

TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL



"Ship to Shore"

August 2013



NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday 27th August 2013

Commencing at 6.00pm
in the School Library

All Welcome!

Upcoming Dates

Term 3

26 August

The Hive Homework
Centre

27 August

P & C Meeting

2 September

The Hive Homework
Centre

4 September

Prefect Induction
Ceremony

5 - 7 September

NSW CHS Athletics

9 September

The Hive Homework
Centre

11 - 18 September

Yr 11 Yearly Exams

12 September

YAKKA Day

18 September

Yr 12 Slave Day

19 September

Yr 12 Graduation
Yr 11 "Roadwhyze"

20 September

Yr 12 Breakfast
Last Day for Term 3

Term 4

All students return
Monday 7 October

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Principal's Report

Mark McConville

School Uniform Changes for 2014

The school is currently reviewing the school uniform. The colours will remain the same, what will change will be the style and the number of uniform pieces available.



The revised uniform will commence with Year 7 and Year 11 in 2014. All other students will have the option of wearing the current uniform or buying the new uniform. As students replace their old uniform, families will purchase a new uniform.

The shop has been leased by Daylight Uniforms – they will be the sole suppliers of the Toronto High School uniform. The Uniform Shop will open at least twice a week and at advertised times during the school holidays. There will also be the capacity to order online, so you don't even need to come up to the school!

The students have had an opportunity to view and vote for the new uniform from a number of options. Staff have had an opportunity to vote as well. The P & C have previously been consulted and we will ask for additional feedback at the next P & C meeting – so if you wish to have a say, or even just to have a look – come along. The uniform will also be displayed on our school website and Facebook page in the coming week – feel free to email the school your thoughts once you have had a look.

Further information will be provided once the school considers the feedback from students, parents and the staff.

Empowering Local Schools

Toronto High School continues to lead the charge into the 'new world' of educational reform. Building on our success as one of the 47 Pilot Schools in NSW, we will be one of the first schools in the state to be provided with greater capacity in the areas of staffing and finance.

Essentially this means that we will be able to continue doing our business as usual. It should also provide the school with an increase in opportunities to try to do things differently to better meet the needs of the Toronto School Community. I will keep you informed as there are developments.



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Toronto Learning Community Education Week Award Ceremony

Congratulations to all of those students who received awards at the annual Toronto Learning Community Education Week Ceremony. It is a prestigious award to receive and one that should be treasured.

It was also great to be joined by the partner Primary Schools in the area and to meet some of the fantastic students that one day will be attending Toronto High School.



Year 7 2014

Expressions of Interest have been taken for Year 7 2014. It is great to report for 2014 we have just about all of the students in our partner primary schools coming to Toronto High School next year. In fact we have a large number of students from out of our zone who also wish to attend Toronto High.

If you know anyone who is intending to apply to Toronto High School for enrolment into Year 7 2014, please tell them to contact the school immediately so they can be placed on the waiting list.

Prefects 2014

With Australia in the middle of election campaigning for the Federal Government, so too is Toronto High School in the middle of elections. Currently our potential Prefects for 2013/14 are conducting their speeches and voting will take place by the end of this week. The prefects will then be inducted at a special assembly.

Parent Teacher Nights

Thank you to all those parents that attended our parent teacher nights. These nights are very important as they allow parents and teachers to discuss student progress and to highlight the achievements and any areas of concern.

If you were unable to attend the parent teacher evening and would like to meet with your child's teachers, please contact the school to arrange an appointment time.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our sporting teams that have been achieving great things on the sporting fields. I would also like to thank the staff and parents for their support of the teams, including the training and the transporting of students to venues. Without this support the task of students representing Toronto High School at these events may have been much more difficult to organise.

NAIDOC Day

Celebrations were held at the school recently in recognition of NAIDOC Day. This whole school event involved all students and staff who were joined by members of the Aboriginal community in a day of festivities.

A huge thank you to our hardworking NAIDOC Day Committee for their organisation of the day.



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Uniform & Shoes

We have been inspecting uniform at the entry points to the school. It is great to see the vast majority of students wearing the correct school uniform.

We will be conducting further gate inspections over the course of the year.

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 in purchasing the correct uniform items, please contact the school so that we can assist you.

Student Assistance

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.

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

Greg Morgan



Year 11

We are now well into Semester 2 with Year 11 due to embark on their Yearly Exams on Wednesday 11 September through til 18 September. This is an important time for both students and parents in that these yearly exams should highlight strengths and weaknesses allowing students to focus their future study directions. These future study directions ultimately influence their future career paths . Therefore it is essential students have a study program in place.

The School is there to support Year 11 with counselling and assistance in implementing their study program. If parents feel their child needs support in these areas please contact the Year Advisor, Mr Moore. Also please feel free to contact our Careers Advisor Mr Connell if you need assistance in determining career options.

