

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 3

12 May 2017



Enrolment for Kindergarten in 2018

I know it seems a long way away but it is time for our parents to start thinking about enrolling their children for Kindergarten in 2018. If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten next year, please contact Mrs Kriss or Mrs Snowden in the office. You can do this either in person or by phone and collect an enrolment form. We already have a number of out-of-area applications on our waiting list for Kindergarten in 2018 and we'd like to ensure we leave enough space for our local enrolments before offering out-of-area placements. The huge amount of early interest in enrolment for 2018 is a great reflection of the fabulous things happening at our school.

Brokers Cross Country

The school performed very well at the Brokers District Cross Country Carnival last week. We finished 4th overall which is a great achievement for our little school. While all competitors tried their absolute best, special mention must go to Max T (1st), Tully M (2nd), Mischa L (3rd), Demi S (4th) and Ruby S (5th) who all qualified for the South Coast Regional Carnival to be held later this term. Thank you to Mr Santos and Mr Pritchard for supporting the students on the day.



Important Dates To Remember

Tuesday 16 May
P&C Meeting

Thursday 18 May
K-2 Dog Awareness

Friday 19 May
Assembly, 3/4 Sapphire item

Monday 22 May
Brokers Softball Trials

Tuesday 23 May
ICAS Digital Technology

Wednesday 24 May
National Simultaneous Storytime

Thursday 25 May
Southern Stars Parent Info Session

Friday 26 May
National Sorry Day

Assembly Award Congratulations

K/1 Diamond

Riley J, Liam V, Mohammad A

K/1 Emerald

Tiba H, Jye H, Dash M

2 Opal

Katie H, Kade C, Jesse B

3/4 Sapphire

Tully M, Misha S, Tahni L

4/5 Gold

Ava S, Aiden C, Will H

6 Onyx

Ariana W, Cameron R, Eamon W

K-6 Pearl

Finn W

K-6 Amber

Jaimon Y, Alexandra H

Gold Level 1 Awards

Joseph D, Joel S, Jayden A, Jake R, Molly S,

Bronze Level 1 Awards

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Bronze Level 2 Awards

Greta F, Emma P, Jesse B, Lucinda C, Misha S,
Melak H, Tahni L, Max Y

Principal Award

Oliver S, Tom G

Positive Behaviour

For Learning (PBL)

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

Sport Update

Over recent weeks, a number of our students have achieved great things in the sporting arena.

- Xavier F and Tom G were selected in the Northern Illawarra Zone Cricket team and will compete in the South Coast Regional trials this term.
- Alec R made the Northern Illawarra Zone AFL, Open Rugby League and Rugby Union teams.
- Toanui T was selected in the Northern Illawarra Zone Under 11s Rugby League team.
- Max T made the Northern Illawarra Zone Rugby Union team.
- Alec R, Tom G and Kascha C (boys), Billie B and Coehn W (girls) all were selected in the Brokers District Touch Football teams.
- Matthew N competed at the State Primary Schools Swimming Carnival and finished 3rd in the Multi Class 50m Freestyle. The next day he won the Multi Class 50m Backstroke. This means he is the State Champion for that event – what an amazing achievement! He is Towradgi Public School's first State Champion in living memory. Well done Matthew, we are all very proud of you!
- The boys and girls knockout soccer teams competed against Corrimal East Public School on Monday. Our team featured only a few girls who play competitive soccer on the weekend, and it was a very young side. By contrast, the Corrimal East team was mostly made up of year 6 students and contained 3 Illawarra Stingrays representative players, with the majority of the other players playing on the weekend. Despite this, our girls battled very hard and never gave up, even when they fell behind. Our boys had a very tight, close battle against Corrimal East and were very unlucky to go down 2 -1. They too tried their very best and worked hard to the final whistle. Special thanks to Greg Forrest who kindly gave up his time to help me coach the 2 sides. Also, thanks to Renee Stewart and Allyson Giustiniani who came along to support our students.



School Safety and Parking

Thank you to all the parents and carers who respect the parking rules out the front of our school. The 'No Parking' zone is restricted to two minutes and you must remain within 3 metres of your vehicle. If your child is not out the front after two minutes of waiting, please do a lap and come back past. The zone is not large enough to accommodate longer term parking. The extra few minutes it takes to do a lap and come back, greatly increases the safety of all children. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Mothers Day Stall

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who helped to make the Mother's Day stall such a success again this year. Our students really appreciated the opportunity to purchase quality, low cost gifts for their loved ones. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the mums, grandmothers and female carers a really happy Mother's Day. I'm sure you will be appropriately spoilt and pampered on Mother's Day.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessments have been completed this week with students in Year Three and Year Five sitting tests for Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy. We are proud of all of our students for their maturity and commitment to achieving their best

Whole School Sport with Students from UOW

This term, ToPS has welcomed university students studying Physical Education at the University of Wollongong (UOW). They have provided the school with personalised physical activities that have been both engaging and educational. Mr Forrest, coordinator of the program, has been working with the teachers to explain some of the theory behind the selection and application of activities. Our strong connection with the UOW campus has provided us with many great opportunities for our students and we are grateful for their support.



