

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1

Week 6

3 March 2017



A Welcoming BBQ

Approximately 80 people came together to meet some of our new families and enjoy each other's company at our recent welcome BBQ. The children enjoyed playing some outdoor games with their friends and everyone enjoyed munching into their yummy sausage sizzles. Many thanks go to everyone who supported this special event. It really was an enjoyable coming together of the school community.



Important Dates To Remember

Monday 6 March

Yr 2 BYOD Parent Info Session 8:15am

Toonschool Incursion

Wednesday 8 March

South Coast Swimming Carnival,
Dapto Pool

Corrimal High School Yr 7 2018
Information Night, 5:30pm-7pm

Friday 10 March

Assembly, 2 Opal item

Postponed Clean Up Schools Day

Tuesday 14 March

P&C Meeting, 7pm

Thursday 16 March

Interrelate, 6pm and 7:15pm

Friday 17 March

Premier's Sporting Challenge
Leadership Day, Corrimal HS

Monday 20 March

Year 2 Technology Fun Day

Tuesday 21 March

Harmony Day

Wednesday 22 March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 24 March

Assembly, 4/5 Gold item

Assembly Award Congratulations

K/1 Diamond

Lachlan S, Fatimah H, Sophie V

K/1 Emerald

Yasmine P, Nived U, Taylor W

2 Opal

Lucinda C, Kai D, Preston V

3/4 Sapphire

Tahni L, Zane L, Joel S

4/5 Gold

Bowen E, Marcus S, Olivia D

6 Onyx

Kayla A, Ariana W, Kurt R

K-6 Pearl

Matthew J

K-6 Amber

Alexandra H, Matthew N

Gold Level 1 Awards

Billie B, Toanui T, Coehn W,
Cameron R, Eva S

Bronze Level 2 Award

Jameika S

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) Congratulations

Congratulations go to Ariana W and Carter T who were the lucky winners of the superstar prize draw at our last assembly.



Aussie of the Month

Coehn W

ToPS Captains and Principal An Illawarra Mercury Feature

Our wonderful school was represented in the Illawarra Mercury Captains and Principals feature for 2017. Check out the digital version which can be viewed at: <http://my.illawarramercury.com.au/pages/captainsprincipals2017/>.

We are very proud of our 2017 school leaders. They look positively professional wearing their new school blazers and are already doing a fantastic job of representing and leading our school.

Students Supporting Their Peers

As a Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) focus for 2017, whole school Peer Support sessions began. Over the next 8 weeks, the children will be participating in a new module titled, 'Moving Forward' which focuses on resilience. The experiences in the module help children to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges. In the first session, the children established connections with the other members of their group and developed their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The children discussed an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non-resilient responses. Last Friday, you would have received a booklet of information and ideas. You might like to use the booklet to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Mr Pritchard or Mrs Broadbridge.



Unfortunate Events Postpone K-2 Dog Safety Program

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the K-2 Responsible Pet Ownership Program had to be postponed to a later date, yet to be confirmed.

Weather Dampens ToPS Clean Up Efforts

Wet weather prevented our students from getting out and doing their bit to clean up our school on Clean Up Schools Day today. We hope to be able to reschedule our school's participation to next Friday 10 March.

Sporting Leadership Challenge

A group of our students are really looking forward to developing their leadership capacity, when they attend the Premier's Sporting Challenge Sport Leadership Workshop at Corrimal High School on March 17. They will learn to play a leading role in the promotion, running and administration of the upcoming Premier's Sporting Challenge, which runs throughout terms 2 and 3 and involves all of our students. The challenge includes a range of initiatives with one common purpose - to have more students, more active, more of the time. We invite our students to take part in the challenge and take the path to a healthier life.

Swimming Successes Sustained

Despite the inclement weather, it was a great day at Corrimal Pool for the Brokers District Swimming Carnival last Monday. All participating students made us very proud as they put a huge effort into every race. Congratulations go to Max T, Matthew N and Will H, who all qualified for the South Coast Regional Carnival as individuals, while our Senior Boys 4 x50m freestyle relay team finished 2nd by 7/100 of a second and have also qualified for the regional carnival. The members of the team are: Max T, Angus H, Will H and Alec R. It was wonderful to have so many parents at the pool to support not only their own children, but every Towradgi Public School student in the pool. The students themselves were also great at cheering on the other swimmers. Congratulations go to all involved!



Wednesday Club Enriches Our Students

Throughout this year, our senior students have the opportunity to participate in a Community of Schools (CoS) Enrichment Program at Corrimal High School. The students involved have the opportunity to utilise the resources and expertise of staff at the high school to enrich and extend their learning. Thanks go to Corrimal High School for their partnership with our school and for providing such valuable opportunities to enrich the learning of our students.

