

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1

Week 5

26 February 2016



Barbecue Brings School Community Together

The Welcome Barbecue was a fabulous success again this year. There were approximately 90 people who came together to meet some of our new families, enjoy each other's company, play some outdoor games and munch into a sausage sizzle. Many thanks go to everyone who supported this special event. It truly was an enjoyable coming together of the school community.



Illawarra Mercury Feature

Last Wednesday our wonderful school was represented in the Illawarra Mercury Captains and Principals feature for 2016. A copy of the digital version can be viewed at <http://my.illawarramercury.com.au/pages/captainsandprincipals2016/>. Our school leaders are already doing a fantastic job of representing our school. Well done Maddy and Deklan!

Important Dates To Remember

Wednesday 2 March

Corrimal High School Open Night
from 6pm for Years 4,5 and 6

Thursday 3 March

K-2 Dog Safety Talk

Friday 4 March

Schools Clean Up Day
Assembly and 4/5 Gold Item
from 12:30pm in the Hall

Tuesday 8 March

Regional Swimming Carnival
P&C Meeting from 7pm
in the School Library

Wednesday 9 March

Broker's Netball Trials
StEPS Eyesight Screening
for Kindergarten

Thursday 10 March

Broker's Rugby League Trials

Wednesday 16 March

NIAECG Meeting from 3:45pm
at Corrimal East Public School

Assembly Award Congratulations

K/1 Diamond

Jamison B, Maddison S

K/1 Emerald

Riley A, Stevie S

1/2 Opal

Jarrah B, Kelsie G

3/4 Sapphire

Jake R, Melak H

4/5 Gold

Angus S, Jameika S, Eamon W

5/6 Onyx

Ethan L, Thomas G

K-6 Pearl

James R

K-6 Amber

Leith H

Semester One Student Representative Council (SRC)

School Leaders

Madeleine D

Deklan C

K/1 Diamond

Emma P, Savannah C

K/1 Emerald

Joe S, Lily H

1/2 Opal

Scarlett M, Kai D

3/4 Sapphire

Lily B, Joel S

4/5 Gold

Muhemed H, Jamieka S

5/6 Onyx

Joel H, Kayla P

K-6 Pearl

James C

K-6 Amber

Matthew N

Students Get Ready To "Tell Them From Me"

We are delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

We want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students in Years 4-6. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 11 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Student Representatives Ready To Lead

At Towradgi Public School, we recognise the need to develop confident leaders of the future and respond by providing a diverse leadership program. At our assembly last week our newly elected SRC representatives were presented with their SRC badges. These students will undoubtedly fulfil their new SRC roles with great pride. Congratulations to all of our SRC Representatives. Towradgi Public School is very privileged to have such an active and enthusiastic SRC.

Acknowledging Exceptional Sporting Achievements

Congratulations go to the following students for their outstanding sporting achievements:

Jacob K - selected to represent Brokers District at the South Coast football (soccer) trials.

Tom G and Xavier F - selected to represent the Northern Illawarra Zone at the South Coast cricket trials.

Deklan C, Bailey K and Alec R - selected to represent Brokers District at the Northern Illawarra Zone PSSA AFL trials.

We look forward to hearing how you all go. Good luck!



More Great Successes In The Pool

It was a great day at Corrimal Pool for the Brokers District Swimming Carnival last Tuesday and all participating students made us very proud as they put a huge effort into every race. Congratulations go to Max T, Angus H, Matthew N, Will H and Aiden C, who have all qualified to represent the district at the regional carnival. It was wonderful to have so many parents at the pool to support not only their own children, but every Towradgi Public School student in the pool. The students themselves were also great at cheering on the other swimmers. Congratulations go to all involved!



Yrs 2-6 Students, Prepare To Be Challenged

Each year our school offers students in Years 2-6 the opportunity to sit for the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. For more information, please see the website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au. More information has been sent home as separate correspondence to parents of students in Years 2-6. Entries close on Friday 1 April.

