

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 7

24 November, 2017



Definitely Was A Gala Of A Day!

On Friday 17 November, our Stage 2 and 3 students participated in a gala day. The girls played dragon tag at Dalton Park, while the boys took part in AFL games at Guest Park. All of our students participated enthusiastically and thoroughly enjoyed the day. One of the highlights for the girls was the appearance of members of the Australian and Papua New Guinean women's rugby league teams. Our girls were able to get autographs and some of them even appeared on WIN News on Friday evening! Thanks go to Mr Santos for coordinating the events, and to the other teaching staff and parents that helped on the day.



Active Kids rebate launches in January 2018

Parents of school children across New South Wales are encouraged to take advantage of the \$100 'Active Kids' rebate for sporting and fitness related costs launching early next year. The Office of Sport is continuing to work with active recreation peak bodies and State Sporting Organisations to pre-load them into the Service NSW Active Kids platform to ensure parents can redeem vouchers with a wide range of registered providers on the launch of the program. From 31 January 2018, parents/guardians/carers of an eligible child resident in NSW will be able to download vouchers from the online platform or at any Service NSW Centre.

Guidelines are available to view at www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids.

Important Dates To Remember

Monday 27 November

Gym Sports

Flo Girls

Thursday 30 November

Election For 2018 School Captains

Friday 1 December

Assembly from 12:30pm

Carols in Corrimal

Monday 4 December

Gym Sports

Thursday 7 December

Final Scripture

Volunteers' Afternoon Tea

Friday 8 December

K-2 Christmas Play

Reports go home



Assembly Awards

K-1 Diamond

Abdullah H, Fatimah H, Olivia R

K-1 Emerald

Maddison S, Saxon K, Dash M

2 Opal

Jarrah B, Beau S, Isabella S, Matthew H

K-6 Amber

Jaimon Y

K-6 Pearl

Kai S

Bronze Level 1 Awards

Billy P

Bronze Level 3 Awards

Toby M, Melak H, Zane L, Madison H,
Jazia Y, Katie H, Maurice S, Maddison S

Silver Level 2 Awards

Joel S, Marcus S, Kascha C, Joseph D,
Jayden A, Molly S, Anna A, Matthew N

Silver Level 3 Awards

Leith H, Jarrah B

Gold Level 1 Awards

Jet R, Tiba H

Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Harrison T, Ruby S, Coehn W, Max Y,
Mischa L, Tahni L, Aiden H, Angus H,
Jack S, Eve R

PBL Awards

Alex H, Kade C

Class of the Week

K-1 Diamond

Premier's Reading Challenge Party

Last Wednesday at recess time, the 38 students in Years 3-6 who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge during 2017 attended a special party to reward them for their hard work and dedication. The children enjoyed a spread of delicious treats and drinks, while listening to a selection of music chosen by the children. They also played several rounds of musical statues, the most popular game nominated by the attendees. Congratulations to all of those who attended, I look forward to an even bigger party in 2018. All students who participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive their certificates in the next week. A special congratulations to the following students who received their Gold Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates this year for completing the challenge for 4 years: Aiden C, Bowen E, Will H, Leith H, Maddie H, Zane L, Tully M, Scarlett M, Toby M, Eva S, Lilli Y, Jaimon Y. An extra big congratulations to Tom G, who has received his Platinum Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate this year, for completing the challenge every year since Kindergarten! What an achievement!

Surfs Up For Students In Years 3-6

Students from Years 3-6 had a 'beachy' day on Friday 24 November when they participated in Surf Education Australia's surf safety program at Sandon Point. The students had a fantastic time learning rescue techniques. They were taught how to identify a rip and most importantly learnt what to do should they ever find themselves caught in one. The day's activities concluded with many students enjoying the waves and successfully trying their hands at surfing. It certainly was a fun-filled, vital educational opportunity for our students.



Year 5 Future Leaders Prepare Election Speeches

On November 30, a group of Year 5 candidates who have nominated themselves for the important role of school captain for 2018, will deliver speeches to the whole school in the hall at 11.45am. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish. Following the speeches all students will return to their classrooms and cast their vote. Candidates will be informed of who has been successful prior to presentation day, however specific roles will not be announced until the Annual Presentation Assembly on Monday 11th December, 2017.

Reporting On Student Progress

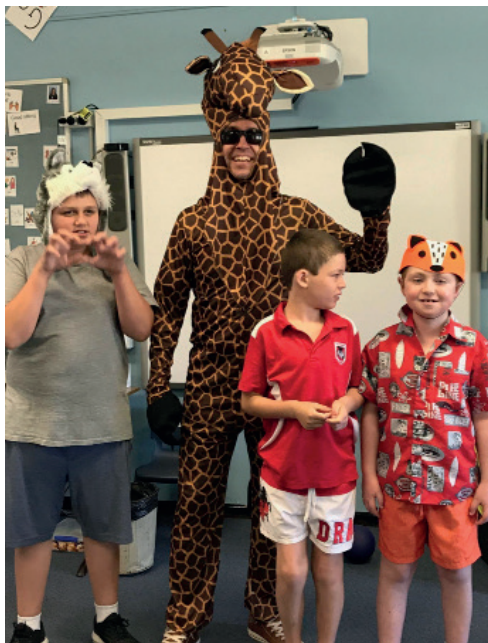
Teachers are working extra hard to prepare and deliver student reports which will be sent home on Friday 8th December. Preparing these comprehensive and informative documents requires teachers to consolidate various assessments including observational and evidenced based data which is reflected in the final document. Please take the time to discuss the details of the report with your child and if you have any questions please make a suitable time to discuss this with your child's teacher.

