

Toodyay District High School Newsletter

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Dear Families

Welcome to our first newsletter for term 2.

We waved goodbye to 13 selected secondary hikers on Monday morning heading off on what in the past, has been called a life changing Wilderness Hike. Our Chaplain Doug has once again organised this 5-day hike on the Bibbulmun track, tasking all the students with challenges like; 15 km day hikes between huts, carrying all of your gear in a backpack (about 15kg), cooking their own meals and sharing the responsibility of leading the hike. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trek.

Our current Strategic Plan runs from 2021-2023. The current plan has our schools' priorities, targets for our students as well as methods of measuring that performance. Our staff have already started planning for the next 3-year cycle of 2024-2026. At our recent staff meeting it was wonderful to see my staff working diligently to create new priorities.

One tool that our school uses to seek parent feedback is the National Schools Survey. All parents have received a link to the survey, and I encourage all parents to complete it to have your say in the direction of our school. The survey is open until Friday 19th of May 2023 on the following link. <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/MpetPM6c>

Around this time each school year, as we head into the cooler months, we see an increase in the number of students who are displaying symptoms of illnesses such as colds, flu or more recently, COVID-19.

Symptoms could include:

- Runny or blocked nose
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Headaches
- Sore throat
- Fever
- General tiredness and feeling unwell

If your child is displaying any of these symptoms, please keep them at home. If your child is wanting to complete some schoolwork while away, please get them to email their teacher directly

Should your child begin to display any of the above symptoms while at school, we will contact you and ask you to collect them. Once your child is free of symptoms, they are welcome to return to school. At school, we will continue to ensure that all classrooms are ventilated, both through the natural movement of air, but also mechanically where necessary.

Thank you for your support as we work together to keep our community as illness-free as possible.

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	Monday 17th 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

Please meet our wonderful Tonia Demeur

What is your Job Title?

School Officer

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

I love the people I work with and the contact I have with parents and students. Small country schools are the best places to work and attend. The school I attended as a child was about the same size as Toodyay.

How long have you worked at our school for?

Just over a year.

What are your interests and passions?

I love walking my dog every day and love spending time with family, especially my little Grandson.

What is your Favourite Animal?

Kangaroos

Who Inspires you?

Many people inspire me, but I'm especially inspired by those people that juggle a lot of things at once and yet still manage to be happy and kind people.

Carpark

Could we all please be mindful to drive the correct way out of the carpark near the early childhood area to prevent any accidents.



A very big thank you to a lovely gentleman who walked into our office today and donated \$200 "just because". Your wonderful donation will be put towards our new intensive Literacy Programme.

The students at our school are most appreciative.



Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

Please see below link to the year 7 and 10 Immunisation consents.

[School-based immunisation program – promotional text \(health.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/school-based-immunisation-program-promotional-text)

Secondary News

Pathways beyond TDHS

Our Year 10s will be making subject selections for 2024 very soon and in the lead up, they have been provided with information about various options for Senior School. There are essentially three pathways:

1. WACE courses - ATAR – this provides direct entry into university
2. Endorsed programmes – such as ASDAN. Provides entry into TAFE, apprenticeship, or employment Foundation
3. VET Programmes (Vocational Education and Training) - allow students to gain industry specific skills, develop employability skills and gain VET qualifications while still at school.

No matter which pathway students select, they are all working towards achieving their WACE – WA Certificate of Education. To achieve their WACE students also need to demonstrate they are literate and numerate. This is done via prequalification in NAPLAN in Year 9 by achieving at or above Band 8 in Writing, Reading and Numeracy OR by achieving their OLNA. It is also important to remember that although the ATAR pathways provided direct entry to university, students who complete a general pathway may be able to gain entry later by completing bridging units.

While it varies from school to school, in many, it is possible for students to combine their ATAR or General pathway with a VET course.

For example, it is possible to select 5 ATAR subjects AND a VET course as part of their load. For more specific information, contact the school to which your student will be going next year.

In the mean-time, I will be meeting with each Year 10 student to talk through their plans for the future and look at pathways to achieve these goals. More information for Year 10 parents can be found at <https://scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/year-10-information>.

Year 10 students will be completing their White Card training in Week 2 next term. This qualification enables them to work on a construction site in 'hands on as well as administrative situations. To gain this qualification (and next year, to complete any VET courses) they will need their USI – Unique Student Identifier. Most students have done so already, but if not, they require their medicare card details at school in order to do so. We aim to have all students set up and ready for their next steps and this is the first in the right direction!

Our Year 10s are attending Central Regional TAFE's open day tomorrow. This will be their first exposure to what is in store in the 'adult learning' world and should be very informative.

DFES State Cadet Camp



The last school holidays 10 students from our Emergency Services Cadet Corp were selected to attend the DFES run State camp. Our students on the camp got to work alongside not only cadets from across the state but active members of the DFES community.

