

Toodyay District High School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians

The Astronomy Night was a great success with over 250 people attending this night. The sky was clear and we were able to see many features including Saturn and Jupiter.

Many thanks to our P & C who supported this night with drinks and refreshments.

Our Primary Science co-ordinator Mr Cameron Norrish should be congratulated on providing such a stimulating activity for the whole community.

I was impressed by the “Swan Nebula” which was clearly visible through the impressive Telescopes.

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

Secondary News

Career Tasters - Year 9

Our Year 9's are having a feast of Career Tasters this term. The most recent one was hosted by Central Regional TAFE in Northam. Students had a choice of 14 careers from which to choose three experiences across the day. These ranged from horticulture to vet nursing, paving, beauty therapy, carpentry and welding, to a course on resume writing. Our students were impeccably behaved and gained a lot from the day. We even learnt that if you work at Bunnings, the company will pay for your tertiary education AND issue you with shares as a measure of how much they value employees

The next Career Taster is on Friday 3 November at our school where students will engage in a Trades extravaganza run by an organisation called SALT.

Work Experience

Our Year 10's' work experience is over for the year and I had a delightful week visiting them on site or speaking to their employers. I have heard nothing but glowing reports about our students and I have to say I was thoroughly jealous of Jordan Wacura who spent time on the water, sampling the Swan, tramping around Penguin Island on the look out for Sea Lions and doing a range of other biodiverse and environmental activities with the Department of the same name in Fremantle. Clive Millett had what I would think the rather daunting responsibility of setting up the AV equipment for the CEO of PriceWaterhouseCoopers when he made a surprise visit to the Perth office in St George's Terrace; and I hear Nate Bernasconi enjoyed a week on some rather large 'tools' when out and about with our Shire Works team. These are just a few of the many and varied places of employment our students enjoyed and we are immensely grateful to all of the businesses who supported us again this year. We rely heavily on our local businesses and I wish to acknowledge and thank the following, in addition to the Perth based organisations who did the same:

Christmas 360

Country Realty Toodyay

Toodyay Tyre and Exhaust

Robinson Design Cabinets

Toodyay Bakery

Toodyay Hardware and Farm

Toodyay Home Timber and Hardware

Toodyay Visitor Centre

Bolgart Primary School

Toodyay Shire Depot

Avon Valley Plant and Equipment (Northam)

Student Leadership 2024

We commence our process for selection of our student leaders for 2024 this coming week. Year 9 students are invited to apply by addressing the criteria in a written application, which is followed up by an interview with a panel of adults. I am excited at the prospect as we have a very strong and capable group of Year 9's who I have every confidence in. Taking on a leadership role is important as these students become advocates for the student body and a conduit for communication across the school. I strongly encourage Year 9's to consider applying for the role of school captains and vice captains, as well as faction and vice captains.





Work Experience



Year 9 Career Taster



Pathways Guest Speaker



Harrison Stewart, a geologist with Chalice Mines shared his career journey with our Year 10 students during their Pathways class last Wednesday. Students found his story fascinating, especially because he is a 'local' person who went to Primary School at Baker's Hill. They learnt that, apart from direct entry into a career as a Geologist via University, there are other ways to enter this field of work and a myriad of other opportunities for employment and training in the sector.



Our Pre-Primary students have been having a blast dressing up as Princesses, Kings and Knights in their Fairytale Castle Dramatic Play area.





