

"Ship to Shore"

December 2012



Merry Christmas
Everybody!

NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday 27th February 2013

Commencing at 6.00pm
in the School Library

All Welcome!

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Principal's Report

Mark McConville

Mr Hudson.... "This is Your Life!"

In the last newsletter I mentioned Mr Hudson's upcoming retirement.



A special assembly was held on Wednesday 12th December to honour Mr Hudson's contribution to Toronto High School. It was not our usual type of assembly – but one based on the "This is Your Life" format. We had Leo's family, friends, past colleagues and staff make the effort to appear and contribute a story about Leo's time at THS. It was a great way to farewell a great teacher.

I would like to acknowledge Glenda Hitchcock and Steve Richards for their organisation of the event.

First Day for Students in 2013

Staff will return to school on Tuesday 29th January for a Staff Development Day.

Students in Year 7, 11 & 12 will return to school on Wednesday 30th January 2013.

Students in Year 8, 9 & 10 will return to school on Thursday 31st January 2013.

Attendance of Students in Term 4

With school staff involved in Staff Development Days at the end of Term 4 2012, students in **Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11** are required to attend school until **Wednesday 19th December 2012.**

For students in **Year 10**, changes to the school leaving age brought about by the Education Amendment Act 2009 will have an impact on the date on which they may leave school. **Year 10** now complete the school year at the same time as the rest of the school – **Wednesday 19th December 2012.**

Maintenance Update

Over the Christmas holidays, "A" block external surfaces will be repainted. So hopefully this will provide our main block with a bit of a facelift!

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In addition to the Trade Training Centre construction, Toronto High School has just received notice that during Term 1 and Term 2 we will receive an upgrade to our school canteen.

Uniform and Shoes for 2013

It is great to see the vast majority of students wearing the correct school uniform.

Toronto High School is currently working with state office to lease out our Uniform Shop to an external provider. Over 2013 we will be consulting with parents, staff and students regarding an updated uniform. I stress that it will not be a new uniform but more of a revision and update. It will be discussed at a P&C meeting early next year – so get along and have a look and a say!

Black leather shoes will be the only acceptable shoes (except for sport). These shoes will have ***no markings*** (like the Nike Swoosh etc) and will be a plain black leather shoe. We will send information out before the end of Term 4.

'Hoodies' are not allowed at school. When purchasing a jumper for next year – please ensure that it doesn't have a hood.

When you enter a school and see students in the correct uniform it creates a very positive impression of the school.

The school uniform is just like a uniform worn in the workplace. If you are working at McDonalds and you arrive for a shift in 'almost the right uniform' – you will be sent home. It is an important habit to develop.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school so that we can assist.

Student Assistance Scheme

Parents experiencing financial difficulty in meeting school expenses including subject specific fees and uniforms are invited to confidentially contact me to discuss the process. A limited amount of funds is supplied by the Government for needy families to assist with educational expenses. I encourage parents to seek this assistance.

Merry Christmas!

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe and enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing you in 2013.

Mark McConville,
Principal





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Deputy Principal's Report – Yrs 7, 9 & 11

Leo Hudson

As the year comes to a close, reports are being finalised and the end of year awards' ceremonies are being organised. A Positive Rewards day is planned this week for referral free students. Please note the following:



Last Day of Attendance

The **last day of attendance** for Term 4 2012 is Wednesday 19th December. Two days (20/12/12 & 21/12/12) are scheduled as Staff Development Days and as such, are pupil free days.

Uniform

All students will be issued with a handout this week, which will detail the Toronto High School uniform requirements for 2013. Please ensure that all students start 2013 in correct school uniform by consulting this information. All uniform items must be plain colours without logos, pictures or print. Shoes must be fully enclosed black leather shoes to satisfy WH&S requirements.



Some assistance is available through the school to purchase uniform items by contacting Mr Moore (Head Teacher Welfare) on 49591788. Toronto High School operates a Uniform Shop for uniform purchases. It is located on the top floor of "A" Block, and carries a large variety of uniform items. By buying items of uniform, through this outlet, you are guaranteeing, that the uniform item is acceptable for school-wear.