National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday the 24th of May our school will join with other schools and libraries around the country for National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the book is called 'The Cow Tripped Over The Moon'. We are all looking forward to the event and can't wait to see what fun activities have been planned for the students.

Walk Safely to School Day

We are once again encouraging students and parents to be involved in Walk Safely to School Day which is on Friday 19 May. Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. This is a great chance for parents to talk to their children about road safety and the value of an active lifestyle. We encourage everyone to walk all or part of the way to school on this day.

Southern Stars Parent Information Session

There will be a Southern Stars parent information session on Thursday 25th May at 8:30am in the hall, all parents of students in Yr 2-6 and Support student parents are invited.



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

Aussie of Month

For April
Lily R



Achieving Personal Best

3-4 Sapphire

3/4 Sapphire have had an awesome start to 2017 and have already achieved so much. Last term in Geography, we looked at how Australian native animals fit into, and use their environments.

We also investigated what threats there are to these environments, and what efforts are being made to protect them. Over the past few weeks, each student has presented their findings on the Australian native animal of their choice to the class. These presentations have been of high quality and reflect the strong efforts of the 3/4 Sapphire students. This week the Year 3 students have been completing their NAPLAN tests. They have all worked extremely hard and are relieved that it is now over.

3/4 Sapphire has just received three new colourful desks which will replace old traditional desks and provide more flexible learning options for the classroom. The students are looking forward to using these new desks.



Keep up to Date

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



Library News

What a lovely year we are having in the library this year!

During Term 1, K/1 Diamond, K/1 Emerald, 2 Opal, K-6 Amber and K-6 Pearl were experiencing the work of Margaret Wild, and learning how to make connections between the text and their world. 3/4 Sapphire, 4/5 Gold and 6 Onyx were all busily working on research projects based on animals and natural disasters. These students were learning how to quickly find information on the internet and in books, and how to write without plagiarising.

This term, K/1 Diamond, K/1 Emerald and K-6 Pearl are learning about the difference between Fiction and Non Fiction books. 2 Opal and K-6 Amber are discovering the wide variety of texts available in non-fiction, and where to find them in the library. 4/5 Gold and 6 Onyx are listening to the story Hotaka by John Heffernan, which links in with their work on natural disasters. Hotaka is about a group of children who experienced the tsunami in Japan in 2011. 3/4 Sapphire are learning to write and perform Book Talks, designed to convince their classmates to read their favourite books. So far we have been watching other people's book talks and deciding what makes a good book talk. The first students to present their book talks will do theirs next week. Good luck Emma-Rose, Talia, Tahni and Joel, we can't wait to hear them!

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway at Towradgi Public school again this year. Students in K-2 have been experiencing books included in the challenge during their library lessons, and filling in a sheet to chart their progress. Students in K-2 must experience 30 books to complete the challenge and receive their certificate at the end of the year.

Students in Years 3-6 have been busily reading and recording books they have read independently. They need to independently read 20 books included in the Premier's Reading Challenge, and record them onto the Premier's Reading Challenge website to receive their certificate.

Congratulations to the following Year 5 students, who have already completed the challenge! Nour B, Aiden C, Muhemed H, Natalie H, Lilli Y

These students will receive a certificate at the end of the challenge, and are eligible to attend the Premier's Reading Challenge Party in Term 4.

The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes in mid-term 3.

Opportunity Class Placement in 2018

A reminder that online applications for Opportunity Class placement in 2018 closes May 12, at 10pm.

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.

All applications must be made online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

Kim Hilton
Relieving Principal

Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to postpone our regular meeting. **Our meeting is Tuesday 16th May**. 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. Apologies again for the change.

Fundraising:

Trivia Night:

Friday 19th May. 6:30pm for a 7pm Sharp. Organisation of the Trivia Night is in full swing. We have some great prizes and thanks everyone that has helped. 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. So put a table together or come and join a table!

District Cross Country Canteen:

The P&C had the opportunity to run the canteen at this year's Zone Cross Country which was held on Wednesday 3rd May. It was a great morning with plenty of helpers. Thanks to everyone that helped us raise over \$900.



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

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 16 May

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.

