

"Ship to Shore"

October 2017



NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday 24 October 2017

Commencing at 6.00pm

in the School Library

All Welcome!



Principal's Report

Mark McConville

Tragic News

During the school holidays, Jade Finn tragically died in a car accident. Jade was a bright and bubbly person who was well known and liked by students and staff. Our thoughts are with Jade's family and friends.

There are no words that suffice in this situation. We have support for those that require, at the school. This invitation extends beyond our students to family and community members who would like to access counselling support.

NAPLAN 2017

The school NAPLAN results for 2017 are very pleasing. It is one of the indicators that teachers and the school use to identify the literacy and numeracy interventions implemented at Toronto High School. Often the results of NAPLAN are misused by the media and not understood by the general community. At Toronto High School, we have all of our students sit the assessments (unless their parents wish them to be exempted). This means that in our overall results we have students from support classes, learning difficulties classes and our mainstream classes combining to provide a 'school result'. When that school result is directly measured against other schools; you may not be making accurate comparisons – for example – do they have a support unit in their school for students with an intellectual disability?

The Toronto High School scaled scores and growth are both very strong results. In fact, when further analysis is done of certain cohorts, our results are outstanding.

I will provide further data and information regarding the schools results in the next newsletter.

General NAPLAN Information:

Your child's report will show his or her results in comparison with all other students from the same year group in Australia who sat the tests and will include:

- the national average
- the range for the middle 60 per cent of students
- whether your child has achieved the national minimum standards

Upcoming Dates

Term 4

24 Oct

P&C Meeting
6pm THS Library

27 Oct

Koori Netball Cup
Mitchell Library
Excursion
World Teachers Day

28 Oct

Koori Netball Cup

30 Oct

Halogen Leadership
Conference

1 Nov

Yrs 9&10 (LEAP)
Sydney Excursion

1 – 3 Nov

Yr 8 Valid Science Test

2 Nov

Yr 9 Tree of Life
Excursion

6 Nov

GRIP Leadership

6 Nov – 17 Nov

Yrs 7 – 10 Yearly
Examinations

8 Nov

Yr 12 (2017) Sign-out
Day

13 Nov

Yr 12 (2017) Formal

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NAPLAN 2017 cont.

An important feature of the national assessments is that your child's achievement in literacy and numeracy is measured against common national assessment scales that continue from Year 3 through to Year 9. This means that as your child advances through school and has these assessments every second year, you will be able to monitor your child's progress in literacy and numeracy.

Another important feature of the report is how the achievement of the national minimum standard is shown. The report shows the national minimum standard as a full band on the scale. For example, the national minimum standard for Year 7 is Band 5. If your child's result is in this band, then he or she has typically demonstrated the basic elements of literacy and numeracy needed to participate in school in Year 7. If your child's result is in the bottom band for the year level, he or she has not achieved the basic skills of literacy and numeracy for that year and needs focused intervention and additional support to help achieve the skills required to fully participate in schooling.

If you would like further general information about the new national literacy and numeracy assessments, please visit http://www.naplan.edu.au/home_page.html or contact your child's Year Advisor.

HSC Reforms

As part of the HSC reforms, students must reach Band 8 in Year 9 NAPLAN reading and numeracy to avoid the need to successfully sit later literacy/numeracy tests to be eligible to attain a HSC. There will be exemptions (e.g. Life Skills students) and most importantly, it is reasonably expected that all, or nearly all students, will reach the required standard and attain a HSC. The test will align to the Australian All Schools Framework at Level 3 as the minimum standard. There will be a sample test published in 2017. Year 10 (2018) is the first group to access the test. The first HSC affected is 2020.

For those students who didn't reach the minimum requirement for HSC in the Year 9 NAPLAN this year, there will be further opportunities to reach the minimum standard. Toronto High School will be in contact with those students and families to inform them of the next steps of testing and support.

This places a greater emphasis on NAPLAN for our students, as there is now a direct link to gaining the HSC in future years.

HSC

By the time this bulletin is released, the HSC would have commenced for our students. I would like to wish all of our Year 12 students good luck with their exams – although if they study and work hard with their preparations they won't require luck! All we want to see is each and every one of our students achieve their best. If you work hard, that is your lesson and reward – understanding that effort is what ultimately leads to success.

This is the first time that I have experienced the HSC not just from the perspective as a teacher/principal, but also as a Dad.....!

I look forward to reporting on our students results and future paths.