Years 7 & 9

Students have settled in well to this last semester. Class changes have been finalised and parents have now seen reports for all years. This is a good time to ring staff regarding any concerns you may have and I remind you that Mrs Wilson-Babic and Mr Muxlow are the Year Advisors for Year 7 and Year 9 respectively, with Mr Pauley being the Boys' Advisor, and Mrs Fotheringham the Girls' Advisor. I urge you not to hesitate in contacting any of them as they are more than happy to help.

Examinations

Students in Years 7 to 10 will be having their yearly examinations from Monday 28 October through til Friday



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8 November. I encourage all students to take advantage of The Hive Homework Centre which operates on Monday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30pm in the school library. The Centre is manned by teachers volunteering their own time, to assist students with any aspects of their studies they may need help with. Please contact Mrs Smith-Kain should you require any information regarding the service.

Usage of Mobile Phones/Ipods

A reminder about the use of mobile phones and I-pods during class time. School policy outlines that phones should not be brought to school and parents should attempt contact with their students through the usual protocols – **call the Front Office and a message will be delivered to the student.** If students wish to contact parents, then this can be achieved through either Deputy or the Front Office. Students should not be using phones/I-pods inappropriately during lesson time. If phones are brought to school, they must be turned off and placed in bags during lesson time. The issue of responsibility, when these devices are brought to school, is addressed in our school policy – *“The student must take full responsibility for any loss, theft or damage, to any of these devices.”*

Zero Tolerance

With regard discipline matters – a zero tolerance exists for sexual or racial harassment, physical violence or harassment of staff. Students are constantly reminded of these basic requirements, on our daily assemblies. With almost 900 students we expect to have some issues but we believe that taking this stance has both reduced the frequency and intensity of incidents. Please reinforce the concepts of respect and tolerance at home to support the school in maintaining a safe and caring environment.



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

Paula Reilly

“Tell Them From Me” Survey

I am delighted that our school has been selected to participate in a Department of Education and Communities pilot of the “Tell Them From Me” Student Survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW pilot project is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://www.cese.nsw.gov.au/surveys/ttfm-parents>

The survey will provide our school with valuable and timely feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. The survey is anonymous and students cannot be identified by their responses. It is conducted online and will take around 30 minutes to complete and will be administered during Week 6 being 19 to 23 August 2013. Students have been issued with an information sheet in this regard.

Social Media

Social media is a fun part of everyday life, but it can carry risks. This short guide is intended to help you avoid any pitfalls, while still making the best use of social media for study and research as well as social purposes. For



the purposes of this document, 'social media' is defined as media that enable social interaction via the internet and personal mobile devices.

Social Media: A Guide

1. Despite the immense opportunities represented by social media, there are significant risks.
2. Think about your personal safety. Don't reveal data about you that:
 - could be used to impersonate you/steal your identity (date and place of birth, for example)
 - might reveal your actual whereabouts or when you're not somewhere (at home, for example), so, think about with whom you share your location.
 - might cost you money (look out for scams and freebies: anything that looks too good to be true, usually is!)
3. Get the tone right. Never forget that your postings, whether they are on a blog or public Facebook site, can be read by millions. Ensure your tone is right and strike the right balance between informality and formality.
4. Think twice before posting. There is no such thing as privacy on the internet. Word spreads quickly. Search engines can turn up posts years after they are created - even after you think you have deleted them - and comments can be forwarded or copied. Inappropriate or inaccurate comments which are damaging to a person's reputation should be avoided, as they could result in a claim of libel. Do not say anything online that you would not say in public. Think carefully about posting anything which you would not want a future employer to read.
5. What might seem anonymous, usually isn't. Your use can be tracked, even if you think you have an anonymous user account.
6. Make it accurate. If you are making a serious contribution to a debate via social media, make sure you get all your facts right, as you would if writing an essay or report.
7. Be respectful. Content on a social media site could encourage comments or discussion of opposing ideas - the audience is far wider than your peers.

Consider all comments and responses carefully in light of how they would reflect on you. Be aware that any misuse of social media might attract complaints from other students, which may result in disciplinary action.

Year 12

Term 3 is always a busy term of the year and a culmination of schooling for Year 12 - itinerant marking of projects and performances, completion of oral/aural tests and final coaching by staff, in preparation of all students for the Higher School Certificate.

The school is able to support Year 12 with counselling from their Year Advisor, Mentors, Head Teachers and School Counsellors as required. It is vital to keep Year 12 working steadily whilst reinforcing that this is the last term of their schooling. Please ensure that your child has a study program in place for the HSC. If you feel your child needs support in this area please contact the Year Advisor, Miss Goman.



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Also, please note that Mr Connell is our Careers Advisor and he is always available to provide students with information on their future career paths. Please contact the school to make an appointment with Mr Connell.

The Higher School Certificate Examinations commence on Monday 14 October 2013 and continue through until Friday 8 November 2013. The HSC examinations will be held in the Toronto High MPC and exams with smaller numbers will take place in the Baptist Church Hall. These details will be advised at a later date. Students should ensure that they arrive at the venue for every examination, at least half an hour before the scheduled starting time.

