

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 7

25 November 2016



Sharing The Excitement Of Stage 3 Bathurst Camp

The morning air was fresh on everyone's face as the sun rose for day one of camp. Eager kids and loving parents gathered at the front of the school to load bags and to say their goodbyes. The students departed on schedule and began the first leg of their bus trip to the Three Sisters. After arriving at Echo Point they all took the opportunity to soak up the amazing view before having a bite to eat.

The next stop was Hartley Courthouse, an historic site dating back to the time of convicts. The students participated in a tour which included spending some time in a cell that was engraved with real convict names, playing out a local court hearing for four rule-breakers and some of our naughtiest convicts felt the wrath of the Cat o' Nine Tails.

From Hartley they made their way to their accommodation. They were lucky enough to stay right alongside Mount Panorama and the bus took them for a 'Hot Lap' before entering the grounds of the accommodation. The crew settled into their rooms, unpacked and they had some time for a game of cricket as the sun set. After dinner students were entertained by a local singer/storyteller who led them in some songs and recited The Man From Snowy River.



Day Two was set to be action packed! Students made their way out to the Hill End Historical Village. On the way they stopped in at Bathurst town centre for a tour of the town, a visit to the museum and they heard about the history of the courthouse. On arrival at Hill End, a local in period costume from the 1800's greeted the students. She took them around the village for a treasure hunt where the students learned about old churches, shops and what it was like during the Eureka Stockade.

Important Dates To Remember

Thursday 1 December
Elections for School Captains

Friday 2 December
Final Assesmbly for 2016

CoS Carols
6pm Ziems Park, Corrimal

Monday 5 December
Corrimal CoS STEM Gala Day
Corrimal HS

Tuesday 6 December
Corrimal HS Full Day Orientation

Thursday 8 December
Volunteer's Morning Tea 11am

Friday 9 December
Student Reports Distributed

Monday 12 December
Presentation Day 9:15am

Tuesday 13 December
Gold Award Luncheon

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 14 December
End of Year Concert 9:15am

Assembly Award Congratulations

K/1 Diamond

Casey L, Emma P

K/1 Emerald

Oscar N, Alexis T, Taylor W

1/2 Opal

Isabella S, Eva S, Scarlett M

3/4 Sapphire

Cade C, Marcus S

4/5 Gold

Coehn W, Toanui T

5/6 Onyx

Dylan V

K-6 Pearl

Jade S

K-6 Amber

Matthew N

Bronze Level 1 Awards

John S

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Isabella P, Jarrah B

Silver Level 1 Awards

Kelsie G, Talia D

Gold Level 1 Awards

Baily S, Bowen E, Lily B, Zane L, Kai D,
Katie H, Muhemed H, Jazia Y, Taylor W

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) Congratulations

Congratulations go to Kelsie G, who was the lucky winner of the superstar prize draw at our last assembly.



After the Hill End tour, the students went to Kissing Point for a fantastic view, great photos and a look at some mine sites that are still being mined today. Around the corner from Kissing Point was the 'Born Loser' mine. Here the students learned about a mining company who had a bright idea to find some quartz veins in the mountain and mine out all of the gold. Unfortunately for them, there was no gold and they went broke, abandoned the mine and were never seen again.

Then, the real highlight of the trip...was gold panning! The students were given a pan full of 'pay dirt' and set off to wash the clay from the rocks (and gold!). Some students were luckier than others but we don't think anyone will be retiring early!

After they found their fortunes, the students made their way back to their accommodation (with another hot lap!) and settled in for a night of line dancing. The students had a great time dancing some classics and competing in an intense game of musical statues.



On Day Three, after a quick look in the gift shop, the students made their way to Lithgow. The State Mine museum was their first destination and there the students saw how coal mining was undertaken in the 1900's. The tour included a light/sound show, a ride on real mine transport, a visit to the closed mine shaft and an exhibition by the blacksmith who made the students a souvenir spoon.

Following that, the students made their way to Katoomba where they stopped off at the Edge Cinema to watch a documentary about the Blue Mountains area (and to spend what was left of their money on popcorn and snacks!). After the movie it was time to make their way home. The final bus ride was bitter sweet, the students were all excited to get home and see their loved ones, but had so much fun that they just wanted it to never end!

All in all it was a fantastic experience for everyone. The students got to see first hand the areas they have studied in class and they engaged in activities that all our mining heroes would have done back in the 1800's.

Everywhere the students went the teachers were told the same thing, 'This is the best group of kids we have ever had'. When you hear this from every guide and even locals in the towns, you know it's true. We never had any doubt that our kids at Towradgi are the best, we are very proud of them all!



