

# TOWRADGI Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 1

29 April 2016



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to all of our students, parents and staff to what is sure to be another fantastic term at Towradgi Public School.

As always, please read the fortnightly newsletters for additions and/or alterations to the dates published on the calendar. We trust that the term calendar continues to provide advance notice about major upcoming events.

### Sad News and Staffing

It is with great sadness I share that Mrs Broadbridge's mother passed away over the holidays. Mrs Broadbridge will be taking two weeks leave and plans to return Monday 9 May (Week Three). In her absence, Mr Brent Pritchard will be relieving principal and Mr Andrew Mercer will be teaching 5/6 Onyx. We appreciate your support and any well wishes can be left with Mr Pritchard to pass on to Mrs Broadbridge

### Annual School Report

All schools are required to prepare and publish an Annual School Report (ASR), which is a record of the school's self-evaluation process and part of the ongoing cycle of school planning and evaluation. The Towradgi Public School Annual School Report for 2015 has been published and is now available on the school's website. Through reading the ASR, you will be able to join us in recognising and celebrating the school's many noteworthy achievements in 2015!



### Maintenance and Resource Updates

Over the holiday period the school had a number of upgrades and repairs. K/1 Diamond's room got new windows that are more secure and keep the cold air out more efficiently, K/1 Emerald have a new interactive whiteboard, K-6 Pearl's classroom has a new external door and the back field has been cleared of stumps and roots that

### Important Dates To Remember

**Tuesday 3 May**  
Mother's Day Stall

**Thursday 5 May**  
Brokers Cross Country

**Friday 6 May**  
4-6 Excursion IPAC - "52 Storey Treehouse"  
Assembly 12:30pm  
K-1 Diamond Item

**Monday 9 May**  
Stewart House Pickup

**Tuesday 10 May**  
NAPLAN

**Wednesday 11 May**  
NAPLAN

**Thursday 12 May**  
NAPLAN



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## Opportunity Class Placement for students in Year 5 in 2017

Online applications are now open for Year 5 2017 entry to an opportunity class at Wollongong Public School. Applications are open until Friday 13 May 2016 and late applications will not be accepted after the closing date. All applications must be made online by going to the following website:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement>

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2017 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 27 July 2016.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Lieschke.

were proving to be a trip hazard. I am still working with the P&C and Department of Education on the most appropriate solution for the area in which students sit to eat lunch. We originally planned for a soft fall surface and are still hoping this solution will account for all environmental factors.

### School Development Day

At the School Development Day on Monday, Mrs Lieschke hosted a session on Formative Assessment where teachers learned about clear and personalised teaching and how best to provide feedback to their students. Mr Santos ran a session to evaluate our in-school mentoring program. Teachers discussed how we can work together as a team to improve our teaching and provide the best learning opportunities for our students. In the afternoon teachers met in stage teams to plan for the term ahead.

### SeeSaw, YouSaw, WeAllSaw

Lots of wonderful and exciting learning experiences are being shared on class SeeSaw accounts. Don't forget to regularly access the parent accounts and share in all of the great things your children have been engaging in and achieving at school. Remember to like and comment on your child's posts, they absolutely love reading and sharing what you say about their work. Please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher if you are experiencing difficulty with access.

### Anzac Day

Anzac Day is a very important part of Australian culture and we believe it is of great importance to teach our students about this important part of Australian history. We do this in many ways. In every class, teachers discuss the significance of Anzac Day and students learn about why it is such an important part of our history. Yesterday we hosted a special whole school Anzac service and students were invited to lay flowers at our flagpole. We were honoured to have Lieutenant Ian Phillips address the assembly and a real highlight was the attendance of Mr Neil Lendrum who undertook the role of bugler. Many thanks go to Lieutenant Ian Phillips, Mr Neil Lendrum and Mrs Simone Campbell for supporting our school and helping to make our ANZAC service more meaningful. Thanks also go to Mrs Tier and Mrs Pivovarski for their coordination. Thankyou to all of the staff, parents and students who help to keep the Anzac spirit alive.





