

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 9

23 June, 2017



Expressions of Thanks, Best Wishes and Welcome to Mrs Rajendra!

As you are aware, I will be commencing in my new position as Learning, Management and Business Reform (LMBR), Business as Usual, Support Manager from the start of next term. I would like to extend my gratitude to those who have passed congratulatory messages onto me. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I am very pleased to announce that following an expression of interest process, and with the approval of Ms Debbie Lowe, Director Public Schools NSW, Mrs Anissa Rajendra has been appointed into the position of Relieving Principal. Mrs Rajendra will undertake the role from Monday 17 July, 2017 up until Friday 6 July, 2018, with the possibility of extension. Mrs Rajendra is very excited to have the opportunity to work with our fantastic school community. She will be attending our assembly next Friday and is very much looking forward to meeting everyone. I'm sure you'll join me in warmly welcoming Mrs Rajendra to our great school!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our wonderful school community for the fabulous contributions you regularly make to our school, for your on-going support and highly-valued friendship. I would like to wish our students all the very best for the remainder of the school year. I would especially like to wish our Year 6 students all the very best for your high school years ahead. As you grow to become young adults, I hope you hold dear many fond memories of your time at Towradgi Public School.

Please enjoy the upcoming school holidays. As always, I hope you enjoy this time with your family and stay safe so that everyone returns re-energised for an amazing start to the second half of the year. Have a great break everyone!

Cathy Broadbridge
Principal

AFL Gala Day

Last Friday, girls from Stages 2 and 3 took part in the AFL Gala Day at Guest Park, Fairy Meadow. We were able to field a junior girl's team and a senior girl's team, with all students that attended putting in a fantastic effort. The junior girl's team, made up of girls from Years 3 and 4 showed great talent and teamwork, winning all three of their games. Misha S, Demi S and Lily B made excellent captains and organised their teams well. The senior girl's team also demonstrated their developing talents by winning two out of three of their games and showing excellent sportsmanship both on and off the field. It was an absolute pleasure to accompany these girls to the gala day. They represented Towradgi PS with pride.

Important Dates To Remember

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

Last Day Term Two

Monday 17 July
School Development Day

Tuesday 18 July
Students Return Term 3



Assembly Award Congratulations

K/1 Diamond

Toby B, Olivia R, Pip L

K/1 Emerald

Joanna M, Yaseen A, Lily R

2 Opal

Isabella S, Jarrah B, Emma P

3/4 Sapphire

Abdu B, Kelsie G, Maurice S

4/5 Gold

Lily B, Billie B

6 Onyx

Tamieka P, Vlad K, Tia J

K-6 Amber

Baily S

K-6 Pearl

Lawrence D

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Isabella S, Marcus S, Coehn W, Kascha C,
Ariana W, Marli G, Wyatt B

Silver Level 1 Awards

Mason G

Silver Level 2 Awards

Jo S, Oliver S, Angus H, Madison S

Gold Level 1 Awards

Alexandra H

Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Leith H

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) Prize Draw

Jazia Y, Madison H

Class of the Week

K-6 Pearl & Amber

Dragon Tag Gala Day

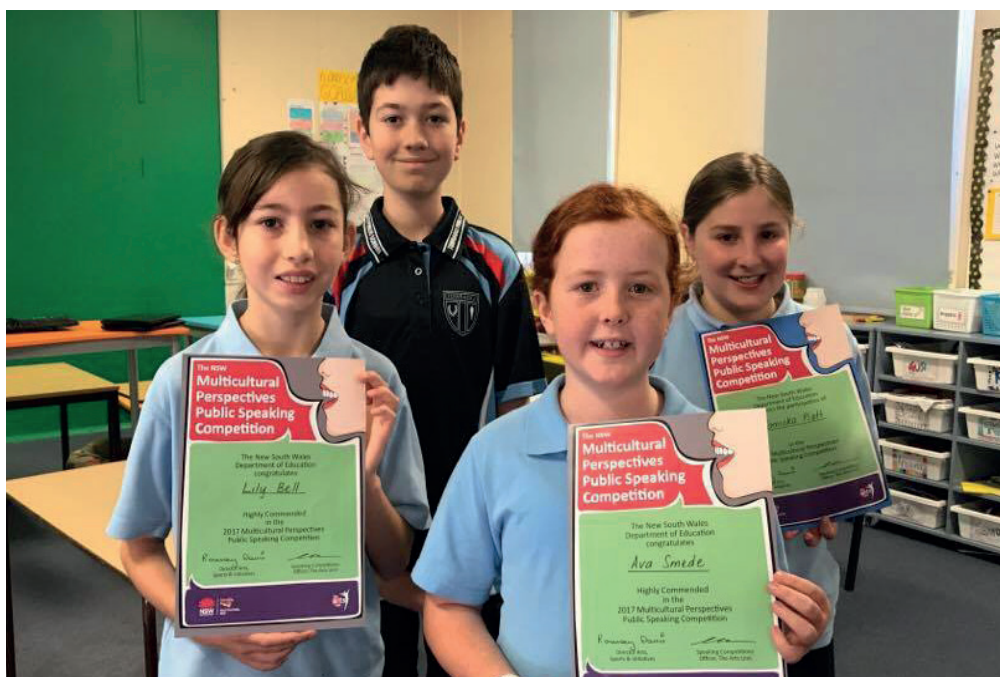
Last Friday, boys from Years 3-6 went to a Dragon Tag Gala Day at Dalton Park. The boys all played three games against different schools. Reports from opposition and teachers from other schools was that ToPS kids were very well behaved, respectful and played in the spirit of sportsmanship. We had a lot of fun and some students even learnt some new skills. It was a great day.



Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

After being successful in our school speak-off, Ava S, Lily B, Tamieka P and Vlad K competed at the regional final of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Woonona East PS on Wednesday 21 June.

While all four representatives did an amazing job and spoke very well when delivering their prepared and impromptu speeches, special mention must go to Ava S and Lily B who were both highly commended by the adjudicator, and finished equal second in the Stage Two section of the competition. Well done to all four of our representatives.



Years 5 And 6 Participate In Interrelate

The 'Interrelate Family Program' was held in the school hall yesterday. It was a valuable program where students were provided with basic information on how our bodies work, puberty, preparing students for their transition into secondary school and adolescence. Additional information about the Interrelate program can be found at www.interrelate.org.au.

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.

Semester One Reports

Semester one reports were sent home with all students today. I trust that you will find them informative and useful in determining your child's progress over the past two terms. I encourage all parents 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 content of the report in more detail if required.

K-2 Symbio Wildlife Park Excursion

The students from K-2 have had a very busy and enjoyable day at Symbio Wildlife Park today. They enjoyed an interactive keeper presentation and learnt more about Australian native mammals and reptiles. They learnt all about habitats, characteristics for survival, diet and lots of other interesting facts. This excursion supports their study of animals.



Rewards Day Red Faces

The end of Term Two, Red Faces Rewards Day will be held on Monday 26 June and students who have not been placed on a level during the second half of the semester will be invited to take part. In keeping with all rewards days, this activity will be an event made available only to participating staff and students. Interested parents will be able to view highlights of the students' performances on the school website following the event.

Luncheon With The Principal

On Tuesday 27 June, all Gold Award recipients and semester one SRC members will be invited to a special luncheon with the Principal. This is just a small way we say thank you to the students for their outstanding behaviour and service to the school.



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



Achieving Personal Best

A Taste of Technology in 2 Opal

On Monday and Tuesday the 5th and 6th of June students in 2 Opal were invited to participate in a double Technology Fun Day to again test out the BYOD program in Year 2. Students participated in lessons using Google Drive, Google Slides, Google Maps, Magnetic ABC and Picture Collage Creators. They practised being safe, respectful and responsible with their devices and created some amazing work samples which were shared via the Seesaw app. The students learnt lots of new skills and enjoyed using their devices as a tool to enhance their learning of concepts such as spelling, mapping, publishing and creating. Thank you to the parents that have since provided their feedback, we value your opinions. All participating students, teachers and parents have provided overwhelmingly positive feedback, which will be considered when deciding how many days BYOD for Year 2 will run during Term Three.

We would also like to remind you that participation in the BYOD program is optional. ToPS has a BYOD equity policy that ensures no student will miss out on the rich learning opportunities facilitated by the use of 1:1 devices. BYOD is an integral part of our school plan and will continue to be as we plan for the next three years. Your support in this is greatly appreciated. If you would like to hear more about how the program facilitates the delivery of the school plan, please arrange an appointment Mr Pritchard and Mrs Warner.



Keep up to Date

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



Stage 3 Students Explore Australia's Political Capital

On Wednesday 28 June, our Stage 3 students head off to Canberra for their 3 day excursion which will supplement the students' unit of study on Australian Government. With planned visits to Parliament House, Old Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, CSIRO, the Electoral Education Office, Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Mint, they have a busy schedule and it should be an excellent experience for all who take part. We look forward to their report when they return.