The camp consisted of training sessions followed by a scenario involving approximately 80 casualties, 80 cadet first responders and support from Fire, Police Ambulance and SES members. The last day was ANZAC Day and the cadets marched in the Northam Shire town march. This was an incredible sight of 160 cadets and 60 instructors. Our students represented our school with pride and tackled all challenges that came their way.

A special mention should be made to Jayden and Taimana who were selected for special roles in the ANZAC Day parade.



ANZAC Day Ceremony



On 3rd April, the students at Toodyay DHS, ably led by our ES Cadets held their Anzac Commemoration Ceremony. The Cadets and student prefects conducted a moving ANZAC Ceremony. Our invited guests were impressed at the respect and maturity of our students on this solemn occasion. At the conclusion of the Ceremony the Cadets formed a guard of honour for our guests and hosted a small afternoon tea also for them. Well done to all involved for a magnificent dedication to those who served our Country.



GUILDERTON CADET CAMP

The cadet camp for term 1 was held at Guilderton Caravan Park.

We left today at Tuesday morning and arrived at Guilderton in 1.5 hours. We travelled by bus and the kind men who drove us students were Mr. Doug McGhee our cadet leader and Mr. Simon Harrington.

We would like to acknowledge Simon Harrington for driving all the way out and back four times to contribute to the school and we would like to sincerely thank you.

During our camp we slept through nice weather and semi-calm winds which was a relief from the weather at our last camp, it was horrible because tents were flying away and getting flattened due to the heavy winds and the storm but enough about that camp because this year was different,

I guarantee that mostly everybody loved this camp and I certainly did, in fact my favourite activity was most definitely the kayaking as we had many challenges and races for them.

Did I mention that we had double seated kayaks, so this was a great opportunity to learn some team building skills from strength to working with people we might not always work with, we also had to learn good ways to communicate with each other.

Here is a list of what we did throughout our camp;

- Kayaks
- Movie night
- Minute to win it games
- Sandboarding
- Water sliding down a sand dune
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Fishing
- Basketball
- Free time
- Swimming

Thankyou for taking the time to read my article about the camp watch this space for the next addition of cadet camp news

Written by Reilly Hawke Year 9



GUILDERTON CADET CAMP



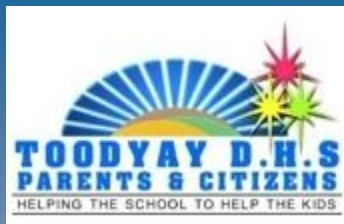
Mother's Day High Tea

The Pre-Primary kids have been busy baking scones, fairy bread, chocolate crackles and honey joys. A massive thank you for all the Mums, a Dad, a Grandmother and an Abuela who attended our Pre-Primary Mother's Day High Tea. Unfortunately, on the day, the weather wasn't our friend, but it was cosy in the classroom. We all think that our classroom looked just like a café. The students welcomed their special visitor with a handmade card, a bunch of paper flowers and a hand painted cup. Our guests had the opportunity to enjoy a cuppa in their new cup and enjoy their own plate of baked goods.

We concluded our afternoon sharing our parachute skills. We hope that all our guests had a wonderful time.

The Pre-Primary Team





Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens Association

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

President - Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716

Welcome to term 2

As we move into term two after an Easter chocolate fuelled school holiday period, I'd like to wish all Toodyay DHS students and staff a tremendous term ahead.

The P&C ran an Easter raffle in the last week of term one, thanks to the generous donation of chocolates and Easter themed goods from Toodyay Tyre and Exhaust and Toodyay IGA.

The raffle raised \$642 which shows just how much TDHS students like chocolate treats.

Mother's day stall – 12 May

Students love being able to buy a gift for the Mum or Mother figures in their lives in celebration of Mother's Day.



Thanks to the generous donations by families and friends of Toodyay DHS, the Mother's day stall raised \$701.00.

The thoughtfully chosen gifts are sure to put smiles on the faces of local Mum's on Mother's day.

A special thank you to Heather, Sarah McGlasson, Tash, Danni, Rose and Mrs Campbell, for your help with the stall.

Term 2 members meeting

The term 2 member's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23 May at 5.30 pm** in the school staff room. All families, teachers and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

Have you ever wondered what happens at a P&C meeting? Here's an example of the discussion items at each meeting:

- Welcome, note attendance & apologies
- Confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting.
- Reports from the President, Treasurer and Principal.
- Subcommittee updates for the canteen, fundraising activities and grounds/garden projects.
- Consider requests for funding.
- Progress projects and activities for the year.
- Information to share, suggestions & ideas.
- Confirm date of the next meeting and close.