HSC Illness/Misadventure on Exam Day

It is important that you attend the exams where possible, even if you believe your performance in the exam will be affected. You should, however, never risk harm in order to attend an exam or attend an exam against medical advice. During the HSC examinations, Year 12 students need to notify the school and the Presiding Officer as soon as possible. For HSC students further information is available on the Board of Studies website - http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams/illness-misadventure.html



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School Captains / School Prefects for 2018

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as prefects to the THS Student Leadership Team for 2018. The Prefects for 2017/2018 are:

Danielle Bainbridge, Kieran Burgess, Gypsy-Lee Marsh,
Connor Smith, Katie Stone, Lachlan Warham.

Senior Prefect - Blake Arthur
Senior Prefect - Gina Lawrence
Vice Captain - Thomas Davies
Vice Captain - Hollie Eddon
School Captain - Jordan Joyson
School Captain - Marchello Laguna



All of this Student Leadership Team will soon be embarking on a number of leadership courses and developing a leadership plan to improve some aspect of the school or community.

I would like to acknowledge our outgoing Leadership Team for 2017. The Prefects for 2017 were:

Mikaela Bell, Hayley Clark, Jordan Kelly, Grace Miller,
Peri Roberts, Julia Tavasci and Elissa Walker.

Senior Prefect - Ryan Burns
Senior Prefect - Lauren Horn
Vice Captain - Alexander Matthews
Vice Captain - Annabelle Robinson
School Captain - Liam Garrett
School Captain - Georgia Watson



They have worked tirelessly to support the school in many ways. From volunteering for community service, dealing with individual student issues, representing the school at special events and generally promoting all the positive aspects of this great school. Many of these activities and events occur outside of normal school hours. I would like to convey my personal thanks and good luck to each of the outgoing prefects.

Presentation Evenings

Toronto High School will be conducting our Presentation Ceremony in Term 1 2018. We moved the presentation ceremony last year and it appeared to be quite successful. It allows the school to acknowledge our top Year 12 performer based on ATAR. This is the new award of 'Dux' of the year. Invitations will be sent home to the families of the students receiving awards at the beginning of 2018.



To access our Facebook page go to - Toronto High School NSW - Official Site
<https://www.facebook.com/TorontoHighSchool/>



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Curriculum Changes in 2018

There is a change to the pattern of study that students in Year 8 2018 will undertake compared to previous Year 8 cohorts. Year 8 2018 will have the following curriculum structure:

- Humanities Class (Integrated English, Geography and History)
- 'Sciences' Class (Integrated Maths, PDHPE and Science) or Teamed Maths and Science classes
- Integrated Sport (not a traditional sport afternoon. Sport occurs with the class PDHPE / 'Sciences' teacher as a 'normal' lesson).
- No Toronto Elective Program (TEP).

BYOD

Toronto High School promotes 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD). Students are encouraged to bring laptops/tablets/devices to use in the classroom. The emphasis will be on Year 7 & Year 8 to participate in the BYOD program. We have preferred providers that offer special deals and ensure that the computers will be compatible with Department of Education computer systems.

Staff Update

I announced in the previous newsletter, that our School Administration Manager (SAM), Karen Hennessy had retired. I am pleased to announce that Mishelle McKinnon has been offered and appointed to the position. Mishelle was SAM at Monaro High School and had been seconded into a regional position leading and assisting high and primary schools implement the new Department of Education administration software. It is great to have her on board.

Mr Morgan has been on long service leave for a number of weeks. Ms Wilson-Babic has stepped in to relieve as Deputy Principal during this time. Evelyn is a very experienced executive teacher who is very adapt to the Deputy role. It has been great working with her in this capacity and I thank her for her efforts.

While Ms Wilson-Babic has been relieving for Mr Morgan, Mrs Little has been relieving for Ms Wilson-Babic in the Head Teacher Student Services role. Mrs Little has been wonderful in fulfilling this vital position in the school, so I thank her as well!

School Uniform & Shoes

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

As the end of the year approaches we will be advertising to all families the correct uniform requirements (including shoes) so that purchases can be made for 2018. Black leather shoes are the only acceptable shoes (except for sport). These shoes have no markings (like the Nike Swoosh etc) and are a plain black leather shoe. We will send information out before the end of Term 4.



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.



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Student Assistance Scheme

Parents experiencing financial difficulty in meeting school expenses including subject specific fees and uniforms, are invited to confidentially contact the Head Teacher Student Services (Ms Wilson-Babic) 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.

