

# TOWRADGI Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 5

11 November 2016



### *Halloween Disco...Another Huge Success!*

It was awesome to see so many members of our school community come along and have a 'spookingly' good time at the Halloween Disco last week. The disco, food stalls and mystery touch activity were certainly enjoyed by all who participated. It was also wonderful to see so many of our ex-students volunteering their time to help out. As a result of their efforts, the P&C raised \$1,111.00, which will be donated back to the school. Many thanks go to the P&C and their fantastic team of helpers who all worked together to ensure the night was a 'screaming' success.



### *Important Dates To Remember*

**Monday 14 November**  
Surf Educate Beach Day

**Tuesday 15 November**  
Yr 6 High School Transition Visit  
Corrimal HS

**Wednesday 16 November**  
Year 5/6 Bathurst Camp

NIAECG Meeting  
3:45pm Austinmer PS

**Thursday 17 November**  
Year 5/6 Bathurst Camp

**Friday 18 November**  
Year 5/6 Bathurst Camp  
Assembly, 1/2 Opal Item

**Tuesday 22 November**  
Yr 6 High School Transition Visit  
Corrimal HS

**Friday 25 November**  
Defence Force Visit for Yrs 3-6

**Thursday 1 December**  
Elections for School Captains

**Friday 2 December**  
Final Assesmbly for 2016  
Corrimal CoS Carols in Corrimal



## Assembly Award Congratulations

### K/1 Diamond

Maddison S, Preston V, Lachlan S

### K/1 Emerald

Lacey S, Lily R, Isabella P

### 1/2 Opal

Matthew H, Tahni L, Jazia Y

### 3/4 Sapphire

Cameron S, Bernelle O, Emily H

### 4/5 Gold

Muhemed H, Aiden C, Tameika P

### 5/6 Onyx

Ariana W, Jacob B, Georgie M

### K-6 Pearl

James C

### K-6 Amber

Leith H, Bailly S

### Bronze Level 1 Awards

Deklan C, Marli G, Angel H, Jacob B, Vlad K

### Silver Level 1 Awards

Bradly A, Emma-Rose B, Joseph D, Anthony L, Jake R, Dio A, Georgie M, Kayla A, Marli G, Isaac S, Max T, Vlad K, Ariana W, Ethan L, Jamison B, Emma C, Tinokura T, Anna A, Alexandra H, Kai S, Jade S, Madison V, Matthew J, Kayla P

### Gold Level 1 Awards

Oliver S, Cade C, Cameron S, Nour B, Melak H, Ava S, Toby M, Max Y, Alec R, Kascha C, Aidan H, Jameika S, Xavier F, Aidan H, Toby B, Rand H, James C

### Principal's Award

Alexandra H

### Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) Congratulations

Congratulations go to Jett C and Jake R, who were the lucky winners of the superstar prize draw at our last assembly!

## Sporting Schools Supports MILO in2CRICKET

All students are participating in the MILO in2CRICKET program, which commenced this term. Milo in2CRICKET is a fun and active program that emphasises maximum participation and basic motor and cricket skill development. It is experience based and builds its foundations on the essentials for lifelong involvement in physical activity and sport. The school was fortunate to have received funds through the Sporting Schools program to cover all costs associated with the program.

## Good Guessing Wins Jelly Bean Jar

The jelly bean guessing competition was a huge success! Year 6 managed to sell all the guesses before the cut off date of Friday last week. Congratulations to the lucky winner Misha S from 3/4 Sapphire and the runners up Jarrah B and Aiden C. Thank you to everyone who had a guess or a lot of guesses! With your help, Year 6 were able to raise \$125.80 to go towards the Year 6 Farewell and the Year 6 gift for the school.

## 1/2 Opal Developing Friendship Skills

1/2 Opal participated in a friendship workshop run by teacher and holistic life coach, Jenna Claire Fletcher. The workshop focused on four central ideas around acceptance, empathy, respect and friendship. It was specifically designed to assist students in developing friendships and strategies for problem solving in the playground.



## Dragons Host 'Best You Can Be' Breakfast

On Wednesday morning before school, Mr Santos, Kayla P and Max T attended the Dragons Community 'Best You Can Be' breakfast. As well as enjoying a delicious breakfast, they also heard about the Dragons Best You Can Be 2017 school diary and the other programs the Dragons make available to schools. We thank the Dragons for their continued support of sport in our school.