The P&C committee is working with the school to plan a refresh of the school's undercover area which is the main meeting place for gatherings of students, parents and staff.



We're obtaining quotes to replace missing or broken roof tiles, lay outdoor carpet, paint the canteen area wall and install menu boards, and commission a professional artist to paint a mural on the wall.

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.

TDHS P&C - Open Monday and Friday



Recess

		Monday and Friday	
Hashbrown	\$1.50	Pie	\$3.00
Pizza Cheesie	\$1.50	Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Mini Croissant	\$1.50	Party Pie/Saus Roll	\$1.00
Assorted Cakes	50c	Hotdog	\$3.00
Potato Chips	50c	Nuggets	\$3.00
Jellycup	50c	Quiche	\$3.00
Pikelets	50c	Tst Chicken/Cheese	\$3.50
Pop Corn	50c	Tst Ham/Cheese	\$3.50
Choc Mousse	50c	Ham/Cheese Croissant	\$3.50

Icy-poles 50c, Moo Box, Juice Box or Water \$2.00. Sauce 30c

Friday Lunch – Meal and Drink \$6.00

Friday 28 Apr	Super Hotdog
Friday 5 May	Spag Bolognaise with Pasta
Friday 12 May	Meatball Sub
Friday 19 May	Mac n Cheese
Friday 26 May	Chicken/Cheese Burger
Friday 2 June	Fish Burger
Friday 9 June	Spring Rolls & Fried Rice
Friday 16 June	BLT
Friday 23 June	Ham/Cheese/Pineapple Yumbo
Friday 30 June	Chicken/Cheese Wrap



Webinar 1:
'Early Signs of Autism'
6-8pm Wednesday
17 May 2023

Webinar 2:
'Understanding and
Supporting my Child's
Behaviours'
6-8pm Wednesday
31 May 2023
This is the follow up webinar to
'Early Signs of Autism'.

Parenting Connection WA is once again proud to be partnering with the Autism Association of Western Australia to offer two FREE online information sessions specifically designed to support WA families and carers of children up to the age of 6 years old.

For more information and to register please contact
seminars@autism.org.au

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School Chaplain

Toodyay YouthCARE is responsible for funding of the School Chaplain, Doug, for four days per week this year. Unfortunately, we only receive partial funding from the Government, and need to locally fund the balance. Not only do we need to raise funds, but we, as Friends, seek to lend support to, and interest in, the work of the Chaplain, creating an added bridge between the community and our own local school.

We ask that you consider supporting this very worthwhile service and maybe even encourage a friend or neighbour to join the ranks of "The Friends of Chaplaincy". If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile cause, please email: johnwhite1@westnet.com.au

Yours sincerely

John White (Secretary)



Information for parents

Apply for KidSport funding and help your children experience the benefits of club sport.

Connect children with community sport with up to \$150 from KidSport.

Did you know children between 5 and 18 years who are named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card may be eligible to receive up to \$150 per calendar year towards club fees for approved KidSport Clubs?

The KidSport online application process is quick and easy and our promotional toolkit makes it even easier to share the good news with your community.

Access templates for your newsletters, website, social media or parent communications so more children can experience the physical, social and emotional benefits of joining a club and participating in community sport.

KidSport is delivered by the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries in partnership with local governments throughout Western Australia.

Visit www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport or call us on 08 9492 9911 for more information.



Awards Winners 2023

Laura Stacey	Lochlan Tucker	Tylah Auburn
Baden Cameron	Matilda Candeloro	Luke Boston
Hayley Mcallum	Matilda Stone	Ruebe Duke
Jordan Phillips	Curtis Xuereb	Luke Boston
Kira McConnell	Eden Coleman	Zara Sherwood
Ryleigh Munday	Jett Hoterene Shortland	Noah Street
Hallie-Jay Hoterene Shortland	Mason Lucas	Bentley Higgins
Jason Good	Elijah Westberg	Amelia Stockham
Jordan Wacura	Lucas McIntosh	
	Emiliana Davey	

Congratulations



TERM 2 PLANNER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 April Pupil Free Day Cadet Camp	25 ANZAC DAY Cadet Camp	26 Students returned to school	27	28
1 May	2	3	4	5
8	9 Assembly at 9.00am	10	11	12 P & C Mothers Day Stall
15 Hike	16 Boys Year 7-10 Building Strong Connections	17 TAFE Open Day	18	19
22	23 P & C Meeting at 5.30pm	24 School Photo Day	25 Year 7 & 10 Immuinisations	26
29 National Reconciliation Week	30 Assembly at 9am	31	1 June Cross Country	2 Pupil Free Day
5 PUBLIC Holiday	6	7	8	9
12 ACARA Trial Yr 7	13 ACARA Trial Year 9	14 School Council Meeting at 9am	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27 Assembly at 9am	28	29	30 End of Term