Year 12 (2017)

Congratulations to all students of Year 12 (2017). Last term Year 12 finished off their school days at Toronto High with some final celebrations throughout Week 10. All students enjoyed themselves immensely through dress up days, Auction Day and the Graduation Night on Thursday 21 September 2017.

All students are to be congratulated on their completion of high school here at Toronto. We wish them all well as they embark on their journeys beyond school.

The Year 12 Formal will be held at the Noahs on the Beach, Newcastle on Monday 13 November 2017. Any questions with regards to the formal can be directed to Mrs Willott, PDHPE Faculty.



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Principal: Mr Mark McConville

Year 12

Year Advisor: Mrs Jane Willott



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YEAR 12 (2017) GRADUATION AWARDS

Academic Excellence Awards

Daniel Moore, Emma Roughly, Mikaela Bell

Principal's Honour Roll

Daniel Moore, Julia Tavasci, Teah Purcell, Jaida Damstra, Emma Roughly, Jake Berwick, Mikaela Bell, Lauren Cadman, Grace Miller

Special Awards

ACHPER PDHPE Recognition Award

Jordan Joynson

ACHPER CAFS Recognition Award

Georgia Watson

ADF Long Tan Award

Liam Garrett

Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Elissa Walker

Leo Hudson Award

Charlie Brown

University of Newcastle Scholarship

Daniel Moore

Australian All Schools Baseball Team 2017

Thomas Holland

First In Course IT Electronics

Billy Cox

Encouragement IT Electronics

Dane Tuxford

First in Course 2017

Aboriginal Studies

Cassidy Waters

Ancient History

Teah Purcell

Biology

Mikaela Bell

Business Studies

Grace Miller

Chemistry

Mikaela Bell

Community & Family Studies

Georgia Watson

Computer Applications

Mitchell Hanssen

Dance

Lara McConville

Design and Technology

Peri Roberts

Drama

Reece Sprack

Earth & Environmental Science

Teah Purcell

Economics

Daniel Moore

English Life Skills

Liam Garrett

English Studies

Kate Johnson

English Standard

Lauren Cadman

English Advanced

Emma Roughley

English Extension 1

Emma Roughley

English Extension 2

Emma Roughley

Exploring Early Childhood

Amber Meek

Geography

Grace Miller &
Lauren Cadman

Hospitality Food & Beverage

Jessica Arundell

Hospitality Specialisation

Lauren Horn

HSIE Life Skills

Richell Macdonald

Industrial Technology

Jake Berwick

Legal Studies

Julia Tavasci

Mathematics Life Skills

Richell Macdonald

Mathematics

Daniel Moore

General Mathematics 1

Lachlan O'Brien

General Mathematics 2

Elissa Walker

Mathematics Extension 1

Jaida Damstra

Mathematics Extension 2

Jaida Damstra

Modern History

Danielle Bainbridge

PDHPE

Jordan Joynson

Physics

Daniel Moore

Retail Services

Lana Green

Senior Science

Hayley Clark

Society and Culture

Julia Tavasci

VET Construction

Jake Berwick

VET Furniture Making

Jake Berwick

Visual Arts

Lauren Cadman

Work & Community Life Skills

Liam Garrett



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GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

There are so many great things our students are doing, both in school and out of school. If your child has achieved something notable outside of school – please feel free to inform us – it is always great to know what our students are up to!

Great North Walk

Recently six students from Toronto High School undertook a mammoth task - the 240km trek on the Great North Walk from Sydney to Newcastle.

The Year 10 students – Lachlan Maher, Coby Howarth, Skye-Ann Anderson, Kayleb Bennett, Toby Adams, and Caleb Watts, all took part in the walk to raise awareness and funds for the Black Dog Institute. Caleb unfortunately broke his ankle before the walk, and took on a supporting role. He was able to join his friends for the final part of their trek into Newcastle.

Carrying 20kg backpacks, and camping out under the stars as they went, the students began their journey from Circular Quay, in Sydney on September 16. Making good time, they had trekked to the Watagan Mountains by the Monday night, and finally arrived at Queens Wharf in Newcastle, on Sunday October 1 to a fantastic reception from family, colleagues and the general community.

Proud parents were their support team, ensuring the students phoned in at every check point, and driving out to deliver water, food and clean clothes every two days.

Reports indicate that donations received so far are approximately \$9000.00. The full story of the adventure is available for viewing on - <https://www.facebook.com/GNWforMentalIllness/>

To donate, visit give.everydayhero.com/au/great-north-walk-for-mental-illness.





