

Toodyay District High School Newsletter

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It is the end of Week 3 already, and the busyness of the school year is in full swing. I wish to thank the students who have already extended the hand of friendship to our new students across the school. The new students are learning the Toodyay DHS Way and taking several opportunities to extend themselves. This year we have a focus on Belonging and I am so happy to see class groups focusing on building strong connections both in and out of the classroom.

It was fantastic to see families attend the classroom parent meetings over the past week. The benefit of having a clear understanding of your child's teacher's intentions, as well as building early communication, puts you in good stead as a parent partner in your child's learning.

Thank you in advance to all of our swimmers who will be participating in the faction Carnival next Friday 24th February. I am looking forward to seeing our faction spirit in action. The top swimmers will be invited to compete in Wongan Hill at our

Interschool swimming carnival. Thank you to all parents for supporting these co-curricular events. They build school pride and energy, and students often build new and different friendships during these types of events.

Our wonderful P and C are requesting parent help on carnival day. They are asking parents to donate cakes for the cake stall and help to man the stall across the day.

We have started well this year with our traffic flow in the morning and afternoons in the kiss and drop. This is just a quick reminder for parents that are driving to drop off and collect students, please **do not park** in the kiss, and drop area, use the parking bays. I know that traffic can be frustrating, but we have many cars flowing through the carpark every school day, so keeping the traffic moving safely is always the goal. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Kind Regards

David Ball



Term Dates for 2023

Semester 1 2023

Term 1	Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April	
Term 2	Wednesday 26th April - Friday 30th June (Friday June 2nd will be a pupil free day making it a long June weekend)	

Semester 2

Term 3	Tuesday 25th July - Friday 22nd September	
Term 4	Tuesday 10th October - Thursday 14th December	

Labour Day	Good Friday	Easter Monday	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Western Australia Day	Pupil Free Day	Kings Birthday
6th March	7 th April	10th April	25th April	5 th June	30th Jan 31st Jan 24th Apr 2nd June 9th Oct 15th Dec	25th September

Meet the Staff

TOODYAY STAFF PROFILES

Each Newsletter we will feature the profile of one of our lovely staff Members.

Lets get to know the wonderful Helmien Ellis

What is your Job Title?

Relief Teacher

What do you like about working at Toodyay District High School?

I like working with our staff and students. Our school is a happy place for me.

How long have you worked at our school for?

I have been at TDHS for about 21 years in various roles.

What are you interests and passions?

I like camping and the outdoors. I love being creative with mosaics, knitting and crochet.

What is your Favourite Animal?

Giraffe

Who Inspires you?

Kind people inspire me. It takes nothing to be kind and it can make such a difference in someone's day.



P & C Accomplishment

Congratulations to the Toodyay District High School P & C who were awarded the active citizenships award at the recent Australia day celebrations recognising their outstanding community contributions. The award was accepted on behalf of the P & C by Heather McGlasson.



School Dental Van

Our school dental van will be arriving at school on Thursday the 2nd of March. Please keep a look out for any appointment letters that may be sent directly to parents.

Secondary News

We have had an amazing start to the year and the positivity is palpable! Our focus on developing a sense of belonging was never more obvious than when a very large group of secondary students stayed at school on Tuesday for our Parent Welcome afternoon. Their camaraderie and joviality accentuated what we are about.

To 'celebrate' Valentine's day we hosted a very engaged group of secondary parents for this 'day in the life of your teenager'. They participated in 'lessons' including Form, English, Maths, Science, HASS, PE, Digi Tech and Art and then found out about our STEM and Cadets programs. They met all of the teachers and got to see how they teach and students learn. I wish to extend sincere thanks to all of the teachers who went

the extra mile to make this a success and especially to all those parents who attended. To see your faces change from the start in our 'Secondary Meeting' (a little bit of trepidation) to the end (smiles all round) indicated the event was a success. A survey seeking feedback will be sent soon so that we can continue to make events relevant and engaging, and create a sense of belonging for our parents, as well as our students in High School. We hope the celebratory chocolates served as a sweetener for giving up part of your Valentine's Day!





"We strive to care for others when we work as a team things are better"

(Yr 7)

"We must work together as a school of fish"

"Try and Try and never give up"

(Yr 7)



"Show me mercy (be strong)"

"Try your best"

Give everything a go" (Yr 9)

Belonging Day



"Buddies by banter"

"Respect the rest"

(Yr 10)

"Year 8 simply better
(sung to the tune of Baby Shark)

"We're stronger together"

"We show up everyday"

(Yr 8)



"There is much room to belong in a group"

(Yr 7)





From the start of the term our year one students have been able to enjoy the classroom market.

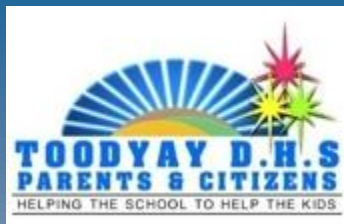
Today they made a yummy fruit salad and had a picnic on the grass at the early childhood. If you look closely a cheeky rabbit even tried to have a nibble on their delicious fruit.

Watch this space so you can see what master piece the students are creating to display in their shop. in



Year One





Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens Association

email pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com, Facebook "Toodyay DHS P&C"

President - Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716

Welcome to a new school year

On behalf of Toodyay District High School P&C committee and members, I'd like to wish all staff, students and families a fabulous year in 2023.

A special welcome to students and families who are new to our school this year. I hope you find our school community supportive and welcoming.

Australia Day Community Citizen Award

Thank you to Heather McGlasson, TDHS P&C Treasurer, for attending the Shire of Toodyay's Australia Day Awards Ceremony to receive the Active Citizenship Award on behalf of the P&C.



We're grateful for the recognition of the collective efforts of the P&C committee, members, volunteers and supporters.