Thinking outside the square –

Responding to an appeal early in 2012, from me, for serving assistance at the school canteen, a group of selfless, dedicated Year 11 students, volunteered to regularly serve in the school canteen, at recesses and lunchtimes. These wonderful students were recognised at a recent school assembly, by our Canteen Supervisor, Mrs Bradley, who presented the volunteers with a very fitting "Thank You" gift.

The students who gave up their time so selflessly were: Aleesha Watson, Jessica Morgan, Grace Banks, Brydinn Miller, Emma-Jane Stewart, Ashley Dyer and Kyla Bradley.

I would also like to thank all girls for their generous gesture to give their free time. It was fitting that Aleesha's name was subsequently drawn from our PBL draw, which recognises such positive examples of behaviour. Her prize – a \$5 canteen voucher!! Thank you so much, girls.

Volunteers are now called to continue this support in 2013.



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on 28th January 2013, I leave the school with so many wonderful memories. I would like to take this opportunity:

- to sincerely thank all students, past and current, who have contributed so richly to my professional life
- to thank families and carers, who have supported Toronto High School's students and staff, over the past 38 years and who have contributed so wholeheartedly to my life experiences
- to express my gratitude to all of my work colleagues, who have supported me, guided me and who have ensured the full richness of my teaching career.
- to sincerely thank those community members, service clubs and local tradespeople, who have done so much to support our local kids – in sponsorships, generous grants and employment offers. *That is the spirit that makes a community viable!*

Finally, I would like to wish all of our student, parent and wider community, a Happy and Healthy Christmas Season and a safe holiday.

Au revoir. Auf wiedersehen. Sayoonara! Goodbye everyone. Thanks for the memories!!

Leo Hudson
Deputy Principal





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Deputy Principal's Report – Yrs 8,10 & 12

Greg Morgan



Finally the last part of the year, the holidays are almost here and the students are keen to have a break and unwind. It has been a busy but productive year with the school running many varied opportunities for students to learn. This is a pleasant place to work and the staff and students generally work well together in a safe caring environment. When I talk to other teachers from other schools, I keep thinking, 'How good do we have it here?' This is repeatedly supported by new enrolments who weeks later continually tell us about how much better this school is compared to their old school.

I find this feedback important and when our kids are asked "What do you like about the school?" most reply, "Its strict but fair, we know the rules and they work". While we have our ups and downs, students feel secure and supported and this provides the driving force behind the positive changes that are occurring.

This School has developed a culture which allows students to engage in learning and to have a go. Students are encouraged to present their work and be proud of their efforts. The recent MADD night is a good example of exactly this, giving students opportunity to shine.

I look forward to the Christmas break, and I wish the entire school community a Happy Christmas and New Year. I look forward to the new challenges of 2013 and hope my Year 12 class have done their study lessons over the holidays.

I would also like to say farewell to Mr Leo Hudson, a teachers Teacher, a living legend and an all-round good bloke. Enjoy retirement Leo, live long and prosper.

Greg Morgan
Deputy Principal

GENERAL NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP

With the end of the year fast approaching it can be a very busy time in the Uniform Shop, with parents wishing to get a head start for uniforms for the following year.

Please note the new opening hours for the Uniform Shop are as follows –

Monday	8.00am to 8.15am	1.00pm to 1.20pm
Wednesday	8.00am to 8.15am	1.00pm to 1.20pm



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Should you be unable to attend the shop at these times kindly contact the front office on Ph 49 591788 to make an appointment. An appointment will enable us to attend to your needs at a designated time, out of normal opening hours, whilst also alleviating any waiting times for you. Thank you!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM POOL

If your child is moving into senior years or you know of someone who has left the school, consider giving their uniform to our Second Hand Uniform Pool as it will help other students. Any donations can be left at the front office. Thank you..



THANK YOU

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For your kind donation of materials for our vegetable garden

Thanks to Optus the Support Unit are getting IpadS

The Support Unit have been fortunate enough to be awarded a \$5000 grant towards the purchase of IpadS thanks to the 'yes' Optus Community grants Program.

The 'yes' Optus Community Grants Program enables both Optus employees and not-for-profit organisations to proactively reduce social isolation and reconnect disengaged youth and focus on efforts in their local community.