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NSWCHS Athletics

Congratulations to our nine students who represented Toronto High School in the combined high schools state carnival at Homebush late last term.

Luke came first in the 3000m, 800m and 1500m races. He also broke an 18 year old record in the 1500m. The boys 14yrs relay team made it into the final – Max, Kobe, Cody and Bailey. Jack also made the final in the discus, placing fifth.



Joseph Jobson
Year 7



Max Bradbury
Year 8



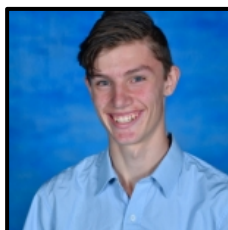
Kobe Nightingale
Year 8



Cody Schutz-Relf
Year 8



Bailey Nelson
Year 9



Luke Young
Year 10



Kristelle Manderson
Year 11



Jack Jordan
Year 12



Kathleen Young
Year 12

Congratulations all competitors. It is a fantastic achievement for any student to reach this level of competition.

LUKE YOUNG (Year 10) & KATHLEEN YOUNG (Year 12)

Our gifted athletes Luke and Kathleen Young haven't just been busy at the NSWCHS Athletics, but also at other school representative events recently.

Australian All Schools Cross Country, with Kathleen placing 58th in the U18yr Girls, and Luke coming second in the U18yr Boys events.

NSW All Schools Athletics, with Kathleen placing 7th in the 17yr Girls 1500m. Luke placed 2nd in the 16yr Boys 3000m, first in the 16yr Boys 1500m, and, setting a new NSW All School record. That's great news Luke!

Luke now gets to compete in the U18yr Male 1500m at Australian All Schools Athletics to be held in Adelaide from 8-10 December 2017.

Well done to the both of you!!





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AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS FUTSAL - NICHOLAS CHARLESWORTH Year 10

Nick was selected to captain the Northern NSW U15yr Boys Futsal team at the Australian All Schools Futsal Championships in Brisbane recently.

As a result of his performances he has now been selected in the Australian U15yrs team to play in Italy in May 2018. The team will start in Rome and then move to the regional clubs in Florence. What a fantastic experience! Well done Nick!

If you are interested in helping Nick to represent Australia and Toronto High School, his family have set up a GoFundMe page to assist - <https://www.gofundme.com/local-boy-selected-to-play-in-italy>.

NORTHERN NSW FUTSAL STATE CHAMPIONS 2017

Congratulations to our U16yrs THS boys futsal team who were crowned Northern NSW State Champions recently, after defeating Kurri Kurri High School's U18yrs boys team in a fantastic display of skill and prowess. It was a very competitive match, with the final score being 14 to 4.

Congratulations to - Luke Croquett, Eden Garbett, Liam Bell, Nicholas Charlesworth (Vice Capt), Taj Field, Jacob Gallagher-Anderson, Tyrell Paulson (Capt), Mitchell Snowden. Coach – Mr Walton. Jacob Gallagher-Anderson earned the Coach's Award as well as the Players Player Award. Well done to all!



"LET'S PLAY BOWLS" - LAKES DISTRICT ZONE

WINNERS

The THS Bowls team were crowned winners of the Lakes District Zone "Let's Play Bowls" tournament last term after a very convincing win over Wallsend High School in the final. This was the second year running that our school has made the zone final.

Our team of Jake Croquett, Caleb Paulson, Cody Schutz-Relf and Bailey Snowden played the regional final on Monday 16 October, progressing through the semi-finals, however narrowly missed out on the final honours against Hunter River High School.

Reports from Mr Power (coach) indicate all players performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament, displaying the highest level of sportsmanship at all times, and are looking forward to next year.

A special thank you to Mr Doug Mortimer from Toronto Bowling Club who assisted in coaching the boys throughout the year.



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HALLAM CARLSON (Year 8)

Congratulations to Hallam who over the October holidays travelled to Spain to play soccer. Hallam had to trial to be selected in the team that was put together by former Toronto High student Jobe Wheelhouse.

Hallam played three games in total against Spanish teams Atletico Madrid, Espaniol and Barcelona. They won two of the games and drew the other. The representative side was set up to offer Newcastle soccer stars the chance to play in an international arena.

It was a fabulous experience not just for Hallam, but for all of the boys involved. Hallam says 'It was a chance of a lifetime, a story that I will probably tell my kids.'



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

Evelyn Wilson-Babic (Relieving DP)

As we enter our last term of the year, we are once again, reminded of how fleeting life can be. We would like to extend our sympathies to our families who over the recent years have suffered the tragic loss of a child. We will remember your girls, who will forever remain in our hearts.

