

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 3

4 August, 2017



Education Week 'Open Day' Celebrations: "I Learn, We Learn"

On Tuesday 1st August we celebrated Public Education at Towradgi Public School. The day began with classroom visits by parents, grandparents and friends. The teachers and students showcased the interactive and engaging teaching and learning activities that are part of each day at our school. The Kindergarten and Year One students interviewed their visitors about the changes they have seen since the time that they attended school. Some 2 Opal students demonstrated how they present confident and clear speeches using their devices to record themselves, while others shared their writing and reading talents in the classroom. Students in 3/4 Sapphire showed how they can reinforce new concepts they have learnt using iPads and sharing ideas with their peers. 4/5 Gold were busy working in groups and rotating activities to show how well they can work independently on projects and also investigate new information by using an iPad as a learning tool. The Year Six students were busy utilising their skills in research to support their learning by using their devices and discussing and writing down ideas in small groups.

At 10.25am Mr Ratcliffe and I met with our parents and friends in the library to launch 'ToPS Talks' on our school website. 'ToPS Talks' are short videos that focus on supporting parents and carers at home with specific learning areas for our children. These talks include positive strategies to use when reading with your child and further information on BYOD at Towradgi P.S. We look forward to adding to these videos to continue the partnership we have with our school community and welcome ideas that could be created and added in the future.

By lunch time everyone was definitely hungry and excited to share in a picnic lunch with their families, friends and teachers in the glorious winter sunshine. A big thank you to Mrs Whitmee, Mrs Poidevin and their class who prepared and cooked for our whole school sausage sizzle, which was well earned by all!

To conclude the celebrations the children in Years 3-6 participated in sport activities that definitely left them a little exhausted but very happy and proud to be a part of Towradgi Public School and the community.

Thank you to everyone who completed the surveys online or in writing on the paper outside the library. Your feedback will give us lots to consider in our school planning for 2018-2020.

Congratulations to the students, teachers and parents for a most successful celebration of Towradgi Public School and its community. I look forward to sharing in many more whole school celebrations and achievements of our children in the year ahead.

Kind Regards,
Anissa Rajendra
(Relieving Principal)

Important Dates To Remember

Wednesday 9 August
Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal

Friday 11 August
Assembly from 12:30pm
3-4 Sapphire Item

Monday 14 August
Brokers District Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 16 August
Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal

Thursday 17 August
Southern Stars Support Classes
Dance Rehearsal

Friday 18 August
Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal



Assembly Awards

K-1 Diamond

Isaac S, Fatimah H, Abdullah H

K-1 Emerald

Amelia F, Tinokura T, Saxon K

2 Opal

Preston V, Greta F, Matthew H, Isabella P

3-4 Sapphire

Maurice S, Jayden A, Max Y, Bradly A

4-5 Gold

Demi S, Brad N, Olivia D

6 Onyx

Kayla A, Cameron R, Charlotte B

K-6 Amber

Baily S, Wyatt B, Billy P

K-6 Pearl

Matthew J

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Baily S, Billie B, Anna A, Casey L, Dylan V, Alec R, Toanui T, Jaimon Y, Matthew N, Anthony L, Abdu B

Silver Level 1 Awards

Lucy R, Isaac S, Ahmed O

Silver Level 2 Awards

Emma C, Pip L, Alex A, Lucinda C, Katie H, Jack S, Kurt R, Jameika S, Melak H, Tully M, Kai S

Gold Level 1 Awards

Lawrence D, Tia J

Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Beau S

Positive Behaviour

For Learning (PBL) Prize Draw

Nour B, Isaac S

Class of the Week

2 Opal



Health and Wellbeing

Unfortunately we have had many children coming to school quite unwell throughout this week. We understand that often children become sick quite quickly and without much warning but if you do notice that your child is unusually quiet and unwell before coming to school it is advisable to keep them home to rest and seek advice from your doctor if necessary. Best wishes to all of those children and staff who are at the moment recovering from the nasty bugs making them feel quite ill. We look forward to seeing you all back next week happy and healthy ready for lots of teaching and learning!

ToPS Staff Recognised for Outstanding Teaching

Last Thursday afternoon, Figtree High School hosted the North Wollongong Staff Impact Awards. Mr Brent Pritchard received an award for his outstanding commitment and positive contributions to STEM and technology use in our classrooms and across the Corrimal Community of Schools. Mrs Nakia Bennett and Ms Samantha Hockin were formally acknowledged for their incredible work in Early Learning across the Corrimal Community of Schools and received awards too. I was also recognised for my contributions in Learning Support for both mainstream and Support class students at Corrimal East P.S over the years. We acknowledge that our achievements and aspirations are made possible by the incredible support of our colleagues and school communities.

Southern Stars 2017 'Postcards'

Rehearsals are well underway with all of our Southern Stars participants attending mass rehearsals and practising routines and songs back at school during lunch and recess times. The show is definitely shaping up to be another great celebration of our region's talent. A reminder that the \$20 participation fee for all students to participate is now overdue and payment needs to be made to the school office as soon as possible. Over the next few weeks teachers will be sending out important information regarding your child's transport to and from final rehearsals and costume requirements. Please be mindful of the due dates of these permission notes and payments to ensure a smooth journey into Southern Stars Show Week. Tickets for the show can be purchased through ticketmaster.com.au



SRC Mufti Day - Dress as a Teacher

On Tuesday 25th July students came to school Dressed Like A Teacher. They donated a gold coin a gold coin which will go towards the new Friendship Corner and will help to buy outdoor furniture and paint to decorate this new space.

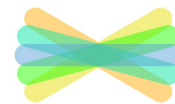


NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge

Last week, myself, Billie B and Lilli Y went to West Wollongong PS for a district final of the NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge. Billie and Lilli represented our school wonderfully and delivered a great speech on the subject 'Our Languages Matter'. They gained some great experience for next year and we are very proud of their achievement.



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

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For July
Baily S



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



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.