Year 12 Graduation will be held in the final week of Term 3 on Thursday 19 September 2013. The actual school formal will be held on Thursday 21 November 2013. Information will be distributed to students closer to each of these times.

Last Day for Year 12

Year 12 students sitting for the HSC examinations are reminded that they must attend school until the last day of Term 3, being Friday 20 September 2013.

I would like to wish the students, the very best for their HSC and beyond. We are proud of the resilience, determination and optimism shown by so many Year 12 students in what is traditionally a challenging year. May they continue to shine!

Uniform

It is great to see the vast majority of students not only wearing the correct school uniform but also wearing it with such pride and this is evident especially when students are representing the school at outside activities. Wearing the correct uniform creates a very positive impression of the school as well as the students. Well done to students and we sincerely thank all parents for their support of uniform in the past and we will strive to work with you to maintain our good appearance into the future.

With that, should students not be able to wear the correct uniform for some reason, a note from home stating the reason why your student is out of uniform, will always be accepted in the short term and if necessary, a uniform pass will be issued.

GENERAL NEWS

FEES

Student Invoices were mailed out during the first weeks of term. Should you be unable to pay the entire amount upfront, these fees can be paid weekly, monthly or quarterly. Payments can be made by cheque, cash or EFTPOS at the school's front office. For your convenience we are also able to take credit card payments over the phone. The hours for receipting are 8.00am to 2.00pm.

UPDATING YOUR RECORDS

It is essential the school is kept up to date with any changes in your child's details ie medical details, addresses, contacts, phone numbers and emergency contacts etc. This is particularly necessary in the case of an emergency or if your child is ill. Should there be any changes whatsoever please contact the school. Feel free to phone one of our friendly ladies in the front office to check if you are unsure if you have updated this information. Your support on this important matter is greatly appreciated.

UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR POSITION VACANT

Toronto High School and Daylight Sportswear are looking for a bright, happy and friendly person to fill the position of **Uniform Shop Coordinator**.

Hours will be approximately 8 hrs per week, with extra hours during busy periods. Successful applicants will need to have a friendly personality, good written and oral communication skills, excellent organization skills and general computer knowledge.

Previous retail, cash handling experience, customer service background and/or a previous position in school or community organization will be highly regarded.

Please forward your resume to: Email: adam@daylightcorp.com or Fax: 02 9758 5566 **by 2pm Friday, 6th September 2013**. Successful applicants will be notified of interview times within 2 weeks of the closing date.

UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATOR - JOB SPECIFICATIONS

- To open the shop each day and secure the premises at the close of day.
- To sell items of uniform to students and parents/carers of students.
- To handle payments for uniforms by way of cash, cheque or credit card.
- To record all details of sales, refunds and exchanges on P.O.S. computer system.
- To balance takings at the end of the day and send Sales Summary to Daylight Head Office.
- To act in accordance of special instructions from the Principal.
- To count and record stocktake figures on all items of uniform held in the store at the request of Daylight P/L
- To keep the shop premises in a clean and tidy condition at all times.
- To assist in advertising by way of displaying dummies, price lists, school newsletters and any approved promotional material.
- "SPECIAL OPERATING TIMES" – During this period, assist in the planning and operational procedures, and to make time available to attend the shop during the days scheduled, e.g. Orientation Day, January holidays and 'return to school' periods.

*** Proposed remuneration will be at the award rate at the time.**

****Sale on existing stock - THS Uniform****

Current stock held in the THS Uniform Shop will be on sale for up to 50% off during the last 2 weeks of term

Monday 9 th & 11 th Sept	8.00am to 8.15am	1.00pm to 1.20pm
Wednesday 16 th & 18 th Sept	8.00am to 8.15am	1.00pm to 1.20pm



HSC Examinations

This term the CAPA faculty are preparing for practical HSC examinations. The Year 12 Dance class have already completed their Dance HSC examinations on 12 and 13 August, and the Drama examinations are to be held on 30 August. Students are preparing with the many hours of out-of-class rehearsal necessary to complete the group projects. The Music HSC examinations will be held in the middle of September. The Visual Arts BOW are due in August. See your teacher for the exact date. We wish all our students the very best for their practical examinations.

Roadshow

Our students from CAPA toured the local primary schools for the annual Road Show at the end of last term. This was a most successful venture when the primary school students were given an understanding of what high school life is like and they discovered the types of activities which are available here at Toronto High School.

Mindplay

Our Year 11 Drama students represented our school at the finals of the Mindplay competition for 2013. They placed well in the top six schools in the area. Well done to all students involved.

MADD Night

This year MADD night will be held in Term 4. Auditions will be held at the beginning of Term 4, and any student wishing to perform needs to work on their piece NOW. The audition performance must be a finished piece which has a backing already completed and acceptable for the stage.

