

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1

Week 7

11 March, 2016



K-2 Students Get Responsible About Dog Ownership

Our K-2 students learnt some important pet safety messages through their participation in the State Governments' responsible Pet Education Program. They engaged in role play, music, dance and interactive media activities. The students learnt how to greet a new dog, how to deal with a dog that comes up to you, how to deal with aggressive dogs and most importantly how to look after their pets. Not only was it a very important educational experience for the students involved, it was most enjoyable too!



School Community Clean and Beautify School Grounds

Our staff and students participated in Clean Up Australia Day activities by cleaning our school grounds on Schools Clean Up Day. Through their enormous efforts, the staff and students were able to clean up, fix up and conserve our school environment. We are also holding a working bee on Saturday 12 March from 9am-11am to undertake some weeding and general cleaning up around the school and all help will be greatly appreciated! We hope to have lots and lots of helpers on the day. You know what they say... "Many hands make light work!"

Our 4/5 Gold Global Citizens

Last week the students from 4/5 Gold put their global citizenship skills to the test again when they participated in a mystery Skype. The students linked up with a school in Queensland and through asking a series of questions were able to determine the whereabouts of their mystery Skype friends. It was a really engaging learning opportunity for the students as they learnt a lot about the world and really put their geography skills to work.

Important Dates To Remember

Saturday 12 March

Working Bee 9am-11am
Hope to see lots of helpers!

Monday 14 March

2016 Rod Wishart &
Paul McGregor Shield Gala Day

Wednesday 16 March

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

Friday 18 March

Assembly and K/1 Emerald item
Wear Orange to School for
Harmony Day Celebrations

Wednesdays 23 and 30 March

Interrelate for Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 23 March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 24 March

Easter Hat Parade

Wednesday 30 March

1/2 Opal Parent Teacher
Interviews

Assembly Award Congratulations

K/1 Diamond

Preston V, Saxon K, Savannah C

K/1 Emerald

Aidan H, Isabella P, Rose D

1/2 Opal

Rihanna, Carter T, Oliver S

3/4 Sapphire

Cade C, Nour B, Bradley N

4/5 Gold

Bowen E, Kurt R, Coehn W

5/6 Onyx

Harmonie S, Angus H, Marli G

K-6 Pearl

James C

K-6 Amber

Jaimon Y, Matthew N

PBL Award

Kai S, Misha S

More Sporting Successes To Celebrate

Congratulations go to Alec R who was successful in being selected for the Northern Illawarra Zone AFL squad to attend the South Coast regional trials at Bateman's Bay. Tom G and Xavier F were successful in being selected for the South Coast region cricket squad at the regional trials. The 24 person squad will train over the next two terms and will be reduced down to a team of 12 for the state championships in term four. What great achievements. We look forward to hearing more from these sporting champions!



Wednesday Club Enriches Our Students

Throughout this year, our senior students have the opportunity to participate in a Community of Schools (CoS) Enrichment Program at Corrimal High School. The students involved have the opportunity to utilise the resources and expertise of staff at the high school to enrich and extend their learning. Thanks go to Corrimal High School for providing such valuable opportunities to enrich the learning of our students.

Open Night Showcases Corrimal High School

Corrimal High School held an open night for interested students in Years 4, 5 and 6. The evening commenced with a very warm welcome and introduction in the school hall and was followed by a tour of the school in small groups. Those who participated certainly found out why Corrimal High School is a school of choice for our students.

Students Moving From Year 6 to Year 7 in 2017

All high school enrolment application forms have been distributed to students in Year 6 and the students need to return their high school application forms by Friday 18 March at the very latest. If students or parents have any questions about high school options, please contact Mr Pritchard or Mrs Broadbridge.

Gala Of A Day Planned

The St George Illawarra Development Group is once again organising the Rod Wishart and Paul McGregor Shield Rugby League Gala Day. Our participating students will travel to Hollymount Park Woonona on Monday 14 March to participate in 7 a-side games with Mod League rules. Our school has participated in the past and it has been a most enjoyable day. We look forward to hearing about this year's experience!

Wear Orange And Celebrate Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Our school will be holding Harmony Day celebrations on Friday 18 March. Orange is the official Harmony Day colour, which symbolises inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. All students are encouraged to wear orange to school on Friday 18 March and we have some great activities planned for the day.



Years 5 And 6 Participate In Interrelate

The Interrelate 'Moving into the Teen Years' program will be held on 23 and 30 March. Thank you to the many parents who have already returned their notes and money for this very worthwhile program. The program comes highly recommended and it is not too late for the students to register to participate. Please contact the office or visit the school website if you need more information.

'Eggcitement' Building Amongst Our School Community

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held following the morning assembly on Thursday 24 March and parents and families are invited to attend. Students are encouraged to decorate their Easter hats at home and bring them to school for the parade. The P&C are requesting donations of Easter eggs so they can put together Easter baskets as prizes for the Easter raffle. The P&C will be presenting prizes to the winners of the Easter raffle at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade. Looking forward to another great school community event!

Year 5/6 Preparing To Step Back In Time At Camp

As a supplement to the students' unit of study on Australian History and the impact of the Goldrush in the 1850's, an overnight excursion to Bathurst has been organised for students in Years 5 and 6. Information has already been sent home to parents in separate communication. We have asked that payment for the camp/excursion be made by instalments and the first payment is due on Friday 8 April. In order for students to participate, the consent form and deposit needs to be returned to school by the due date. Parents are reminded that smaller payments, such as weekly or fortnightly before the instalment due dates will be gratefully accepted.