For students in the Support Unit the ipads will provide visual, audio and tactile learning accommodating many students' learning styles. Working with the devices can help the students develop their independence and fine motor skills, and increase their engagement in learning.

The many applications, or 'Apps' as many know it, will assist students in learning literacy, numeracy, aid communication, increase levels of language skills, improve co-ordination and assist with organisational skills.

Thanks Optus for your commitment to building better Australian communities.





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UNIFORM - ALL UNIFORM ITEMS TO BE PLAIN COLOURS WITH NO PATTERNS OR WRITING.

It is the policy of the School and the Community that all students wear a uniform.

Boys Years 7 – 10

- School grey trousers **or** shorts (must be tailored, dress style, not knit fabric). ***Shorts length must be no shorter than 7cm above the knee.***
- White socks.
- Light blue regulation shirt
- Navy jumper or sloppy joe – NO HOODIES
- Black fully closed leather shoes (no holes or mesh tongues)
- All navy track suit

Boys Years 11 – 12

- School grey trousers **or** shorts (must be tailored, dress style, not knit fabric). ***Shorts length must be no shorter than 7cm above the knee.***
- White socks.
- White button up shirt – No Polo
- Year Jersey/Black top – NO HOODIES
- Black fully closed leather shoes (no holes or mesh tongues)

PE & Sport uniform

- Navy shorts
- Navy tracksuit
- Red THS collared polo sport shirt
- White socks
- Sport shoes – not slipper style, no flouro shoes

Girls Uniform Years 7 – 10

- Regulation pleated skirt in Cleo Crestaline Fabric No 7093. ***Length must be no shorter than 7cm above the knee.***
- School navy shorts (must be tailored, dress style, not knit fabric). ***Length must be no shorter than 7cm above the knee.***
- Pale sky blue blouse with Peter Pan collar
- White socks, or black pantihose
- Black fully closed leather shoes (no holes or mesh tongues)
- Navy Regulation cardigan / Navy jumper / Navy sloppy joe – NO HOODIES
- School navy slacks– Not cargo
- School navy tracksuit

Girls Uniform Years 11 – 12

- School grey pleated skirt. ***Length must be no shorter than 7cm above the knee***
- School grey shorts (must be tailored, dress style, not knit fabric). ***Length must be no shorter than 7cm above the knee.***
- White blouse with a Peter Pan collar
- White socks, or black pantihose
- Black fully closed leather shoes (no holes or mesh tongues)
- Year jersey or black jumper– NO HOODIES
- School grey slacks – Not cargo

PE & Sport uniform

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- Red THS collared polo sport shirt
- Navy tracksuit
- White socks
- Sport shoes – not slipper style, no flouro shoes



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Art / Technology / Science Departments Shoe Policy

Enclosed leather shoes must be worn at all times during Practical Lessons

Leather Boots



Leather Shoes



The leather shoes are not to have perforations and the tongue must not go into the shoe.

These shoes ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE under any circumstances in any risk assessed practical lessons.



If the correct footwear is not worn, you will be **set an alternate written task** to be completed by the end of the lesson. It will be completed in a 'safe-zone' designated by your teacher.

If there are financial reasons for failing to comply, please contact the school.

There will be **consequences** for choosing not to wear the correct footwear. Your teacher will **record it** and after 3 times, a **letter will be sent** home and after-school detentions will be given. **Phone calls** will also be made home to parents.

Head Teachers:

Creative Arts, Technology & Science Departments

***PLEASE NOTE:**

MANDATORY – WORKCOVER LEGAL REQUIREMENT RE WH&S

It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear **enclosed leather footwear**. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes **must not be worn** in workshop areas or laboratories.



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Uniform Shop

**OPEN: 8 – 8.15am & 1 – 1.20pm
Monday & Wednesday**

Boy's Grey Shorts - \$30.00

Boy's Shirts - \$24.00 (white & blue)

Boy's Sloppy Joes (Jumpers) - \$23.00 (navy)

Girl's Blouses - \$23.00 (white & blue)

Sport Shirts - \$25.00 (red)

Sport Shorts - \$25.00 (navy blue)

Junior Girls Skirt - \$44.00 (pleated)

Senior Girls Skirt - \$44.00 (grey)

Junior Girls Shorts - \$35.00 (navy)

Tracksuit Tops - \$45.00

Aprons Blue & White - \$7.00

Goggles - \$7.00

Book Pack - \$55.00

These prices are correct as of Term 4 2012

PRICES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON SUPPLY.