Visual Arts classes will be displaying their works at the *Annual Art Exhibition* which will be held on the same day.

We wish our students well in the forthcoming practical examinations, and trust that students will be happy with their results.



'Wear it Purple Day'

On Wednesday 28 August 2013 students are invited to wear accessories or a purple top to support the day for young people and students who are sexuality and gender diverse. A day to reiterate that no-one should be subjected to any form of bullying or discrimination because of who they are.

We will collect a gold coin donation and donate it to Headspace.- a youth organisation. Please see the link for full details <http://wearitpurple.org/>

Thank you
Student Representative Council

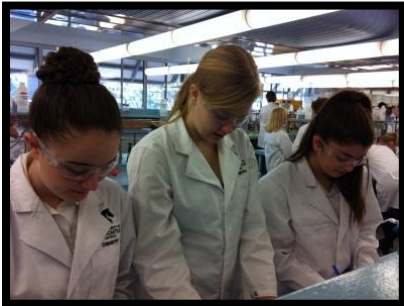


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Let's Experiment Fest

By Mr Golvers



Each year in June, most schools attend the annual HSC Science Experiment Fest held at Newcastle University. Experiment Fest is an experiment program designed to provide enriching educational experiences for senior high school students who are studying Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Toronto High School students attended the fest this year and all attained tremendous benefits from the experience.



Triggs Motors - Electric Vehicle Festival



Toronto High School will again be entering the Electric Vehicle Prize race held at Newcastle Kart Racing Club Mount Sugarloaf Kart Raceway Cameron Park. The [2013 EV Prize](#) is Australia's largest electric bike grand prix where teams design and build an electric bike to compete in a one hour endurance race. The bikes being raced this year were very kindly donated to the school by a local member of the Toronto business community, Dennis Trigg of Triggs Motors.

It is very much hoped that Toronto High School can field two bikes in the race this year and surpass our 13th place from last year's race.



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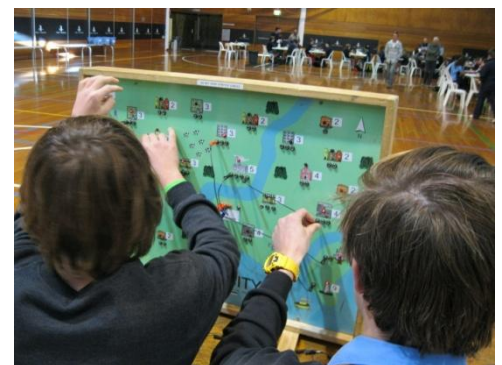
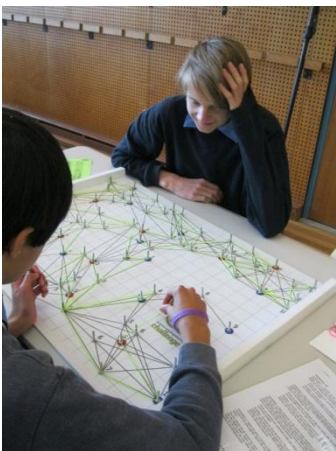
Science and Engineering

Congratulations to our Year 9 and Year 10 Industrial Technology Engineering students who won the Science and Engineering Challenge day at the University of Newcastle on Wednesday the 24 July. As a regional winner Toronto High School moved into the Northern NSW finals this week and were successful in earning 7th place against some very tough opposition.

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a day-long competition designed to provide Stage 5 high school students from public and private schools with a positive experience of Science and Engineering.

Each school team is divided into 8 groups of 2 to 4 students. Each group worked on either 1 full day activity or 2 half day activities. There are 8 different workshop style activities during the day. Students are awarded points for each activity and the school with the most cumulative points at the end of the day is declared the winner. Toronto High School students won the day with 1160 points, with the second placed private school a further 100 points behind.

The commitment and behaviour of our students during the day was outstanding. I would also like to thank the school coordinator of the Science and Engineering Challenge, Mr Pauley for his organisation and commitment to the team.





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Congratulations

ANIKA BUTLER (Year 10)

On Friday 26 July and Saturday 27 July 2013, Anika Butler and her aerobics squad competed in the Federation of International Sports, Aerobics and Fitness National Championships, held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatics Centre. Anika qualified for the national championships, after placing first in the NSW State Championships in May for the Group Trio category (a three person team who does the item as a group) and gaining third place in the individual's category.

With the help of her coach and the owner of her aerobics club, Anika worked extremely hard for the national event, placing 7th overall in the Junior International Individual category, and 4th overall in the Senior International Trio Group. The trio group is now off to Belgrade, Serbia in October to represent Australia at the World Championships! Well done Anika! We wish you the best!



ALEX MATTHEWS (Year 8)

Alex was recently selected in the Hunter Academy of Sport Boys Cricket Talent Development Squad for his cricket skills.