We Need Your Help - Working Bee

Whilst we have beautiful school grounds, currently there is quite a lot of weeding and general cleaning up required around the school. We are organising a working bee on Saturday 12 March from 9am-11am and we need your help. Whatever time you can spare to assist would be greatly appreciated. Please come along with your gloves, spade, garden fork or any other tools you may have to lend a hand. Tea, coffee and bikkies will also be available at 11am. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Pivovarski. Hope to see lots of helpers on the day!

Community Consultation - Feedback Requested

Our senior students are involved in many additional learning experiences such as Wednesday Club, debating, public speaking, school camps, sporting events and high school transitions, just to name a few. Where possible we are trying to minimise interruptions to their teaching and learning in the classroom. Therefore, this year we are considering offering the opportunity to participate in Southern Stars to students in Years 2,3 and 4 only. Prior to making this decision, we welcome feedback from the school community for consideration.

School Weebly

Check out what's happening in each class.



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

Swimming Carnival Notable Achievements

Angus H

2nd Jnr Boys 50m Breaststroke
2nd Jnr Boys 200m Individual Medley

Max T

4th 11 yrs Boys 50m Breaststroke
3rd 11 yrs Boys 50m Backstroke
2nd 11 yrs Boys 50m Freestyle
2nd 11 yrs Boys 50m Butterfly

Geordie M

3rd Snr Boys 50m Backstroke

Matthew N

1st AWD 50m Freestyle

Regan C

3rd 8 yrs Boys 50m Freestyle

Aiden C

4th Jnr Boys 200m Individual Medley

Deklan C

3rd Snr Boys 50m Butterfly

Will H

2nd 10 yrs Boys 50m Freestyle
3rd Jnr Boys 200m Individual Medley

Billie B

4th 10 yrs Girls 50m Freestyle

Will H, Aiden C, Kascha C, Angus H

3rd Jnr Boys 4 x 50m Freestyle
Relay Team

Max T, Alec R, Geordie M, Deklan C

4th Snr Boys 4 x 50m Freestyle
Relay Team

Engaging 21st Century Learners



Support Your P&C

Tonight the P&C will be hosting their Trivia Night Fundraising Activity. Looking forward to a great night of fun! They are also very busy organising the annual Easter raffle and are gratefully accepting Easter egg donations. The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 March at 7pm in the school library. All school community members are invited to attend.

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 March from 3:45pm at Corrimal East Public School. All welcome!

Staffing Updates

Miss Hodcroft will be on leave from 24 February until 18 March. During this time, Miss Zaffonato will relieve as class teacher of 1/2 Opal. Congratulations go to Miss Hodcroft who will return from leave as Mrs Warner, following her wedding this weekend.

Ms Hilton will also be taking leave from 3 March until the end of term one and Mr Mercer will be relieving as class teacher of K-6 Pearl.

Cathy Broadbridge
Principal



What's Due This Week

Activity Payment	Amount	Due Date
School Fees-P&C	\$30 per child \$50 per family	ASAP
Weekly Swimming Lessons	\$9 for weekly payments	Weekly each Wed
Yr 5/6 Interrelate	\$32	18 Mar
Yr 5/6 Bathurst Camp	\$100 deposit	8 April

Class News - 1/2 Opal Off To A Great Start!

What a great start to the year for 1/2 Opal! We began our year making our classroom nice and colourful with some rainbow name-bows, thinking about interesting adjectives that describe our personalities. In history we are learning about "Families, Past and Present", and are comparing people today to people hundreds of years ago. The children love learning Science with Miss Speed on Monday afternoons, where they have been examining bugs, worms and all sorts of creepy crawlies. The students have begun a unit of work on coding using the Kodable app and website, learning how computers are programmed and the language of technology. We enjoyed garden duty where we pulled out a lot of the weeds that had grown over the holidays, and gave the soil some much needed watering after our hot Summer. The Seesaw app has also been a wonderful inclusion in our room, with students sharing work they're particularly proud of with their parents via the app. The students love getting feedback from parents and it's a great link between the classroom and home. Make sure you come in and visit our 'Wonder Wall', where we write all of our wonders and use these to begin learning research skills.