

# TOWRADGI Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 1

13 October, 2017



### Welcome everyone to term 4

We hope that you all enjoyed the school holidays and had the opportunity to relax and are ready to embrace an exciting end to a great year of learning. Term 4 is always a very interesting time for our Year 6 students as they complete their primary schooling and prepare for their transition to high school. We hope that all of our Year 6 students enjoy their last term at our school and continue to make positive memories that they will treasure for a long time to come. We are also very excited about the development of our new school plan for 2018-2020 and also look forward to celebrating our achievements with our school community from the current school plan 2015-2017.



### Year 6 Cultural Festival

As part of our learning about countries in Asia, Year 6 held a Cultural Festival for the school and members of the community. Each group of students researched a different country and prepared their stalls over the course of the term, creating slideshow presentations, designing and 3D-printing keyrings in the shape of their countries, and cooking up a storm for our bake sale! Year 6 worked incredibly hard to make our festival a success, and we couldn't be more proud of them! Thanks to their efforts, we were able to raise over \$600 for the Year 6 Farewell. Thank you so much to everyone who came and so generously supported our Cultural Festival. Thanks also to Mr Pritchard and Miss Truscott for organising the event.



### Important Dates To Remember

**Monday 16 October**  
Gym Sports

**Tuesday 17 October**  
P&C Meeting

**Friday 20 October**  
Assembly from 12:30pm

**Monday 23 October**  
Gym Sports

**Wednesday 25 October**  
Kinder Orientation





## Assembly Awards

### K-1 Diamond

Emma C, Liam V, Koby G

### K-1 Emerald

Taylor W, Yaseen A, Joanna M

### 2 Opal

Jesse B, Katie A, Carter T

### 3-4 Sapphire

Melak H, Joseph D, Maurice S

### 4-5 Gold

Cade C, Aiden C, Emily H

### 6 Onyx

Kayla P, Alec R, Xavier F

### K-6 Amber

Billy P

### K-6 Pearl

James C

### Bronze Level 2 Awards

Zac S

### Bronze Level 3 Awards

Riley A, Leith H, Beau S

### Silver Level 1 Awards

Aliah S, Tiba H, Demi S

### Silver Level 2 Awards

Lachlan S, Nour B, Muhemed H, Coehn W,  
Olivia D, Ariana W, Will H, Alec R, Angus S,  
Max T, Greta F, Mali F

### Gold Level 1 Awards

April C

### Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Oliver S, Emma P, Lucinda C, Katie H,  
Pip L, Misha S, Jazia Y

### Principal's Award

Katie H, Muhumed H, Lucinda C

### Class of the Week

4-5 Gold

## Rolling On Wheelies Day

The excellent behaviours of our students were rewarded through participation in the very popular 'Wheelies Day' activity, which was held at the end of term 3 on Friday 22 September. Participating students brought everything with wheels, ranging from bikes, scooters, roller blades, skates and even remote control cars. The students negotiated a special track that was laid out across the asphalt section of our playground and they certainly had a very enjoyable time. All of the students participated responsibly and rode safely on the day. It was wonderful to see the older students supporting some of our younger students around the course. Many thanks goes to Mr Santos and Mr Ratcliffe for organising such a memorable event. Check out the school website to see a video of the day.



## NIAECG Meeting Invitation

Our local Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (NIAECG) invites members of our school community to attend their meetings. The annual general meeting of the Northern Illawarra AECG is scheduled for Wednesday 25th October from 3:45pm at Para Meadows School, 56 Porter Street, North Wollongong. Please bring your \$2 to become either a full (Aboriginal member) or an Associate member. If you have recently become a member you will need to pay for a new membership as it is a new roll over with a new Executive. Membership forms will be available at the meeting.

## ToPS Prepares For Kindergarten 2018 Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation sessions are scheduled to commence on Wednesday 25th October. If you know of anyone in our local area who has not yet enrolled their Kindergarten aged child for school could you please contact us so that the children do not miss out on this valuable transition to school program. We are really looking forward to getting to know all of our new students and their families and are especially looking forward to supporting our new Kindergarten students with a positive start to big school.

## Learn To Swim Opportunity for Students

From Monday 30th October, our school will be participating in the Department of Education's School Swimming Scheme. This is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over a period of two weeks and is for students in Years 2-6. More information has already been sent home in separate correspondence to parents.

## Gym Sports

All classes will be participating in an exciting 30 minute GymSports class once a week throughout this term. The worthwhile program, which is aligned to the PD/Health/PE curriculum, includes an introduction to gymnastics. It also includes opportunities for developing confidence, 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 Monday until the end of the term. Thanks go to Mr Santos for coordinating this exciting and educational program for the students.



## Life Educating Lessons From Healthy Harold

The Life Education Van and Healthy Harold will be visiting Towradgi Public School in Week 5. The specially trained staff, along with Harold, will deliver lessons that are aimed at empowering our students to make safer and healthier life choices. The program focuses on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cybersafety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine. Many thanks go to the P&C who generously paid for this worthwhile program.

## 2019 Year 7 Entry Into Opportunity Classes and Selective High Schools

Some primary schools across NSW offer places in 'opportunity classes' for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for placement students must sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talent students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.



The Learning Journal  
Check out what's happening  
in your child's class.



PARENT



See your class teacher for  
login details.

### What's Due & When

Activity Payment	Amount	Due Date
P&C Resource Fees	\$30 per child \$50 per family	ASAP





# Achieving Personal Best

## Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 17 October

7pm

In the Library



The Towradgi Public School P&C now have a presence on Facebook. Simply search for "Towradgi Public School P&C" in the Facebook search bar or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TOPOPC/>

We have been using the site to organise, discuss and ask questions and it's a great way to get answers.

## Contribution Fees

P&C Resource Contribution Fees, \$30 per student, \$50 per family, due now

P&C Direct Deposit Details:

Account Name: Towradgi Public School P&C Association

BSB: 062 537 Account: 00900067

Reference: Your Surname

The P&C thank you in advance for this contribution to your children's education.

## Keep up to Date

Download the Towradgi P.S Skoolbag app to get alerts, newsletters, reminders, calendar events, etc.



## County Fair in Term 4

Today the students, teachers and school community came together to raise funds for classroom resources by holding the annual County Fair! There was an array of cupcakes and treats to eat and many treasures from the Trash and Treasure stall to buy. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to throw a very wet sponge at the teacher and had great fun throwing frisbees as far as they possibly could! We wish to extend our gratitude to all of our parents/carers and community members who supported us through donations and with their time. Such successful events happen when we all work together as a strong team and I believe that the ToPS community is exactly that! Thank you to our dedicated teachers who always work incredibly hard for our children.



## Dress Up For Halloween Disco Fun

Get ready to dress up and have some Halloween fun! The P&C are organising a fundraising Halloween-themed disco to be held in the school hall from 5pm-8pm on Tuesday 31st October. There will be lots of yummy treats and great prizes. Most importantly, all proceeds will go towards P&C fundraising. Looking forward to a great night of spooky enjoyment!

## P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th October in the school library. It will commence at 7pm. All school community members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Kind Regards,  
Anissa Rajendra  
(Relieving Principal)