This Cricket Talent Identification Program is an important part of the Academy, as it plays an important role in the Cricket NSW pathway by identifying, monitoring, and developing the skills of young male cricketers to progress further in the sport.

Congratulations Alex!

Mikaela Bell (CAIL class)

Congratulations to Mikaela who was selected in a squad of the top 25 girls in country basketball. As an initiative of NSW Basketball and the Department of Sport & Recreation, the girls were part of the Talented Athlete Program and attended an intense development camp at Narrabeen.

Selections for the ITP National Basketball Program should be announced by the end of term, and Mikaela is waiting patiently to hear if she has progressed to the next level. Best of luck Mikaela!



Kate Broekman

Kate was invited to be a guest speaker at the International Scout Conference held in Canberra recently. She was part of the Australian contingent that took part in an international scouts jamboree in Sri Lanka earlier this year, and was honoured to be asked to speak at such an event. Well done Kate!



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Congratulations

Our **Under 16s Boys Indoor Futsal** team recently won the Lake Macquarie Regional Futsal Football Competition and through this win, were eligible to play in the Northern NSW Indoor Futsal Championships.

The team then made it through to the final 16 and through their sheer determination, attitude and performance, the boys were successful in being crowned the 2013 Northern NSW Indoor Futsal Champions.



Each of the players should be commended on their attitude and performances throughout the competition. Thank you to Mr Pauley for your organisation and coaching.



Congratulations to the **THS Open Boys Rugby League** team who are the 2013 Hunter Region University Shield Champions. The team made it to the final 16 in the state and unfortunately were narrowly defeated against Melville High School in the final round. Thank you to Mr Chapman and Mr Richards for their support of our students.

Toronto High School was proudly represented at the **Hunter Region Baseball Championships** recently with the team being rewarded with a place in the final 16 in the state. The boys have a bye next round with their first game then being against one of the highly competitive Sydney teams. The match will be held at Blackalls Park in the coming weeks. We wish the boys well.

Kathleen Young (Year 7) and Lauren Jeffress (Year 12) represented the school at the **NSW CHS Cross Country** on Friday 19 July 2013 with great results.

We are proud to have such sporting talent here at Toronto High.



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HSIE Faculty

"NAMBUS"

On Wednesday 7 August 2013 four Vietnam Veterans came to the school to educate Year 9 and 10 students about their experiences of the Vietnam War.

Thirty students from Toronto High took up this wonderful opportunity to learn first-hand about the personal experiences of men who lived through this important period of Australian History. Not only did students hear personal accounts, they were very keen to ask questions about the experiences of the veterans. They also had the opportunity to wear authentic equipment and uniforms from the Vietnam War. As an added challenge students were put through some of the rigorous training the soldiers were expected to complete so that they could gain a better idea of the situation the new recruits found themselves in before the war.



The Veterans brought to the school their travelling exhibit, or 'NAMBUS', that is filled with artefacts and sources from this important period, as a valuable addition to their own understanding. The HSIE faculty hope that this will be the first, but not the last time, we are able to organise a visit from the 'NAMBUS' to Toronto High and hope that more students will take advantage of this opportunity to access this source of living history in future years.

Team Running Bears

This year was the first time that Miss Goman competed in Sydney's famous City to Surf, a 14km race from Sydney's Hyde Park to Bondi Beach. She competed in Team Running Bears, a group of people who have come together to raise awareness and funds in support of ovarian cancer research.

The group is named in memory of Kylie Bear, who was Miss Goman's sister-in-law. Kylie sadly lost her battle with ovarian cancer in August last year aged 34.



At the time of writing, Team Running Bears had raised an amazing \$5,576 towards Ovarian Cancer Australia, which included \$885 raised by Miss Goman.

Miss Goman would like to thank everyone at Toronto High School who has shown their love and support for her and the Bear family over the last year. She hopes to continue to support Ovarian Cancer Australia through competing in future events.



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Aboriginal Health Expo

Students from Years 9 & 10 attended the Aboriginal Health Expo at Broadmeadow recently with Mrs Hodges.

Students were provided with twenty minute talks from each of the following stall holders as well as access to literature and practical experiences. Health stalls included - Fitness, Awabakal Dental, HeadSpace, Environmental Health, The Wollotuka Institute, Hearing Health, Speech Pathology and Podiatry.



Students gained an insight into different programs aimed at improving health, nutrition and emotional wellbeing.

Yakka Day 2013

For young
aboriginal people

7 Reasons why YOU should come to Yakka Day

- 1. See the variety of careers you can work towards**
- 2. Learn about interesting careers from experts in the job**
- 3. Find out what courses you need at school for the different careers**
- 4. Try the interactive “hands on” job skill provided by someone who knows the job**
- 5. Learn about employability attributes and up to date entry level requirements**
- 6. Meet employers who could provide you with future work experience**
- 7. Find out if you can do a VET School pathway leading to an apprenticeship or traineeship**

Come and try a skill and yarn with employers who can put you on the right path to a career.