On Wednesday 20th September, the Pre-Primary students ventured off into town with Miss de Ruiter, Mrs Withers, Mrs Outen and Parent Helper Celia Murray. We began our journey walking along the footbridge and headed downtown along one side of Stirling Terrace. Miss de Ruiter pointed out all the buildings and discussed the businesses that utilise them. We then headed to the Toodyay Post Office, where Sally Marr gave us a tour out the back. The students got to see where the mail comes in during the night, and how the letters and parcels get sorted out. We even got to meet the local Postman who delivers to addresses of people who live in town. The students each had a turn stamping envelopes that were not addressed properly. Thank you very much to Sal for our amazing tour! We then set off again walking back along Stirling Terrace on the opposite side of the road. We stopped in at the Op Shop to thank them for their donation toward our new cubby house. Our final destination was Newcastle Park where we had a picnic morning tea and a play on the new playground. The round-a-bout dizzy whizzy was a clear favourite piece of equipment, gee it goes really fast! Our excursion linked to our Geography unit of work, learning about our local community. During Term 3, the students learned about the location of their house, street, town, state and country, as part of the world. They chose their favourite place in Toodyay and learned about it's features and how it can be looked after. We also learned about the Avon River as well as discussing local places of Indigenous significance. Thank you to Celia Murray for your help and support on the excursion.



Excursion Toodyay

Kindy & Yr 3/4 Buddy Program



Box Construction

On Wednesday 20th September, the kindy class got together with our Big Buddies from the year 3-4 class for an afternoon of box construction bonding.

Thanks to the wonderful donations of boxes brought in by our parents, the students had a huge selection of building material to foster their creativity.

What a lovely way to finish the term! Watching both groups working together, sharing ideas, talking and having fun was a treat. Well done to everyone on your fabulous creations.

Mrs Campbell and Mrs Fleay



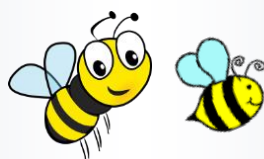
Kindy & Yr 3/4 Buddy Program

Bubble Fun



On Wednesday 18th October the kindy class and their big buddies from year 3/4 got together for some bubble fun. The students were asked to experiment with making their own bubble blowers from pipe cleaners or straws, before learning to blow BIG bubbles using a special kit. These tricky big bubble wands were wielded by our talented big buddies, while the kindy kids were the expert bubble poppers.

So much fun for all!





Cooking in Yr 3/4

We have been learning about measurement and we tested out our knowledge, making Belgian Waffles. We had to measure, mix and cook enough for everyone in the class. They were delicious!!



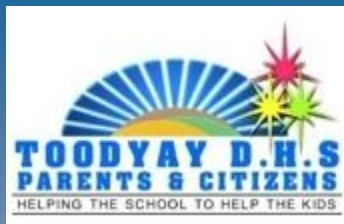
Belgian waffles

Ingredients

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 3/4 cups milk or dairy-free milk
- 1/2 cup oil vegetable, canola, or melted coconut oil

Instructions

1. **Combine Dry Ingredients:** In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, and salt.
2. **Combine wet ingredients:** Add the milk and oil to the bowl with the eggs and mix. Stir in the dry ingredients.
3. **Cook waffles:** Spoon batter into preheated and greased waffle iron and cook according to waffle maker instructions.
4. **Serve with** syrup or your favourite toppings



Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens Association

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

President - Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716

Halloween disco – goulisih fun!



The annual Halloween disco was in full swing at the Memorial Hall on Friday 27 October. Children and young people carved up the dance floor, dressed in their scariest costumes and were treated to a live DJ, face painting, a photo booth and prizes for best dressed, in a ghoulishly decorated venue. Local parents and volunteers baked spooky treats for sale at the canteen and students served up a sausage sizzle.

Hosted in partnership by the Toodyay DHS P&C, Toodyay Community Resource Centre and Year 9 students and staff from Toodyay District High School, the Halloween disco is a community run event that raises funds for the school.

Special thanks to Avon Skip Bins, Dunnings Fuel, Mobile Concrete Services, Toodyay Tyre and Exhaust and Toodyay Real Estate for their sponsorship towards the disco. The support of local business and community groups makes a significant contribution to the school, as do the efforts of parents, staff and volunteers.

Astronomy night – a starry success!

The P&C hosted a snack stall at the recent astronomy night which raised \$250 for the school. Thank you to the volunteers that baked for and served at the stall.

Term 4 P&C meeting – last one for 2023

Please join us at the term 4 P&C meeting on **Tuesday 7 November at 5.30 pm in the school staff room.**

Everyone is welcome, including the kids who we affectionately refer to as 'the little P&C'. Help the P&C to approve requests for funding to support school activities and make plans for 2024. It'll be an exciting year as we work with the school to provide more opportunities in music and the performing arts.

