

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 9

8 December, 2017



K-2 and 'The Magic Christmas Tree'

The junior school did a fabulous job entertaining the school community on Friday 8 December with their Christmas Play 'The Magic Christmas Tree'. Congratulations to all of the students involved, you made your teachers very proud and did an amazing job singing, dancing, acting and showing off your talents to the audience. A special thanks to Mrs Green, Ms Hockin and Mrs Warner for organising and preparing the students, and to Mr Ratcliffe for your assistance with music and sound during the performance. The play was enjoyed by all who were in attendance and finished with some christmas carols, special prizes from the P&C Christmas Raffle, and a visit from a very special visitor, Santa Claus himself.



Canteen Closure

The company 'Made Fresh' who have been providing our school with the opportunity for lunch orders will be not be operating from Corrimall East P.S or Towradgi P.S from the 12th December 2017. Unfortunately they have also ceased providing this service to either school due to low numbers of orders. This means that at this stage there will be no lunch orders available in 2018. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause and will consider our options in the new year.

Important Dates To Remember

Monday 11 December
Presentation Day

Tuesday 12 December
Gym Sports
Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 13 December
Gold Award Luncheon

Friday 15 December
Picnic Day
Last day of school



Assembly Awards

K-1 Diamond

Stevie S, Sophie V, Lucy R

K-1 Emerald

Tinokura T, Lily R

2 Opal

Preston V, Mason G, Isabella P

3-4 Sapphire

Abdu B, Kelsie G, Toby M

4-5 Gold

Cameron S, Ava S, Dio A

6 Onyx

Ariana W, Tia J, Kurt R

K-6 Amber

Leith H, Alexandra H

K-6 Pearl

Matthew J

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Mason G, Alexandra H

Bronze Level 3 Awards

Oliver S, Emma P, Misha S, Pip L

Silver Level 1 Awards

Jaxon L, Deaisha L

Silver Level 2 Awards

Emily H, Fatimah H, Casey L

Gold Level 1 Awards

Kade C, Demi S, Aliah S, Ivy K, Olivia R,
Yaseen A, Mohamed Y

Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Rand H, Liam V, Lachlan S, Tinokura T

PBL Awards

Aiden C, April C

Carols in Corrimal

15 Towradgi student's participated in the Carols at Corrimal event on Friday evening 1 December. Our awesome singers sang 3 Christmas carols and did an absolutely wonderful job. Money raised at the event is going assist local Surf Life Saving Clubs. Thanks to Mr Santos for coordinating our fabulous singers.



Wonder Excursion

Throughout Semester Two, students in 4/5 Gold and 6 Opal have been studying the novel 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio. 'Wonder' tells the story of August Pulman, a boy born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school. As Auggie's family, his new classmates and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey unites them all and proves you can't blend in when you were born to stand out. On Wednesday 4/5 Gold and 6 Opal went to Greater Union Cinemas, Wollongong, to see the movie adaptation of the book. While everyone enjoyed the movie, the general consensus was that the book was better. It was wonderful to hear the students discussing different aspects of both versions of the story and being able to explain their thoughts clearly and with great detail.



End of Year Celebrations

Students from Towradgi Public School will have the opportunity to participate in an onsite picnic, movie, and obstacle course run by Obstacool as part of end of year celebrations on Friday 15 December. The obstacle course includes a range of inflatable obstacles that are both challenging and fun and is suitable for children of all fitness levels. The course is designed to allow participants to run at their own pace and includes a giant mix of inflatables together with timber walls, tunnels, rock walls, commando nets and stepping stones. Students should wear their sports uniform and a hat and are encouraged to apply sunscreen in the morning before coming to school. Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle to stay adequately hydrated throughout the day.

Farewell to Year 6

It's hard to believe that it is once again time to farewell some of our students and families as they move on to high school communities in 2018. We are preparing for a fantastic celebration next Tuesday night at the Year 6 Farewell with dinner, dancing, a cake and of course, the Year 6 graduation book and movie. Many thanks to Mr Pritchard and Mrs Pivovarski for organising what is promising to be a magnificent event and thanks also to Mr Ratcliffe for producing the outstanding movie. Following the Year 6 Farewell, we will post some photos of the evening on the school website for you all to enjoy. We will also post a link to the Year 6 movie which you will find in the videos tab. I am sure you will really enjoy it!

It has been an amazing year filled with fantastic memories. It has been a pleasure to see these students mature into young adults and lead the school with pride. We wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives. To the families who are in their last year with us, we wish you all the best. Thank you for your ongoing support over all the years you have been part of our community.



Library Closed for Stocktake – Please return your books!

The library is now closed for stocktake. All library books now need to be returned to school, ready for 2019. 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, whether it is their library day or not. This is especially important for students leaving Towradgi Public School at the end of the year. All students have now received multiple letters detailing the books still under their name. If your child's books have been lost or damaged, the replacement cost for the books is also on the letters.

