

# TOWRADGI Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 4

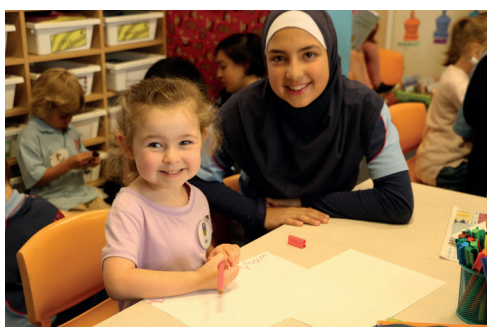
Week 3

27 October, 2017



### *New Kinders Eager to Learn*

It was wonderful to have over 30 very eager and excited children visiting our school on Wednesday 25 October, as they took part in the first session of our Kindergarten Orientation Program. Their orientation continues with two more sessions. There is also a **Parent Information Session on 1 November at 9am in the school library**. Many thanks go to Ms Hockin and Mrs Green for their coordination of this year's program. Special thanks go to our senior buddies who helped with the transition program and who will be there waiting to help again when these children start on their first day in 2018. We look forward to all of these children and their families joining our wonderful school community.



### *We Will Remember Them*

November 11 is a day that has been set aside to commemorate the lives of those lost in armed conflicts. It is also a great opportunity to honour and thank the many men and women who have served and are still serving on behalf of our country in times of conflict and war. We will be holding our special Remembrance Day ceremony Friday 10 November at 10:45am. All members of our school community are invited to attend.

### *Important Dates To Remember*

**Monday 30 October**

Gym Sports

Swim Scheme Starts

**Tuesday 31 October**

SEA Presentation 1.45pm

Halloween Disco

**Wednesday 1 November**

Kinder Orientation

Kinder 2018 Parent Info Session

9am in Library

**Friday 3 November**

Assembly from 12:30pm

4-5 Gold Item

**Monday 6 November**

Gym Sports

Swim Scheme Continues

Life Education

**Tuesday 7 November**

Life Education

**Wednesday 8 November**

Kinder Orientation

Life Education

**Friday 10 November**

Remembrance Day Assembly

Swim Scheme Finishes



## Assembly Awards

### K-1 Diamond

Rand H, Jake A, Toby B

### K-1 Emerald

Lily R, Jet R, Yasmine P

### 2 Opal

Shaiylah L, Alex A, Oscar N

### 3-4 Sapphire

Misha S, Eva S, Harrison T

### 4-5 Gold

Toanui T, Aidan H, Lily B

### 6 Onyx

Xavier F, Gus H, Ariana W

### K-6 Amber

Matthew N

### K-6 Pearl

Matthew J, Dylan H

### Bronze Level 2 Awards

Matthew J, Lawrence D, Cameron S,  
Kelsie G, Eamon S

### Silver Level 1 Awards

Finn W

### Silver Level 2 Awards

James C, Shaiylah L, Lacey S, Reagan C  
Anthony L, Eve R, Abdurhman B,  
Scarlett M, Eva S, Emma-Rose B, Aiden C,  
Lily B, Preston V

### Gold Level 1 Awards

Isaac S, Ahmed O

### Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Emma C, Tully M

### PBL Awards

Emily H, Oliver S

### Principal's Award

Matthew H, Oscar N, Carter T

### Class of the Week

3-4 Sapphire

## Empowered by Flo Girls Workshop

Girls in Years 2 to 6 were given the opportunity to participate in a four part Flo Girls Workshop which began on Monday 23rd of October. The girls had a fantastic time meeting Jenna Claire Fletcher (the founder of the Flo Girls program), and left the first session feeling inspired and empowered to be positive and confident young girls. They will participate in three more age appropriate lessons learning about making new friends, being resilient, positive ways of communicating and ways to resolve disagreements. The last three sessions will be on Mondays 13/11, 20/11 and 27/11. Jenna will also be hosting a parent seminar in the school library on Monday 27th November at 6:30pm – 8pm. The cost for parents is \$5. It will be a valuable evening to help develop a consistent approach to supporting our young girls. All parents are welcome.



## Life Educating Lessons From Healthy Harold

The Life Education Mobile Classroom will be at our school from Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th November, 2017. Life Education provides a positive, preventative approach to Health and Drug Education and is an important part of the Healthy Bodies and Drug Education units taught in all classes. The programs develop the social skills and knowledge that students need to make good decisions in relation to tobacco, alcohol and illegal drug use. While a visit to the van generally costs \$5 per student, thanks to the wonderful generosity of the Towradgi Public School P&C Committee, the cost of the visit has been fully subsidised and all students will be able to attend the Life Education Van and receive the workbook for follow-up lessons in the classroom at no cost. Students may purchase merchandise when visiting the program. Every Harold product purchased helps Life Education NSW visit more children across the state. A price list has been sent home with this note and can also be found on the school website.

## Graduating Class of 2017 - Farewell

Another amazing group of young people are preparing to make the big move to high school. Our wonderful Year 6 students will be celebrating their time at Towradgi Public School with a farewell dinner and dance at The Fraternity Club on Tuesday 12 December. Students from Year 5 will also be invited to attend and celebrate with their peers. Invitations will be sent home soon.

## Support Class Swimming

Students from K-6 Pearl and K-6 Amber have re-commenced swimming for Term 4 and are having a great time learning water safety and swimming skills every. All of the students participating are showing great improvement in their skill and confidence in the pool. Swimming lessons are held each week and provide students with an opportunity to access lessons tailored to their individual needs.



