

Toodyay District High School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Community,

I have been asked by the Regional Wheatbelt Education Director to continue at Toodyay DHS for term four. This is to ensure continuity for the school while Mr Ball is at a school in Perth.

My focus for this term will be attendance of students especially un explained absences. The other major focus will be the Milestone for year 6 and the Graduation for year 10 student's.

I would like to congratulate Clive Millet for his Toodyay RSL Scholarship which will see himself and his family fly to Canberra to visit the Australia War Memorial and many other exciting venues.

Good luck to our Country Week teams who compete in Boys Basketball, Mixed Basketball and Girls Netball this week.

Term Four - Staff return 09/10/2023

Students Return Tuesday 10/10/2023

Kind Regards

Kim Anderson
Principal





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

Tournament of the Minds



The Tournament of the Minds competition is a challenge student's are offered to extend their thinking skills, problem solving and teamwork. This is the first time our TDHS students have been involved in this event which took place at ECU Joondalup. Well done to all students and thank you to Ms Allen and Mr Raymond who have made this possible!

PATHWAYS GUEST SPEAKER

We were lucky enough to have guest speaker Chris Brockliss attend the school to speak to our year 10 Pathways students about his career Journeys. Our year 10's gained a lot from this. Thank you Chris for volunteering your time.



Secondary News

I've just spent the most enjoyable week with our Country Week teams in Perth. What a way to end the Term! It is with honesty that I say every student gave their all, both on and off court. While some learnt the hard lesson of how to lose with good grace, others enjoyed wins across the week.

Special mention to the Mixed B Division who finished as Runners-up. Our boy's D performed admirably with another win in the final match, and our netball team held their heads high, making massive gains across the week.

Kudos to Doug McGee, Martina Bretschneider, Kate Wakka and especially James Holmes for all they put into the lead up and country week itself. It was a privilege to be apart of such a great team of staff.

Ahead are two weeks of holidays and then a busy Term 4. We have high expectations of all our students that they will work hard right until the end bell for the year. Rest up well, students, so that you can manage and enjoy the ride.

Kind Regards
Mrs Anderson





IN YOUR HEAD FORUM 2023

Selected student leaders from our year 6, 8, 9 and 10 leadership team attended the Zero2hero 'In Your Head' forum at the Perth Convention Centre on Wednesday 6 September. The 'In Your Head' forum is designed to provide young people, parents, and teachers with a greater understanding of mental health and wellbeing. It is one of the biggest annual school excursions in WA, bringing together hundreds of students and teachers from across the state.

Our students bussed it to Midland Train Station where they caught the train with early morning commuters to Perth Train Station. They represented Toodyay DHS with dignity and pride as they moved through the business sector of the city to the Perth Convention Centre. The Convention Centre was heaving with close to a thousand students from across the state.

Top keynote speakers including Ashlee Harrison, zero2hero CEO, Joel Jackson, Actor and Humanitarian, Nikayla Smith, Perth Fever and Emma O'Driscoll, AFLW, were among many inspirational speakers empowering our young leaders to become mental health heroes.

Milly Davey, Abigail Harling, Tilda Stone, Owen Warde and Cohen Pearce shared the following key takeaways that resonated with them.

- * Nikayla Smith, ex Perth Fever Netball player, spoke about performing under pressure and gave out tips like *'your mind is like a garden, don't plant negative seeds. There will always be weeds. You just need to try and pull them out'*.
- * The Iceberg Model which is best described as a visual that *not only shows success as the tip of the iceberg, but also shows the hard work and failure underneath'*.
- * Music and movement through Dancebeat helps people to escape the 'mental chatter' in our heads and helps connect ourselves to our bodies. The key takeaway was *'to get away from reality for a bit and come back calm and ready'*.
- * *Learning to accept ourselves and loving what we do.*
- * *Be a friend to yourself*

A key message that staff took away was *'discomfort is an invitation to grow' – when we are uncomfortable, it means we are learning.*





