

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 5

27 May 2016



Safe, Respectful and Responsible Students

This term we have been focusing on keeping the playground neat and tidy. As the autumn and winter winds pick up it is important for all rubbish to be placed in the bin. Students have done a fantastic job this week and made a noticeable improvement in this area. Well done everybody, let's keep our school clean!

Celebrating Success

It has been my pleasure to spend time in every classroom over the past two weeks. I have seen some amazing lessons and learning. The students in every classroom are engaged, working closely with the teacher, completing work in small groups and working independently. The wonderfully positive attitude is a credit to all of our teachers, students and parents. I can't wait to see some more outstanding teaching and learning over the next two weeks.

The Debatinators and The Turnips

The Premier's Debating Challenge 2016 is currently underway and Towradgi PS has two teams entered in the competition: Towradgi Debatinators and Towradgi Turnips. Round One saw both teams debating Fairy Meadow Demonstration School teams with the Debatinators going down in a close debate and the Turnips returning home triumphantly. The students have already made great progress in their debating skills and it will be exciting to see them continue to develop in coming debates. We are very proud of all the students involved.



Important Dates To Remember

27 May - 3 June
Reconciliation Week

Tuesday 31 May
ICAS Science Exam

Thursday 2 June
Spelling Bee

Friday 3 June
Regional Cross country

Friday 3 June
Mabo Day

Friday 3 June
K/1 Diamond Assembly

Monday 13 June
Queen's Birthday

Assembly Awards

K/1 Diamond

Fatimah H, Jayden P, Lucinda C

K/1 Emerald

Jett C, Chloe P, Toby B

1/2 Opal

Tully M, Matthew H, Carter T

3/4 Sapphire

Cameron S, Marcus S, Regan C

4/5 Gold

Billie B, Kascha C, Aidan H, Toanui T

5/6 Onyx

Tia J, Ethan L, Ella P

K-6 Pearl

James C

K-6 Amber

Jaimon Y

PBS Award

Maddison, Billie

Bronze Award

Matthew N, Lily R, Alex A, Rose C, Liam V, Jarrah B, Maurice S, Bernelle O, Marcus S, Cade C, Cameron S, Kascha C, Cameron R, Ruby S, Eamon W, William H, Aiden C, Muhemed H

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. The theme for this year is 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future' and National Reconciliation Week is a chance for us to take some fresh action to spark a change in our community – no matter how big or small. A group of our students came together today, with members of our Corrimbal Community of Schools, to take part in a special Reconciliation Walk from Bellambi Surf Club to Bellambi Public School where they participated in organised activities as part of the week's celebrations.



Mystery Skype

On Friday May 20 at 9.30am, students from 3/4 Sapphire, along with classes from Kenya, Ireland, France, Belgium, Italy, Ukraine, Spain, Greece, Canada, USA, Columbia and Brazil were involved in a 24 hour, around-the-world mystery skype. The students of Group 8 class at St Lambertus School in Astén, The Netherlands embarked on the around-the-world world Skype at 12.30pm (Dutch time) on Wednesday and finished at 12.30pm on Thursday. We skyped with them at 1.30am (Dutch time) on Thursday morning so they were quite weary by then! Despite some technical problems, 3/4 Sapphire students had an awesome time working together to try to work out the location of the other school. We were also entertained by a song in Dutch, and returned the favour with a rendition of Advance Australia Fair. Thank you to Mr Pritchard and Mel Pender for your wonderful help.

Southern Stars

As a result of your feedback and Mrs Warner volunteering to take on the difficult role of coordinating, I am pleased to announce that our school will once again be taking part in Southern Stars. This year students from Years 2-6 will have the opportunity to perform. Information specific to our school's involvement will be sent home to parents soon in separate correspondence. More information about Southern Stars 2016 can be found on the Southern Stars Facebook page or on the website:

<http://www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au>

National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 25th of May at 11am ToPS joined with other schools and libraries all around the country to read 'I Got This Hat' by Jol and Kate Temple for National Simultaneous Storytime. Students from K-4 even made their own hats for the occasion! Our students were treated to a fabulous performance put on by some of our incredible students (and one teacher!). They wore hats to match the pages in the story and acted out the character that matched the hat they were wearing.

Congratulations and Thank you to Mr Santos, Max T, Lilli Y, Lily B, Riley A, Lachie S, Jarrah B, Rihanna C, Kai D, Greta F, Katie H, Maddie H, Tahni L, Zane L, Scarlett M, Beau S, Maurice S, Eva S and Jazia Y for displaying confidence and creativity under pressure – these amazing people only learnt their part on Wednesday morning!

And a special thank you to Aiden H, Jaimon Y, Lily B, Maddie H, Xavier F, Lachie S, Riley A, Jarrah B, Jazia Y, James C, Mrs Lieschke, Mrs Snowden, Mr Santos and Mrs Figliuzzi for bringing in the hats for us to wear.

It was a great event, and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to next year as much as I am!

Mrs Heino

Teacher Librarian



Drop off and pick up by car

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in the school's designated drop off and pick up area.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

What's Due?

Weekly Swim Lesson - Now - \$90

Bathurst Camp - \$50 - Overdue

Athletics Carnival \$10 - 3rd of June

School Fees - \$30 per child or \$50 per family - ASAP

P&C Entertainment Book - Overdue



Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The Entertainment Book

Thank you to everyone who has returned and or purchased the Entertainment Book. It has been a successful fundraising event, details to come on our profit once this is finalised in the coming weeks. Unfortunately we have a few books that are yet to be purchased or returned. They are now overdue. If you could return them as soon as possible that would be appreciated.

We Need Your Help

The P & C would like to put a call out to all members of our school community to become involved in our school fundraising, planning and direction through the P&C. We still have the position of Secretary vacant; remember there are lots of ways to help if meetings and official roles are not your thing! If you have ideas or want to organise an event we want to hear from you.

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.

Spelling Bee

Notes have now gone home regarding the Spelling Bee. The date of the test will be Thursday the 2nd of June. Remember to start getting sponsors and learning your words! The class with the most sponsors and money in first will win a pizza party! Good luck to all classes.

Pie Drive

Allyson Guistiniani was successful in locking in a date for our pie drive through The Waminda Bakery. Delivery is booked for Thursday 30th June. Notes will go home closer to the date with more information. Thanks Allyson for organising this event.

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 the envelope and mark it 'P&C School Contribution Fees.' Thank you to the families who have already done so. It is much appreciated.

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Next Meeting

Tuesday 14 June
7pm
Towradgi Public School Library