

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 9

9 December 2016



Another Year Comes to a Close

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in providing a great year of innovative education. It has been an honour to spend time in each classroom observing exemplary teaching. The relationship each teacher has formed with every student is a credit to the hard work and selfless approach taken by all. To the parents and carers, thank you for entrusting your child's education to us and continually sharing your valuable time to help keep the school moving forward. It was lovely to spend time at the Volunteer's Morning Tea with all of those who have spared some time for us throughout the year, we truly appreciate your contributions. Please enjoy this special time with your families. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Corrimal Community of Schools 'Sing in the Season'

On Friday 2 December, the Corrimal community gathered to sing in the holiday season. It was a pleasure to spend time with our wonderful choir and school community at the Carols. The choir led the community with three of our favourite Christmas songs. Special thanks to Mr Foster from Corrimal High School for his organisation and dedication. To all those that joined us on the night, I hope you had as much fun as I did and I'm sure you'll all agree that our choir was outstanding! Thank you Mrs Warner for leading our choir and organising them so beautifully.



Important Dates To Remember

Monday 12 December
Presentation Day

Tuesday 13 December
Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 13 December
SRC/Gold Luncheon

Wednesday 14 December
School Christmas Concert
P&C Raffle Draw

Thursday 15 December
Final P&C Meeting - Towradgi
Beach Hotel - 7pm

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

Assembly Awards

K/1 Diamond

Saxon K, Tinokura T

K/1 Emerald

Alex A, Taylor W

1/2 Opal

Maurice S, Jarrah B

3/4 Sapphire

Ava S, Nour B, Lily B

4/5 Gold

Natalie H, Chelsea S, Kayla A

5/6 Onyx

Jack S, Tia J, Max T

K-6 Amber

Jordan M

K-6 Pearl

Kai S

PBS Award

Greta F, Bowen E

Principal's Award

Geordie M, Angus H, Melvin S, Maurice S

Bronze Award

Caleb S, Riley A, Beau S, Maurice S

Silver Award

Fatimah H, Casey L, Joel S, Jayden A, Bradley N

Gold Award

Saxon K, Yasmine P, Maddison S, Jayden P, Lachlan S, Tinokura T, Lucinda C, Mali F, Emma P, Shaiylah L, Katie A, Tully M, Madison H, Jesse B, Mischa L, Bernelle O, Emily H, Lily B, Marcus S, Misha S, Angus S, Lilli Y, Eamon S, Kurt R, Will H, Ruby S, Tamieka P, Kayla P, Angus H, Marli G, Max T, Thomas G, Vlad K, Isaac S, Ariana W, Joel H, Melvin S, Geordie M, Deklan C, Jack S, James R, Kai S, Madison V, Jade S

Towradgi Dominates Inaugural STEM Gala Day

On Monday 6 December, 8 of 5-6 Onyx's top Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students attended the Inaugural Corrimal Community of Schools STEM Gala Day at Corrimal High School. They were chosen after completing a term-long bridge building challenge. Each bridge was researched and designed to hold as much weight as possible and the top three teams were selected to represent the school. On the day, the team completed challenges including; Water Propelled Rocket Launching, Catapult Building, Mathematic Brain Teasers, Mars Rover Recreation and Turbine Design. Each activity was scored by the supervising teacher and students from Corrimal High School's STEM classes. At the conclusion of all the events the Towradgi STEM Team was crowned overall winner! They took home the shield engraved with Towradgi as the first team to ever win it. I am very proud of all the students who represented the school and extend my congratulations to them. Thank you also to Miss Speed for organising the teams and coordinating the challenge here at school.



Illawarra 200

In 1815 some of the Illawarra's traditional custodians led some white settlers and their cattle down the escarpment. On Friday 2 December, we welcomed Mr Chris Connor, Principal of Helensburgh Public School and local councillor, to our school. Mr Connor presented the school with a medallion of steel forged specially to commemorate the contribution of our indigenous community and early settlers to our region. Our school leaders accepted the commemorative piece on behalf of the school.

Recognising Consistent Student Excellence

On Tuesday 13 December, I will have the privilege of having morning tea with the 2016 SRC members and Gold 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 outstanding behaviour throughout the year.

Farewell to 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 high school communities in 2017. We are preparing for a fantastic celebration next Tuesday night at the Year 6 Farewell with dinner, dancing, a cake and of course, the Year 6 graduation book and movie.

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

It has been an amazing year filled with fantastic memories. It has been a pleasure to see these students mature into young adults and lead the school with pride. We wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives.

To the families who are in their last year with us, we wish you all the best. Thank you for your ongoing support over all the years you have been part of our community.



A Special Day

Our annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held on Monday 12 December from 9:15am – 10:45am. This is a very special occasion where we recognise outstanding effort and achievement. In keeping with tradition, we will conclude with the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.

Last Day of School

The last day for students is Friday 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. Please note that our staff will not be at school on Monday and Tuesday 19th and 20th December for the gazetted School Development Days because they have completed equivalent professional development hours in evenings across this semester.

Mr Pritchard
Relieving Principal

Class SeeSaw

Check out what's happening in your child's class.



See your child's teacher for login information

Aussie of the Month



Congratulations

Harmonie
Speechley