

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 1

28 April 2017



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all of our students, staff and parents to what is sure to be another fabulous term at Towradgi Public School.

The Term 2 calendar will be distributed to students to take home. As always, please read the fortnightly newsletters for additions and/or alterations to the dates published on the calendar. Term 2 dates and events are also available on the Skoolbag App and school website. We trust that the term calendar continues to provide advance notice about major upcoming events.

Crazy Hair Day

The SRC organised Crazy Hair Day on Thursday 6 April to raise funds to assist in finding a cure for Leukaemia. Students and teachers came to school with some creative hairstyles and colourful wigs to show their support. Members of the SRC went to each classroom teaching all of the students about Leukaemia and how it can effect our health. With the gold coin donation, the SRC raised \$115.40. Thank you to Mrs Warner for coordinating the Day



Important Dates To Remember

Monday 1 May

Brokers Girls Touch Football Trials

Tuesday 2 May

Brokers Boys Touch Football Trials

Wednesday 3 May

Brokers Cross Country Carnival

Friday 5 May

Assembly, K/1 Diamond item

Monday 8 May

Mother's Day Stall

Boys & Girls 9-12

School Knockout Soccer Comp

Tuesday 9 May

NAPLAN

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 10 May

NAPLAN

Thursday 11 May

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Assembly Award Congratulations

K/1 Diamond

Jett C, Olivia R, Lucy R

K/1 Emerald

Anna A, Deaisha L, Saxon K

2 Opal

Jazia Y, Riley A, Oliver S

3/4 Sapphire

Maddy H, Jake R, Abdu B

4/5 Gold

Aidan H, Muhemed H, Nour B

6 Onyx

Jack S, Charlotte B, Tom G

K-6 Pearl

Matthew J

K-6 Amber

Baily S, Wyatt B

Gold Level 1 Awards

Jamison B, Preston V, Dylan V, Emma C, Lacey S,

Silver Level 1 Awards

Bailey K,

Bronze Level 1 Awards

Kade C, April C

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Bernelle O, Lily B, Will H, Nour B, Olivia D,
Muhemed H, Tamiaka P, Xavier F, Kurt R, Stevie S,
Yasmine P, Maddison S, Aidan H,

Silver Level 2 Awards

Isabella P, Taylor W

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)

Congratulations go to Jarrah and
Eve who were the lucky winners of
the superstar prize draw at our last
assembly.

Cross Country Carnival

With all the rain we had at the end of term 1, we finally managed to run the cross country on Wednesday 6 April. Every student that participated did their best for their house team and ran well in their age race. It was wonderful seeing the whole school cheering every student in the race as they ran past. There were also a few Stage 3 students who ran with the younger competitors and encouraged them along the way. Thank you to Mr Santos for organising the rain modified carnival. Many of the students qualified for the Brokers Cross Country which will be held on Wednesday 3 May.



Easter Hat Parade

The students looked absolutely amazing as they paraded around with their Easter hats in front of parents and the whole school. The P&C appreciated all Easter egg and basket donations for the raffle prizes and presented prizes to the winners of the Easter raffle at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade. Thanks go to all members of the school community for the support provided.



Rewards Day - Teachers vs Students

Students who demonstrated positive behaviour, enjoyed our end of term Rewards Day where they had a chance to compete against the teaching staff. Stage 1, 2 & 3 participated in one event each in either the bin toss, hockey goal or basketball shot to get more points than the teachers. Students were very disappointed in losing once again to the teachers 2-1. Thank you to Mr Santos and Mr Ratcliffe for organising the day.



Annual School Report

All schools are required to prepare and publish an Annual School Report (ASR), which is a record of the school's self-evaluation process and part of the ongoing cycle of school planning and evaluation. The Towradgi Public School Annual School Report for 2016 has been published and is now available on the school's website. Through reading the ASR, you will be able to join us in recognising and celebrating the school's many noteworthy achievements in 2016!

Maintenance Update

During the holidays, new carpet was installed in the K-1 Diamond classroom. Carpet was also intalled in the corridor of K-6 Amber and the K-1 classrooms through to the corridor behind the school hall.

School Development Day

At the school development day last Monday, Mr Pritchard led staff in continued professional learning of the Focus On Reading Program. Staff also participated in collaborative planning and are definitely looking forward to delivering another term's worth of exciting and innovative teaching and learning opportunities to the students!

ANZAC Assembly

Anzac Day is a very important part of Australian culture and we believe it is of great importance to teach our students about this important part of Australian history. We do this in many ways. In every class, teachers discuss the significance of Anzac Day and students learn about why it is such an important part of our history. Today our SRC representatives from Kindergarten to Year 6 led us in a special whole school Anzac service. A real highlight was the attendance of Mr Dave Arnold who undertook the role of bugler. Many thanks go to Mr Arnold for supporting our school and helping to make our ANZAC service more meaningful. Thanks also go to Mrs Tier and the SRC for their coordination.



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



K-6 Pearl & Augmented Reality

Lately in K-6 pearl we've been having a great time, using lots of technology to aid us in our focus of developing letter and sound recognition and basic number skills. This has included using augmented reality with an iPad app called Aurasma, in which an image is scanned revealing another image or video, to consolidate learning our letter sounds and 'Friends of 10'.

The computers, interactive whiteboard, green screen and filming equipment and other iPad apps also get lots of use, keeping learning experiences varied, enjoyable and effective.



Keep up to Date

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



Our school leaders and Ms Tier also attended the ANZAC Day in Schools Service at the Wollongong Cenotaph and War Memorial in MacCabe Park, Wollongong. It was a very moving service with representatives from many local schools taking part in the service. Thankyou to all of the staff, parents and students who help to keep the Anzac spirit alive.

NAPLAN

Notes informing parents about the 2017 NAPLAN assessments were sent home last term. The NAPLAN assessments will take place on Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May for all students in Year 3 and Year 5. If you have any questions about these assessments, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher or Mrs Broadbridge.

OC Class

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement, which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2018 are required to submit an online application by 12 May 2017. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2017 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2018. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 26 July 2017. If you would like more information please contact the school.

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 10 May from 3:45pm at Scarborough Public School. All welcome!

Looking forward to another productive and rewarding term for students, staff and members of our school community!

Kim Hilton
Relieving Principal

Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Welcome back and hope you all were able to enjoy the Easter Holiday break with family and friends. This week we remembered those that have served our country in the armed forces and associated services, with many paying the ultimate price. To those currently serving and to those that have served, we say thank you.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 9th May. 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:

Entertainment Book:

A simple and rewarding way to support the school. You can purchase a hard copy or an online Entertainment book. A percentage of each book sold is returned to the school. You receive a book full of discounts and opportunities to save a few dollars up to 50%, not only for that special occasion but on everyday purchases including movie tickets and eating out.

District Cross Country Canteen:

The P&C have been given the opportunity to run the canteen at this year's District Cross Country which will be held on Wednesday 3rd May. We will be running a BBQ and canteen. If you can help in anyway either before the day or on the day please let us know. Send a message to Mark on 0419215412 or mark.c.mccarthy@gmail.com

Trivia Night:

Save the date: Friday 19th May. 6:30pm for a 7pm Start. Organisation of the Trivia Night is in full swing. We are 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 Allison Thelan know. Tickets are \$15 / head and the night is sure to be a great night. This night is for all to come together and meet other adults in our school community. It's a great night of laughs, prizes games and entertainment.

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.

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.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 9 May

7pm

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.