Bunnings IncurSION

On Tuesday 22nd August, Debbie Hughes, the Activities Organiser and Paul, a Supervisor from Northam Bunnings, along with Julie, the Activities Organiser from Mindarie Bunnings, visited our school. They brought along some key holder kits for the Kindy students and screwdriver holder kits for the Pre-Primary students to make for their Father's Day gift. The children had an absolute ball constructing their kits, using screws, hammers, nails and glue. Debbie, Julie and Paul provided easy step-by-step instructions. The students felt very empowered in creating their gift. It was wonderful to see the high level of engagement and enjoyment during the construction and decorating process. Bunnings's provision of paint sticks, paint pens and stickers to decorate the kits was totally on point for the 4- 6-year-old students. All the supplies needed for this activity were donated by Northam Bunnings. We hope our Dads love their gifts! We were very excited to show Debbie our Mini Bunnings Dramatic Play area in our classroom, utilising donations given to our school last year. We would like to thank Debbie for all she has done for our School. We are grateful to have her support.



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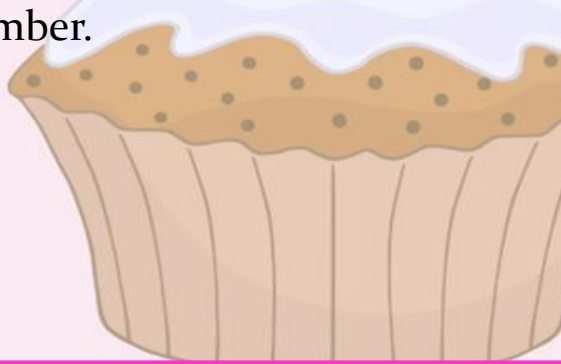


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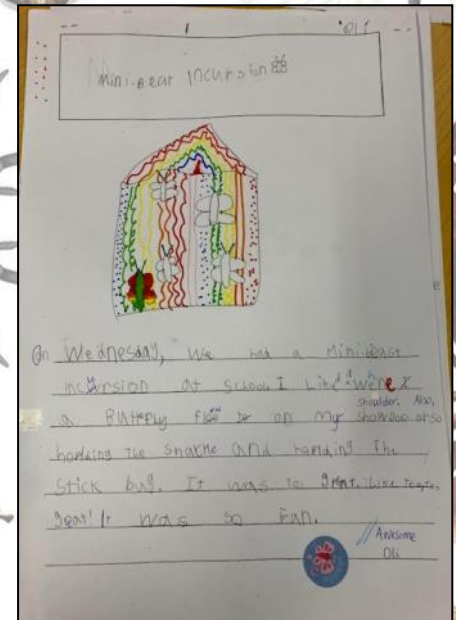
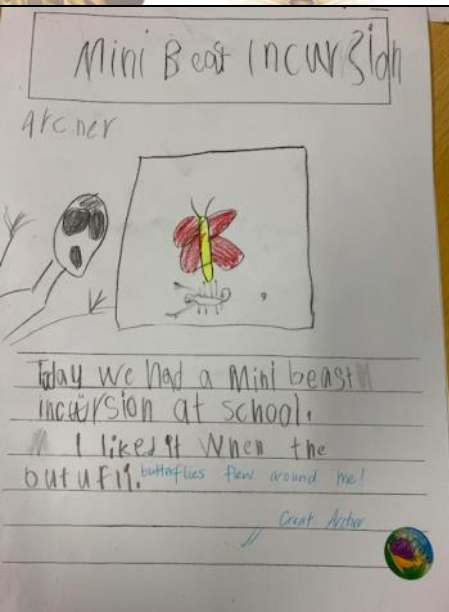
Pre-Primary Cup-Cake Sale

On Tuesday the 29th of August the Pre-Primary Students had a cup-cake sale, the students raised \$207. A big thank you to the wonderful parents who provided a delicious selection of homemade cup cakes and cookies. Furthermore, a massive thank you to our wonderful Pre-Primary mums Sarah, Rene and Laura who also made generous financial donations. Thank you to the brilliant year six students that provided the Pre-primary students with much needed support to sell the cupcakes. The Pre-Primary students are really excited to be using the money from the sales to attend a visiting Insect incursion, on Wednesday the 5th of September.