Together we make a significant and enduring benefit for students at our school. Well done everyone and thank you!

If you would like to know more about how you can support the P&C and the school, please contact Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716 or email pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com.

Save the date - AGM and term 1 meeting at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 28 February in the school library

Parents, kids, staff and community members are all welcome. RSVP pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com

Membership renewal – did you know

the P&C has to re-sign members for each and every new school year?

If you joined last year (or another time way back when) then you need to join again when the new school year starts.

Without members, we're unable to operate or support the school through all that the P&C does. Being a member doesn't commit you to anything – but it makes it possible for the P&C to continue to support the school.

Becoming a member is easy, just return a membership form and pay \$1. You may have already paid it via the Voluntary Contributions for 2023. Please return your P&C membership form as soon as possible as members must be signed up before the Annual General Meeting can be held.

Swimming carnival sausage sizzle and stall - Friday 24 February

Join us to cheer on students as they complete their events and treat them to an icy pole (50c), cake/slice/biscuit (\$1), water or juice box (\$2) for sale at the stall.

Can you donate a cake/slice/biscuits for sale OR help at the stall?

The canteen will be serving a pre-ordered sausage sizzle for students, parents and staff at the carnival. Parents can order via their child's order. Students remaining at school will only be able to pre-order a sausage sizzle for lunch (the usual lunch options will not be available) and access the regular recess service.



Toodyay District High School seeking nominations for School Council

Kelly-Anne Murray

Chairperson, Toodyay DHS School Council

Do you value the role that Toodyay District High School has in providing a quality education for students in the district?

Can you help to enhance the education provided by the school by being a member of the School Council?

Nominations for a two year membership term on the School Council, commencing in April 2023, are now open.

As a member of the School Council you can:

- Assist the school to determine and meet its objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- Assist the planning of financial arrangements required to meet those objectives;
- Evaluate the school's performance; and,
- Promote the school in the community.

Membership of the School Council is comprised of parents, members of the community, staff and students, working together to further the interests of all students at the school.

Interested community members are welcome to attend the first meeting of the School Council in March 2023 to see what it's all about.

Take up this opportunity and you will be rewarded knowing that your contribution will directly benefit students, their families and the broader community. For if our school succeeds, so does our community.

If this sounds like something you can be a part of, please contact Mr David Ball, Principal, Toodyay District High School on david.ball@education.wa.edu.au or call 9578 2000.

NORTHAM JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION



AVON VALLEY JUNIOR GIRLS CRICKET DAY SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023



TIMES: 9AM-12NOON

VENUE: BERT HAWKE RESERVE, NORTHAM

AGES: YEAR 4'S - YEAR 8'S

FREE CRICKET GAMES & ACTIVITIES

**BRING A FRIEND TO THIS FUN DAY OUT & LEARN SOME
NEW SKILLS. PRIZES TO BE WON!**



Fun | Family | Friends

Northam Junior Cricket Association
northamjuniorcricket@gmail.com



NAPLAN

Information for parents and carers

2023

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	• Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only) • Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations)	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	• To be completed after the writing test • To be completed before the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	• To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	• To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

Awards Winners 2023

William Rogers	Ruby Candeloro	Lola Brockliss
Ryley Walker	Latisha Ahearn	Austin Xuerub
Jasmine Duckworth	Ruby Dowley	Aliah Wishart
Michael Woodford	Jasmine Munday	Finn Street
Taimana Southorn	Curtis Xuerub	Daisy Campbell
Matilda Candeloro	Abigail Harling	Alex Warde
Missy Brown	Owen Warde	Kaylee Horwood
Sarah McGlasson	Baden Cameron	Freddy-Jay Morey
Milla Roe	Isabelle Hearn	Tauri Miles
Jay-D Thomas	Torah Pearce	
Jake Smith	Mahli White	

Congratulations

TDHS P&C Food Service – Open Monday and Friday



Recess

Hashbrown
Pizza Cheesie
Icypoles
Assorted Cakes
Potato Chips
JellyCup
Pikelets
Pop Corn
Choc Mousse

\$1.50
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Friday Lunch – Meal and a drink \$6.00

Friday 3rd Feb
Friday 10th Feb
Friday 17th Feb
Friday 24th Feb
Friday 3rd March
Friday 10th March
Friday 17th March
Friday 24th March
Friday 31st March

Super Hot Dogs
Chicken/Lettuce Mayo Wrap
Nuggets & Chips
Sausage Sizzle
Fish Burger
Spag Bog with pasta
BLT Burger
Springs Rolls & Fried Rice
Mac N Cheese

Monday & Friday

Pie
Sausage Roll
Party Pie
Hot Dog
Nuggets
Quiche
Juice Box
Moo Box
Water

\$3.00
\$3.00
\$1.00
\$3.00
\$3.00
\$3.00
\$2.00
\$2.00
\$2.00

Chicken & Cheese Toasted S/W, Ham & Cheese Toasted S/W or Ham & Cheese Croissants \$3.50



TERM 1 PLANNER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Jan Pupil Free Day	31 Pupil Free Day	1st February Students Commence School	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13 Swimming Lessons Y2 - Y5	14 - Assembly @ 9.00 High School Parent Meeting	15	16	17
20 Swimming Lessons	21	22	23	24 Swimming Carnival
27	28 Assembly at 9.00 P & C Meeting	1st March Year 10 Retreat	2	3
6 Labour Day Public Holiday	7 Assembly @ 9.00	8	9	10
13 Year 6 Camp	14 Year 9 & 10 HASS Excursion	15 NAPLAN	16	17
20 NAPLAN	21	22	23	24
27 NAPLAN	28	29	30	31
3 April Anzac Service	4	5 CADET CAMP	6 Students Last Day of School	7 Pupil Free Day