Enquire at Shop.



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Et bonnevacances

Merry Christmas & happy holidays

From the Support Unit

Kellie, Evelyn, Sue, Yvonne, Julie, Annette, Merrin & Robyn, Leanne, Barbara, Amber, Alissa Bronwyn Karen Judy Marcia, Beth & Janice

Oh my goodness!! Look what they are growing in T.A.S.!!!!



The TAS garden is currently supplying a range of vegetables and herbs for use in our Food Technology and Hospitality classes.



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Trade Training Centre

Construction of the Toronto High School Trade Training Centre for Metals and Engineering has commenced. Demolition has started and construction work will continue over the December and January holidays, with a completion date about midyear.





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Student Leaders Days Out - 2012

The new Student Leaders have attended two leadership days this term.

The first was the GRIP Leadership Day, at Newcastle City Hall on Tuesday 6th November. Our Leaders participated in workshops, listened to other leaders, and (rather memorably!) even won a few prizes on the day.

The second leadership day they attended was the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney on Monday 19th November. Despite the early train, at 5.58am, we had a great day out. We heard from amazing and inspirational guest speakers, including Ronni Kahn, the founder of Oz Harvest and Dr Karl, superstar scientist. The Student Leaders were even treated to lunch out with Mr McConville!



We had an awesome and inspiring day out. We'd like to thank Mr Connell for attending the GRIP Leadership Day in Newcastle, and Mr McConville for attending the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney. Miss Goman, their Year Adviser, attended both days with the Student Leaders.

We look forward to implementing some great new ideas in 2013!



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SANTA DAY Ho! Ho! Ho!



Santa Day was held on Thursday 13th December. The day was organised by Year 12 students Lauren Jeffress, Chloe Acaon and Bianca Gudrunacolo with the help of Mr Richards, Mr Lulham, Mr Moore and Mr Marshall.

The purpose of the day was to create an awareness of organ donation and funding towards its research, and, to also raise money for the Year 12 formal.

Over \$270 was raised for organ awareness. The donations were collected from students who wore red shirts and santa hats who brought in a gold coin donation. Year 12 students Lauren, Chloe, Savannah, Jett, Jai, Jacob, Callun and Mr Lulham visited each classroom collecting donations and giving out preordered candy canes as well. These students got to dress up as Santa (Jai, Jacob & Mr Lulham), Mrs Claus (Lauren), reindeers (Chloe and Savannah) and our elves Jett and Callun.



The day was very successful with students keen for it again next year.

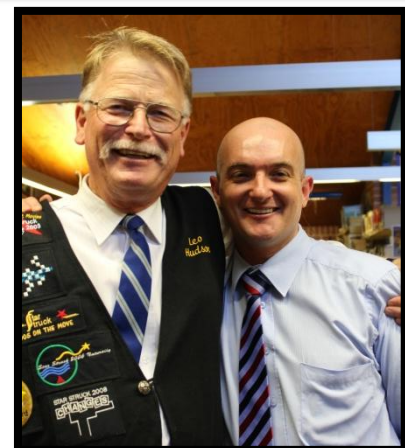
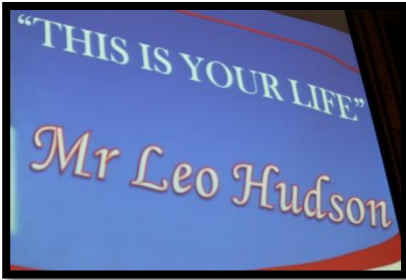
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Lauren Jeffress
Year 12



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"Thanks for the Memories Mr Hudson"





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Christmas Conversations

By the time children reach teenage years, Santa's part in Christmas has been relegated to a fairy tale and the dilemma of whether to leave apples or carrots for the reindeers has been settled for the last time.

