

Toodyay District High School Newsletter

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Well, that's one term down – and three to go! If students feel anything like me, they will be well and truly ready for a relaxing holiday! To recap on recent events...

Year 6 camp at Bickley was hugely successful. I want to make special mention of Chris Brockliss who helped out with supervision. Staff all concurred that this group of Year 6s were superbly organised and prepared and not one student was missing any item that was on the camp requirement list.

NAPLAN for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 has concluded. Results are not available until much later in the year even though the testing is now conducted online.

Harmony Day last week was initiated and organised completely by our student leaders. Students and staff wore orange, symbolising two-way communication, which leads to understanding and mutual respect. The team organised foods from around the world (assisted by Mr B, Miss Higgs and Mr Holmes) which was enjoyed by all. It just goes to show how capable our young leaders are when given the opportunity to step up.

Our students who represented us at the Interschool Swimming Carnival last Friday did so with enthusiasm, and a great display of skill and talent. Unfortunately, there was a mis-calculation by the organisers and we came away thinking that we had won both the Primary and Secondary Handicap shields! Sadly, when a re-count was done, this was not the case. However, our students did extremely well, and I congratulate everyone on the way in which they participated and gave it their all. Special congratulations to the following who were awarded individual trophies:

- * Year 4 Female Runner-up Champion Marey-Kay Morey
- * Year 4 Male Runner-up Champion James Cameron
- * Year 5 Female Runner-up Champion Torah Pearce
- * Year 6 Male Runner-up Champion Valen Saunders
- * Year 6 Male Champion Bayden Cameron
- * Year 7 Female Runner-up Champion Abigail Harling
- * Year 10 Female Runner-up Champion Taimana Southorn
- * Year 10 Male Champion Todd Gavlick

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Year 10 work placements

I wish to acknowledge Ms Shelly Maes who has reimaged our already very successful Work Experience programme this year. Students in Year 10 are now enrolled in Work- Place Learning and, by completing more than 55 hours in work placements, are able to gain credit towards their WACE in Year 11. I am not sure that there are too many schools in the state that enable this; and our Year 10s may not realise just how lucky they are! Already, we have had one student offered an apprenticeship as a chef with the soon to be opened Toodyay Hotel. Congratulations to Kelly Thomson on this amazing opportunity. Kelly will commence her apprenticeship this year whilst still attending school. Tay Williams is also to be congratulated as he will complete a traineeship through the same organisation. It was humbling to see how both of these young adults conducted themselves during the interview process. We also extend enormous thanks to Deb and Morgan at the Toodyay Hotel, who have made this possible.

Staffing for Term 2

We say farewell to Ms Tracy Smith who has been working in Year 4 each Friday. She has been enthusiastic and energetic and been a fabulous contributor in the class. I am sure that we will see her in and out as a relief teacher though! I am

able to confirm that I will be continuing as Principal for Term 2, as Mr Ball remains in his role in Perth. We have lots of great things planned and I am looking forward to continuing to lead the implementation of our strategic plan.

School expectations

School resumes for Term 2 on MONDAY 15 April. Please use the holidays to ensure your children have their uniforms ready to go, including their school jumpers as (it may not happen over-night, but it will happen) the weather is likely to change to cooler climes! Please also be reminded that crocs and slides are not considered appropriate footwear for school. Students need to have fully enclosed shoes that protect their feet in all subjects – from sport, to science, and design and technology.

Coming events

Our ANZAC ceremony will be held on Monday 22 April commencing at 1.30pm. This is a solemn and moving occasion led by our students and cadet unit. Families are very welcome to join us for this observance.

Thank you one and all for a successful term. Have a happy Easter and enjoy having your children with you for the holidays!

Kind Regards

Sharon Anderson

Term Dates for 2024

Semester 1 2024						
Term 1		Wednesday 31st January - Thursday 28th March				
Term 2		Monday 15th April - Friday 28th June (Monday June 3rd will be a pupil free day making it a long June weekend)				
Semester 2 2024						
Term 3		Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September				
Term 4		Monday 7th October - Thursday 12th December				
Labour Day	Good Friday	Easter Monday	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Western Australia Day	Pupil Free Day	Kings Birthday
4th March	29th March	1st April	25th April	3rd June	29th Jan 30th Jan 31st May 15th July 7th Oct 13th Dec	23rd September

Year 6 Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp,



11-13 March 2024



Another very successful camp! A special thank you to the Toodyay Op Shop for again providing a very generous donation toward this camp. The donation ensured the camp was accessible to all students.