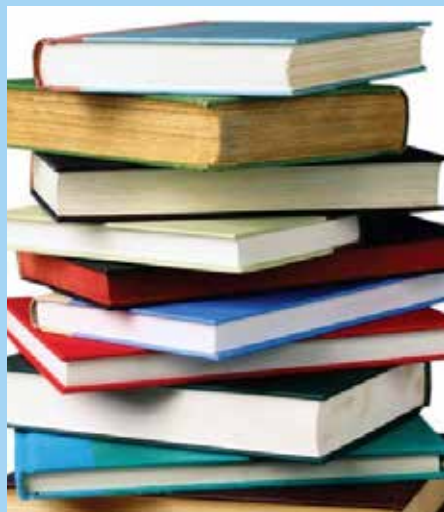
Achieving Personal Best

Library News

This week was our last week of borrowing for Term 4. For the rest of the year, our focus will be on finding and returning any books your child may have at home that belong to the school library.

Your child may receive an overdue books letter next week listing books they have borrowed out under their name.

If you think that your child may have already returned the books, please see Mrs Heino either before or after school on a Tuesday or Wednesday.



Library Raffle

Mrs Heino will be running a raffle to assist the return of school library books. For every book returned, whether overdue or not, students will receive a raffle ticket which will go into a draw for a number of great prizes. Books can be returned directly to the library on a Tuesday or Wednesday, or to the office any other day.

To be in the running for one of the amazing prizes up for grabs, take a look around at home and check if you have any library books to return. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Life Was A Beach For Students In 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. 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.



Definitely Was A Gala Of A Day!

Our stage 2 and 3 students enthusiastically participated in AFL and Dragon Tag gala days last week at Guest and Dalton Parks. Although the day was quite warm and a number of our teams were short on numbers, our students gave their all and played their games in a fair and respectful way. We were once again very proud of their efforts and thank all those who came along offering their support!



Year 5 Future Leaders Prepare Election Speeches

We have a fabulous group of Year 5 candidates who have nominated for the important role of School Captain in 2017. All the nominees will deliver speeches to the whole school in the hall at 11:45am on Thursday 1 December. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish. Following the speeches, all students will return to their classes to cast their vote. The new School Leaders will be announced at the Annual Presentation Assembly on Monday 12 December.

Hope You Can Join Us For Carols In Corrimal

Christmas can be a fun time to celebrate with the family and catch up with friends and there is nothing quite like a Community Christmas Carols event to start the fun and celebrations before Santa arrives. With that in mind, the Corrimal Community of Schools are organising a Corrimal Community Carols event and everybody is invited. Come along and see talented, young students from Bellambi Public School, Corrimal Public School, Corrimal East Public School, Tarrawanna Public School, Towradgi Public School and Corrimal High School perform some of their favourite Christmas carols. Grab some glowsticks and sing along to the carols with the Community of Schools Christmas App (song list and lyrics) before a very special Christmas guest arrives to see everyone.

Food will be available on the night provided by our wonderful partners, the Corrimal Cougars Rugby League Football Club and the Corrimal Chamber of Commerce. Menu items include pulled beef rolls, steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, pies, sausage rolls, hot dogs, soft drinks, lollies, ice creams and popcorn.

Where: Ziems Park, Corrimal - Senior Field

Date: 2nd December

Time: 6pm for a 6:30pm start

Entry Cost: Coin donation to the Surf Life Saving Club



CoS STEM Gala Day

This term, students in Stage 3 classes in the Community of Schools have been working on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) unit of work centred on a bridge building project. They have all been briefed with the same problem, 'The bridge of Fairy Creek has collapsed and it needs to be replaced with something better'.

On Monday 5 December, the top three bridge designs from each school will attend a STEM gala day at Corrimal High School. There they will test their bridges against the other schools to see who will be crowned 'STEM Champions'. On the day they will also engage in activities run by the Year 8 STEM class and teachers, these include:

1. Bottle Rocket
2. Mars Rover
3. Mathematics Challenge
4. Wind Turbine
5. Catapult Challenge

Representatives from Google and the local media will be in attendance to supply resources, prizes and photos from the day. Good luck to our three teams. We can't wait to hear how well you go representing our school!

Morning Tea To Thank Our Wonderful Team Of Volunteers

The annual Volunteers' Morning Tea will be held in the staffroom at 11am on Thursday 8 December. Any parent, friend or community member who has helped out in any way during the year is invited to come along and join us. We look forward to taking this opportunity to give our thanks for your valued contribution to our school in 2016.