Once again, it has been a privilege to replace Greg Morgan while he has been on long service leave and I take this opportunity to welcome him back for the remainder of Term 4. I'm sure he'll have some wonderful stories for our students about European life! I extend my warm thanks to those who have assisted and supported myself in the relieving position of Deputy Principal.

Years 7 - 10

Coming up in Weeks 5 & 6 will be our Years 7 – 10 Semester 2/yearly examinations. Stay posted to our social media for the schedule and a copy will go home with every student (check school bags)! During the examination period there will also be Progressive Assessment Testing. This testing is organised for determination of student growth in literacy and numeracy. This is very important feedback for all our teachers and when combined with clearly identified Student Learning Objectives, we are able to better determine our next instructional step so that we support each and every student work towards their personal best. After all, we are a community of learners with teachers and students working in unison to support our students in developing contemporary skills that allow them to be the best version of their young, adult self!

Upcoming Events

We welcome you to our **Music, Art, Drama and Dance (MADD) night** on Wednesday 22nd November, and it would be great to see you there to enjoy a wonderful night of student performances. Another important date is our **Year 7 (2018) Parent Information Evening** on 29 November with students attending their orientation at Toronto High School on Tuesday 5 December, 2017.

At this time of year, when we're wishing Year 12 good luck and welcoming our new Year 7 we reflect on how quickly the time goes. Next year we'll be standing with our new Year 7 parents and caregivers, assuring them that their son or daughter will be fine and in a blink of an eye we'll be clapping them out of the hall onto their way to their Higher School Certificate examinations.



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Year 11/12

As our Year 11 students move into Year 12 many will be reassessing their learning needs. There may be the choice to exit a subject and concentrate on subjects that build towards their 10 units required for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (A.T.A.R.). This number reflects a rank, between 0.00 and 99.95 indicating a student's position relative to all the students who are in Year 12, 2017. In the coming year, for those of you with students looking towards entering university following their H.S.C. we would like to recommend the University of Newcastle's My Big Tomorrow website. This website offers a range of options for those seeking tertiary education. However, employment extends far beyond leaving Year 12 and entering university the following year. Another great website that informs is www.mufuture.edu.au. It's full of information and quizzes that assist students to develop employment pathways.

Attendance

Remember, no matter what your long term employment goal is, regular school attendance and classroom application will always assist with your goals. As the warmer weather approaches, the temptation of spending the day at the beach increases. However, Toronto High School, in partnership, with parents and caregivers are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences.

We are seeking to provide a caring teaching and learning environment, which addresses the learning and support needs of all students. We enjoy fostering a sense of wellbeing and belonging to our school community. Here at Toronto High School we value the contribution each student makes to their learning and the learning of others. What we value most here at THS is the relationships that we build with every student and with you.

Key School Contacts

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Years 7, 9 & 11

Mr Morgan

Years 8, 10 & 12

Mr Pesle

HEAD TEACHERS

English

Mr Carlson

Mathematics

Mrs Coates

Science

Mr Raso

CAPA

Mrs Fotheringham

HSIE

Mrs Philipson

PDHPE

Mrs Gromek

Secondary Studies

Mr Moore

Support Unit

Mrs Milson-Black

Student Services

Ms Wilson-Babic

Teaching & Learning/LEAP

Ms Smith-Kain

TAS

Mr Chapman

Year 7 Advisor

Mrs Jayne

Year 8 Advisor

Mrs Little

Year 9 Advisor

Mr Banks

Year 10 Advisor

Mrs Jenkins

Year 11 Advisor

Mrs Chapman

Year 12 Advisor

Mrs Willott

Boys Advisor

Mr Battle

Girls Advisor

Mrs Halliwell

ARCO/ADCO

Mrs Fotheringham &

Mrs Hodges

Student Support Officer

Miss Smith

Careers Advisor

Mr Connell



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

Andrew Pesle



Welcome to Term 4 2017, which is certainly the busy end of the year.

Year 12 (2017)

Congratulations and good luck goes to our Year 12 who have started their HSC Examinations. Tenacity and diligence is required for them to work towards solid results in their Higher School Certificate. I welcome them all to our 'Results Breakfast' on 14 December, 2017 from 7.30am in the TAS courtyard.

Sign Out Day

We will be holding a "sign out" day on Wednesday 8 November for all Year 12 (2017) students to formally sign out of school. On this day students will be required to return any school resources – textbooks, library books etc, as well as attend to any outstanding subject fees. As always, if financial assistance is required please contact the school prior to this day.