## Supported Transition To Corrimal High School

Corrimal High School are providing a high school transition program focussed on developing connections to the school, their peers and the staff. Year 6 students from our school are currently participating in a 3 week peer support program followed by a full orientation day as part of this supportive transition program. This transition program is just one of the many ways in which Corrimal High School works collaboratively with Towradgi PS to support our students.



## Towradgi PS Remembers

Our school community gathered together around the school flagpole yesterday and remembered, honoured and expressed gratitude to those who have served our country. The planting of poppies was one small way we showed respect to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. A highlight of the ceremony was the delivery of a personalised message from Lieutenant Brown. Many thanks are extended to Lieutenant Brown for helping to make our ceremony much more meaningful.



## School Weebly

Check out what's happening in each class.



[www.towradgips.weebly.com](http://www.towradgips.weebly.com)  
and our new SeeSaw app

## Recognition Of 'Deadly' Indigenous Students

The Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (NIAECG) recognised local Indigenous students at their 'Deadly Encouragement Awards' presentation yesterday. We were extremely proud that two of our 'deadly' students were recognised for their outstanding achievements. Jade S received an award for the tremendous effort she applies in her learning to overcome challenges she experiences on a daily basis. Cameron S was recognised for his application and commitment to his studies and for the respectful and supportive way he behaves. There is no doubt that both awards were very well deserved. Congratulations Jade and Cameron!



## Aussie of the Month



**Congratulations**  
Jaimon Y



## Good News Story



### K/1 Emerald Achievements

Wow! We can't believe it's half way through Term 4. K-1 Emerald are having so much fun learning lots of exciting new things that time is just speeding by! This Term we are studying famous artists. So far, Pablo Picasso, Wassily Kandinsky and Georgia O'Keeffe have inspired us to create our own masterpieces. We'd love for you to drop into our little art gallery some time and check them out.

Every Monday we get our passports ready to take a trip to a different country around the world and learn about different customs people celebrate at Christmas time. Making Chinese lanterns was particularly fun! Our cricket skills are improving as we participate in Milo Cricket each week. It's awesome to learn about this great sport and get fit at the same time.

It was fantastic to use calculators in maths recently! Even Lolly the Lion had a turn working out some very tricky algorithms!

We are starting to practise for our end-of-year Christmas Concert. We love the song we are learning and can't wait to share it with our family and friends.



## Fire Safety A Priority At ToPS

We were fortunate to have representatives from the Fire Brigade visit the school with their fire truck yesterday. Students learnt about fire safety and fire prevention strategies and got an insight into fire fighting as a profession. A highlight of the visit was the opportunity to have a go at using the hose. Some of us found out it is not as easy as it looks!



## A Gala Of A Day For Stage 2&3 Students

Today, girls from Years 3-6 represented our school in the Broker's Dragon Tag Gala Day at Dalton Park and boys from Years 3-6 represented the school in the Broker's AFL Gala Day at Guest Park. Broker's Gala Days are excellent opportunities for our students to learn and showcase their sporting skills with friends from local schools in the Broker's district. Our students once again found their participation to be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

## Fun To Be Had At SEA

As a supplement to the surf safety talk earlier this year, students from Years 3-6 will be participating in an excursion to Sandon Point Life Saving Club next Monday 14 November. The beach visit forms part of the days activities and the students will take part in surf safety activities under the guidance and supervision of Surf Education Australia (SEA) staff. Our students will benefit greatly from this highly relevant program, aimed at saving lives.



## Excitement For Bathurst Builds

Next Wednesday our Year 5 and Year 6 students will depart for their 3 day camp at Bathurst and I'm sure their experience will certainly be one that the students will remember for many years to come. They will be participating in an educational program that supports the implementation of the History syllabus. A highlight of the student's time away will include a visit to the Bathurst Goldfields where they will pan for gold, visit old gold mines, ride mining transport and watch a documentary movie at the Edge Cinema. We look forward to hearing all about their experiences upon their return.