School Weebly

Check out what's happening in each class.



www.towradgips.weebly.com
and our new SeeSaw app

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Engaging 21st Century Learners

Highlights From Camp

"The thing that I enjoyed the most was when we went gold panning because it was really fun learning about all the interesting things we could find."

Kayla P

"I really enjoyed collecting quartz rocks with my friends. We found pink, purple, red and white ones." Maddy D

"At camp I enjoyed going to the courthouse and the church..." Ariana W



Seeking Your Feedback

We are currently gathering data to evaluate and report upon the progress of our school plan.

We highly value feedback from all members of our school community and would appreciate you taking the time to complete the surveys that were sent home today.

Your support in returning surveys to the school office by Wednesday 16 December is greatly appreciated!

Reporting On Student Progress

Teachers are working hard preparing student reports, which will be sent home on Friday 9 December. I'm sure parents will appreciate the time and effort that goes into preparing these comprehensive and informative documents. Please take some time to discuss the contents of the report with your children and as always, if you have any questions about them, please contact your child's teacher.

Ready To Assemble For Special Presentations

Our annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held on Monday 12 December from 9:15am – 11am. This is a very special occasion where we recognise outstanding effort and achievement. Classes are preparing short items to share 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 to this special assembly and join with us in recognising the efforts and achievements of our students in 2016.

Luncheon With The Principal

On Tuesday 13 December, all Gold Award recipients and SRC members (from 1st and 2nd semesters) will be invited to a special luncheon with the Principal. This is just a small way we say thank you to the students for their outstanding behaviour and service to the school in 2016.

Preparations Underway To Farewell Year 6

A team of hardworking parents and staff have been busily organising the Year 6 Farewell, which will be held at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow on Tuesday 13 December from 6:00–9:00pm. This is always a very special occasion for our graduating students and we are all looking forward to a wonderful evening of reflection and celebration.

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 contributions to our school, for your support and your friendship. I wish you all well.

Don't Miss The 2016 Christmas Concert Spectacular

This year we are holding a Christmas Concert involving all students in the school. The children are currently rehearsing and are looking forward to entertaining you on Wednesday 14 December. The performance starts at 9:30am in the hall and will conclude at around 11am. It is sure to be a packed house so try not to be late. Entry will be by gold coin donation.

Looking forward to coming together as a school community and sharing the many talents of the students in the school!

Expression Of Thanks And Gratitude

As you are aware, I will be commencing leave from today and Mr Pritchard will conclude the school year in the position of Relieving Principal. I would like to wish everyone in our school community a wonderful finish to the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and wish you all an enjoyable holiday season with your families. We have all worked incredibly hard together throughout the year and it has been an absolute privilege to be Principal of such a wonderful school.

I look forward to 2017 with great anticipation and enthusiasm, as we continue to move the school forward in its current positive directions, with the on-going support of our dynamic school community!

Once again, many thanks for all your support throughout the year.

Cathy Broadbridge
Principal

Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Election BBQ Fundraising Success

The Election has been run and won, but the only unanimous vote was how great the sausage sizzle and cake stall was. The P&C would like to thank all involved in assisting on the BBQ and cake stall and a big thanks to all that could make or bake some great treats. I understand there was nothing left!!



Launch of Christmas Raffle

Our current fundraiser is the Christmas Raffle and we need your help to make it a success. Every family has received a ticket booklet. Each family that returns their fully sold book by Friday December 9 will receive a ticket into a special ticket seller's draw. All books sold or unsold, need to be returned to school by Friday December 9.

We are also seeking donations for our hampers. Each classroom has a collection box for the donations. Each child who donates something towards our raffle will receive a ticket into a special draw for a prize as well.

If you are in a position to be able to donate an item or voucher from your business, it would also be very much appreciated!



Special Thanks

Special thanks to Steve's Joinery for their \$250 donation to the raffle that will be used to buy a JB HiFi Gift Card.



P&C Christmas Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday 15th December at the Towradgi Beach Hotel. Join us for the meeting or just for dinner. It's our last meeting for the year and will be a great opportunity to relax and enjoy the social side of the P&C.

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

Coming Up

CoS Carols Help Needed

The P&C will be selling raffle tickets at the upcoming CoS Carols evening on Friday December 2.

If you are able to help sell tickets on the night, please contact Allyson G or the school.

P&C Christmas Raffle Draw

All donations greatly appreciated!
The P&C Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on Wednesday 14 December.

End of Year Dinner Meeting

Thursday 15 December
Towradgi Beach Hotel, 7pm
Hope you can join us!