Year 11 (2017)

Teachers are currently putting the finishing touches on reports for Year 11 and have already started teaching Year 12 content. These students will be receiving their Assessment Task booklets and it is a good idea for parents/carers to take a look as well and familiarise themselves with the rules and regulations of the HSC. The HSC can be daunting for students and parents alike. Parents should spend some time with their child, learning about their subject choices and assessment task due dates.

Leaving Early for Senior Students

- Year 12 can only leave the school at the start of period 5 when they are timetabled off and **must sign out**. This is the **end of lunch**. However, if you are timetabled off period 4 as well you may leave at the end of period 3.
- Year 12 will be at roll call each day. **There are no late starts**.
- Year 12 students are not required to do sport and may at the start of lunch sign out of the school. This is on Tuesdays.
- Year 12 is **not allowed to leave** the school grounds at lunch or recess at all, except Tuesdays.
- Year 12 **cannot leave the school** during any part of the day. If there is no timetabled lesson for that period, they are in the library. They cannot leave the school grounds.
- If these rules are not followed, then the Principal will cancel these arrangements and all students will remain at school supervised by the Deputies until 2.20pm.
- Infringements will result in **After School Detentions**, followed by further disciplinary action if repeated behaviour.
- All other **Free Periods do not exist** - they are study periods. You must report to the Library for supervised tutorial times.
- Tutorial periods have been organised to support students in achieving their best possible result for the HSC.
- **NO** early leave will be granted until a permission note is signed, dated, and returned to the school.

Junior Students

Our junior students are also busy studying for their Yearly Examinations. These examinations start in Week 5 and run into Week 6. When students aren't in examinations they will be expected to be in class. Help prepare your child for their exams by:

- working out a revision timetable for each subject
- break revision time into small chunks of approximately one hour long sessions with short breaks
- make sure your child has all the essential books and materials
- buy new stationery, highlighters and pens to make revision more interesting
- go through school notes with your child or listen while they revise a topic



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Year 10 into 11 2018 Subject Selections

Year 10 students have just completed their subject selection interviews and have received their 2018 Year 11 subjects. A note listing all the subjects with related subject fees has been sent home with each student to be signed by parents before students can be enrolled in each course.

If parents or students have any concerns or questions regarding their subject choices for 2018, they should contact the Year Adviser, Mrs Jenkins.

The Hive Homework Centre

Students are encouraged to make use of 'The Hive' Homework Centre which operates on Monday afternoons from 2.30pm 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.

GENERAL NEWS

SPORT SELECTIONS 2018

Our sport selection process has changed for 2018. Students in Years 9 and 10, will be going to sport on Tuesday. To enable this process to occur smoothly, students in Years 8 and 9 (2017), will be selecting their Term 1 sports in Term 4 2017.

Students will be required to pay for their sport fees for Term 1 (2018) at the office by Friday 8 December. Please see Mrs Gromek, Head Teacher PDHPE Faculty, for any enquiries.

"\$ MAKE A PAYMENT" Portal

Payments can now be made through the Parent Payment Portal (located on our school website). Please ensure that the correct reference is used (so administration staff can identify what the payment is for). As it can take up to 3 days for the school to receive notification of the payment from Westpac, as soon as you receive your emailed receipt, please email this directly to the school. Alternatively, phone the school and advise your payment details. This is very important where there is a "cut off" date or limited numbers for an excursion.

Full detailed instructions on how to use the "\$ Make A Payment" Portal are available on our website. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any further enquiries.

The school's email address is – toronto-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The school's website address is – www.toronto-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL TERMS 2018

Term 1	*29/1/18 - 13/4/18
Term 2	30/4/18 - 6/7/18
Term 3	23/7/18 - 28/9/18
Term 4	15/10/18 - 21/12/18

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2018

16/4/18 - 27/4/18
9/7/18 - 20/7/18
1/10/18 - 12/10/18
24/12/18 - 28/1/19

* Note – Monday 29/1/18 Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30/1/18 - Students (Yrs 7, 11 & 12) commence school

Wednesday 31/1/18 - Students (Yrs 8, 9 & 10) commence school



REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child.

