

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 5

26 May 2017



K-2 Dog Safety Talk

Last week, K-2 students enjoyed a visit from the Dogs NSW Responsible Pet Education Program. The lead educator brought her dog along to teach our kids about how to safely approach a dog, how to pat a dog, how to look after a dog and all the do's and don'ts of pet ownership. This is the second time we have welcomed this free program into our school and the feedback has been very positive. We hope it can continue in the future.



Stomp It Out

This year to recognise and show our support for equal education for all Indigenous students, we will be participating in 'Stomp Out The Gap'. This is an initiative run by the Cathy Freeman Foundation to raise awareness about Aboriginal Education. To show our support in the week leading up to the fundraiser, students will complete an art activity in class of two feet that symbolise 'stomping out the gap'. On Tuesday 6 June, the SRC are holding a fundraiser. Students will wear red, yellow or black and donate a gold coin. The money raised will go to the Cathy Freeman Foundation. More information about this has been sent home in separate correspondence. The Cathy Freeman Foundation believes in the power of education and by connecting with schools around Australia, together we can continue to close the education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children. – Cathy Freeman Foundation

Important Dates To Remember

29 May - 2 June
Reconciliation Week

Tuesday 30 May
ICAS Science

Friday 2 June
Reconciliation Walk

South Coast Cross Country

Assembly K-6 Amber

Friday 9 June
School Athletics Carnival

"Live To Learn"

Assembly Award Congratulations

K/1 Diamond

Ahmed O, Aliah S, Koby G

K/1 Emerald

Mohamed Y, Casey L, Taylor W

2 Opal

Alex A, Bea S, Carter T

3/4 Sapphire

Misha L, Melak H, Max Y

4/5 Gold

Demi S, Cade C, Dio A

6 Onyx

Alec R, Xavier F, Gus H

K-6 Amber

Matthew N, Bailly S

Gold Level 1 Awards

Fatimah h, Matthew J, Wyatt B

Gold Level 2 Awards

Jarrah B

Bronze Level 1 Awards

Isaac S, Sophie V, Olivia R, Jake A, Lucy R,
Abdullah H, Jet R, Finn W

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Liam V, Jett C, Pip L, Dash M, Tinokura T, Marli F,
Katie A, Kai S, James C

Silver Level 2 Awards

Riley A

Principal Award

Tully M

Positive Behaviour

For Learning (PBL)

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

Seesaw Buddies

This term, Six Onyx have been providing support for students and teachers of K/1 Diamond, K/1 Emerald and 2 Opal in the use of Seesaw. Their job is to help students with a range of tasks from 'beginner' to 'advanced'. Some of the skills they are teaching the juniors include; unlocking an iPad, launching the Seesaw app, taking a clear photo, taking a video where their voice can be clearly heard, adding descriptive captions to their posts, posting to the correct learning journal, tagging posts, captioning, highlighting work samples to show how learning goals have been achieved and uploading from various other apps such as, Google Slides, PicCollage and Canver. As a result, the Seesaw traffic has increased both in posts and in parent interaction. It is great to see many parents commenting and providing feedback to their kids via the app. For more information on this program or about Seesaw in general, please see your child's teacher.



Peer Support

The final session of Peer Support was held today. Year five and six students did a fantastic job leading lessons about resilience over the last 10 weeks. It was great to see groups of mixed age students from across the school all involved and working together to become more resilient. The leaders all agreed that it was very difficult teaching their group, but so rewarding when they would go back each week to see that students had remembered some of the content from the previous week. I am very proud of our senior students and their leadership qualities, well done!

Six Onyx Websites Go Local, Interstate and Global

This term, Six Onyx has connected with classrooms around NSW, Australia and the world. Each student is curating a website of writing tasks, book reviews and personal conquests. These websites have been shared to schools on the North Coast of NSW, Victoria and to a class in Oregon, USA! Our global peer have been commenting on our work and learning from us. We have connected with their class blogs too and are starting to comment on their work. This initiative aligns with the school plan and our goal as a school to nurture digital citizens that are contributors to the online world, not just consumers. Having 1:1 devices through the BYOD program allows student access as it is required. They can use their own device to personalise settings in apps that best suit them, leading to high quality text creation. To check out their work go to www.6onyx.weebly.com/students and use the password 'onyx'.

Southern Stars

Towradgi Public School will once again be involved in this wonderful performance. We have Dance, Choir and Special Needs groups all participating this year. Mrs Warner and Mr Santos have hosted an information session about how it all works and are happy to speak to any parents who require further information.

Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday 24th of May at 11am ToPS joined with other schools and libraries all around the country to read 'The Cow Tripped Over the Moon' by Tony Wilson for National Simultaneous Storytime. The story tells the tale of great perseverance that the cow had to go through in order to finally jump over the moon in the famous nursery rhyme. The author, Tony Wilson, wrote the story for his son, who has cerebral palsy and cortical vision impairment. This means he can only see a couple of metres ahead of him, so everything he does requires great perseverance.

Throughout the week, students in all the classes had discussions about times they needed to persevere with something before they could achieve it, and before we heard the story, several students from each class shared their stories with the rest of the school. Year 6 even wrote acrostic poems using the word perseverance that explained what it meant. 4/5 Gold also made cow masks, and K/1 Diamond did some craft to add to the festivities.

It was a great event, and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to next year as much as I am!



Book Week Competition

The 2017 Book Week theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'. This means that when you read a good book, you can escape from your world and go on an adventure to wherever the book may take you!

Most classes have now received their entry forms for the Book Week Competition. To enter, students must draw a picture from a book they would love to escape to on the paper provided with the competition details, and hand it into Mrs Heino, their class teacher, or the office, before the end of Week 8. Students should bring their chosen book in with the entry so Mrs Heino can photograph them for the school's book week display, in case they are chosen as a winner. If your child has lost their entry, please see Mrs Heino in the library.



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
Stage 3 Camp	Final Payment	26th May
Athletics Carnival	\$9	26th May
Southern Stars T-shirt	\$25	5th June
Symbio Excursion	\$28	9th June



Achieving Personal Best

4-5 Gold

It has been a busy couple of weeks in 4/5 Gold. We have really been enjoying learning about light in Science. Our curious minds are always ticking away, trying to explain the mysteries of light and dark. We are particularly interested in how it travels, why it always moves in a straight line and how shadows are made. We are constantly trying to persuade Miss Speed about how life should be in our writing by using strong arguments, emotive words, rhetorical questions and statistics. We had a visit from a Youth Liaison Officer Paul Marriot on Friday last week and he taught us all about cyber safety and how to be safe when using the internet. Discussing and sharing stories of perseverance for Simultaneous Storytime was great and it was interesting learning about some of the skills that our classmates have mastered through hard work and practise. It was also fun to dress up as the cow who tripped over the moon.



Keep up to Date

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



New Classroom Furniture

We recently took order of some bright, comfortable and ergonomically designed classroom furniture. The furniture was purchased from Furnware, a supplier we have used in the past. They design engaging furniture that has been designed in consultation with experts so our kid's developing spines are best supported, as they work in our flexible learning environments. Since adopting flexible learning environments in all classrooms, we have had feedback from students that shows higher levels of engagement with a large percentage of students saying that they love being in their classroom, learning. Feedback from teachers shows that there are less management issue, higher levels of engagement and greater volumes of quality work. What do you think? Let your child's teacher know.



Drop Off and Pick Up By Car

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
- Always park and turn legally. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in the school's designated drop off and pick up area.
- Adhere to the signed rules for parking. Stay within 3 metres of your vehicle and only stay for 2 minutes. If your child is not out yet, do a lap and come back. There is always a teacher out the front looking after your child while they wait for you.
- It is safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Brent Pritchard
Relieving Principal

Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

This month the P&C was delighted to be able to provide two cheques to the school for a total of \$3000. The funds will be used to purchase a set of reading novels and contribute to the replacement of aging iPads within the school. Resources that will be used directly by the children during their learning journey.

Fundraising:

Trivia Night:

On Friday 19th May the P&C held the much-anticipated Trivia Night. With almost 70 people in 10 teams playing for the title, a profit of over \$2330 was made with the Teachers being crowned the winners in 2017. Thanks again to all that made this a great night especially our sponsors and provider of prizes. If you weren't able to make it check out all the shenanigans on our Facebook page.



Special Thanks

Special thanks for donations go to; Sylvia and Paul, Angela F, Sassall Group, Tass's Nails, Towradgi Surf Leisure Resort, Outback Steakhouse, Crinis Fruits, Kutumba Yoga, The Breeze, Quality Sweats, Steves Joinery, The Fraternity Club, Savvy Fitness, Envie Fitness, Jillian Clare, Holly and Matt, Cool Candles

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 Meeting:

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 13th June at 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.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 13 June

7pm

In the Library



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.