Thursday 12th September

“The Canopy:”

107 Northlakes Drive Cameron Park

9.30 – 1.00pm

For further information please contact Rhonda 0412 490123 or Michele 0403 029132



During Term 2, Toronto High was lucky enough to be part of the 'Friends on Campus' program run by Newcastle University. Friends on campus is a transition program designed for students in Years 10, 11 & 12 who may be thinking about studying at university.

Staff and student mentors deliver a variety of information sessions in a relaxed and casual setting. Working in small groups, students can ask questions and seek advice from senior university students about moving from high school to university. The students are also given 'study skills' booklets designed by the mentors and VARK questionnaires which help to identify the best way each individual learns and which study techniques may be best suited to them personally. During these sessions our students are able to ask any questions they might have on any aspect of studying at University.

Some feedback from our students;

- *"I liked the personal approach to it"*
- *"helped us understand Uni and different learning styles"*
- *"I liked getting new information about another option I could pursue after school"*
- *"So easy to talk to and helpful in any way possible, answered all our questions thoroughly and was an amazing help"*
- *"I liked that I could ask questions and get honest answers, not a sales pitch"*



We also received great feedback from the 'Friends on Campus' team, who were very impressed with our students at Toronto High School and the high level of engagement and respect they displayed. Hopefully we will be running this program again in the years to come!

Key Dates for Year 12

- Saturday, 24 August 2013** - University of Newcastle Open Day
- Friday, 27 September 2013** - UAC deadline for 2014 applications
- Monday, 14 October 2013** - Written HSC exams commence
- Friday, 8 November 2013** - Written HSC exams conclude
- Wednesday, 18 December 2013** - HSC results – via Board of Studies - Student Online , Results
- Tuesday, 14 January 2014** - HSC credentials issued to students by mail



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Premier's Debating Challenge

by Jessica Arundell (Yr 8)

This year Toronto High School entered a team in the Years 7 & 8 Premier's Debating Challenge. The team has completed the Round Robin Group Category and is undefeated so far.

Our first debate was at Callaghan College and we debated the topic 'School Uniform Should Be Banned' as the negative team (this should come as no surprise to Mr McConville!)

We hosted the most recent debate here at Toronto High School in the library. The topic debated was 'Smoking should be banned' against Glendale High School, in which we were again the negative team. It was a more difficult side to argue, however, the team argued convincingly and received a clear verdict from the adjudicator that we had presented the better case.

Students who have represented the school in debating are Julia Tavasci, Mikaela Bell, Grace Miller, Catherine Keogh and Jessica Arundell. By winning the two rounds of debates the team has advanced to the knockout rounds and look forward to their next debate (just quietly the food is a pretty good fringe benefit).





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NAIDOC Day

by Mr Smith

Toronto once again celebrated its annual NAIDOC Day on 26th July. The day consisted of a formal assembly led by School Captains Jaca and Jett, and addressed by Mr Ken Wetherall on the significance of NAIDOC.

Students listened avidly to an inspiring 15 minute interview with teacher Mr Chapman and former legendary NRL star Mr Owen Craigie, followed by a beautiful rendition of the song, "My Island Home" performed by Tessa Henson and Tanya Smith. The girls were accompanied by a very talented Mr Hackney on the guitar, and Mr Smith on the didgeridoo.



The special assembly was followed by morning tea in the library for community and guests. This year's Teachers v Students touch football game was replaced with volleyball due to the condition of the field. The end of the game signalled victory to the students. The day ended on an even greater high with the students, staff and community being treated to a "hip-hop" concert by the very talented "Street Warriors".

We would like to thank everyone from students, staff and community involved in helping us celebrate once again this year.





The Hive Homework Centre



The THS Hive Homework Centre is open every Monday for one hour after school in the school library. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this service especially in light of upcoming exams. The Centre is manned by teachers volunteering their own time, to assist students with any aspects of their studies they may need help with.

A light refreshment is available for students attending. Please contact Mrs Smith-Kain should you have any enquiries.

*****The Centre will not operate on the last Monday of Term 3 – Monday 16 September 2013.**

Schedule Term 3, 2013

EVERY Monday	Other Activities	Week 6 19/8/13	Week 7 26/8/13	Week 8 2/9/13	Week 9 9/9/13
'Literacy Club' with Mrs Hinten	Volunteer Teachers	Mr Ditz (Science) Mrs Little (English)	Mr Ditz (Science) Mr McDonald (Maths)	Mr Ditz (Science) Mrs Little (English) Mrs Willott (PE)	Mr Ditz (Science) Miss Crawford (Maths)

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Essay writing structure

Structuring an essay is easy when you know how. There are many different types of essays (or responses) and they can have many purposes, but the basic structure is the same. This fact sheet let's you in on the secret. Find out more:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4116.pdf>

Benefits of under-scheduling your child

With the very best of intentions, when you're rushing to fit in soccer training, swimming and music lessons, it can be hard to keep hold of the magic stare-into-space, muck-about moments in children's lives.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

Helping out at exam time

You CAN help your child study for their exams (or complete their major works) even if you don't know much about the subject. Here is some practical advice on everything from writing an essay to helping the rest of the family stay supportive (and sane) while your teen works towards their final exams.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english>

Using language to help with resilience

The Parenting Ideas website says resilient families have a language of their own. Read how your words can help a discouraged child cope, learn and persist.