It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as Asthma and Diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details, or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. There is a Change of Details Form included in this newsletter.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son's or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

THS UNIFORM SHOP - ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

The THS Uniform Shop operates an Online Ordering System which enables parents to place an order online at any time. The Online Ordering system is easy to use. Simply –

1. Search www.daylightsportswear.com/toronto
2. Create an account
3. Place your order
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ENGLISH FACULTY

By Mr Carlson

Children's Book Week 2017

Each year across Australia, the CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Children's Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature.

Toronto High School celebrated this significant event with the English staff and other members of staff from other faculties dressing up as Wally, the star of the iconic children's books and animation series *Where's Wally?*. Students were given the task of spotting the 'correct' Wally so their name could be put into a drawer for a \$5 canteen voucher. One voucher was drawn over the 5 days of Book Week which ran over Week 6 of Term 3. The winners were:

Toby Morris

Kaylah Maloney

Lilly Greig

Daniel Evans

Phoebe Crocker

The first *Where's Wally?* book was published in the UK in 1987 by Walker Books.

Book Week 2017 was a huge success this year due to the students getting involved. Thank you to all that participated and I look forward to next year.

You can even find Wally in real life or try to. In 2011, a world record was set for the largest gathering of people dressed as Wally: 3,872 Wally look-alikes in Merrion Square, Dublin.

You might even stumble across Wally while you're browsing Google Earth. A project called "Where on Earth is Waldo?" started up earlier this year.

In 2009, researchers made some discoveries about how the brain searches for objects using the *Where's Wally?* books as a reference. Participants in the study were simply asked to "find Wally." While they searched, their eye movements were recorded. It was discovered that the number of tiny eye jerks, called microsaccades, increased dramatically when Wally was found.





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YEAR 12 (2017) Orica Excursion

by Mr Raso

On 31 August our Year 12 (2017) Chemistry class visited the ORICA Plant at Kooragang Island as part of their studies.

The students were given an in depth tour of the facilities and observed how ammonia is produced on an extremely large scale. They were able to link their Chemistry class work to a real world application and explore the exciting work of engineers straight out of university.



SRC NEWS

by Miss Cox

End of Term

The SRC welcomed our new student leaders at the end of last term. They have already begun contributing their ideas and participating in organising SRC events.

The end of term school disco was a considerable success. Students eagerly participated in the “Nut Bush”, “Macarena”, The Limbo competition and the Conga Line, and demonstrated their dance skills to the latest chart hits.

Well done to Marchello, our MC for the day. Thank you to all of the SRC members and additional volunteers whose contributions allowed the event to run so well. Thank you as well to Mrs Wilson-Babic and Mrs Chapman for their assistance coordinating the day.

Rewards Day

The SRC is currently planning the end of year Rewards Day. This year students have voted to attend Jamberoo Water Park. Permission notes will be handed out shortly.

Shoes for Planet Earth

The SRC is currently taking donations of used joggers and football boots, which are still in good condition, to send to Uganda through the Shoes for Planet Earth organisation. The charity aims – to encourage a healthy lifestyle by exercising; to improve hygiene and disease control; and to facilitate the ‘feel good’ intangible benefits of giving and receiving through providing recycled shoes to those in need. Toronto High students have been generous with many donations already being received at the school.

Further information regarding this cause can be found at – <http://www.shoesforplanetearth.com/>





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Westlakes Gala Day

by Miss Crawford

On Friday 15 September, 60 students participated in the Westlakes Zone Gala Day at Kahibah Sporting Fields and Charlestown Netball Courts. A combination of students from Years 7 and 8 students played Oz Tag, soccer and netball against other schools in the Lake Macquarie area. There were also Years 9 and 10 students who umpired and refereed games between competing schools.



This friendly gala day encouraged competition and cooperation between Toronto High School and other local schools in the Westlakes area. All of our students put in a solid effort every game, despite the scores of each game not being recorded. We had students participating in sports they did not usually play and were willing to have a go at something completely out of their comfort zone. All students represented the school with pride and played to the best of their ability.



Special thanks to our Years 9 and 10 students who refereed and umpired all day, as well as helping to coach some of the teams. Special thanks to Mr Thorne for organising the day.

Coaches: Mrs McRae, Miss Eastcott, Mr Fryer, Mr Thorne and Miss Crawford.

U16yrs Rugby League 7s

by Mr Hackney

The U16yrs Rugby League "7 a side" team recently participated in the Terry Kachel Cup at Raymond Terrace. The boys played incredibly well, despite the hot, windy conditions, which included cameos of flying shade shelters. An irate plover provided some comic relief, attacking players during one of our games.