During the three days, students participated in challenging outdoor activities that required team support, resilience, and perseverance. Staff and students engaged in ways that fostered a sense of belonging and mutual respect. Pep talks from peers resulted in fellow students overcoming fears and discomfort, amongst lots of fun and laughter.

"I enjoyed Search and Rescue the best – it was thrilling!"

"We built a raft and raced them on the reservoir."

"...we build new friendships and get to know people better."

"Camp for me was about being brave and facing my fears while having a good time with all my friends."

"I loved the Flying Fox; some people went upside down!"

"What I loved most about camp was that all year 6 students could learn more about each other's' talents and fears."

"I enjoyed the High Ropes because I love climbing."

"Everybody came back with new friends."

"I enjoyed the Vertical Challenges. We had to climb 8 metres in the air with a harness on and touch a wood plank at the top."



A big thank you to our Year 6 families for ensuring their child was well-prepared. All students arrived with the required items, and nobody lost anything! Every student was punctual, respectful, tidy, and demonstrated great table manners; we have received accolades from all instructors and coordinators at Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp facility. You made us proud, camp participants. Well done!

And lastly, appreciation is extended to Mr Chris Brockliss (parent support on camp). We cannot hold such successful camps without this help. Thank you, Chris, for giving up your time to support our students.



Year 6 Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp





On Wednesday the 20th of March we celebrated Harmony Day at school. Students completed activities and were treated with Vegetarian Pasta, Garlic Bread, Fried Rice and Fairy Bread prepared and served by our Secondary Students.

Easter in Kindergarten

HAPPY EASTER





Awards Winners 2024

Aoife Butler	Aleah Riseley	Corbin Hansord
Gustavo Murray	Mikayla Young	Deacon Wagenaar
Jasmine Girling	Owen Warde	Bentley Higgins
Matilda McGuckian	Samuel Johnson	Leo Jenkins
Amelia Boston	Shianne Dearing	Max Brockliss
Mia Whelan	Daisy Campbell	Zara Sherwood
Rochelle Buckless	Holly Watkinson	Riley-Jay Williamson
Makayla Buckless	Isobel Davis	Sophia Walker
Aurora Oliver	Isabelle Jaarola	Tyson Corbett
James Cameron	Seth Bolger	Taimana Southorn
Meredith Harling	Coby Eatt	Todd Gavlick
Abigail Harling	Nikola Quin	Jackson Jackson

Principal's Award

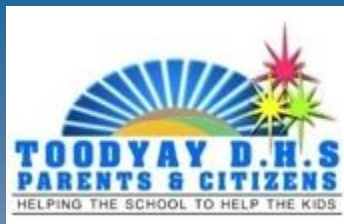
Eden Coleman
Jasmine Girling
Kelly Thomson
Savana Young
Taimana Southorn
Tay Williams
Matilda Stone



100% Attendance Award

Elix McConnell	Corbin Hansord
Luke Boston	Kira McConnell
Kirra Cottam	Antonio Fernandez
Jay-D Thomas	Willow Fernandez
Bailee Murray	Aoife Butler
Samuel Johnson	

Congratulations



Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens Association

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

President - Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716

Toodyay DHS P&C held there AGM on the 12th March 2024. We are pleased to announce the 2024 P&C committee:

Tash Hof – Vice Preseisent
Heather McGlasson – Treasurer
Dani Xuereb – Secretary

Anita Davey, Danni Cottam, Rose Murfit and Mark Hearn – Committee Members

We are still in search for a President for 2024 P&C committee, if you could chair meetings, be a signatory on bank accounts, be the P&C spokesperson and also be the Principal and staff liaison then we need you! You will have an amazing bunch of dedicated committee members right behind you who will help with whatever is needed to make the experience fun. Without a president in the seat we cannot approve any future funding towards the school. Toodyay DHS P&C are looking at having some fun this year including Nanna Bingo (Dress up in your daggiest Nanna dress and have a fun night) Halloween Disco and possibly a food outlet at the up and coming Boshack Rodeo. If you are interested please contact myself Heather McGlasson 0418930721, we can have a chat and get the committee members together for a time that suits you.

