

# TOWRADGI Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 1

Week 8

17 March 2017



### *Doing Our Bit For The Environment*

From our pristine beaches to our ancient forests, we are fortunate to be surrounded by some of the most unique natural environments in the world. But the rubbish people are creating is sadly choking our streets, beaches, parks, bushland and waterways. At Towradgi Public School, we acknowledge that we are all part of the problem - but actively decided that we would rather be a bigger part of the solution. In response, our staff and students cleaned up around our school and took part in this year's Clean Up Schools Day. Well done to all involved!



### *Open Night Showcases Corrimal High School*

Corrimal High School held an open night for interested students in Years 4, 5 and 6. The evening commenced with a very warm welcome and introduction in the school hall and was followed by a tour of the school in small groups. Those who participated certainly found out why Corrimal High School is a school of choice for our students.

### *Students Moving From Year 6 to Year 7 in 2017*

All high school enrolment application forms have been distributed to students in Year 6 and the students needed to return their high school application forms today. If students or parents have any questions about high school options, please contact Mr Pritchard or Ms Hilton.

### *Important Dates To Remember*

**Monday 20 March**  
Year 2 Technology Fun Day

**Tuesday 21 March**  
Harmony Day

**Wednesday 22 March**  
UOW Whole School Sport  
Program Commences

Parent Teacher Interviews

NIAECG Meeting, 3:45pm  
Wollongong West PS

**Friday 24 March**  
Assembly, 4/5 Gold item

**Wednesday 29 March**  
Starting Big School Information Evening  
6:30pm in the library

**Thursday 30 March**  
School Cross Country Carnival

**Tuesday 4 April**  
School Photographs

**Friday 7 April**  
Easter Hat Parade, 9:15am  
Assembly, K/1 Emerald Item

Rewards Day  
Last Day of Term 1

## Assembly Award Congratulations

### K/1 Diamond

Isaac S, Lacey S, Jaxon L

### K/1 Emerald

Lily R, Aidan H, Amelia F

### 2 Opal

Isabella P, Matthew H, Joe S

### 3/4 Sapphire

Harrison T, Molly S, Eva S

### 4/5 Gold

Toanui T, Kascha C, Emily H

### 6 Onyx

Tamieka P, Cameron R, Angus S

### K-6 Pearl

Kai S

### K-6 Amber

Jordan M, Jaimon Y

### Gold Level 1 Awards

Anna A, Matthew N, Jaimon Y, Casey L,  
Charlotte B, Chelsea S, Dio A

### Bronze Level 2 Awards

Angus H, Leith H, Lily R

### Silver Level 2 Awards

Leith H

### Principals Award

Maddison S

## Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) Congratulations

Congratulations go to Bradley N and Kade C who were the lucky winners of the superstar prize draw at our last assembly.

## Cartooning Workshop Supports Our Students

Students participated in a workshop conducted by popular, award winning Key Note Speaker, Cartoonist and Author-Illustrator, Jeff "Joffa" Taylor. During the unique and innovative workshop assisted in developing the students' self confidence and self-esteem, encouraging creativity and lateral thinking, promoting self-expression and targeting intensive listening - all whilst having lots and lots of fun!



## Unfortunate Postponement of Interrelate

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, the Interrelate 'Moving into the Teen Years' program has been postponed to the 22 June.

## Leadership Day Postponed

The Premiers Sporting Challenge Leadership day which was to be held at Corrimal High School yesterday, unfortunately had to be postponed due to the wet weather. The day has been rescheduled to next Friday 24 March.

## iPAD CONNECTIVITY

Due to an upgrade in Apple's operating system, some of our older iPads cannot reliably connect to the Department of Education's filtered web service. We are aware of the problem and are working to ensure that our iPads are distributed equitably throughout the school according to need. The iPads affected are those that cannot upgrade to iOS 10. We are in the process of renewing the school fleet of iPads to the latest model iPads which operate iOS 10, but of course the upgrade comes at great expense and will take some time.



### South Coast Swimming Success

Congratulations go to all students who represented the Broker's District at the recent South Coast Regional Carnival held at Dapto Pool last week. We were extremely proud of the personal best efforts and achievements attained in the pool. Special recognition goes to Matthew N, who was successful in qualifying for the State Carnival. We wish Matthew all the best as he proudly represents not only our school, but the Broker's District and the South Coast Region. Well done and good luck Matthew!



### Technology Fun For Year 2

Students of 2 Opal will be participating in the first of two 'Technology Fun Days' where they will be bringing their own devices to school for a day to test out the BYOD program, aiming to better prepare them for the routines, rules and procedures of the BYOD program. If the Technology Fun Days are successful, we will trial BYOD for Year 2 in Semester Two 2017. More information about our BYOD program can be accessed on our Towradgi Public School Weebly. <http://topsbyod.weebly.com/>

### Wear Orange And Celebrate Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Our school will be holding Harmony Day celebrations on Tuesday 21 March. Orange is the official Harmony Day colour, which symbolises inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. All students are encouraged to wear orange to school on Tuesday 21 March and we have some great activities planned for the day.