Afternoon Tea To Thank Our Wonderful Team Of Volunteers

The annual Volunteers' Morning Tea will be held in the staffroom at 1.15pm on Thursday 7 December. Any parent, friend or community member who has helped out in any way during the year is invited to come along and join us. We look forward to taking this opportunity to give our thanks for your valued contribution to our school in 2017.

Animals! Animals! Animals Everywhere - SRC Fundraiser

What a great final fundraiser the SRC had on Thursday 23 November. An amazing menagerie of animals appeared at our school, from tigers, monkeys, pandas and even a giraffe. Every animal was there to raise money for the RSPCA. In total we raised \$111.30. Great job Towradgi and thank you to Miss Hockin and all of the students in the SRC for organising the event.



Hope You Can Join Us For Carols In Corrimal

Celebrate the start of the festive season with the family and catch up with friends by sharing in the Community Christmas Carols event featuring a visit from Santa! The Corrimal Community of Schools are organising a Corrimal Community Carols event and everybody is invited. Come along to watch students from Bellambi Public School, Corrimal Public School, Corrimal East Public School, Tarrawanna Public School, Towradgi Public School and Corrimal High School perform some of their favourite Christmas Carols. Food will be available on the night.

Where: Ziems Park, Corrimal - Senior Field

Date: 1st December

Time: 6pm for a 6:30pm start

Entry Cost: Coin donation to the Surf Life Saving Club

The P&C Christmas Raffle

The raffle ticket books have been sent home with the students. The tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. All tickets will need to be returned to the school, sold or unsold, prior to Friday 1 December. The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 8 December at the K-2 Christmas Play.

There will be a bonus draw for the children who return a full book sold. Please hand in all money and books to the school office. For hamper donations this year, there is a basket in the office. If you would like to donate, please place any Christmas, food or toy items into the basket. This is completely voluntary. Thank you for your support and help with making our Christmas Raffle a successful one.

Luncheon With The Principal

On Tuesday 13 December, all Gold Award recipients and SRC members from 2nd semester will be invited to a special luncheon with the Principal. This is just a small way we say thank you to the students for their outstanding behaviour and service to the school in 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
Picnic Day	\$11 per child	Wed Dec 6

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Achieving Personal Best

Don't Miss The 2017 K-2 Christmas Concert Spectacular

Our Junior Christmas Play is always a highlight and is definitely an event not to be missed! The students from K-2 have been busy rehearsing for some time now and are looking forward to entertaining you on Friday 8th of December. The performance starts at 9:30am in the hall and will conclude at around 10:30am. The P&C annual Christmas Raffle will follow. It's always a packed house so try not to be late. Entry will be \$5 per family and is payable on the day upon entry to the hall, please do not bring money to the school office. This donation helps to cover the costs associated with the performance. We are all looking forward to coming together again as a school community and sharing in the talents of our junior school!

Ready To Assemble For Special Presentations

Our annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held on Monday 12 December from 9:15am – 11am. This is a very special occasion where we recognise outstanding effort and achievement. In keeping with tradition, we will conclude with the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. We hope that many parents and friends will come along to this special assembly.

Preparations to Farwell Year 6

A team of hardworking parents and staff have been busily organising the Year 6 Farewell, which will be held at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow on Tuesday 12th December from 6:00–9:00pm. This is always a very special occasion for our graduating students and we are all looking forward to a wonderful evening of reflection and celebration. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 6 students the very best for their high school years ahead. As you grow to become young adults, I hope you hold dear many fond memories of your time here at Towradgi Public School. To those families who will be leaving our school community at the end of this year, thank you for your fabulous contributions and we wish you all well.

Message From the Principal

We are officially in the end of year mode where we start winding down and preparing for the Christmas holidays. Teachers are writing reports and busily preparing for the wrap up of another busy and exciting year.

We had our 'Evacuation drill' on Thursday and I must congratulate all of the students and staff who managed this practise sensibly and calmly. It is so critical that we all know what to do in the unlikely case of an emergency.

The children who are performing in the Christmas carols CoS Choir will be walking to Ziems park for a rehearsal on Tuesday 28th November with a teacher. They will need to ensure that they take their hat, wear sun block and bring a snack and water with them. A note with the details of this rehearsal will be attached. Thank you to all of the children who have participated in this exciting community event.

As you are aware the staff have been developing the new three year strategic plan. Feedback from the students, parents and school community informs us of; What do we do well? What should we keep doing? What should we change? and Where to next? We have used this information along with evidenced based data and assessment of the individual student needs and a future focused direction of the school vision to create a draft plan for 2018. Further information will be shared before the end of this year and into term one of 2018.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support and commitment to our amazing public school.

Kind Regards,
Anissa Rajendra
(Relieving Principal)



Library Closed for Stocktake Please return your books!

This week was the last week for borrowing books from the library for 2017. Starting next week, all library books need to be returned to school ready for 2018. Please have a look at home for any books that your child has borrowed this year, and send them back to school as soon as possible. This is especially important for students leaving Towradgi Public School at the end of the year. All students will receive letters detailing the books still under their name next week. If your child's books have been lost or damaged, the replacement cost for the books will also be on the letters.

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

End of Year Meeting

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.

Christmas Raffle

Christmas is only 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.

Raffle tickets have gone out and are great value. Please return to the school sold or unsold



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.