By returning all books at the end of the year, it ensures nothing gets lost over the holidays, and the children can continue to enjoy all the wonderful books next year.

A Special Day

Our annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held on Monday 11th December from 9:15am – 10:45am. This is a very special occasion where we recognise the outstanding effort and achievement of many students. In keeping with tradition, we will conclude with the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.

Last Day of School

The last day for students is Friday 15th December. From 2:30pm, we will hold our traditional farewell to the Year 6 students at the front of the school. Parents and friends are welcome to join us to see the send-off. Please note that our staff will not be at school on Monday and Tuesday 18th and 19th December for the gazetted School Development Days because they have completed equivalent professional development evenings throughout the year.



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

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Achieving Personal Best



Keep up to Date

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



Another Year Comes to a Close

As this term ends, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fabulous teachers, support and office staff, families and friends for providing a great year of future focused education at Towradgi Public School. It has been an honour to spend time getting to know all of the wonderful students and the ToPS school community this semester and look forward to a well-earned holiday break. The relationship each teacher has formed with every student is a credit to the hard work and selfless approach taken by all. To the parents and carers, thank you for entrusting your child's education to us and continually sharing your valuable time to help keep the school moving forward.

As the year draws to an end it is important that we acknowledge and thank all of the staff at Towradgi P.S for their incredible hard work and dedication to public education. There are some staff members who I wish to particularly pay special tribute to in this final newsletter for 2017.

Ms Hockin has been teaching at ToPS for many years and has been instrumental in ensuring that our ESI and Stage 1 students begin their formal learning career with a love of learning and an enthusiasm to explore the world around them. Ms Hockin has created fabulous memories for the children and staff at ToPS, in particular the K-2 Christmas play and ToPS FM! We are very appreciative of these opportunities and we wish her all the very best in the future.

Ms Tier has spent many hours working with children on a one to one basis and in small groups to target learning in the area of Literacy more specifically following her time on a year 2 class. We acknowledge her contributions to the Reading Recovery program and her overall individual support to students in our mainstream classes. Ms Tier has provided many children with a positive start to school and welcomed them into the school community with passion and dedication. We all thank you and wish you well in the future.

Miss Trustcott has been successful in securing a permanent teacher librarian position at Bondi Public School. We have valued her hard work in developing a future focused approach to teaching and will fondly remember the Cultural Connections festival. Her contribution and dedication to the students at ToPS is greatly appreciated and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

Mrs Warner has created fabulous memories for all of the children K-6 from Southern Stars dancing through to implanting BYOD learning experiences in year 2! We thank her and express our great appreciation to her for the outstanding contribution that she has made to Towradgi Public School. We congratulate her on her new temporary engagement at Tarrawanna P.S for 2018.

Ms Bowman has been working two days each week in our Early Intervention Unit this year and the students and families are very grateful for the work she has done. We thank her for her commitment to Towradgi Public School and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Mrs P has been working at ToPS this year to support some of our students in small group literacy programs and to also prepare our Year 6 farewell amongst other things. We are extremely grateful for the hours of work she has committed to the school and truly appreciate the effort she has made in creating the Year 6, 2017 Graduation Book. We wish her well in her future adventures.

Once again a very warm thank you to the families, students and staff for all that you have done to make Towradgi Public School an inclusive, happy and engaging place of learning. Please enjoy this special time with your families. Best wishes for a spectacular Christmas holiday break and a safe and happy new year ahead.

Kind Regards,
Anissa Rajendra
(Relieving Principal)

Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Thankyou:

As the last newsletter for 2017 goes to print and the year comes to an end, on behalf of the P&C, I would just like to thank all those that have supported the P&C and our activities.

As we send our Year 6 children off to high school, a number of valuable P&C members will be moving on also. With their children no longer attending the school we may not see them around as often. Thank you for all your efforts, your contribution, support and energy will be sadly missed.

2018:

We have had a fantastic year and look forward to 2018. Have a safe and happy Christmas and enjoy the holidays.

The Christmas Raffle has been a huge success and to everyone that contributed, thank you. To those that were lucky enough to win, enjoy!

In 2018 we hope to finalise the Softfall Project and welcome any new suggestions for major projects that would benefit the school community.

2018 will also see us focus on a traffic management plan for the school. Input from key stake holders including school staff, parents, children and government agencies will ensure we all do our part to keep the streets around the school safe. If you are interested in having a say or have any suggestions, please let us know.

Next Meeting:

If you will be new to the school 2018, Welcome! We would love to invite you along to our next P&C meeting, so you can see what we are all about. It's a great way to have an input in to school life of our children

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 13th February. 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.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 13 February

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