After a number of convincing victories and a narrow loss in their last pool game, Toronto muscled through into second position. We eventually fell short in the quarter final, coming home strong against the eventual runners up, Great Lakes College. Well done boys.

Our team were a credit to Toronto High, playing with an abundance of vigour, skill and commitment.

The team was - Jackson Jenkins, Jackson Greenwood, Sean Hall, Seton Griffis, Deekon Mahoney-Argueta, Rhyen Legge, Ty Lewis, Max Bradbury, Tanner Johnson, Tyson Duffy-Vawdry, Justis Gerrard and Tex Constable.



Library Newsletter

Toronto High School

NEWS

Congratulations to the students who completed 'The Premiers Reading Challenge' for 2017!

Toronto High Schools aim to encourage all students to read more, at home and at school. The encouragement seems to be working, 2017 had a record number of students registering for the Premiers Reading Challenge. For the first time the Toronto High School Library presented Gift Vouchers to the students who successfully completed the challenge.

The students who completed the challenge are:

- Miranda Christmas
- Bella Davidson-Taig
- Tara Lundy
- Milena Skinner
- Georgia Sullivan

Recently the Library hosted the 2018 Prefect Induction afternoon tea. The students nominated to be the school prefects for 2018 were able to celebrate this fantastic achievement with family and staff members whilst enjoying the food and beverages supplied by the TAS Department.

The Exam season is now upon us. Good luck to all students as they enter into the yearly and the HSC Exams.

Mrs Frost/Mrs Figures
Librarians



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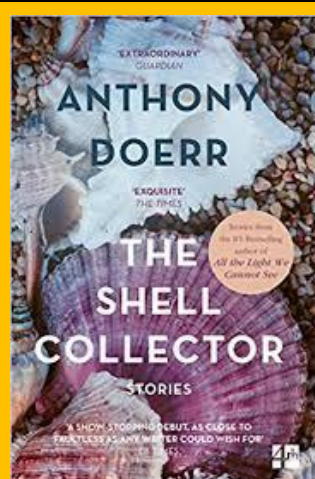
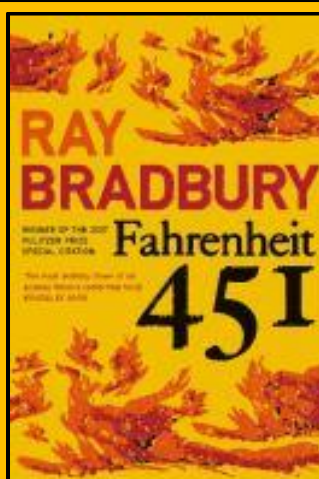
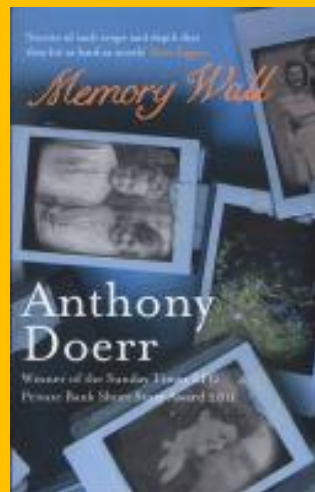
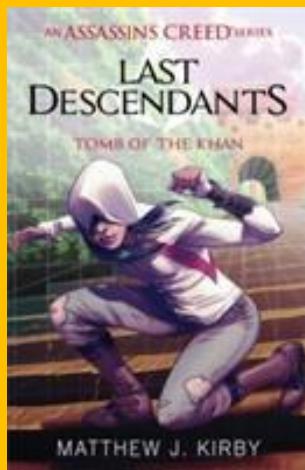


Students practicing their computer coding skills in the Library

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Toronto High School Library

NEW FICTION TITLES





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- Parents and guardians will be able to download a voucher for each child in January 2018 and take it to a registered sporting or fitness club for a \$100 discount on registration and participation fees. Registrations for approved sporting clubs and fitness groups will begin in late November.
- Contact my office on **4959-3200** or log on to www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for more info.

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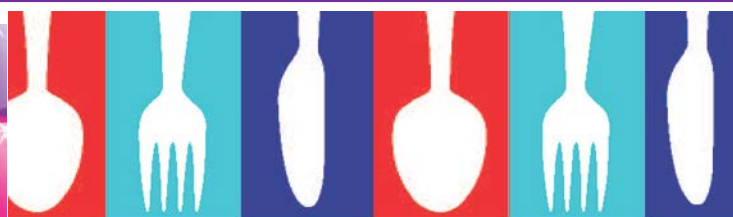
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