Colour Fun Day – Friday 17 November

We can't wait to see everyone at the Colour Splash Day on and help to raise funds for the school. The canteen will serve a pre-ordered sausage sizzle for students, parents and staff at the Colour Splash Day. Parents can pre-order via their child's order.

Can you donate a cake/slice/biscuits for sale and/or help at the stall? Please contact Kelly-Anne on 0406 585 716 and remember to bring a list of ingredients to discern any food allergies.

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.

COLOUR SPLASH DAY



Toodyay District High School in collaboration with the Toodyay DHS P & C are running a Colour Splash Day on November the 17th 2023. We are raising funds for our very special year 10 graduation and the remaining profits will go towards additional support for next year's numeracy and literacy programs. Our year 10 leaders are helping to run the event and are excited to create an amazing day for our whole school, from Pre-Primary to Year 10.

Each student will be seeking online sponsorship for their efforts on colour splash day with all funds raised going towards supporting our school. As a reward, each student will receive 1 colour pack (1cb) for each dollar raised, to spend at a prize stall on the day of the colour run. The stall will have a variety of fidgets, toys, treats and lots of other goodies to be purchased on the day.

In addition to these fantastic prizes, classes will also have the chance to win a Pizza Party at the end of the term if their class raises the most for the school by the close of our fundraiser.

Our Colour Splash fundraiser is a fun and engaging way for our young people to get active and come together to assist our school in fundraising for something that will benefit all our students.

Awards Winners 2023

Alair Bywaters

Lola Brockliss

Brideen Davey

Harry Bateup

Torah Pearce

Zoe Thewlis

Beau Thomas

Matilda McGuckian

Cara-Jane Davis

Jayden Hansord

Jordan Phillips

Kirra McConnell

Noah Gehlert

Ryleigh Munday

Jax Buckless

Levi Henson

Madison Jenkins

Manu Hoterene-Shortland

Ryan Duckworth

Sofia Bondelmonte

Wyatt Denison

Hallie Hoterene-Shortland

Ruby Candeloro

Zane Minchinton

Malakai Guiver

Congratulations

COMPASS

Welcome to our new one stop shop for information about teaching and learning at TDHS!



We have emailed all parents the details to download the app and login to Compass.

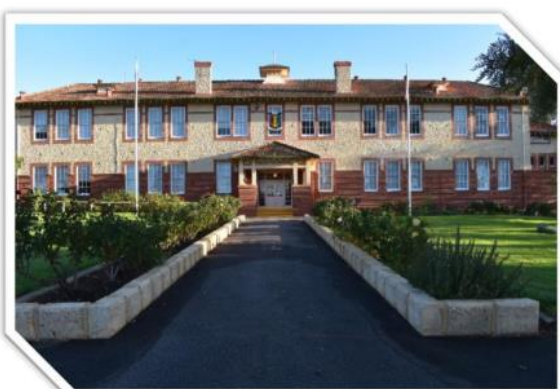
The first thing you will have access to is the calendar - so log in and take a look!



Northam Senior High School
Year 11 Orientation November 30th 2023

The Year 11 Orientation Day for transition from Year 10 to Year 11 will be conducted as a guided tour. Each department will deliver relevant information to the Year 10s from our feeder District High Schools. Visiting students will be escorted around the school on a tour for a presentation from each learning area.

