Principal Message
This week has been very busy for our children and staff as a variety of events and experiences have been added to our normal school routine.

Rugby League & Oz Tag
On Tuesday Mr Pike and Mr Smith accompanied around 45 boys and girls to Advocate Park where a carnival involving schools from across the Coffs Harbour network was held. Although the weather was probably more suited for a swimming carnival rather than for league and Oz Tag, our children involved themselves enthusiastically and in good spirit. This carnival was a non-competitive gala day, designed to promote healthy physical activity in a friendly environment with children from other schools.

Gizmos and Gadgets
On Wednesday we were visited by a show called Gizmos and Gadgets. I would like to thank Mrs Trist who has done a terrific job in organising for this event to take place at our school. We had a very good response to this show and unfortunately we were unable to accommodate all the children who brought their notes in. For those children who were able to attend the show proved to be very interesting. Children were entertained by a range of robots and learnt about voice control gadgets, circuits and how to build a robot using recycled materials. A favourite was the ventriloquist mask that enabled the wearer to speak in strange voices.

School Photos
School photos took place today. All families should have returned their order forms by today. If for some reason you haven’t it is still possible to put an order in by arranging directly through the company. Please contact us here at school if you need to do this. Many thanks to Mrs Trist for organising the school photos again this year.

Mid North Coast Rugby League Trials
On Friday the Mid North Coast Rugby League selection trials will be held in Coffs Harbour. Ryan Jones, Izaac Astill, Jameson Madams, Gabe Boota, Reece Speeding, Alex Cook and Korbyn Davis will be representing our school in the Open division. Ricky Johnson, Rex Auton and Jack Rann will do the same for the Under 11’s. We wish all of these boys the best of luck.

Student Wellbeing
This week students at Toormina have been learning about Being Responsible and Being Respectful during our whole school assemblies. Classes have been learning about the importance of showing respect to others while they are out the front speaking or presenting an item. Being able to listen effectively and show respect towards others is an important lifelong skill. Students are encouraged to sit sensibly in class lines, enter and exit the hall quietly, listening to captains, teachers and speakers, stand and sit quietly for school song and anthem and acknowledge others achievements by sensibly clapping.

Students working with me in our “Minecraft Clubs” have been learning about the different things that make people a good friend and how they can be a good friend to others.
**SRC 2016**

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Our school cross country will be held on Wednesday, 23rd March on our school grounds.

The age groups and approximate times are as follows:

- 10:00 am  8/9 Years Boys/Girls (2 km)
- 10:30 am  10 Years Boys/Girls (2 km)
- Lunch
- 12:15 pm  11 Years Boys/Girls (3 km)
- 1:00 pm   12/13 Years Boys/Girls (3 km)

Children are to come to school in uniform and they will be given time to change into their running gear prior to their event.

Parents and community members are invited to attend.

The school canteen will be operating for tea/coffee, drinks and snacks throughout the day. However, if you would like to order lunch for yourself then orders **MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CANTEEN BY 9.00AM**.

Any queries please contact Mrs Greenway.

**HARMONY DAY 2016**

Monday 21st March is Harmony Day. Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity - a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

To celebrate Harmony Day we are inviting all children to wear Cultural dress (to represent their own culture or a culture of their choice), or ORANGE mufti.

Thank you for your support.

Michelle Vernon

**ASSEMBLY NEWS**

This week’s assembly was very eventful. We saw our newly elected SRC representative from all our classes receive their badges. Many of them were presented proudly by their parents. We also saw 5/6 Violet perform their assembly item for the year. It was very pleasing to see the huge number of parents, family and friends that turned up to support the children. They were not disappointed as the students of 5/6 Violet strutted their stuff down the Toormi catwalk. There was a twist involved though as they were not dressed in the traditional stylish and modern attire that you would expect to see on the catwalk, rather they were in some fantastic and imaginative recycled rubbish outfits. We saw several robots, warriors, garbage bag and newspaper dresses and even a dragon with plastic wings! This is the last formal assembly until the last day of this term due to the Good Friday public holiday in a fortnight. Our next class item will be from 3/4 Indigo. It will be held in week 2 next term. We all look forward to what they will be entertaining us with.

This week’s special award winners were:

- Environmental Award: 2/3 Olive
- Class of the Week: 1 Yellow
- Captains Award: Max in 1/2 Crimson
- Gotcha Draw: Mason in 5/6 Violet

**P & C NEWS**

**EASTER RAFFLE**

The P & C Easter Raffle **Will be drawn on the 24th March.**

Could we please ask for donations of eggs or Easter gifts, to be brought into the office by **MONDAY 21st MARCH.**

Thank you
YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS
LAST ORDER FOR YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS
Closes Wednesday, 23rd March

2 ORANGE
Students in 2 Orange are enjoying the new experience of learning about music and trying out the Ukulele with Mrs Schweikert.

Basket ball
The Tigers had a very close game on the weekend, they played against the Wildcats winning by one point, 29/28. The player of the week went to Calen Bilsborough for getting 8 goals in.

GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS GIVEAWAY
VALUED AT $135
The Great Moscow Circus is in town this weekend and they have kindly given Toormina Public School 3 x family passes to give away (2 adults & 2 children).
If you would like to go in the draw to WIN, please sign below and return to school tomorrow morning. The winners will be drawn at morning assembly tomorrow Friday 18th March.

Name ..............................................................................
Class ...................................................................................
Parent/Carer Signature ......................................................

HEALTHY TIPS
Fruit Salad...... Yummy Yummy!
Fruit salad is a great idea for Crunch&Sip, full of colour, flavour and nutrients.
Why not chop up your child’s favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container. Don’t forget a fork!

CANTEEN ROSTER
Canteen is closed every Tuesday
21st March K. Wear
22nd March Closed
23rd March J. Ward
24th March Volunteer needed
25th March K. Loader

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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