

TOWRADGI Public School NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 9

4 December 2015



Life's Certainly A Beach For Years 3-6

Students from Years 3-6 had a 'beachy' day when they participated in Surf Education Australia's surf safety program at Sandon Point last week. The students had a fantastic time learning rescue techniques in Bulli Pool. They were taught how to identify a rip and most importantly learnt what to do should they ever find themselves caught in one. The day's activities concluded with many students enjoying the waves and successfully trying their hands at surfing. It certainly was a fun-filled, vital educational opportunity for our students.



Safe Respectful and Responsible Students

Congratulations go to Jared W and Baily S, who were the lucky winners of the superstar prize draw at our last assembly. We will again be looking forward to finding out who will be the winners of our next PBL draw and the super dooper draw at the very last assembly for the year on Friday 11 December!

Well Done To 3/4 Green - Successful Global Book Submission

Over the last couple of weeks 3/4 Green have been busy developing their global citizenship skills as they have taken part in an amazing project called 'The Global Book Series: Biomes and Environments'. They have worked hard to research our local area and to create a 6 page contribution which will feature in a published iBook. The aim of this project is to demonstrate how people around the world can come together to publish something unique and creative, while learning from each other at the same time. It has been a truly valuable experience for the students of 3/4 Green and they are extremely excited about seeing all of their hard work come to life.

Important Dates To Remember

Tuesday 8 December
Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 9 December
Junior Play
P&C Raffle Draw

Thursday 10 December
Volunteers Morning Tea

Friday 11 December
School Reports sent home
K-2 Matilda Party

Monday 14 December
Presentation Day

Tuesday 15 December
SRC/Gold/Diamond Luncheon

Wednesday 16 December
K-6 Picnic Day
EIU Party Day
Last Day of Term 4 for Students

Thursday 17 December
School Development Day (SDD)

Friday 18 December
SDD & Last Day for Staff

Assembly Awards

K/1 Pink

Isabella S, Emma P

K/1 Orange

Scarlett M, Jazia Y

2 Red

Melak H, Anthony L

3/4 Green

Muhemed H, Aidan H, Charlotte B

4/5 Blue

Chelsea S, Angus S, Xavier F

5/6 Ruby

Melvin S, Joel H, Geordie M

K-6 Purple

Matthew J

K-6 Yellow

Baily S

PBS Award

Jared W, Baily S

Principal's Award

Deklan C

Bronze Award

Preston V

Silver Award

Shyanne P, Chelsea S, Alexandra H,
Jaimon Y, Baily S, Jayden T

Gold Award

Diorlouse C, Tamieka P, Jamison B, Tahni L,
Toanui T, Jameika S, Coehn W, Charlotte B,
Abdurhman B, Joe S, Emma-Rose B,
Isabella S, Tully M, Xavier F, Tom G, Max T,
Angus H, Nickolas S, Carter T, Shaiylah L,
Teleah K, Emma P, Mali F, Madison H,
Jacob B, Melvin S, Joel H, Jonah S,
Evelyn M, Angela C

Diamond Award

Jazia Y, Jarrah B, Jesse B, Oliver S, Zoe S,
Jordan C

Outstanding School Leader Speeches

Congratulations go to all of our Year 5 candidates who were nominated for the important role of School Leader in 2016. The nominees delivered exceptional speeches to the whole school yesterday. We eagerly await the announcement of our new School Leaders for 2016 at the Annual Presentation Assembly on Monday 14 December. Well done to all candidates. There is no doubt that each of you already do an amazing job as leaders within our school!



Time To Farewell Our Wonderful Year 6

It's hard to believe that it is once again time to farewell some of our students and families as they move on to their new high school communities in 2016. We are preparing for a fantastic celebration next Tuesday night at the Year 6 Farewell with dinner, dancing, a cake and the Year 6 graduation book and movie compilations.

Many thanks to Mr Santos, Mrs Pivovarski and the team of supportive parents who are organising what is shaping up to be a magnificent event. Thanks also go to Mr Ratcliffe for producing the outstanding Year 6 movie. Following the Year 6 Farewell, we will post some photos of the evening on the school weebly and website for you all to enjoy. We will also post a link to the Year 6 movie in the videos tab. I am sure you will really enjoy it!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 6 students the very best for their high school years ahead. As you grow to become young adults, I hope you hold dear many fond memories of your time here at Towradgi Public School.

To those families who will be leaving our school community at the end of this year, thank you for your fabulous contribution to our school, for your support and your friendship. We wish you all well.