MINI BEAST INCURSION

We had a visit from 'Butterflies, Minibeasts and more'. The children held butterflies on sticks to feed them nectar, stick insects and lizards. The brave children even put a snake around their neck! We watched a frilled neck lizard eat a cockroach as well as looked at and learnt about many minibeasts, such as frogs, beetles and spiders! Thank you to the P & C for contributing to funding the incursion





The year one's have created their very own Minibeast section in the classroom. The children are loving this corner of the classroom being able to watch caterpillars turn into chrysalis, then watching butterflies emerge!

YEAR ONE MINIBEASTS



Introducing 'Golly' who is a Goliath Stick Insect. We will watch her moult and turn green with pink wings.



Cubby House Morning Tea

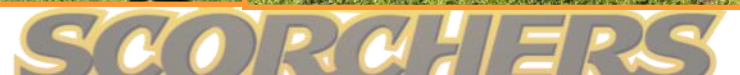
On Monday the 18th of September we had a thank you morning tea to thank everyone that had helped with our new Kindy/Pre Primary cubby house. We appreciate everyone that has been involved with this wonderful project, especially Ms Lynda de Ruiter who co-ordinated it all.





On Friday the 8th of September the Perth Scorchers van attended before school to run through a few drills with some of our eager little crickets fans. This gave our students and parents the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about cricket and were taught how to bowl, bat and field.

If your child would like to join a local team, Cricket Blast Programs are for children aged 5-10 years old, held on Friday afternoons in Toodyay. Junior cricket for teams in U/12's & U/15's on Saturday morning's against Northam, York, Mortlock & Bakers Hill. Contact Bree Byfield on 0402 622 384 for more information.



Mrs Ellis—Year 4/5

Class Shop

The class shop

Every term we have a class shop! This is how it goes. Every time you are being good you get toy money! We all have a piggy bank and when we get the chance we can put our play money in it. Once it's the end of term we can spend it on cool toys! We are very lucky we have a cool teacher! And best of all everyone gets something! Some of the stuff in the shop is balls, pens, teddys, books, markers, fidget spinners, dolls, and erasers! You never know what you can find! Today I got so many things Mrs Ellis gave me a bag to carry all of it! I am so excited to take all of it home! But anyway, back to how cool the shop is! Sometimes I get so excited on shop days! I think everyone gets excited though! The shop is a lot of fun and I hope everyone thinks that!

~Abigail Munday~



Mrs Ellis shop.

The shop is so fun and a good way to learn how to spend, save and to count coins into dollars. You earn money by being good, listening to instructions and by doing good deeds. You also get money for doing homework.

The shop is the best experience you could ever have. You will all be wishing that you were in Mrs Ellis's class.

~ Rueben Miles ~



Mrs Ellis — Year 4/5

Class Shop

The Shop

The Shop is a thing that happens at the end of every term. You have to save money and the reward is buying stuff from the Shop. There is a variety of toys and teddies for everyone! Nobody will be left out.

Some things in the Shop include stuffed toys, pens, pencils, Lego, books and much more. Everyone is guaranteed to find something for them in the Shop.

You can earn money for the Shop by completing homework, being quiet, being kind, and answering hard questions. Those are some of the many ways to get money for the Shop.

~ Mahli White ~



The shop

Mrs Ellis's shop is an amazing, fun and educational place. Mrs Ellis's shop has lots of toys, games and life lessons all mixed into it. You can earn money by getting on with your work and not listening to the noise around you, following school expectations or if you just simply do homework.

Some of the toys/games in the shop are soft toy animals, cute stationary, yoyos, books and Lego all for an affordable price. We keep our fake money in little Bendigo Bank pigs with a number on it (my number is 16 because I'm sixteenth on the roll). When the shop time comes (week 8) everyone is excited and there is almost always something for everyone.