Thankyou once again to everyone who donated baked goods for the Swimming Carnival Cake Stall, we raising \$404.00 and also a huge thankyou to all the Canteen

volunteers who got your hotdogs to you on time for lunch.

Toodyay DHS P&C are very lucky to have the generosity of parents and staff and all the volunteers that help. IGA Toodyay donated our Easter Egg raffle gifts this year, thankyou we raised \$484.00 with the raffle.

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Egg raffle which was drawn at the Assembly

- 1 Brideen Davey
- 2 Aubrie Coe
- 3 Jack Murfit
- 4 Holly Tomanic



A reminder that Mothers Day notes will be going out next term for our famous stall for your children to purchase a gift, we also will be having a little surprise on the day with Mr Donnolly and students holding their own little stall on all the beautiful things they make.



Recess

Hashbrown	\$1.50
Pizza Cheese	\$1.50
Raisin Toast (2)	\$1.50
Tst Banana Bread	\$1.50
Assorted Cakes	50c
Jellycup	50c
Fruit Cup	\$1.00
Pikelets	50c
Potato Chips	50c
Pop Corn	50c
Choc Mousse	50c

Monday and Friday Menu

Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Party Pie	\$1.00
Hotdog	\$3.00
Nuggets	\$3.00
Vegemite Sandwich	\$2.50
Cheese Sandwich	\$2.50
Ham Sandwich	\$2.50
Chicken Sandwich	\$2.50
Tst Cheese Sandwich	\$3.00
Tst Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Tst Chicken & Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$3.50

Icy-poles 50c but only available at lunch time (not for recess)

Moo boxes – Juice boxes – Water \$2.00
Sauce 30c

Friday Lunch Meal Deal – Meal and Drink \$6.00

Friday 2nd February
Friday 9th February
Friday 16th February
Friday 23rd February
Friday 1st March
Friday 8th March
Friday 15th March
Friday 22nd March

Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll
Fried Rice & Spring Rolls
Sausage & Pasta Bake
Chicken & Cheese Wrap
Lasagna & Garlic Bread
Super Hotdog
Mac N Cheese
Yumbo Roll (Ham, Cheese & Pineapple)



Connect and Respect

Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

What we can all expect:



mutual
respect



good
behaviour



open
communication



respect for each
other's time

We will not tolerate:



offensive, insulting
or aggressive
language



malicious or
judgemental
gossip



using
social media
disrespectfully



any form
of violence

Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.

WORKPLACE LEARNING

- Real life work experience for Year 10s
- Builds confidence
- Can lead into school based apprenticeships

Toodyay is proud to launch our new Workplace Learning program for all of our Year 10 students commencing Term 2 2024.



ENROL NOW

Toodyay Early
Learning Centre



- ENGAGING PLAY SPACES
- EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM BY QUALIFIED TEACHER
- FUN ACTIVITIES
- QUALIFIED AND AWARD-WINNING EDUCATORS
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- EMBEDDED SCHOOL READINESS SKILLS
- DAILY MUSIC SESSIONS, STORYTIME, AND CRAFT

Open Monday to
Friday

7:30am to 5:30pm

Contact us for a tour!

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Ph: 08 95742922

E: admin@toodyayearlylearningcentre.com.au
Or find us on Facebook.



For more information contact Shelly Maes, Pathways Coordinator
via shelly.maes@education.wa.edu.au

Toodyay Early Learning Centre is a privately owned centre, where the owners work in the centre with the team. Come and meet our highly trained and passionate Educators that educate and care for children aged 0-5 years.



Toodyay Kindergym

Bizzy Bees: Pre-Kindy Program

Does your child turn FOUR years old between July 1st 2024 and June 30th 2025?

If yes, **Toodyay Kindergym** invites you to join **Bizzy Bees**; Our pre-kindy program designed to help your child be ready for school, to learn skills and help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

When: Terms 3 & 4, Mondays 9am-11am
Where: Toodyay District High School

What makes Bizzy Bees special?
 Bizzy Bees is run by parents/carers for their children. The program includes playtime, stories, rhymes, music, and art activities; helping your child to develop their early learning skills in fun ways.