The Christmas holidays do however still provide plenty of dilemmas for parents of teenagers. Some of these include:

- How much supervision do teenagers need?
- How do we strike the right balance between insisting on family time and allowing our children to spend time with friends?

The transition to adolescence involves a delicate renegotiation of the parent-child relationship and this is especially true during school holidays when limits are often challenged. Parents are gradually handing over greater freedom and more responsibility in a 'give-and-take' process that requires a great deal of thought on the part of the parent. It isn't easy but there are a few factors that can help guide this process:-

- Aim for influence not control. Create a conversation around the big issues and brainstorm ideas rather than demanding obedience. If the teen wants to spend an hour with a friend on Christmas Day, be creative about how this can be achieved whilst still fulfilling family obligations.
- What is negotiable and what is not? If a teen wants to stay at a friend's house an hour later than planned, he calls (or sends a text) rather than simply not arriving home. It may be better to drive him home rather than have a row over his safety at night.
- Give a little freedom at a time. The first time a teen begs to go into the city on the train with friends, collect her on the way back and offer her friend a lift too. That way she gets used to responsibility in manageable portions.

Overall, stay calm and use communication as the tool to help both parent and teen feel heard and understood. In this way, the relationship you build over the holidays will be a great strength for when the new school term begins.

We provide free, confidential, professional counselling to families across NSW, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you would like to discuss your relationship with your adolescent with a counsellor or discuss any other parenting issue, please call 1300 1300 52 or visit our website www.parentline.org.au



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COMMUNITY NEWS

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

Workshops are being held for budding young writers at the Hunter Writers Centre, 90 Hunter St Newcastle during the January break. The cost is \$30 and bookings are essential. Contact hunterwriterscentre@gmail.com for further information.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 4 KIDS

CRU Camps is running 25 awesome Christian camps for kids in school Yrs 3-12 this summer holidays. Activities include: water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing, dirt-biking, white-water rafting, horse riding, paint wars, craft, campfires, sailing, surf lessons, laser zone, abseiling, climbing, leadership training, new friends, stacks of laughs and much, much more!

For more info and to register visit crucamps.com.au or call (02) 9874 8933 (option 1). 'CRU Camps' is a division of the Crusader Union of Australia which has 80 years experience running safe, Christian camps for kids.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER !

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator, Dianne Axaam on: 0429 406 126 for more information.

TOASTMASTERS AUSTRALIA

Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking, vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind. They empower people to achieve their full potential and realize their dreams by improving communication and leadership skills, and find the courage to change.

Toronto Toastmasters meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 – 9.30 pm at Club Macquarie. All are welcome. For further information please contact Ph 0249 597 961.

VACCINE FOR BOYS

In 2013 boys in Year 7 will be offered a vaccine that protects against infections that can lead to cancer. The vaccine is already available for girls.

Find out more: http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/news/2012/20121122_02.html

JOB OUTLOOK – CAREERS QUIZ

Here's a career quiz to help your teenager identify what occupations they are most likely to be good at.

Find out more: <http://joboutlook.gov.au/pages/careerquiz.aspx>



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Watch the Fire Twirling Demo from 8.45pm

Check out 'PCYC Morisset' on Facebook for more info!

www.art2264morisset.blogspot.com



AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS RECRUITMENT

The Australian Air Force is currently recruiting for 2013.

- If you are an Australian resident
- Aged 13 to 18 years
- Have general good health
- Can attend weekly activities
- Have your parents permission

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For more information find your nearest Air Force Cadet Squadron by visiting our website www.aafc.org.au



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Arrendell

Secondary Education Centre

21st - 24th January 2013

Boost your skills ready for the new school year

Year 12 English - Area of Study Workshop (4 hours)

Belonging texts As You Like It
Romulus My Father

Senior Writing Courses (yr10-12) (10 hours)

Essay writing, story, question deconstruction
Effective writing for exams, stress management

Senior Approach to Literature (yr10-12) (4 hours)

Literary terms - what they mean and how to use them
Text analysis, question deconstruction
Essay writing

Creative Writing Workshop (yr9-11) (4 hours)

Basics of story structure
Development of strong writing style
Enhance creativity

Writing for Juniors (yr5-8) (4 hours)

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