## ToPS Students Spreading Loads Of Kindness

Our students joined the Kindness Crew and are making kindness a priority in the lead up to Christmas. Each student was issued with a School Kindness Advent Calendar containing 24 random acts of kindness. The intention behind the calendar is to inspire random acts of kindness and conversations around kindness in order to focus on what matters the most. Some of our students grabbed the opportunity yesterday to tick off their kindness advent calendar by formally thanking the fire fighters who visited our school.

For more information visit: [www.KindnessCrew.com.au](http://www.KindnessCrew.com.au). You can also share photos of your random acts of kindness on social media with the hashtag #KindnessCrew.



## NIAECG Meeting Invitation

Our local Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (NIAECG) invites members of our school community to attend their meetings. The next meeting of the Northern Illawarra AECG is scheduled for Wednesday 16 November from 3:45pm at Austinmer Public School.

## Short Term Staffing Changes

Mrs Bennett will be taking leave from 14 November and will return on 23 November. Ms Bowman and Ms Leussink will relieve as teachers of the Early Intervention Unit during this time.

Mrs Whitmee will be taking leave from 21 November and will return on 2 December. Mrs Kokoska will relieve as class teacher of K-6 Amber.

Mrs Green will be taking leave from 5 December for the remainder of the school year. Mrs Northwood will relieve as class teacher of K/1 Diamond.

I will also be taking leave from 28 November for the remainder of the school year. In my absence, Mr Pritchard will again be the Relieving Principal. Mr Conner will relieve as Class Teacher of 5/6 Onyx.

Cathy Broadbridge  
Principal

## Friendly Reminders

### Class Planning for 2017:

*We are beginning to organise classes for next year and it would be appreciated if any families, new or leaving, could let us know as soon as possible so that we can accurately set up for the 2017 school year. Please also contact Mrs Broadbridge if you have any relevant information requiring consideration when placing children into their new classes.*

### School Start and Finish Times:

*The school is open to pupils between the hours of 8.25 am and 2.55 pm Monday to Friday during the school terms. In the interest of your children's safety, it is important that they don't arrive before this time nor that they remain at the school after 2:55 pm as there is no supervision by teachers outside the specified times. Your cooperation in adhering to these times is greatly appreciated.*





# Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## ***New Office Bearers Elected at AGM***

On Tuesday November 8th, the P & C held its Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm followed by the regular monthly meeting at 7:00pm in the School Library.

All the positions were declared vacant and nominations called. The following Office Bearers were elected:

President - Mark McCarthy

Vice-President – Vacant

Secretary – Brendon Sergeant

Treasurer – Andrea Kornhoff

Fundraising Coordinator – Allyson Giustiniani

Uniform Coordinator – Renee Stewart

Thanks to all who have taken on positions for the next 12 months. We are looking for someone to fill the position of Vice-President. If you would like more information on the position or would be interested in taking on the position, please let us know.

Following the AGM we held our regular monthly meeting and as result were able to present the school with a number of cheques that will allow for the funding of:

- Air-conditioning in the school hall
- Annual donation to the school library
- Annual donation directly to each classroom for teaching resources

The P & C has worked hard to provide funds that will directly assist in the development of your children and support them in their education. We look forward to your continued support in providing for the needs of the school community.

## ***Support Needed For Election BBQ***

The fundraising continues with the Election BBQ this Saturday. If you can spare an hour or so, please give Mark a call on 0419215412 and let him know.

Along with the BBQ is the Cake Stall. So, if you are a whiz in the kitchen and would like to bake and donate a cake, slice, bread or treat that we can sell, it would be much appreciated. Please drop off directly to the cake stall on Saturday morning.

## ***Join Us For The Next P&C Dinner Meeting***

Our next meeting is Thursday 15th December at the Towradgi Beach Hotel. Come along and join us for the meeting or just for dinner.

Mark McCarthy – P&C President, Towradgi Public School P&C (Phone: 0419215412)



## ***Coming Up***

### **Election BBQ**

Saturday 12th November  
from 8am

### **End of Year Dinner Meeting**

Thursday 15 December  
Towradgi Beach Hotel



## ***Halloween Disco Thanks***

***Many thanks go to the team of helpers that came together to ensure the success of this year's Halloween Disco.***

***As a result of everyone's combined efforts the P & C raised \$1,111.00.***