To register please scan the QR Code and follow the prompts
 Enrolments Close June 28th

For more information please contact zoe.toodyayplaygroup@gmail.com
 Toodyay Kindergym Term Fees & Playgroup WA Insurance apply

Sponsored by Community Bank Toodyay
 Supported by Toodyay District High School
 Future Toodyay DHS students have priority enrolment
ONLY 15 PLACES AVAILABLE



Toodyay Soccer Club



Have a Go Day!

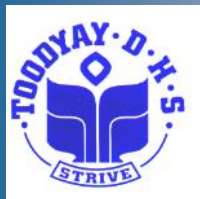


**Saturday 13th April @ 10:00am
 @ the Toodyay Recreation Centre
 (Sausage sizzle provided)**



**Season starts 22nd April.
 Training on Mondays, 4:30pm-5:30pm
 Open to 5-16 year olds.**

**To register, head to www.playfootball.com.au and click on 'Find a place to play'.
 Registration enquiries to toodyaysoccer@gmail.com
 Early bird discount runs until 25th April.
 Kid sport vouchers available.**



Uniform Policy

Policy Statement

The purpose of the school uniform is to create a sense of community that engenders the feeling of belonging in all individuals.

The uniform represents a commitment to our values which underpin the teaching and learning at Toodyay District High School. Our aim is to have a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe.

The wearing of the school uniform proudly identifies our students at all times and can assist teachers with duty of care in the school yard and on excursions. The school's solid blue with white trimming colour, is highly recognisable from a distance. It also avoids the issues of competition and purchasing expensive clothing, providing functional and cost effective clothing for children.

Any changes to the school uniform will involve consultation with the wider school community. The final authority for any changes to the School Dress Code rests with the Governing School Council.

Awareness of, and sensitivity to students in financially disadvantaged situations has been taken into consideration in relation to the School Dress Code. Our uniform offers affordable clothing for all students. It is flexible, based around the school's colours of blue and white.

Procedure: Toodyay District High School Dress Code

Clothing

Shirts are to be royal blue polo shirts with a white collar and school emblem. A commemorative Year 6/Year 10 or other curriculum designed shirt may be worn. Windcheaters and school jackets are royal blue with school emblem. Shorts, Pants, Skirts or Skorts must be black with no noticeable stripes, logos or motifs. School shorts must be at an appropriate length. *

If leggings or tights are worn, then appropriate black school shorts are to be worn over the top.

Hats must be worn outdoors at all times. School faction brimmed hats are strongly recommended. Sports Uniform to be worn at interschool sports will be black skirts, skorts or shorts with a blue school uniform polo shirt with a school logo.

School uniforms are available from Cadds Fashion Surf and Sport in Northam, open on Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00pm and Saturday, 8.30am to 12 noon.

School Excursions require full school uniform being black shorts, pants, skirts or skorts and royal blue school uniform shirts and jumpers or jackets with school logo.

Footwear must be appropriate and comfortable. For safety reasons, thongs are not permitted.

Any clothes made of denim are not permitted.

The following items are **not permitted**: Hoodies, tank tops, singlets, see through garments, midriff tops, thongs, high heels. Shorts, dresses, skirts must be mid-thigh length **not too revealing**. (Short- shorts are NOT permitted*) There is to be no visible labelling except for the school logo on any part of the uniform.

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Uniform Policy Continued...

Year 10 Leavers jacket and Year 6 Milestone shirt are exempt and are endorsed by School Council.

**This is defined as acceptable if, when standing straight with hands by your side, the finger tips do not reach past the bottom of the shorts or skirt.*

Jewellery

Fashion type jewellery is not permitted. Children may have a single stud or sleeper earring in each ear only. No facial or visible body piercings are allowed.

Sun Policy - In accordance with the school Sun Policy, the wearing of hats is essential throughout the year. Toodyay DHS School bucket hats are strongly encouraged, as they offer the best protection. Hats are not to have visible graffiti. Students who choose not to wear a hat will be required to remain in the shaded veranda areas.

Footwear

Sensible, comfortable closed footwear is to be worn at all times. Preferably on days of PE children wear sports shoes.

Makeup & Hair

Make up and brightly coloured nail polish are not considered appropriate for children at school. Students with hair longer than shoulder length will have it tied back for safety reasons.