Some Friendly Reminders For Our Families...

Lateness to School – Parents are reminded that children need to be at school, sitting in their class lines under the COLA by the second bell at 8:55am. Important information or changes to the school day are communicated to the students at the morning assembly. Children who are late to school do not start the day well. As a result of coming to school late, they do not know what is happening, should there be a change to routine and what could be a settled start to the school day often becomes an unsettled, confused and anxious start to the day. If children are late to school they need to be accompanied by a parent/carer to the office in order to obtain a late note. Late attendance is recorded and followed up according to Department of Education policy.

Road Safety - For the safety of all members of our school community everyone is reminded to slow down and respect the road rules when driving in school zones. The streets surrounding the school, including Carters Lane and Dixon Street, are restricted to 40kph speed limit from 8am to 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4pm.

School Car Park – Families are reminded not to walk or park in or around the school car park and we ask that you please set a good example for your children by leaving the school via one of the two pedestrian gates. We have a number of special transport buses that require unobstructed access to the car parking area.

Parent Helpers/Visitors to the School - We value and appreciate all support from parents and carers and encourage all members of our school community to be an active part of our school. I would like to remind everyone to please sign the visitors book at the school office and obtain an authorised visitor badge before proceeding to classrooms during class time.

Semester One Draws to a Close

What a wonderful semester it has been at Towradgi Public School! There have been lots of fabulous opportunities and experiences for our students and it has been a pleasure to witness the quality teaching and learning at our school over the past two terms. Term 2 ends next Friday, at which time our students and staff will begin a well-earned break. Term 3 will begin for all students on Tuesday 18 July. Staff will return one day earlier for a School Development Day.

WISH YOU WERE HERE...

SOUTHERN STARS SENDS A POSTCARD IN 2017

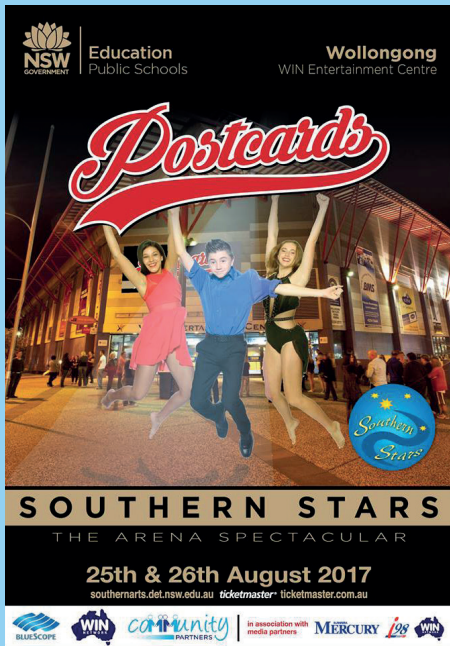
Last Tuesday saw the media launch of Southern Stars 2017 **POSTCARDS** where details about the theme for this year's show were revealed, and an official announcement that tickets were finally on sale. This year Southern Stars is sending musical and visual **POSTCARDS** to its audience. Historically postcards have been a way to connect with the people you love and care about – they suggest a special place, a special time, or a special moment that is important or significant. This year's show is full of special moments and will once again push the boundaries and encompass a plethora of musical, dance, vocal, drama and performance styles. There will be circus, disco, big bands, tap, rock, ballet, pop, drama, folk, orchestra, an indigenous dance company, and musical theatre to name just a few. It's going to be big and it's going to be loud, and like always it will be inspiring.

Approximately 3,000 public school students from around Southern NSW will take part in the two hour arena style show that will feature classics like Nutbush and In the Ghetto to contemporary numbers like Geronimo and Can't Stop This Feeling.

As in past years, community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success, and the easiest way of showing your support is by attending one of the four blockbuster shows. It doesn't matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy spectacle which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students is something not to be missed! Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 25 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 26 (2pm and 7pm) - make sure you are one of them.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows: Adult \$49, Pensioner and student over 12 \$39, Student/Child under 12 \$29. Tickets can be purchased from http://www.ticketmaster.com.au/search?tm_link=tm_homeA_header_search&aid=2017467&user_input=Southern+Stars&q=Southern+Stars

You can keep informed about what's coming up in the show, by visiting the Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site. Please like us and share the stories



Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Next P&C Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 8th August at 7pm in the School Library, due to the School Holiday break. 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>

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!



OR



Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 8 August

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.

