2015 Father’s Day Fry Up Breakfast”

Student/Family Name:__________________________________________________________

Class/s:_________________________ Number of breakfasts ($6 each) ________________

Total Cost:_______________________ Time: (Please circle what time you would like service)

(money enclosed) 7.45 – 8.15am or 8.15am – 9.00am

(Orange/Apple juice & hot coffee will also be served on the day and tomato & B.B.Q sauce also be available to accompany your delicious breakfast.)

We look forward to seeing you at school for this special day 😊
Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.