Junior Christmas Play Spectacular – Don't Miss Out!

Our Junior Christmas Play is always a highlight and this year, it looks like being better than ever. Students from K-2 have been rehearsing for some time now and are looking forward to entertaining you on Wednesday 9 December. The performance starts at 9:30am in the hall and will conclude at around 11am. It's always a packed house so try not to be late. Entry will be by gold coin donation. This donation helps to cover the costs associated with the performance. Looking forward to coming together again as a school community and sharing in the talents of our junior school!

Thank You To Our Greatly Appreciated Volunteers

Next Thursday 10 December, we will be holding a special morning tea for our 2015 school volunteers. We are so lucky at Towradgi to have such a wonderfully supportive community, with so many parents, friends and community members giving up their time to help make the school an even better place for our students. For those who may be unable to attend, on behalf of our whole school, I thank you very much for your assistance in 2015. Without your support, we couldn't have achieved all of the great things we did! We look forward to the continued support of our wonderful school community again in 2016.

Valuable Feedback Through Student Reports

Next Friday 11 December, all students will bring home their semester 2 reports. I urge you to take some time to read through these carefully and discuss the contents with your child. I trust that you will find the feedback informative and I hope that you join with us in congratulating our students on their many successes. As always, if you need any report comments clarified, or you would like to discuss the contents of the report with your child's teacher, please contact them at school to make an appointment.

K-2 "Go The Whole Hog" At Matilda Party

Matilda said, *"Never do anything by halves if you want to get away with it. Be outrageous. Go the whole hog. Make sure everything you do is so completely crazy it's unbelievable..."* That's exactly what our K-2 students intend to do as a culmination to their reading of 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl. On Friday 11 December, students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be viewing "Matilda" the movie and will be celebrating with Matilda-themed games and party food. It is shaping up to certainly be a crazy way to conclude their literacy learning!

Acknowledging Outstanding Achievement

A friendly reminder, that our annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held on Monday 14 December from 9:15am – 11am. This is a very special occasion where we recognise outstanding effort and achievement. Our students will perform short items throughout the assembly and, in keeping with tradition, we will conclude with the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. We hope that many parents and friends will come along and join with us in recognising and celebrating the efforts and achievements of our amazing students!

Luncheon To Celebrate Exceptional Accomplishments

On Tuesday 15 December, I will have the privilege of hosting a luncheon for the 2015 Student Representative Council (SRC) members and Gold/Diamond Award recipients. This is a chance for us to recognise the wonderful contribution these students have made in their commitment to the SRC and through their individual successes during the year.

Join In The End Of Year P&C Celebrations

An invitation is extended to everyone to come along to the final P&C meeting for 2015, which will be held on Wednesday 9 December from 7pm at Towradgi Bowling Club. The P&C are also hosting a parent/staff get-together on Friday 11 December. We hope to see many members of our school community once again coming together for some more community spirited celebration!

Together We Celebrate The End Of School Year

On Wednesday 16 December, our whole school will be heading off to Ten Pin Bowling as part of our end of year Picnic Day activities. Students will then return to school and participate together in a whole school games session and special movie afternoon. This is a really nice way to cap off the year. Please ensure that notes and money to cover the excursion to Ten Pin Bowling are sent in to school by Wednesday 9 December.

Little Stompers For Early Intervention

It has been pleasing to see the great progress students from our early intervention unit (EIU) have made over the course of the year. As they make their transition to big school next year, we wish them all the very best. To celebrate their time at Towradgi PS EIU, all early intervention students and their families are invited to attend their end of year party at Little Stompers play centre in Wollongong on Wednesday 16 December.

2015 Draws To A Close

The last day for students is Wednesday 16 December. From 2:30pm, we will hold our traditional farewell to the Year 6 students at the front of the school. Parents and friends are welcome to join us to see the send-off.

School Weebly

Check out what's happening in each class.



www.towradgips2015.weebly.com

Students know the password

TopsFM is a Hit

TopsFM has been hitting the airwaves in the playground every lunchtime on Tuesdays and is a huge hit with all the students. Many of them sing and dance along to their favourite tunes which include current hits to some old classics. A team of about twelve students take turns each week to run the program and learn skills like mixing songs and gain confidence in speaking with a microphone. With the help of Miss Hockin a crew of three or four students plan out the show for the coming week. They create a playlist of songs and work out a script of what they will talk about between songs like announcements and even birthday shoutouts. We hope that TopsFM stays on the air next year.



