Principal Message

Calendar
This week we have attached the calendar of events for Term 1. At the time of publication it is as up to date as we can make it. We will make any revisions as the term progresses to the calendar on the school website, so you may wish to check that regularly so you can stay current with what is happening here at school.

Strategic Directions
This week the teachers have been evaluating our progress with the three Strategic Directions that formed the basis of our school planning for 2015. Our evaluations will help us to formulate our goals for 2016 and guide us in the most important tasks of improving the teaching and learning that takes place across the school. I have included the Strategic Directions below for your information, and would welcome any input you may have as a parent or carer.

Strategic Direction 1 - Learning for success
Purpose
To provide learning that connects with the individual needs of all students and develops the vital skills that will help them to thrive and succeed.

Strategic Direction 2 - Teaching for success
Purpose
To ensure all teachers sustain high quality, evidence-based teaching practices.

Strategic Direction 3 - Leading to success
Purpose
To develop a nurturing and inclusive school culture that builds the leadership capabilities of students, staff and community members to become confident and collaborative thinkers contributing to high expectations towards a strong culture of school improvement.

Toormi Mentor Program
On Tuesday this week, 35 Stage 3 students had the opportunity to be trained as Toormi Mentors by Mr Matete and Mrs Dal-Bon. During this training students were taught how to identify big problems and small problems and how they use our 8 Toormi Choices to help solve some of the smaller problems. On Monday during our morning assembly the successful students will be presented with their Toormi Mentor badges by Mr Miles. Parents are welcome.
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

At Toormina we are all learning about our Toormi Expectations. At our school we expect everyone to:

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful** and

**Be a Learner**

Teachers have been explicitly teaching students what these expectations look like in the classroom and on the playground. Students have been earning Gotcha’s from teachers for demonstrating these behaviours. Each assembly, we draw out a Gotcha and the lucky student receives a canteen voucher!

Students also “earn” a tick on their chart everyday they show that they are being safe, responsible, respectful and being a learner. Students who receive the right amount of ticks, earn a bronze, silver, gold award throughout the year. The highlight for these students is receiving the GRAND TOORMI medallion at the end of year at an assembly. It is a great way to celebrate the achievements of these students.

Harmonie Dal-Bon

School Road Safety Reminder

A reminder to all parents & carers that road safety outside our school is of utmost importance! As well as slowing down to 40kph during school drop off/ pick-up time, please help Mrs Kimball (our School Crossing Supervisor) to do her job safely by not stopping in “No Standing” or “No Stopping” zones, doing U-turns or double parking whilst dropping off your children. The use of your mobile phone whilst driving is also an offence and attracts a fine of $425 and 4 demerit points off your licence.

App for Parents

Ourpact

Ourpact is a great app that will give parents the power to:

- Block children’s Internet across all synced devices
- Block children’s Apps across all synced Devices
- Schedule Internet and App use according to your child’s daily routine or parental restrictions
- Enforce bedtime, dinnertime, study time and family time
- Create custom schedules for any activity or time frame
- Block Internet and Apps at-a-touch
- Allow Website and App access, whenever you feel your child “needs more time”
- Block All 3rd Party Apps: Block Facebook, Block Snapchat, Block Instagram, Block Twitter, etc.

This is an easy App to use and setup and will help monitor the time your children spend on their devices.

Mr Matete.
Kindergarten Buddies
This week Kindergarten have met their Year 6 buddies. We have assigned a buddy to each child and the buddies look forward to showing their new little friend around the playground, teaching and playing new games with their buddy, eating lunch together and just being there if needed. Now each day the buddies can meet up and spend some time together in the morning, at lunch or at recess.
Kindergarten parents can now bring their Kindergarten child to the COLA each morning before school. Kindergarten do not need to be dropped off at the classroom because they will line up in the COLA when the bell rings at 9:10am. Kinders can wait for their buddy in the morning in the COLA. There is a teacher on duty at 8:40 until the morning bell rings at 9:10am for assembly and morning announcement.
Please see your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

Morning routine:
8:40 bell rings - student’s place their school bag into designated bag area - Teacher on duty.
9:10 bell rings - student’s line up in COLA.

Kindergarten teachers- Mrs Becky Crawford, Miss Marnie Kicher.

Jarrod Lynwood, buddy to Reece Taylor
When I met my kindy buddy, Reece, he said that he liked trains.
Today we played with the train tracks in the COLA at lunch.

Hafiza Zikriya, buddy to Rhianna Mackenzie-Stevens
Rhianna likes to run and she likes singing and dancing. I like these things too.

ICAS Academic Competitions
Each year the University of NSW conducts academic competitions for students across Australia. Many students from Toormina Public School have achieved outstanding results in these competitions in past years.
If you would like your son or daughter to enter all or some of these competitions please complete the form below and return it with the appropriate entry fees to Mrs Saunders by Tuesday, 22nd March. Thank you.
Mrs Rebecca Saunders

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ICAS Academic Competitions
Name of student__________________________________

Please circle the money amount for the competitions your son or daughter would like to enter.

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Signed (Parent / Guardian) ____________________________________________

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Eastern Division: 51 DAYS FOR TEACHERS  50 DAYS FOR STUDENTS
COMMUNITY NEWS

Judo
Coffs Harbour PCYC

Learn how to defend yourself and fall safely while having fun in both recreational and competitive judo. Judo is a martial art and Olympic sport, ideal for males and females. Meaning ‘the gentle way’ in Japanese, judo has a strong emphasis on safety.

$8 a lesson pay-as-you-go

Improve:
- flexibility
- balance
- posture
- co-ordination

Build:
- confidence
- self esteem
- discipline
- self control

Classes Tuesday and Thursday school terms
Phone: PCYC on 6651 9961

Come & Try Hockey
Want to try a different sport this Winter?
You can try Hockey for FREE at a location near you

- Coronation Oval, Nambucca Heads; March 5th 9:00am-10:00am
- Richardson Park, Sawtell; March 12th 9:00am-10:00am
  - Woolgoolga Sports Ground, Woolgoolga; March 12th 11:30am-12:30pm
- Coramba Public School, Coramba; March 19th 9:30am-10:30am
  - Connell Park, Bellingen; March 19th 2:30pm-3:30pm

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Visit www.facebook.com/pages/Hockey-Coffs-Coast
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Phil Jackwitz 0475 972 477

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