

# TOWRADGI Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 3

13 May 2016



### **Enrolment for Kindergarten in 2017**

I know it seems a long way away but it is time for our parents to start thinking about enrolling their children for Kindergarten in 2017. If you have a student who will be starting Kindergarten next year, please contact Mrs Worthy or Mrs Snowden in the office. You can do this either in person or by phone and collect an enrolment form.

We already have a number of out-of-area applications on our waiting list for Kindergarten in 2017 and we'd like to ensure we leave enough space for our local enrolments before offering out-of-area placements.

The huge amount of early interest in enrolment for 2017 is a great reflection of the fabulous things happening at our school.

### **Mother's Day Stall**

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who helped to make the Mother's Day stall a success again this year. Our students really appreciated the opportunity to purchase quality, low cost gifts for their loved ones. I hope all of the mums, grandmothers and female carers had a really happy Mother's Day and I hope you were appropriately spoilt and pampered.



### **Important Dates To Remember**

**Tuesday 17 May**

ICAS Digital Technologies

**Friday 20 May**

Assembly  
5-6 Onyx

**Wednesday 25 May**

National Simultaneous Storytime  
11am

EIU Parent Information Session  
9.30am - 11am

**Thursday 26 May**

National Sorry Day

**Friday 27 May**

Reconciliation Walk

## Assembly Awards

### K/1 Diamond

Joe S, Katie A

### K/1 Emerald

Casey L, Anna A

### 1/2 Opal

Abdu B, Greta F, Kai D

### 3/4 Sapphire

Ava S, Mischa L

### 4/5 Gold

### 5/6 Onyx

### K-6 Pearl

Kai S

### K-6 Amber

Alexandra H, Jordan M

### PBS Award

Jett S

### Bronze Award

Ava S, Emily H, Eve R, Harrison T, Liily B, Lily B, Max Y, Melak H, Mischa L, Misha S, Nour B, Regan C, Toby M, Aiden H, Angus S, Lilli Y, Zac S, Jaimon Y, Leith H, Emma P, Jayden P, Lachlan W, Lucinda C,

Maddison S, Mali F, Savannah C, Saxon G, Yasmine P, Aiden H, Katie A, Pip L, Stevie S, Chloe P, Dash M, Isabella P, Joe S, Oscar C, Riley A

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessments have been completed this week with students in Year Three and Year Five sitting tests for Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy. We are proud of all of our students for their maturity and commitment to achieving their best.

## ICAS Competitions and Assessments

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Many of our students have expressed interest in participating in the competition and assessments will begin with the Digital Technologies Competition on Tuesday 17 May. We congratulate all students who will be challenging themselves through their participation.



## 52 Storey Treehouse Excursion

Last Friday students in Year Four, Five and Six had the opportunity to attend a live performance of the 52 Storey Treehouse. We all know what a great series of books this is and it's certainly a favourite amongst students at ToPS. The performance was excellent and everyone had positive things to say. My favourite part was definitely the 'Ninja Snails'. Once again, Towradgi showed how respectful and well behaved they all are. I received positive comments from members of the public as they passed by.

## School Safety and Parking

Thank you to all the parents and carers who respect the parking rules out the front of our school. The 'No Parking' zone is restricted to two minutes and you must remain within 3 metres of your vehicle. If your child is not out the front after two minutes of waiting, please do a lap and come back past. The zone is not large enough to accommodate longer term parking. The extra few minutes it takes to do a lap and come back, greatly increases the safety of all children. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

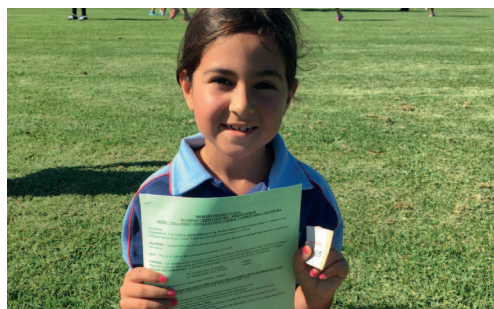
## University Links

Some children have been nominated to participate in the UOW Learning Labs for the winter holidays. If you are interested in your child participating, please speak to Mr Pritchard or Mrs Lieschke. Our Campus East volunteers have been helping in classrooms on a daily basis and students from most classes have enjoyed their support.



## Brokers District Cross Country

Mr Santos and Mrs Lieschke took 43 students to represent our school at Brokers District Cross Country. It was wonderful to hear positive feedback from teachers, parents and students about how supportive everyone was. Students from Towradgi cheered their friends on and in true sportsmanship got behind all competitors throughout the day. Mischa L, Alec R, Max T and Deklan C finished in the top five for their age group and will be representing the school at the Regional Cross Country, Friday 3rd of June. A fantastic achievement all round.



## Brokers Sport Representation

We have had more Brokers District success with Deklan C, Geordie M, Alec R and Jack S being selected in the Brokers District Touch Football team to play at the Regional trials. Well done boys!