Engaging 21st Century Learners



Teachers will be at school on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December for two School Development Days (pupil free days) where we will all be completing a range of professional learning activities. The school will be closed from Monday 21 December 2015 and will reopen on Wednesday 27 January, 2016. Students in Years 1-6 return for the 2016 school year on Thursday 28 January. Kindergarten students begin on Monday 1 February 2016.

Have Yourselves A Merry Christmas

I would like to wish everyone in our school community a safe and happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday season with your families. We have all worked incredibly hard and have earned a good break. It has been an absolute privilege to be Principal of such a wonderful school and I look forward to 2016 with great anticipation and enthusiasm, as we continue to move forward with our dynamic school plan.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Cathy Broadbridge
Principal

Support For Parents - BYOD Program

With Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) kicking off next year for students in Years 3-6, it is important for parents to have rules and routines in place at home. In an effort to support parents with this, below is an example of one way you could manage device use at home. You could use our example, come up with your own or share your current strategies with us!

Home Guidelines Example

Storage: Kitchen bench for charging

Time limit: 30 mins, 4 times a week

Use: Homework /Passion Projects/ Collaborating with peers using Google Drive

When: 4:30 – 5:00pm

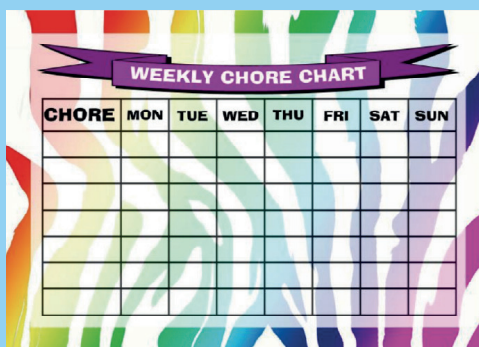
Where: Kitchen table only

Understandings:

- I ask before using the iPad.
- When the timer goes off, so does the iPad.
- I earn my time by doing chores.
- If I ask for more time, I lose time!
- I NEVER use the app store without a parent.
- I NEVER communicate with anyone without a parent.
- I will SHOW MY SCREEN at all times.
- iPad use is a privilege, NOT a right!
- If something makes me feel uncomfortable, I tell an adult straight away.

To the left is a sample 'Chores Chart', to support parents to track chores and for students to earn device time. Contact the school if you would like a copy.

Compatible iPad on sale at Target this week...



Apple® iPad® Air WiFi 16GB - Space Grey

★★★★★ [Read all 3 reviews](#) [Write a review](#)

Quantity

\$469
Was \$569

In Stock Online

ITEM CODE 55171342

Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

End of the Year is Near

It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter for 2015! The year has flown. The P&C would like to thank you for your support with fundraising efforts for our school.

To the families who are leaving, with year 6 children, we wish you all the very best for the next stage of your lives. I would also like to thank Nicole Simpson, who has worked tirelessly over the years to support our school. Thank you Nicole, we appreciate all the hard work and voluntary hours you have given to make our school a better place for our children.

We still have the position vacant for Secretary in 2016. If you can spare some time to help with this position we would greatly appreciate it (or even share the position with a friend?). If you would like to know more about the secretary position, or put your hand up for this position, please feel free to contact one of our committee members.

Christmas Raffle

We are very lucky to have some wonderful prizes donated to our school for the raffle. Raffle tickets are now overdue so please return all sold or unsold tickets as soon as possible. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated. Hampers are now being finalised, thank you to everyone who has donated something for our hampers.

Bunnings BBQ

The Bunnings BBQ is on this Saturday 5th December. If you could spare an hour or two, we are still in need of volunteers. Please see Mark McCarthy or myself, Alison Thelan, for further details. This is an easy fundraiser and a good way to meet other families from our school. The money raised all goes back into our school.

Uniform Shop

If anyone would like to get uniforms for next year the uniform shop is stocked and will be open for the next two Wednesdays before the end of year. The uniform shop will also be open on the first day back next year Thursday 28th January 2016. It will then go back to normal on Wednesdays open 8.45 to 9.15am.

Parents, Teachers, Carers Night Out

Friday 11th December is our adults night out. Please come along and celebrate the end of year with drinks and some dinner at Towradgi Bowling Club from 6:30pm. We hope to see you there.

On behalf of the P&C I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas, creating happy memories with your families. Stay safe and we look forward to another fun filled year in 2016.

Alison Thelan



Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 December
7pm Towradgi Bowling Club

End of Year Celebration

Friday 11 December
6:30pm Towradgi Bowling Club
All welcome to attend