School Photographs And P&C Contributions

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 5 April. Envelopes for purchasing photographs have been sent home. Don't forget that the P&C are offering for those families who pay their P&C Voluntary Contributions early, the opportunity to win their child's school photos for free. At \$30 per student or \$50 per family our P&C Voluntary Contributions are very reasonable. This money goes directly to the P&C to be spent on resources for our school.

Reporting On Student Progress At Parent/Teacher Interviews

As part of our reporting processes we are offering opportunities for parent/teacher interviews on Wednesday 23 March for our mainstream classes (1/2 Opal on Wednesday 30 March). Parents of students from K-6 Purple and K-6 Amber will be invited to review meetings later in the year. More information and appointment slips have already been sent home in separate correspondence. Teachers will do their best to accommodate preferred times, however spaces fill fast and preferred times cannot be guaranteed. If this day is not suitable, please see your child's teacher so that alternative arrangements can be made. We trust that these interviews will provide you with a snapshot of your child's progress to date.

ICAS Competitions Entries Closing Soon

Information about participation in the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments has already been sent home. A friendly reminder that entries close on Friday 1 April.

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.

Cathy Broadbridge
Principal

School Weebly

Check out what's happening in each class.



www.towradgips2015.weebly.com
and our new SeeSaw app

What's Due and When?

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
P&C Raffle Tickets	\$2 each or 3 for \$5	18 Mar
Easter Egg Donations	All donations gratefully accepted	18 Mar
School Photo Envelopes	Optional	5 April
Yr 5/6 Bathurst Camp	\$100 deposit	8 April

A Friendly Reminder...

Headlice

In order to manage the recurring problem of headlice/nits, we once again request that all parents/carers continue to regularly check and appropriately treat your child's hair. Your on-going support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe we are at the end of week 7 in term 1! Where has the time gone? And what a successful start to the year we have had. Thank you to those families, who have paid their voluntary school contribution fees. These funds are used for purchasing classroom items and much needed resources for the school.

Trivia Night

What a night! Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to Daniel Thelan for hosting another fun filled Trivia Night in the school hall. The feedback has been really positive with families who attended, wanting to book their table for next year already! Thank you to the teachers who made it on the night. Your support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to the 'Peace Makers' who were the winning team, walking away with a \$100 Seafood Voucher and a \$50 Bakers delight voucher. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following businesses for their support with prizes for the night:

- **RJ's Corrimal**
- **Aceit Corporate Wear**
- **Future Accountants & Advisers**
- **Kondakis Seafood Corrimal**
- **Dan Murphys Corrimal**
- **Lagoon Seafood Restaurant**
- **Tyrepower Figtree**
- **Hangdog**
- **Willow Beauty Bar Balgownie**
- **Club Lime**
- **Alisha Caine- Local Artist**
- **Wollongong Hawks**
- **Fairy Meadow Garden Centre**
- **Seafood Brothers Figtree**
- **Wollongong First Aid**
- **Savvy Fitness**
- **Hapuka Fishing Charters**



Without the support of these local businesses we wouldn't have been able to go ahead with the Trivia Night, again thank you! The Trivia Night raised a huge \$2189 profit. What a great effort. Thank you again for making this night a success.

P&C Secretary Position Still Vacant

The position of secretary is STIILL vacant and we would love some extra help at our meetings for this role. Why not share this role with a friend? Meetings are a great way to meet other adults from our little school community and to have a say about decisions being made at your child's school. To find out more, feel free to contact me via allythelan@hotmail.com or on 0403337450. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



P&C Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. With this in mind, our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 May, 2016. We meet in the library at 7pm. Come along, meet some other adults from our school community and have your say. We would love to have you there.

P&C Voluntary Contribution for 2016

The P&C Voluntary Contribution fees remain at \$30 per child or \$50 per family. A separate note will be going home regarding payment and about how you would like to see the money spent. This note will be sent home in the coming week.

School Banking

On a Friday at 9am the ladies require some assistance with school banking. It is held every Friday in the staff room after the bell has gone. If you have 20 mins spare on a Friday, your help would be greatly appreciated. It's easy and its fun!

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets were sent home with the eldest child last week. If you are yet to receive yours, please see the ladies in the office as they have spares and extras available. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All tickets sold or unsold must be returned to the school before Friday 18th March. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade at school on Thursday 24th March. Keep the hamper donations coming in! Hampers will be bundled up at school in the staff room on Friday 18th March at 9am. If you are free to help, please feel free to come along! You can contact me on the details as above.

Alison Thelan - Fundraising Coordinator

K-6 Amber Class News

K-6 Amber kicked off the year experimenting with coding, giving instructions to each other and programing Bee Bots. We have learnt about place value when working with really big numbers, like 1 000 000, and have learnt what it means to "trade". We are enjoying participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge each day and using the Reading Eggs app during our literacy lessons. Weekly Sports Ready sessions have been a highlight and we have begun swimming lessons this term which will continue all year! In science we are investigating mixtures with Miss Speed, and love our weekly experiments! Please feel free to check out some of our activities, work and photos over the course of the year on our class Weebly, www.k-6amber.weebly.com.



Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 10 May 7pm
Towradgi Public School Library

Hope you can join us!

Working Bee Tomorrow Can You Help?

We hope to see lots of helpers at our working bee tomorrow. Any time you can spare between 9am and 11am will be greatly appreciated.

Come along with your gloves, spades, garden forks and other tools and lend a hand.

Tea, coffee and bikkies will be served afterwards.