- 8.40 am Arrival at Northam Senior High School (*Gather outside the Performing Arts Theatre*)
- 8.50 am Introduction and address by Principal followed by a tour of the school
- 9.00 am Tour stops at various Learning Areas for a brief overview.
- 10.50 am Break (*Canteen available / Students bring their own food*)
- 11.15 am Tour stops at various Learning Areas for a brief overview.
- 12.45pm BBQ Lunch supplied**
- 1:15 pm Break (*Canteen available / Students bring their own food*)
- 1:35 pm Team building and Icebreakers in the PAT
- 2.30 pm End of Day



Northam Senior High School
Year 11 Orientation November 30th 2023

Year 11 Transition Day Schedule

Time	Duration	Learning Area	Presenter	Location
8:50am	10	Welcome and Introduction	Mr Kardol and Mr Gosper	PAT
9:00am	15	The Arts	Ms Joyce	PAC
9:15am	15	Health & Physical Education	Mr Duricic	Gym
9:30am	15	Design & Technology	Mr Holtten	D&T Quad
9:45am	25	Library and VET	Mr Gosper	Library
10:10am	10	Academies / Clontarf Wirra / FTD	Mr Gosper	Various
10:20am	15	Science	Miss Annear	Rm 33
10:35am	15	Maths	Dr McClellan	Rm 15
10:50am	25	Break	Year 10 Leaders	Gym
11:15am	15	HASS	Miss Milisavljevic	Rm 17
11:30am	15	English	Mrs Waters	Rm 25
11:45pm	15	Student Services Hub And Front Office	Mr Gosper and Mr Luxton Lawrence	Lower Quad
12:00pm	15	Home Ec	Mrs Payne	Home Ec
12:15pm	15	Q & A	Mr Gosper and Mr Kardol	Home Ec
12:30pm	15	Career Practitioner	Mrs Lees	Home Ec
12:45pm	30	BBQ Lunch	Mr Gosper	HTTP Lawn
1:15pm	20	Break	Year 10 Leaders	Gym
1:35pm	40	Icebreakers	Mr Gosper and Mr Luxton-Lawrence	PAT
2:20pm	10	Debrief and conclusion	Mr Kardol and Mr Gosper	PAT

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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-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

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 playgroup@toodyay@gmail.com
Toodyay Playgroup Term Fees & Playgroup WA Insurance apply



Coordinated by Toodyay Playgroup
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TDHS P&C - Open Monday and Friday



Recess

Hashbrown	\$1.50
Pizza Cheesie	\$1.50
Mini Croissant	\$1.50
Assorted Cakes	50c
Potato Chips	50c
Jellycup	50c
Pikelets	50c
Pop Corn	50c
Choc Mousse	50c

Monday and Friday

Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Party Pie/Saus Roll	\$1.00
Hotdog	\$3.00
Nuggets	\$3.00
Quiche	\$3.00
Tst Chicken/Cheese	\$3.50
Tst Ham/Cheese	\$3.50
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 13 Oct	Beef Burger
Friday 20 Oct	Fried Rice & Spring Rolls
Friday 27 Oct	BLT
Friday 3 Nov	Pizza & Garlic Bread
Friday 10 Nov	Potato Bake
Friday 17 Nov	Savoury Mince & Rice
Friday 24 Nov	Chicken & Cheese Burger
Friday 1 Dec	Spaghetti & Meatballs
Friday 8 Dec	Super Hotdog
Friday 15 Dec	Mac & Cheese



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's provide first aid.	13 Year 10's provide first aid.
16	17	18 Astronomy Night	19	20 Year 9 Career Taster
23 OLNA—Year 9 Work Experience Year 10	24 Assembly at 9am (Yr 5)	25	26	27
30 OLNA - Year 9	31	1 Nov	2	3 Year 9 Career Taster
6 Swimming Lessons PP, YR 1, YR 6	7 P & C Meeting at 5.30	8	9	10 Northam Sports Carnival
13	14 Assembly at 9am (Yr 2)	15 Cyber Workshop	16 Year 10 First Aid	17 Colour Run
20	21 Cadets - Rottne Camp	22 School Council Meeting at 9am	23 Kindergarten Orientation Meeting 9am-10am.	24
27	28 Year 7 Orientation Day	29	30 Year 10/11 Transition at NSHS	1 Dec
4	5	6 Health Expo	7	8 Year 6 Milestone Ceremony / Pool Celebrations
11	12 Whole School Presentation Day TBC	13 Year 10 Graduation	14 Last Day of Term 4 for students	15