Interrelate Program Supporting Our Families

The highly valued Interrelate Family Evening Program is approaching soon and is for parents and children to attend together. The aim of the program is to deliver essential information through facilitated discussions to encourage parent-child communication about what can sometimes be sensitive topics. The Family Evening Program comprises of two sessions with focuses on the following:

Session One - For students in Years 3-6, commencing 6pm

- Developing students' understanding of male and female reproductive systems, conception, foetal development and birth
- Addressing different ways children can join families (e.g. adoption, fostering blended families)

Session 2 - For students in Years 5-6 (Years 3-4 at parent discretion), 7:15pm

- Developing students' understanding in relation to physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for boys and girls



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



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
ICAS Comp	various amounts	8 Mar

Outstanding Result From Broker's Carnival

As a school we finished 5th in the points score and 3rd in the percentage trophy. Notable individual performances came from:

Max T - 2nd in the Senior Boys Overall Championship.

Matthew N - 3rd in the Senior Boys Overall Championship.

Will H - 3rd in the 11Years Boys Overall Championship

Angus H - 5th in the 11Years Boys Overall Championship



K-6 Amber Off To A Flying Start!

What a start to the year! K-6 Amber have hit the ground running and have been working hard to develop their descriptive language in written texts. They are learning to use their senses and emotions when they describe people, objects and events.

In Mathematics they have been learning about place value and also about how to find the important information in word problems so they can devise strategies to solve them. It's stretching their brains!

They have begun their weekly swimming lessons and Sports Ready sessions with K-6 Pearl and are having a great time practicing their skills with their coaches from McKeons Swim School and The Disability Trust.

They can't wait to share more of their great learning with you as the year progresses!



Keep up to Date

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



Wellbeing Supported Through Toonschool Workshops

All students have the opportunity to attend a session with Joffa, from 'ToonSchool' on 6 March. The unique and innovative workshop will provide our students with the opportunity to express themselves using the art of cartooning, whilst developing skills in the areas of respect, empathy and resilience. Looking forward to hearing more about this great incursion.

Staffing Updates

I will be taking leave from 15 March to have further surgery. Ms Hilton will be the Relieving Principal in my absence and Mr Andrew Mercer will be the Teacher of K-6 Pearl.

Cathy Broadbridge
Principal



CHS OPEN NIGHT

Date: Wednesday 8th March 2017

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Is your child in year 4, 5, 6 and are considering choices for their high school education?

You are invited to attend Corrimal High School's open night.

Take a tour of our school and see the individualised and supportive learning environments that will be available to your child when they attend CHS.

See and hear how your child will benefit from the strong Corrimal Community of Schools (COS) initiative which is regarded as best practice.

Meet and chat to the supportive teachers that will assist your child in achieving academic excellence and a successful pathway in the post school life while providing a wide variety of learning experiences.

- 2016 notable achievements**
- 100% success rate of early entry applications into UOW
 - Highest degree completion rate at UOW
 - Successful implementation of the only integrated STEM class in the Illawarra

Facilities and programs available to CHS students

- University Aspirations program (UPP)
- Integrated STEM program
- Extension classes for stage 4
- Only High School utilising Literacy and Numeracy Continuum data
- Project based learning classes for stage 4
- Award winning school farm for Agriculture/horticulture classes
- Extensive sporting programs
- First class technology including 4 roving laptop labs
- Innovative learning environments like the Vertical learning room
- VET courses in Digital Media and technology Construction, Retail Services, Metals and Engineering and Hospitality

Please feel free to contact the school for more information

Website: www.corrimal-h.schools.nsw.edu.au -Murray Road Corrimal NSW 2518
Ph: (02)42851199 Email: Corrimal-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Important Messages From The P&C

Our next meeting is Tuesday 14th March, 7pm in the school Library. 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.

In the coming weeks, we will be focusing on the second stage of the Softfall for Safety Project, which includes the rejuvenation of the play area behind the hall.

If you have any suggestions for a novel fundraising idea or you have thoughts on how the funds should be spent, please let us know.

Uniform Update

If you are in need of uniform, please contact Renee Stewart. Orders are taken on Wednesday mornings between 8.30-9.15am only. To streamline the process, Direct Deposit is our preferred payment option. However, cash will be accepted on Wednesdays but as there is limited opportunity to provide change, the correct money is appreciated.

School Photograph and Easter Raffle Fundraisers

MSP Photography have generously donated two basic photo packs as prizes for the P&C Resource Contribution Draw.

The P&C Resource Contribution Fees, \$30 per student or \$50 per family, are due each year and this is a reminder that although your P&C Resource Contribution will be accepted anytime throughout the year, by getting them paid now and prior to the school photos, allows you an entry into the draw.

There are two ways to pay your fees and go into the draw, either deposit your fees at the school office where your family's name will be marked off or pay by direct deposit into the following account and be sure to include your surname name in the reference.

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.

Our famous Easter Raffle will be run again, so look out for the request to bring in some chocolate, chocolate eggs or anything you think might be suitable for the raffle.

P&C Receipts

Office staff are unable to offer P&C receipts for monies deposited. Once the money has been collected from the office by a P&C representative a receipt will be issued. Please be advised that this may take a week or two to get to you. The quickest and safest way to ensure your money gets to where it is needed is via direct deposit. Direct deposit ensures you receive a reference number immediately from your bank and it minimises the amount of cash that needs to be handled.

Next Meeting - 14 March, 7pm

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March in the Library, so come and join us for the meeting.



Coming Up Soon

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

School Photo P&C Resource Contribution Draw - you have the chance to win your child's school photographs for free!

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