

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 5

10 November, 2017



Swim Scheme Success

During the past two weeks, a number of students participated in an intensive learn to swim program which supported the students to develop water confidence. It also provided students with an opportunity to develop basic skills in water safety and survival. This year's sessions were enjoyed by all participants and the program concluded today. The supervising teachers were extremely proud of the way our students represented our school, Congratulations to all involved!



A New Look to the Newsletter for 2018

Towradgi P.S proudly utilises a range of technology to support and enhance student learning, teacher professional development and an effective parent/carer communication system. An exciting update in the way we deliver our school experiences and learning opportunities will be trialled and considered for 2018. It is proposed that our newsletter will remain in its current PDF format until the end of this year. At the start of the new year, an online digital format that allows for more information, links, photos and even videos to be shared with our whole school community will be made available. Both versions will be sent out on all platforms including the school website and Skoolbag. If you would like to know more please contact the school office.

Check out the new version of this newsletter by clicking on link below:

<http://towradgips.weebly.com/newsletter/term-4-week-5>

Important Dates To Remember

Monday 13 November

Gym Sports

Flo Girls

Tuesday 14 November

P&C Meeting - 7pm

Friday 17 November

Brokers 3-6 Gala Day

Girls Dragon Tag @ Dalton Park

Boys AFL @ Guest Park

Assembly from 12:30pm

Monday 20 November

Gym Sports

Flo Girls

Friday 24 November

SEA 3-6 Excursion

@ Sandon Point



Assembly Awards

K-1 Diamond

Lachlan S, Ivy K, Pip L

K-1 Emerald

Aiden H, Tinokura T, Mohamed Y

2 Opal

Shaiylah L, Alex A, Oscar N

3-4 Sapphire

Scarlett M, Jake R, Bradly A

4-5 Gold

Bernelle O, Billie B, Will H

6 Onyx

Alec R, Jack S, Eamon W

K-6 Amber

Wyatt B

K-6 Pearl

Kai S

Bronze Level 3 Awards

Stevie S, Lily R, Oscar N, Jesse B,
Joe S, Isabella P

Silver Level 1 Awards

Joanna M, Jye H, Koby G

Silver Level 2 Awards

Dylan V, Tom G, Saxon K,
Matthew H, Talia D

Gold Level 1 Awards

Abdullah H, Jake A, Lucy R, Sophie V

Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Ariana W, Isabella S, Xavier F, Jett C
Tamieka P, Alex A, Kurt R,

PBL Awards

Lacey S, Matthew N

Principal's Award

Melak H

Class of the Week

K-6 Pearl

Life Educating Lessons From Healthy Harold

The Life Education Van and Healthy Harold visited Towradgi Public School this week. The specially trained staff, along with Harold, delivered lessons that were aimed at empowering our students to make safer and healthier life choices. The program focused 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 subsidised this worthwhile program.



Kinder Orientation

The final kindergarten orientation was held on Wednesday 8 November. Our buddies and teachers proudly shared our fabulous school with all of our new Kinder students for 2018. Last Wednesday the parents/carers attended an information session about the necessary preparations for 'Big School'. They had the opportunity to meet parents of students already attending ToPS and listen to speakers from our P&C and uniform shop. Presenters from NSW Health discussed healthy food choices for lunchboxes, the Music Bus was available and two Out Of School Hours child care representatives explained options available for working parent/carers.

During each Kindergarten session the children participated in singing, movement games, craft, writing and play activities. During this time they began to develop trust and positive relationships with teachers, buddies and their peers. During their final visit the children went for a big walk around the school to familiarise themselves with the building locations and the roles of various staff. Many of them confidently asked questions during this time and even enjoyed a visit to the Principal's office!

It was such a delight to meet our new Kindergarten children for 2018 and welcome the new families who will be joining us in the partnership we have begun through school in the lifelong journey of learning for their child.



Sports Ready

Twice per year, the Disability Trust's BlueScopeWIN Sports Ready Program comes to our school. The children in the support classes are taught sports skills. It aims to help children participate in sport by teaching them sport-specific skills, rules, teamwork and etiquette. Experienced instructors conduct modified games, designed around the specific needs of the students. All of our students love participating in this very valuable program and are excited that it is back in Term 4.



Stage 2 and 3 Gala Day

On Friday 17 November, our Stage 2 and 3 students will compete at a gala day. The girls will be playing dragon tag at Dalton Park, while the boys will play AFL at Guest Park. I'm sure all participating students will have an enjoyable day and compete enthusiastically and fairly as Towradgi students always do.

SRC Fundraiser

The final SRC fundraiser for the 2017 will be on Thursday 23rd November. The SRC have decided they would like to raise money for the RSPCA and ask students to dress up as an animal on this day. Please bring in a gold coin donation so we can raise lots of money and help animals without homes this Christmas.

Thank you for your support.