## 2018 Auditions for the Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble

The Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble is an exciting opportunity for Public School students in Years 3 – 6 to excel in vocal performance in an extra-curricular setting. Students (Years 3-6) will be selected by audition. Successful students will represent the Illawarra with a variety of performances throughout the school year. In 2017, students had the opportunity to perform at Spring Into Corrimal, The Kiama Rotary Festival Of Choirs, The Choirtly Loud Festival and The Dapto Community Carols. Students also featured on the Morning Show with Nick Rheinberger on ABC Illawarra. Rehearsals will be held after school in 2018 at the Corrimal East Public School Hall (Duff Parade, Corrimal) from 4pm - 5pm on Thursdays during term. Participation fee is \$25 per term. The Ensemble is coordinated by Sonia Milgate (Pleasant Heights Public School), Bede Darcey (Corrimal East Public School), Kate Whitworth (Minnamurra Public School) and Lynda Murphy (Corrimal East Public School). Should your child be interested, please visit the following website where you can send in an Audition Nomination Form.

<http://tinyurl.com/IllawarraJuniorVocalEnsemble>

Auditions will be held on Tuesday 21 November and Tuesday 28 November from 4pm – 5pm at the Corrimal East Public School Hall (Duff Parade, Corrimal). Expressions of Interest are due by Monday 13 November, 2017. For further information, please contact Sonia Milgate on [sonia.milgate@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sonia.milgate@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Dogs on School Grounds

Many of us have dogs and we like to think our dogs are safe around children. Unfortunately, schools are not places where we should allow dogs to demonstrate/test such qualities. Even if we believe our dogs are placid, we cannot afford the risk of agitation by a child or vice-versa.

In line with the City of Wollongong's responsible dog ownership policy and the general safety of all our students, dogs are not permitted on our school grounds, including drop-off and pick-up times.

Regardless of size or temperament, and whether a dog is on or off a leash or carried, no dogs are permitted on the grounds of Towradgi Public School.

The only exception to this rule is for Assistance Dogs. Owners of such dogs are asked to bring their paperwork to the office in the first instance before entering further into the grounds.



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
Support Class Swimming	\$100 per child for Term 4	ASAP

## Aussie of the Month For September Tamieka P







# EXPO NIGHT

## Monday 30 October 6pm - 8pm

### Thinking of applying for admission to Smith's Hill High School?

Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students. Applications for **Year 7 - 2019** close on **November 13th 2017**. Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in **2019**. Year 6 students who have sat the entrance test for 2018 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and curriculum. Direct all enquiries to the school by phoning **4229 4266** during school hours (8:25am to 3:30pm). Their school canteen will be open from 5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. Light refreshments including tea and coffee will be available to purchase. The SHHS P&C will also be providing a BBQ sausage sizzle.

### Recognition Of 'Deadly' Indigenous Students

The Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (NIAECG) recognised local Indigenous students at their 'Deadly Encouragement Awards' presentation on Thursday 19 October. We were extremely proud that two of our 'deadly' students were recognised for their outstanding achievements. Isabella S and Olivia D both received an encouragement award for their continued effort in being responsible and respectful students of Towradgi Public School. There is no doubt that both awards were very well deserved. Congratulations Isabella and Olivia!

### Rehearsals Underway For K-2 Christmas Play

It's that time of year again when the students from K-1 Diamond, K-1 Emerald, 2 Opal, K-6 Amber and K-6 Pearl commence rehearsals for the school play which is scheduled to be performed this year on **Friday 8 December**. The play is a wonderful opportunity for the students to come together to demonstrate their learning in the creative arts and to celebrate what has been a great year of learning and fun.



### Keep up to Date

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

Kind Regards,  
Anissa Rajendra  
(Relieving Principal)



# Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## Next P&C Meeting and AGM

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 14th November at 7pm** in the School Library. It will be our AGM and all positions will be declared vacant. If you are interested in taking on a position, please send your nomination to [mark.c.mccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:mark.c.mccarthy@gmail.com).

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all the committee members who took on a position this year and have done a fantastic job. Often your work goes on behind the scenes, without thanks or reward, volunteering your time to ensure the best for the school and students. Thanks again and we appreciate all you do.

We will be holding our December meeting / Christmas dinner Tuesday 5th December at IL Porcellino Trattoria & Pizzeria, Balgownie. All are welcome. Please let Ally Thelan know if you are coming.

If you have anything you would like to discuss, please send through to [mark.c.mccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:mark.c.mccarthy@gmail.com) so we can add it to the agenda.

## Halloween Disco

The Halloween disco will be held **Tuesday 31st October, 5pm – 8pm** in the school hall. This is great opportunity to have a fun night with the school community. Dress up in your wacky Halloween costume and dance the night away. With treats, games and prizes it will surely be an entertaining evening.



## Christmas Raffle

Christmas is only around 9 weeks away and our major fundraiser for the Christmas period is our famous Christmas Raffle.

We ask that each student contributes one item that might be suitable for a Christmas Hamper. This can be any non-perishable item. A jar of jam, packet of biscuits, a tin of fruit or even a small toy. Anything would be greatly appreciated.

If you know of any businesses that would like to donate, please let us know. It could be a major prize or something smaller. Contributions by businesses will be acknowledged in our newsletter and at the end of year assembly.



## Next P&C Meeting

**Tuesday 14 November**  
**7pm**

In the Library

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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/TOPSPC/>

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.