The lessons you learn are spending/saving money wisely and being respectful and following school expectations. Mrs Ellis's shop has encouraged two other teachers to do it too.

So just to recap our shop is fun, educational and encouraging, so you will wish you were in her class (also she is very nice).

~Torah Pearce~

Kaboom Percussion In The House!

Kaboom Percussion visited Toodyay District High School on Monday, Week 9. Our students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 participated in the hour-long show presented by Joshua and Carissa.

In case you have not heard of them, Kaboom Percussion is a group of dynamic percussionists who turn everyday objects into musical instruments. They use everyday items such as Milo tins, baked bean cans, buckets, cups, timber, and lemonade bottles to create extraordinary music.

Our students were captivated by Josh and Carissa's performances with the xylophone, chair drumming, bucket and cup drumming, and not forgetting the cimbalom (you know, the one made out of empty tin cans and wires!) Students explored body percussion to create rhythms and grooves throughout the show. Some students were lucky enough to be invited to perform with Josh and Carissa!

None of this would have been possible without the support of our fantastic P&C. Thank you for sponsoring this very inspiring incursion!



They used a suitcase as a drum! – Myla



They used recyclable materials. – Ben



I liked the drums, they were so cool and the music was so nice and beautiful. – Elanor



They made music with recycled cans, milk bottles, pipes and buckets. The crowd loved it and I was very happy! – Lola

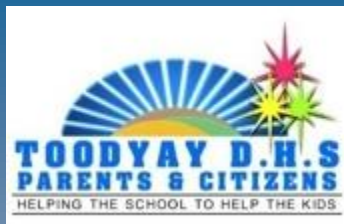


I had a nice time at the incursion because the music was amazing and I was so surprised at how they made great music from just some simple everyday items. – Cara



My heart felt like it was exploded! – Manu





Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens Association

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

President - Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716

Term 3 activities and events

Thanks to the stellar efforts of volunteers and parents in term three, the P&C continues to raise funds for the school and supported two exciting incursions: the Kaboom Percussion musical incursion and, the Butterflies & Mini-beasts incursion.

The P&C was very pleased to provide a \$15 **book voucher** to class winners from the fantastic book week costume parade. We hope it helps students to grow their love of reading.

The school's **open night** on Thursday 24 August was a fabulous showcase of student and staff efforts and parent support. We hope you enjoyed the chance to visit your child's classroom and recognise their progress. The P&C canteen sausage sizzle raised \$394 for the school.



The annual **Father's Day stall** held on Friday 1 September raised \$723. Thank you to everyone who donated to the stall. We hope all the Father figures in the family enjoyed their gifts and celebrated a wonderful Father's Day.



Congratulations to Zoe Thewlis for winning the portable BBQ for her Dad for Father's Day. Thank you to all that purchased tickets which raised \$278 for the school. A special thanks to Dave McNamara for donating the **raffle** prize.

Term 4 activities and events

See you at the Term 4 P&C meeting – Tuesday 7 November at 5.30 pm in the staff room. All are welcome, including the kids. Help the P&C to approve requests for funding and make plans for 2024.

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.

You may also message via the facebook page – search 'Toodyay DHS P&C', or write to Toodyay District High School P&C at PO Box 1624, Toodyay WA 6566.

Awards Winners 2023

Jaxen Sturt

Isabelle Hearn

Rochelle Buckliss

Jordyn Sutherland

Emily Johnson

Noah Gehlert

Archer Lee-Steere

Abigail Harling

Mathew Thomson

Odin Jordan-Kemp

Hallie Hoterene-

Jordan Wacura

Daisy Campbell

Shortland

Mason Roper

Bailee Murray

William Ovens

Thoren Ruddy

Robert Mcallum

Ryleigh Munday

Victoria-Lee Quin

Bentley Higgins

Jay-D Thomas

Lincoln Miles

Quinn Vines

Ella Ryan

Congratulations

Science Fair Achievements

Archer Lee-Steere

Lola Brockliss

Myla Cottam

Jye Medley

Lincoln Miles

Elix McConnell





**THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER
10 AM FOR 10.15 START**

GRANDPARENTS REARING GRANDKIDS

There are many reasons why Grandparents end up providing full time care for their Grandchildren. These Grandparents provide an invaluable role in our community, at a time in their lives when they may have had retirement or other plans.