Find out more: <http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Schools-Blog/June-2013/Language-of-resilient-schools---families>

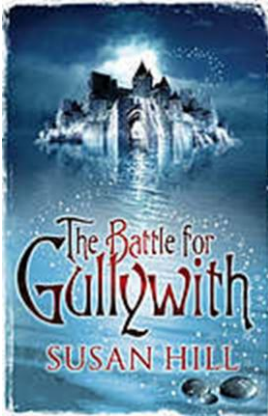
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NEW FICTION TITLES

The Battle For Gullywith

by Susan Hill



<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/3380450-the-battle-for-gullywith>

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X

(Daniel X #1)

by James Patterson



http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2235597.The_Dangerous_Days_of_Daniel_X

Nevermore (Maximum Ride #8)

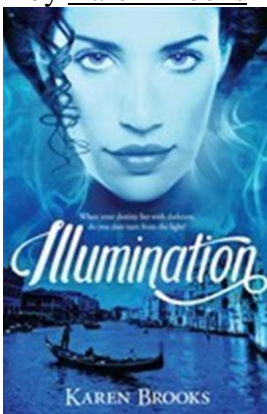
by James Patterson



<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/11946245-nevermore>

Illumination (Curse of the Bond Riders #3)

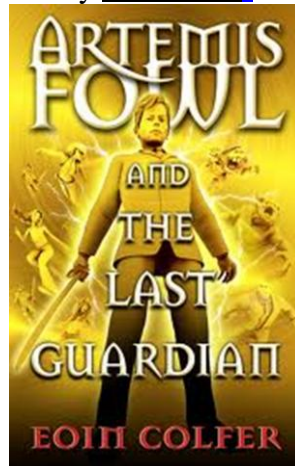
by Karen Brooks



<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13549585-illumination>

The Last Guardian (Artemis Fowl #8)

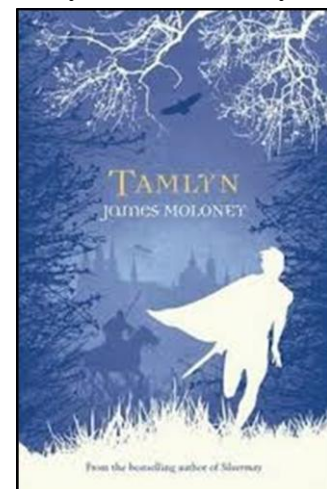
by Eoin Colfer



<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/9307674-the-last-guardian>

Tamlyn (Silvermay #2)

by James Moloney



<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13249204-tamlyn>

Library Newsletter

Toronto High School

NEWS

The school celebrated Naidoc 2013 recently. The Library was lucky to have hosted the Luncheon. Once again the Library was transformed into a Function Centre. The food was delicious, it was prepared and served by the hospitality staff and students.

The New Fiction books featured in the 'BOOKLOOK' are now in the Library ready for borrowing, so don't miss out!

The Premier's Reading Challenge 2013 is well underway. All students who haven't registered and wish to participate need to logon to the following website: -

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html>

(Use student Portal username and password)

Mrs Frost/Mrs Figures
Librarians

PRINTING CHANGES!!

Due to the introduction of PAY TO PRINT, students printing in the Library will need to pay a minimum of \$5 to the office ASAP. This will allow an account to be created for printing

(10c per page black and white)

An account will then be created for student use and a security pin will be allocated.

This will allow students easy access to printing.

Any concerns please see the Library staff.

LinkLook

Suggested Websites

SPLASH ABC



Use hundreds of learning resources that link directly to the Australian Curriculum. Immerse yourself in cutting-edge games, virtual worlds and digital experiences.

<http://splash.abc.net.au/>

Chess on Tuesdays

Starting Term 2
Lunchtime in the Library



Monday afternoons -Library

What's Happening?

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

2013





Jobs Info is still being emailed out to all students in Years 10 to 12 and sometimes I include Year 9 if there are suitable casual jobs. Parents should encourage their children to check these emails on the DET Portal which all students can access at school and at home if they have a computer with internet capabilities. They are generally sent on Mondays and I also include training courses that suit our students' needs. Several times a year I send out information on resume writing with 5 basic samples available to be easily modified for the individual. I can also assist with cover/introduction letters when required. This time of the year Universities and companies are offering scholarships definitely worth a look.

Tax File numbers can be applied for by picking up the form from the Career Office completing it and returning it to the Careers office, a Tax File number is required for any type of paid work. These are also required for some benefits through Centre Link. The forms provided through school are modified and do not require your birth certificate to be sent to the Tax Office, this makes the process faster and easier.

