

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 7

9 June, 2017



National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. The theme for this year was 'Let's take the next steps' and National Reconciliation Week is a chance for us to take some fresh action to spark a change in our community – no matter how big or small. A group of our students came together, with members of our Corrimal Community of Schools, to take part in a special Reconciliation Walk from Bellambi Surf Club to Bellambi Public School where they participated in organised activities as part of the week's celebrations.



Enrolling Now For Kindergarten 2018

A reminder to our whole community, that we are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2018. With a large number of students already on the waiting list for non-local placement for Kindergarten next year, it is important that we leave enough spaces for our local students. If you know of anyone in our local area who will be starting Kindergarten next year, and they have not already contacted the school, please encourage them to do so as a matter of importance.

Important Dates To Remember

Monday 12 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 13 June

ICAS Writing

P&C Meeting from 7pm in the library

Wednesday 14 June

ICAS Spelling

Friday 16 June

Broker's AFL and Dragon Tag Gala Days

Assembly from 12:30pm
K-6 Pearl Item

Thursday 22 June

Interrelate 6pm, 7:15pm in the library

Friday 23 June

K-2 Symbio Excursion

Student Reports Distributed

Monday 26 June

Red Faces Rewards Day

Tuesday 27 June

Gold Award/SRC Luncheon

Wednesday 28 June - Friday 30 June

Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Friday 30 June

Assembly from 12:30pm
2 Opal Item

Assembly Award Congratulations

K/1 Diamond

Sophie V, Rand H, Jake A

K/1 Emerald

Yasmine P, April C, Mohamed Y

2 Opal

Oscar N, Shaiylah L, Katie A

3/4 Sapphire

Scarlett M, Toby M, Emma-Rose B

4/5 Gold

Coehn W, Ruby S, Cameron S

6 Onyx

Marli G, Jameika S, Max T

K-6 Amber

Matthew N, Wyatt B

K-6 Pearl

James C, Kai S

Bronze Level 1 Awards

Demi S, Jye H, Koby G, Jaxon L, Mohamed Y,
Yaseen A, Deaisha L, Amelia F, Tiba H

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Aiden C, Mischa L, Shaiylah L, Ava S, Rand H

Silver Level 2 Awards

Lily R, Jazia Y, Kai D, Stevie S

Gold Level 1 Awards

Eve R

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)

Congratulations go to Dash M and
Toby M who were the lucky winners
of the superstar prize draw at our last
assembly.

Reconciliation Week Morning Tea

A special reconciliation morning tea was held at the Novotel Wollongong to celebrate reconciliation week. Chelsea S, Ariana W, Tahni L and Talia D went along with Ms Hilton, where they saw some special performances and enjoyed some delicious food.



South Coast Regional Cross Country

5 students from Towradgi PS proudly represented their school and the Brokers District at the regional cross country at Cambewarra on Friday. Max T, Ruby S, Demi S, Mischa L and Tully M all performed well against tough opposition with awesome performances coming from Tully (18th) and Max (2nd). Max will now go on to the state championships at Eastern Creek in Term 3. Well done to all of our representatives.

Sporting News

- Alec R made the South Coast Regional Rugby Union team to play at the state championships at Nelson Bay in August.
- Matthew Needham made the NSW State Primary Schools Swim team to compete at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in December.

Southern Stars To Shine Brightly Again in 2017

We are really pleased to announce that our school will once again be taking part in Southern Stars, the arena spectacular and this year students from Years 2-6, K-6 Pearl and K-6 Amber will have the opportunity to perform. Information specific to our school's involvement has been sent home to parents of interested students. More information about Southern Stars 2017 can be found on the Southern Stars facebook page or website: <http://www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au>.

Once again this year students will have the opportunity to be part of the audience for the first performance on Friday 25th August at Wollongong Entertainment Centre. The number of tickets available is limited, so return your order forms to the office as soon as possible. Notes have been sent home already.

Stage 3 Upcoming National Capital Adventures

On Wednesday 28 June, our Stage 3 students will be heading off to Canberra for their 3 day excursion. With planned visits to Parliament House, the Royal Australian Mint, the Australian War Memorial, CSIRO Discovery Centre, the Parliamentary Education Office, Questacon, Mount Stromlo Observatory, the Australian Institute of Sport and the National Capital Exhibition Centre, they have a very busy schedule ahead of them. It will no doubt be an excellent experience for all who take part. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures along the way via our SeeSaw and Skoolbag apps and also upon their return.

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Stage Three students from Towradgi Public School will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian government recognises the important of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This rebate has been incorporated into the payment schedule for the excursion.