Casual Days, Camps and Sports Days

On Casual Days, camps and Sports Days, Sun Safe and jewellery dress code applies. Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Bathing suits are to be consistent with the sporting activity.

Consequences of Inappropriate dress

Students who arrive in attire that does not meet the dress code will be asked to wear a school polo shirt as their outer garment. Secondary form teachers will ensure compliance during morning form. Primary teachers will do uniform check first thing in the morning. If needed, the student will be sent to the Administration where they will be offered a borrowed uniform and expected to swap their incorrect item of clothing for the day. The student item will then be swapped back at the end of the day. A student who refuses to comply with the Uniform policy will be managed using the Toodyay Managing Behaviour policy.

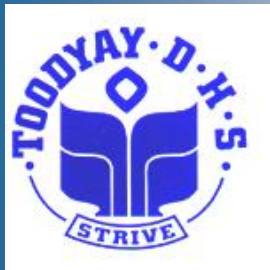
Responsibility

Parents: Acceptance of enrolment at Toodyay DHS assumes an agreement between the school, parent/carer and the enrolling student to follow the dress code. Parents will be expected to supply suitable clothing for the child's use in school activities. Issues of financial hardship can be discussed with the Principal or Manager of Corporate Services. Parents will be notified either by phone, letter or diary if their child is not wearing appropriate clothing. Parents are expected to notify the school either personally or in writing if their child is unable to wear the correct uniform. Second Hand uniforms are often available from the Toodyay Op Shop.

Exemption: DOE Policy states that Principals may exempt students from the Dress Code Policy upon written request from the parents, on the following grounds: The Principal may approve items for special events. (eg. Country week)

- Religious, Cultural or ethnic
- New student (two weeks to purchase)/Itinerant students
- When there is a genuine medical or family reason for not wearing uniform, the school should be informed in writing.

All students are required to wear clothing consistent with the School's Dress Code at all times.



Good Standing Processes and Procedures

Good Standing and Attendance at Non-curriculum Related Events

Students are offered the following events (including, but not limited to these alone) **by invitation only**: Graduation Dinner, CountryWeek, inter-school events, incentive excursions (arranged by Year Co-ordinator), Wilderness Hike, school camps. This is because they are not considered essential to the learning experience but are in addition to what the school curriculum provides.

As such, only those students with Good Standing will be invited to attend these events.

To be eligible to attend such events, students must

- ⇒ Attend school regularly (90%)
- ⇒ Have 100% of absence explained as 'reasonable cause' by their parent'.
- ⇒ Demonstrate that their school achievement is on track
- ⇒ Follow all school rules and expectations
- Consistently receive 6 ticks on daily behaviour sheets
- No suspensions
- ⇒ Receive letters of commendation or certificates
- ⇒ Not have lost good standing during the year leading to the event.

Students may negotiate their inclusion in such events. In such cases, inclusion is at the [Principal's](#) discretion. The [Principal](#) will consider such things as:

- Recency of breaches
- Level of seriousness – eg reason for loss of good standing
- Number of breaches

NOTE – Students with two or more suspensions during the year of the event may [experience difficulty](#) negotiating a positive outcome.

Good Standing and Attendance at Curriculum-based Excursions

Safety is the number one concern when making decisions about student participation in curriculum-based excursions or camps.

- Students need to have their good standing intact at least two weeks prior to the event
- Decisions about Cadets' inclusion in camps and excursions will be based on their behaviour as evidenced in weekly tick sheets.
- Cadets need to have attended at least 90% of instruction to be eligible to participate in a camp. This is to ensure the students have completed enough learning to ensure their safety.
- Students will require approval from [all of](#) their teachers based on Attitude, Behaviour and Effort.



TERM 2 PLANNER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15th April Student Commence Term 2	16	17	18	19
22 Anzac Day Service at 1.30pm	23 World Book Day	24	25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26
29	30 Assembly at 8.50am	1 May	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20 HIKE	21 Assembly at 8.50am	22	23	24 National Sorry Day
27 National Reconciliation Week	28	29	30 Cross Country	31 Pupil Free Day
3 June WA Day Public Holiday	4	5	6	7
10	11 Assembly at 8.50am	12	13	14
24 NAIDOC Week	25	26 Semester one reports sent home	27	28 Last Day of Term 2