Parents,
Last week your child/ren received a Scripture (yellow) & Online communication (blue) form last week. Please return these to class teachers ASAP. Thank you.

Principal Message
Swimming Carnivals
Our swimmers have a busy week with two carnivals scheduled. On Tuesday the Toormina District PSSA carnival took place at the Coffs Harbour Pool. We sent a team of around forty swimmers with Mrs Greenway and Mrs Trist to take part. Both teachers were very impressed with the enthusiasm our children brought to the carnival, and they were even happier with the way they behaved throughout the day. Mrs Greenway said she was very proud when one of the members of the public came up to her and commented on the excellent behaviour of the Toormina children. Well done! On Thursday this week those swimmers who were successful on Tuesday will compete at the Mid North Coast PSSA carnival. This event will take place at the Coffs Harbour pool. We wish all of our children the very best of luck in their events and we look forward to hearing their reports of how they performed on Friday.

Rock and Water
Last week Mr Matete attended some extensive Professional Learning on a skills and behaviour program known as Rock and Water. As a result of this learning he will be able to introduce this program into our school to help our children make good choices about behaviour and channel their energies into positive actions. This program will begin with a small group initially, but we have plans to extend it across to larger groups throughout the school as the year progresses.

Toormi Mates Mentors
Congratulations to our 2016 Toormi Mates Mentors. These students have successfully completed their training and are now out on the playground helping other students solve small problems.

IMPORTANT DATES
February
26th Assembly @ 1pm - 4 Jade
District Rugby Trials
March
1st PSSA Cricket
3rd P&C AGM @ 9.30am
9th N.C. Swimming
11th Assembly @ 1pm - 5/6 Violet
(District Swimming Ribbons)
16th Gizmos & Robots
17th School Photos
Student Team Building Day

Last Friday students from Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a 'team building' day. Beginning with Kegel 9 pin bowling, the kids then went to the jetty foreshores for an afternoon of fun in the sun.

This important day gives students the opportunity to make new friendships and work as a team with others outside their normal circle of friends.

A big thankyou to Jodie, Kate and Vashti from our P&C Committee for cooking up a BBQ lunch for our children.

Musicale 2016

In Term 2 of this year our Bongil Bongil Community of Schools will present another spectacular Musicale, highlighting and showcasing the talents of all our amazing Creative and Performing Arts students from across our schools!

The Musicale will be held at the end of Term 2, 2016, from 20th - 25th June.

Auditions for choir (Mrs Lawrence), dance (Mrs Saunders) and drumming (Mrs Schweikert) are underway and selected students will be bringing home information and contracts as soon as possible. Rehearsals for the musicale will be commencing soon. The majority of these rehearsals will be held at our school, some at Toormina High School and some across other schools in our community.

If your child is selected to be a part of this exciting event, contracts and a fee of $35 (T-shirt/costume/photo levy) will need to be returned to our school office as soon as possible.

If you require any further information please contact Mrs Saunders.

This promises to be another fantastic opportunity for our students and we’re looking forward to working with you all!

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

![ICAS Academic Competitions Form](image1.png)
Give a Gonski

Gonski funding will help every Australian child to get a great education. Our school and P&C Committee encourage you to register your support today by going to igiveagonski.com.au - sign up today for your child’s future.

Healthy Tips

Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:

- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

P&C Annual General Meeting

A reminder to all interested parents that our P&C AGM is coming up next Thursday morning at 9.30am in the school staff room. This is the meeting we vote in our new Committee for 2016 and we look forward to seeing some new faces this year. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Volunteers

Toormina depends on the support and active involvement of volunteers throughout the school. Learning activities, excursions, the school canteen and many more valuable programs all depend upon your participation.

If you think that you may help as a school volunteer, you will need to obtain a Working With Children Clearance Check Number.

An application fee does NOT apply.

How to apply - complete the online application form which can be accessed at:
http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au

Once you have made an application, you will receive an application number. Present your application number to a NSW motor registry along with proof of identity (drivers licence). Once your application has been processed, you will be notified of the outcome by email or post.

Canteen News

Volunteers Wanted!!

If you would like to volunteer in our canteen please supply a WWCC number to April Ingram (Canteen Manager) 6653 2122.

Canteen Roster

Canteen is closed every Tuesday

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Kindergarten News

In Kindergarten we have been learning about bus rules and bus safety. Last Friday we were lucky enough to have Sandra from the NRMA and Bus Driver Steve come and visit to talk to us about the rules on the bus. We then went on our very own bus trip! Here are some of the rules we talked about:

- No walking around on the bus – Freya.
- Stand five steps back from the road – Tyrell.
- No eating on the bus – Nik.
- Quiet voices only – Shanae.

Community News

The Big Banana Fun Park

The Big Banana Fun Park presents The Coffs Coast Schools Challenge.

Simply vote for your school when you purchase a ticket to any of our rides or attractions and your school could win a huge school fun day out for up to 300 Students. Winner drawn 1st September, 2016.
School Banking Account Opening Day

Toormina Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week, your child gives their School Banking books to their teacher and they are returned to them at the end of the day.

We will be holding an Account Opening Session at our school on:

Date: Tuesday, 1st March, 2016
Time: 2.30-3.30pm
Location:

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.