### Reporting On Student Progress At Parent/Teacher Interviews

As part of our reporting processes we are offering opportunities for parent/teacher interviews on Wednesday 22 March for our mainstream classes. Parents of students from K-6 Purple and K-6 Amber will be invited to review meetings later in the year. More information and appointment slips have already been sent home. Teachers are doing their best to accommodate preferred times, however spaces are filling fast and preferred times cannot be guaranteed. If this day is not suitable, please contact your child's teacher so that alternative arrangements can be made. We trust that these interviews will provide you with a good snapshot of your child's progress to date.



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
Canberra Camp	\$100. 2nd Installment	31 March

### Help Needed!

We need your help to cover new library books. If you have a little spare time you can collect books and contact from the school library, cover the books at home and then return them to the library ready for borrowing.



## 6 Onyx Leading The Way

**6 Onyx hit the ground running in 2017! They settled in quickly and got to work organising their classroom to best support their learning. They recited a poem at the first assembly and enjoyed sitting on the seats. As leaders of the school, they decided on what sort of legacy the class of 2017 would leave. They decided that they'd like to be known as a respectful group who always tries hard to achieve their personal best. They are well on their way to achieving that. Their first job as leaders of the school was to take on 'Peer Support'. They each have a small group of students from grades K-6 that they are coaching to be more resilient. Over eight weeks they will teach their peers how to deal with difficult situations without being angry or upset as well as focusing on strengths. Their first of their lessons have certainly been fun and challenging.**



## Keep up to Date

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



## Enrolling Your Child In Kindergarten Next Year?

As enrolment for 2018 has commenced, we extend invitation to all parents and carers to come along to an information session about enrolling in Kindergarten next year. The session is aimed at supporting families with school readiness and enrolment processes. We also seek your support in passing this information onto any interested families you may know.



### Starting Big School Information Night

**Enrolling your child in Kindergarten in 2018**

This session is open to any interested parents whether they intend enrolling at Towradgi PS or any other school. The aim of the night will be to discuss school readiness, the enrolment process and how to prepare children (and parents) for what is a very significant part of their lives.

**Wednesday 29 March  
from 6:30 – 7:30pm  
Towradgi PS Library  
Carters Lane Fairy Meadow**

RSVP by Wednesday 22 March on 42 844 527

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## 'Eggcitement' Building Amongst Our School Community

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held following the morning assembly on Friday 7 April and parents and families are invited to attend. Students are encouraged to decorate their Easter hats at home and bring them to school for the parade. The P&C are requesting donations of Easter eggs so they can put together Easter baskets as prizes for the Easter raffle. The P&C will be presenting prizes to the winners of the Easter raffle at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade. Looking forward to another great school community event!

## NIAECG Meeting Invitation

Our local Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (NIAECG) invites members of our school community to attend their meetings. The next meeting of the Northern Illawarra AECG is scheduled for Wednesday 22 March from 3:45pm at Wollongong WestPublic School. All welcome!

Kim Hilton  
Relieving Principal



# Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## **Important Messages From The P&C**

We had a great turn out for our meeting last Tuesday and we discussed some important issues. Our next meeting is Tuesday 9th May due to the Easter School Holidays. 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.

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

## **Uniforms**

If you are in need of uniform please contact Renee Stewart. Orders are taken Wednesdays 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.

## **Fundraising:**

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

The P&C Contribution Fees, \$30 per student or \$50 per family are due each year and this is a reminder that although your P&C 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 in to the following account and be sure to included 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.

## **Trivia Night:**

Organisation of the Trivia Night is in full swing. We are now looking for businesses or families that would be interested in providing or sponsoring a prize for the night. If you own a business or know of a business that would be interested, please let us know.

## **Receipts:**

Office staff are unable to offer P&C Receipts for monies deposited. Once the money has been collected from the office safe 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. Account Details are listed above.



## **Easter Raffle**

We are calling on all families and students to get involved in our Easter Raffle. We ask that each student brings in a suitable item for the raffle. It could be a chocolate egg or bunny or something else that would be perfect for the baskets. With each student bringing something in we can make some fantastic prizes up

**facebook**

The Towradgi Public School P&C now have a presence on Facebook. The social networking site will enable us to engage more people through a familiar medium. Simply search for "Towradgi Public School P&C" in the Facebook search bar or visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TOPSPC/> This is a moderated members only group and you are free to engage in appropriate discussion. Community standards and expectations will be enforced by the administrators

## **Next Meeting 9 May, 7pm**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May in the Library, so come and join us for the meeting.