Newcastle University School Visit Day Saturday 24 August Year 12 students are invited to attend this very informative event, there will be more info on the Uni's WEB Site. Students are invited to tour the University and talk to staff and guides on the day a must attend for students who missed the last visit day 22 July. As this is a Saturday parents and friends can also have a look around.

Early University Enrolments are open now for many Universities these are by Principal recommendation and there are application forms in the Career Office.

University Round 1 Enrolments are now open and close in early September, students can enrol after this date in rounds 2&3 but these require a late entry fee. Students can source information from the UAC book supplied to all Year 12 students, this covers most courses at most Universities in NSW. I am available to discuss options with students.

Work Experience, this is a good option for students in Years 9 to 12 to have ago at a job they may be interested in. Student need to go to the Careers Office for the necessary advice and paperwork.

TVET Applications are now available for students in Year 10 who want to study in an area that is not available at school during Year 11 and 12. These courses are not to be enrolled in without a lot of research and commitment from student and family. Students will miss class which is their responsibility to catch up on and there are extra costs such as travel to TAFE and work placements as well as any specialist equipment. Students must visit the Career Office for advice. TVET options will close in Early September so students need to be quick.

A reminder that students can come and see me to discuss career ideas including subject selection for their specific area of interest this is important especially for Year 10 students selecting subjects for their HSC years. Students looking at leaving for employment, TAFE options or University should also ensure they visit to ensure they know all their options.

Thanks, that's all for this month
Trevor Connell
Career Adviser



August 2013

Toronto High School Canteen Canteen Price List – Term 3 2013

Lunches can only be ordered between 8.00am – 8.15am

Canteen Prices Can Change Without Prior Notice

Hot Food

Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Pie	\$3.00
Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$3.00
Potato Pie	\$3.00
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$2.00
Noodles (Beef or Chicken)	\$2.00
Chicken Crackles	\$2.00
Single Serve Tomato Sauce	\$0.30
Single Serve Sweet & Sour Sauce	\$0.30
Single Serve B-B-Q Sauce	\$0.30

Price

Milk

Plain Milk (600ml)	\$1.50
Flavoured Milk- Small (375ml)	\$2.00
- Large (600ml)	\$3.00
Up-N-Go	\$2.00

Price

Drinks

Schweppes Soft Drink – 600ml	\$3.00
Bottle Water	\$2.00

Orders Only

Toasted Sandwich	\$3.50
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Juice

Macquarie Juice – 500ml	\$2.00
Poppa	\$1.00

Cakes

Chocolate Muffin	\$2.00
Fingerbun	\$2.00
Choc Chip Cookie	\$2.00
Chocolate Brownie	\$2.00
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$2.00

Ice Blocks Not Available at Recess

Sunnyboy	\$1.00
Milo Scoop Shake	\$3.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.00

Chips – All Varieties

\$2.00

Mini Drumsticks	\$1.50
Maxibon	\$3.30
Splice	\$2.00
Long Ice-Block	\$0.50

Burgers

Chicken Burger - Plain	\$3.50
Chicken Burger – Lettuce/Mayo	\$4.00

Specials - Available Only On:-

Monday	Chicken Wing Things	\$3.00
Wednesday	Mini Spring Rolls/Sweet & Sour Sauce	\$3.00
Friday	Hot Dog/Sauce	\$3.00



TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL

August 2013

Junior Cricket Registrations

Toronto Workers District Cricket registrations for junior cricketers will be held at

Ron Hill Oval, Toronto

Wednesday 21 August & Wednesday 28 August
4pm to 6pm.

For inquiries please call Robert Holland
Chairperson Juniors on 0458 505488 or email
dutchylives@bigpond.com ”

Register Now!! Macquarie Softball

Preseason August/September 2013

Game Season October 2013 to March 2014

Same time same place every week

Stevenson Park Mayfield

Contact Amanda Ph 0414 774591

Macquariesoftball@gmail.com



DRIVING SCHOOL

Female Instructor

- * Special attention given to Nervous Students
- * Work with Parents for more effective outcomes
- * Teach to drive safe NOT just drive
- * Automatic Lessons in Toyota Camry Altise
- * Pick up and drop off - Home, Work or School
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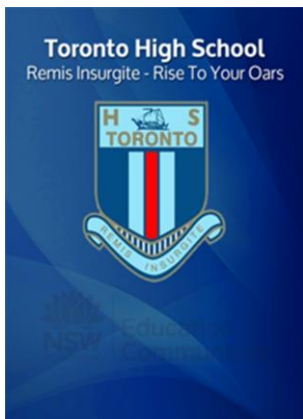
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Toronto High P & C Meetings

Are held on 4th Tuesday of each month – 6pm School Library

Tuesday 27th August 2013

Tuesday 22nd October 2013

Tuesday 26th November 2013