Diane Franklyn, our guest speaker from "Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren" will provide information on the support services available, if you or someone you know, finds themselves suddenly caring full time for their grandchildren.

Are you a Grandparent rearing Grandkids? Or do you know someone who is?

Did you know there are services that can help?

If you would like to know more..., join us at this upcoming event at the Toodyay CWA Hall.

And yes, a great CWA morning tea is guaranteed!



Handling Tricky Friendship Days

At this FREE online event, Michelle Mitchell will offer parents practical strategies to help young people better understand themselves, develop robust self-esteem and forge healthy friendships.

Together she will explore:

- How to help young people tap into their inner wisdom
- Six guiding principles that will change the way parents respond to friendship issues
- Practical strategies and language to help tweens hold boundaries with more ease, manage transition in friendship groups, celebrate others, accept disappointments, and resolve conflict

ONLINE EVENT

Thursday, 5 October 2023
6:30pm (1 hour including Q&A)

TO BOOK

<https://bit.ly/trickyfriendship>

Join us live or watch the replay. The replay will be available 24 hours after the live event and is yours to watch and view as many times as you want for 3 months.

About Michelle Mitchell

Michelle Mitchell is an award-winning speaker, and bestselling parenting author. She has been termed 'the teenage expert' by the media and is sought after for her compassionate and grounded advice for parenting tweens and teens.

Her innovative work has been featured on The Today Show, Today Tonight and Channel 10 Morning News and Sky News, as well as countless print media including The Age, The Courier Mail and The Daily Telegraph. You can hear Michelle on radio in Australia on a weekly basis.

This FREE online event is recommended for parents and caregivers of tweens (8-12 years).

Supported by



TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

Bizzy Bees: Pre-Kindy Program

Does your child turn FOUR years old between July 1st 2023 and June 30th 2024?

If yes, Toodyay Playgroup invites you to join Bizzy Bees; Our pre-kindergarten 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

Commencing: Monday 24th July 2023

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



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



Coordinated by Toodyay Playgroup
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Toodyay Have A Go Day

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPT 2023

Calling all people with disabilities, OTs and Physios!

TADWA is hitting the road to bring our range of customised bikes, trikes and Sandcruisers, together with our recumbent bike for people with disabilities to have a go.

Come along to this FREE event and have a go at bike riding. Our friendly recreation team, including an OT, are offering complimentary mini bike assessments and are available to discuss your individual needs. OTs and Physios are most welcome to attend to have a go or view our range.

RSVP to recreation@tadwa.org.au by Tuesday 26 September to let us know that you are coming and to discuss how we can help you do what's important to you.

For more information please contact Sarah or Tammy on (08) 9379 7479.

27.09.2023 | 9:30AM - 3:00PM
TOODYAY RECREATION CENTRE





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 4 PLANNER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9th October Pupil Free Day	10 School Commences	11	12 Year 10 provide first aid.	13 Year 10 provide first aid.
16	17	18 Astronomy Night	19	20 Year 9 career taster
23 OLNA—Year 9 Work Experience Year 10	24	25 Assembly at 9.00am	26	27
30 OLNA - Year 9	31	1 Nov	2	3 Year 9 Career Taster
6	7 Swimming Lessons PP, YR 1, YR 6	8	9	10 Northam Sports Carnival
13 Swimming Lessons	14	15 Assembly at 9.00am	16	17
20	21 Cadets - Rottnest Camp	22	23	24
27	28	29 School Council Meeting	30	1 Dec
4	5	6 Health Expo Assembly at 9.00am	7	8 Year 6 Milestone Ceremony
11	12 Whole School Presentation Day TBC	13 Year 10 Graduation	14 Last Day of Term 4	15