## School Sign and Soft Fall

We are still waiting on our new electronic school sign to be delivered and installed. There has been a delay in its construction but we have been informed that it will be on its way soon. The soft fall project that has been jointly funded by local government, the P&C and the school is still being planned. We are continuing the investigation into what the best long term option is.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

This term we have been working hard to keep the school grounds rubbish free. The weather is changing and we are going to have some windy autumn days so it is very important that all rubbish is placed in bins. Students have been reminded by classroom teachers that no rubbish is to be taken onto the back field. We have a beautiful school that is a credit to our respectful and responsible students.

## Brave Program

As part of a Student Well-being initiative, Towradgi Public School is introducing an online program called BRAVE. The aim of this program is to assist students to manage anxiety. Anxiety disorders are amongst the most common mental health concerns experienced by young people. If left untreated, anxiety problems can impact significantly on daily life and continue into adulthood.

## School Weebly

Check out what's happening in each class.



[www.towradgips2015.weebly.com](http://www.towradgips2015.weebly.com)

## A Friendly Reminder

Please use extreme care whilst driving around the school and please do not park across our neighbours driveways whilst dropping off and picking up your child from school. Thank you.

## Aussie of Month

Riley A





# Engaging 21st Century Learners



It is a 10 week program and there will be one session a week for a group of three or four students. These sessions will also incorporate some relaxation and mindfulness activities.

If you think your child may benefit from the Brave Program, please contact either myself or Mr Pritchard for more information.

Jo Tier

## ***What's Happening in K-1 Emerald***

Term Two is off and running and as usual, we have started off with a massive 'Bang!' K-1 Emerald have been stretching, balancing, rolling, tumbling and swinging their way through Gymsports. The very flexible kids are really enjoying learning new and fun moves during this session and can't wait to learn more tricks.

The Jurassic Period has entered our classroom this term as we begin our journey into the Dinosaur World. We are all very excited to learn lots of interesting facts about these amazing creatures and we are looking forward to doing our Dinosaur Project to share with our class.

Our reading is really coming along, we are learning to use more expression and fluency as we read more challenging books. Year One are becoming more confident in their writing and Kindergarten are getting ready to start independent writing.

It sure looks like we are going to have an amazing term of learning, laughing and friendship!

Ms Hockin



## ***National Simultaneous Storytime***

On Wednesday the 25th of May our school will join with other schools and libraries around the country for National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the book is called I Got This Hat. We are planning to stage a performance of this story during the reading but we need the help of our school community to collect the hats.

If you have the following hats at home, could you please bring them to the office any time before the 25th of May.

A Hat from China

A Hat for biking (helmet)

A Hat from a pirate

A Hat from a tropical island

A Hat from a Viking

A Hat from Mexico

A Hat from a racing car driver

A Hat from an Eskimo

A Hat from a miner

Your hats will be returned on the afternoon of the 25th of May.

Thank you

Mrs Heino

Teacher Librarian

# Towradgi Public School

## PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER

#### ***Mother's Day Stall***

A big thank you to all the Mums AND Dad who helped out with the Mother's Day Stall last Wednesday. The kids delighted in selecting their own gifts for their loved ones. Mel did a wonderful job of selecting and purchasing the items this year. Thank you for making this event come together for our children. We made a profit of \$164.15. Thank you to Bridget and Paul for the donation of candles. They were a big hit with the children. We hope all Mums had a lovely day on Sunday.

#### ***The Entertainment Book***

Thank you to those families who have purchased and returned their Entertainment Books. This is now overdue. If you could return your book to the school as soon as possible that would be much appreciated.

#### ***We Need Your Help***

As we approach mid-year, the P & C would like to renew its call to all members of our school community to become involved. We still have the position of Secretary vacant, but remember there are lots of ways to help if meetings and official roles are not your thing!

#### ***P&C Meeting***

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. With this in mind, our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June 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.

#### ***Fundraising For Term 2 - Election Day BBQ***

As you are all probably aware by now – the Federal Election has been called for July 2nd 2016. Towradgi Public School will once again be a polling site. It is a great opportunity for the school to do some fundraising and bring in money from outside of the school community by holding a BBQ and cake stall. Unfortunately our President will be away that day – so we are looking for a volunteer, or group of parents to band together and help organise this event. Please contact Alison Thelan or Mark McCarthy if you are interested in helping out.

#### ***Spelling Bee***

In the next few weeks we will be conducting a Spelling Bee fundraiser. Children will receive sponsorship forms and a list of words to learn next week. The spelling test will be conducted on Friday 27th June. Notes will go home next week with more information to come. If you are available to help co-ordinate this please contact me on the below details, or see me in the playground if you feel you can help.

#### ***Pie Drive***

Later in the term we will be running a pie drive - due to its success in the past few years! The Waminda Bakery will once again supply the pies – thanks to great feedback from previous years. Thank you to Allyson Guistiniani for coordinating this event. Enjoy easy dinners for the final busy weeks of this term. More details to come later in the term.

#### ***P&C Voluntary Contribution for 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 an envelope and marked 'P&C School Contribution Fees.' A big thank you to the families who have already done so. It is much appreciated.



#### ***Next Meeting***

Tuesday 14 June  
7pm Towradgi School Library

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