SEA Excursion @ Sandon Point

On **Friday 24th November** students in Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a beach visit where they will undertake surf safety activities under the guidance and supervision of SEA staff. The cost of the surf safety beach visit is **\$35**, including transport to and from the venue. As participating students will be entering the water, they are required to bring a towel and wear appropriate swim wear including a rash vest or t-shirt to limit sun exposure. Students are to wear their swim wear to school under their sports uniform and bring a change of underwear to change into at the conclusion of the excursion. Students must apply sunscreen prior to attending school and should bring sunscreen to reapply if needed. Please complete the forms and return to school by **Monday 20th November, 2017**.



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

CAROLS IN CORRIMAL



Christmas can be a fun time to celebrate with the family and catch up with friends. The Corrimal Community of Schools, in partnership with the Corrimal Cougars Rugby League Club and the Corrimal Chamber of Commerce, have organised a Corrimal Community Carols event and Movie Spectacular and everybody is invited.

Where: Ziems Park, Corrimal - Senior Field

Date: 1st December

Time: 6pm for a 6:30pm start



Achieving Personal Best

Remembrance Day Assembly

Today's Remembrance Day ceremony was a solemn memorial of those service men and women that we remember from World War I and a time to reflect on, and show gratitude to the soldiers past and present. It was humbling to hear from Mr Basset from the RSL Sub Branch and the support of the Corrimal RSL is greatly appreciated. In addition to our Remembrance Day ceremony, we collected a soil sample from our flag pole area. We thank Mr Paul Scully, local member for Wollongong, for attending the event. The soil sample will be sent off with coordinates and information about our ceremony to be included in the ANZAC Centenary Memorial in Hyde Park that will be unveiled in 2018.

Keeping Us All Safe

As you may be aware a significant recent tragedy involving students in a primary school has once again highlighted the potential dangers when cars and other vehicles are driving in and around the school grounds.

We extend our sincere and deepest sympathies to those students, teachers, families and the school community at this very sad time.

With this in mind I strongly remind all parents and carers who may drop off and/or pick up children from our school each day that there is a 2 minute drop off zone in the marked area at the front of the school and that children are to walk across the roads using the pedestrian crossing appropriately.

We understand that parking can be quite a challenge outside of the school and so encourage parents/carers to arrive a little earlier to allow for parking and walking in to the school time.

Additionally, all children are encouraged to walk their bike or scooter across all driveways as they are leaving the school grounds.

Parents are asked to hold the hand of toddlers and/or walk closely beside all other children and in particular those younger than 8 years old when leaving school grounds. It is concerning to watch many of the children (in particular those much younger) running in front of adults across driveways and close to the busy road. Children cannot always foresee the possible risks of cars turning into or reversing out of driveways and the cars cannot always see them!

Please note that unless you have permission from the Principal or are in an authorised vehicle you are not allowed to drive into the school driveway and no child or adult is allowed to walk through the driveway to exit or enter the school grounds at any time. Please use the pathways and gates intended for pedestrian use.

Towradgi Public School is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of each child and therefore believe that safety rules around the use of vehicle use need to be enforced.

We thank you all for your understanding and support on this very serious matter.

Message From the Principal

We have seen a busy and exciting week four and five come and go incredibly quickly. Healthy Harold has shared his knowledge of health and well-being with us, swimming scheme has drawn to an end and we concluded our week respectfully with a Remembrance Day Assembly. During each of these important events and learning experiences I congratulate our outstanding school leaders and all of our students in the way in which they proudly and responsibly represent our school. What a pleasure it is to be a part of this great school and community.

Kind Regards,
Anissa Rajendra
(Relieving Principal)

Keep up to Date

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



Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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. 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 so we can add it to the agenda.

A Scary Time at Halloween Disco

Our Halloween Disco – was held on Tuesday 31st October in the school hall. It was a great evening with special thanks going to all those that helped to make it such a successful night. To the teachers, the parents, those that cooked, sold tickets, decorated and cleaned up we say thanks. A special hooray to Kylie, Nadine and Tracey for all their organisational skills. It was great to see everyone having so much scary fun! A profit of \$881.29 was made and will certainly help in improving the resources in our school.



Kinder Morning Tea

It was great to see so many both new and old faces at the Kindy Morning Tea. The P&C was invited to provide an insight into what we do and show off the school uniform. Thanks to Holly, Stacey and Renee for welcoming the parents to the school and organising the morning tea. If you have any questions about what was presented please see anyone from the P&C or if you have a uniform question or order please see Renee in the uniform shop.

Community Building Grants Program

The P&C are excited to be handing over a cheque for \$20,000 to the school for the completion of our Softfall for safety project. The first stage was the resurfacing and rebuilding of the outdoor learning area and recess space under the trees. The second phase is renewing the playground pipes and play area. These funds have been provided by the NSW Government via the Community Building Grants Program and in total we have received \$37,000 and we say special thanks to Mr Paul Scully MP and previous MP Noreen Hay. This project has been brought to fruition by the valuable additional contributions from Towradgi Public School and the Towradgi Public School P&C..Look out for works to be completed shortly.

Christmas Raffle

Christmas is only around 7 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 business will be acknowledged in our newsletter and at the end of year assembly. Helpers are needed to organise and run the Christmas Raffle. If you can assist, please let mark know.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 14 November

7pm

In the Library

facebook



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.