SRC Update

During this year the role of the Student Representative Council (SRC) has been reviewed and redefined to give them more of a student voice and responsibility within the school. Regular meetings are being held Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term and immediately after lunch on the same day representatives will be expected to report back to their class giving SRC updates and to discussing ideas for future fundraisers.

A big change in the role and responsibility of the SRC will see two members attending the Positive Behaviour for Learning meetings (PBL) every three weeks. This will give students the opportunity to share SRC updates with staff and suggest new ideas for future fundraisers, Rewards Days and more. Our school captains Jameika and Max attended their first meeting on Monday 29th May where they enthusiastically shared minutes from the SRC meetings so far this year. A great discussion was had for a possible Friendship Circle in the playground and raising money for portable soccer goals.



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 May
Bowen E



Achieving Personal Best

Maker Space

Here our students get the chance to flex their problem-solving and creative thinking skills by designing and building solutions to problems they see in the world around us.

Year 6 have been very busy maker-creators this semester! Last term, they collaborated with their classmates on a design project to build working seismographs, or earthquake detector, which we were able to demonstrate to a professional geologist who visited our school. This term we are learning how to code digital programs using Sphero robots, as part of our school's focus on technology and digital citizenship. For interested students, we also have a coding club that meets every Thursday. We have had some exciting new additions to our Makerspace this term, including a 3D printer and a class set of Lego WeDo 2.0 robotics kits. Year 2 in particular are very excited to start creating Lego robot models to help people and animals trapped by the effects of weather-hazards.



Keep up to Date

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



School Athletics Carnival

The athletics carnival was held once again at Beaton Park. It was a great day, with everyone down there participating and having a go. We saw some outstanding performances from our talented athletes who will represent us well at the district carnival. A special thanks to Mr Santos and to all the parents who help out on the day.



Premier's Reading Challenge News

Congratulations to Melak H and Ava S who have now completed the Premier's Reading Challenge!

These students join Nour B, Aiden C, Natalie H, Lilli Y and Muhemed H in attending the Premier's Reading Challenge party later in the year. Ask your 3-6 children where they are up to with this prestigious challenge. Students should be at least half way through by now. The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes in August.

Reporting On Student Progress

Semester one reports will be sent home with all students on Friday 23 June. We trust that you will find them informative and useful in summarising your child's progress over the past two terms. All parents are encouraged to discuss the content of the report with your child and as always, if you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher, please phone to make an appointment. Teachers will be only too happy to discuss the report in more detail, if required.

Staff Changes

I would like to inform the school community that, with the approval of Ms Debbie Lowe, Director Public Schools NSW, I have been successful in obtaining a 12 month full time position as Learning and Management Business Reform, Business as Usual (BAU) Support Manager. I will begin working in my new temporary role from the start of term three. Ms Lowe will be conducting an expression of interest process across the Wagga Wagga Directorate to fill the position as Relieving Principal in my absence. Whilst I will definitely miss working with our wonderful school community each day, I am thrilled to be able to share my experience and expertise, whilst providing invaluable support to staff in other schools and educational services teams across the state.

Cathy Broadbridge
Principal

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A few questions about P&C Associations in NSW government schools

Does my school community need a P&C Association? Yes. Every school community should have a P&C Association.

Why does a school community need a P&C Association? A P&C Association enables parents and citizens to meet to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community.

Can every school have a P&C Association? The Education Act 1990 ensures that a P&C Association may be established at any government school.

What does a P&C Association do? The objects of a P&C Association are to; promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation; assist in providing equipment required by the school; report to the Minister the material requirements of the school; assist the teaching staff in establishment of school policy and management in all facets of school activity.

Who can be a member of a P&C Association? Membership of P&C associations is open to all members of the school community: parents, teachers and citizens.

So come along and join in and have a say! 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.

Website Update:

The school is updating their website and have a page for the P&C. Check back soon to view the past meeting minutes and future agendas:

<http://www.towradgi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c-news>

Trivia Night:

Thanks again to all that made this a great night especially our sponsors and providers of prizes. 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.

Save the Date:

The P&C have secured a date at the Foragers Market at Bulli to look after the front gate. It's an opportunity to "rattle the tin" and collect a few dollars as people enter the markets. We'll send out a reminder as the date draws closer for helpers.

Entertainment Book:

The Entertainment Book fundraiser is still available. Simply go to www.entbook.com.au/280m849 Support Towradgi Public School - Order your NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment™ Membership now! 20% of every membership sold contributes to Towradgi Public School. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your Friends and Family. Thanks for your support!

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 13 June

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.