## All Schools ANZAC Memorial

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of taking our school leaders and Year Six SRC representative to the cenotaph in Wollongong. We heard three students from local public schools speak beautifully about the ANZAC spirit and what it meant to them. Our students represented Towradgi Public School respectfully laying a wreath at the cenotaph. It was an absolute pleasure to be with our school leaders at this special ceremony.



## Gym Sports

All classes will be participating in an exciting 30 minute GymSports class once a week throughout term two. The worthwhile program, which is aligned to the PD/Health/PE curriculum, includes an introduction to gymnastics. It also includes opportunities confidence building, general health and well-being and safety for performing associated movements. More information about this well-regarded program and the permission note for involvement has been sent home via separate correspondence. The program has commenced and will continue every Wednesday until the end of the term. Thanks go to Mr Santos for coordinating this exciting and educational program for the students.

## Mother's Day Stall

On Tuesday 3 May, the P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall in the school hall and the P&C are seeking volunteers to help on the day. Students will be able to visit the Mother's Day stall and buy some beautiful gifts at very reasonable prices. More information has been communicated in separate correspondence sent home earlier this week.

## OC Class

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement, which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2016 are required to submit an online application by 13 May 2016. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2016 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2017. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 27 July 2016. More information will be sent home in separate correspondence. If you have any questions please speak to your child's classroom teacher or Stage 2/3 supervisor, Mrs Lieschke.

## NAPLAN

Notes informing parents about the 2016 NAPLAN assessments have been sent home. The NAPLAN assessments will take place on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May for all students in Year 3 and Year 5. If you have any questions about these assessments, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher or Mr Pritchard.

## School Weebly

Check out what's happening in each class.



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



## P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 May at 7pm in the school library. All school community members are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

Looking forward to another productive and rewarding term for students, staff and members of our school community!

# Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Welcome back for Term 2 of 2016. We have some exciting events planned for this term. It would be great to see some new faces at one of our meetings and we could really do with some fresh ideas. So why not come along and share some thoughts?

## **The Entertainment Book**

The school P&C have now sent home The Entertainment Book with the eldest child in each family. Feel free to have a look through and see if this is something your family would use. The book is \$55 and from that, the school makes \$11 for every book sold. The details are with the book if you would like to purchase. If you wish not to purchase, please put back in the barcoded envelope and return to the school. Thank you for your help with this!

## **Position Vacant**

The P&C require your help. The secretary position is still vacant. It's a job you can share with someone else if you feel you don't want to do it alone. P&C meetings are a great way of meeting people / teachers in our school community. We would really appreciate your help! To find out more, feel free to contact me on the details at the bottom of the page. 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 10th 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.

## **Mother's Day**

Next Tuesday, the 3rd May, the P&C are holding the annual Mother's Day stall in the school hall. Children will have the opportunity to purchase items for the special women in their lives. Items will range from \$1-\$5. We would appreciate volunteers to help on the day. The stall generally runs from 9am-11am. If you have even a spare hour on this morning, please come along. A separate note has been sent home regarding this, this week.

## **P&C Voluntary Contributions 2016**

The P&C Voluntary Contribution fees remain at \$30 per child or \$50 per family. This can be paid via the office. Place your family name on the envelope and marked 'P&C School Contribution Fees.' A big thank you to the families who have already done so. It is much appreciated.

## **Fundraising For Term 2**

This term our fundraising goals are The Entertainment Book, Mothers Day Stall, Pie Drive and Spell a Thon. If you would like to help run, organise or be a part of the organising committee for any of these events, please contact me on the details below.

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## **Uniform Shop**

The Uniform shop will be open next Tuesday 3rd May and not open on the following 2 Wednesdays 4th and 11th May.

## **School Banking**

On Friday's, at 9am the ladies require assistance with school banking. Banking is on a Friday, in the staff room, after the bell has gone. If you have 20mins spare on a Friday your help would be greatly appreciated.

