

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 5

18 August, 2017



Week 5 already!

What a busy and exciting five weeks we have had at ToPS! We have had students participating in district athletics carnivals, students rehearsing for Southern Stars, students attending literary lunches and students representing our school in public speaking competitions. All these opportunities and more come together with the incredible hard work and planning of our staff at ToPS and so we say thank you to them on behalf of us all.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten orientation is coming soon and we are very excited to welcome our new students and their families into our vibrant school community. The dates for these are 25/10, 1/11, and 8/11. Further details will be provided in a flyer. If you have a child ready to begin kindergarten in 2018 or you know of a child in our local area who may not have enrolled yet please share this information with them. Please contact our school for further details.

Illness and Absences

As you are all aware many teachers and students have been affected with a terrible influenza which has left many people quite unwell and unable to be at school. Please support your children in following recommended hygiene practices that include frequent and correct hand washing and coughing/sneezing into elbows. If you have any concerns about this virus and your child's recovery please make an appointment with your local GP.

Afternoon Dismissal

Congratulations to all of our students on the sensible way in which they are exiting the school grounds each afternoon. The teachers escort their classes to the front concrete area each afternoon and will be present until all of their students have left the school grounds. Please remember that this is not the time for parent/teacher meetings, however you are welcome to arrange a suitable time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

County fair

Due to the substantial, ongoing teacher and student illness and subsequent absences we have decided to postpone the County fair to Friday 13 October. We look forward to sharing in the planning and celebrations of this wonderful day with all of our parents and wider school community.

I look forward to seeing you all ready to celebrate book week during week 7!

Kind Regards,
Anissa Rajendra
(Relieving Principal)

Important Dates To Remember

21 August - 26 August

Southern Stars Show Week

Wednesday 23 August

Southern Stars Dance and Choir
Rehearsal

Thursday 24 August

Southern Stars Dance, Choir and
Support Class Rehearsal

Friday 25 August

Southern Stars Excursion
Southern Stars Performance
Assembly
K/1 Emerald and Diamond Perform

Monday 28 August

Father's Day Stall

Tuesday 29 August

Story Crowd

Wednesday 30 August

Book Parade

Friday 1 September

South Coast Athletics Carnival
Sports Ready Group Day

Assembly Awards

K-1 Diamond

Lacey S, Jett C, Stevie S

K-1 Emerald

Jet R, Dash M, Deaisha L

2 Opal

Jazia Y, Kai D, Oliver S

3-4 Sapphire

Talia D, Zane L, Anthony L

4-5 Gold

Lilli Y, Zac S, Bowen E

6 Onyx

Jameika S, Tamieka P, Marli G

K-6 Amber

Lawrence D

K-6 Pearl

Jaimon Y

Bronze Level 1 Awards

Joanna M

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Matthew H, Dio A, Cameron R, Kayla P,
Thomas G

Silver Level 1 Awards

Olivia R, Jake A, Jet R, April C

Silver Level 2 Awards

Emma P, Jesse B, Aidan H, Ruby S,
Bowen E, Tamieka P, Xavier F

Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Riley A, Stevie S

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) Prize Draw

Stevie S, Anthony L

Class of the Week

K/1 Diamond

Book Fair Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this year, both through purchases and assistance with the fair. It was wonderful seeing our students so enthusiastic about purchasing new reading materials. Our sales reached an incredible record total of \$2334! That means our library will receive over \$675 worth of new books! I'm sure our students will love borrowing them for many years to come.

Coming Soon: Book Week 2017

It's that time of the year again, it's time for Book Week 2017! Now is the time to start thinking about a fantastic costume for this year's Book Week Parade, which will be held on Wednesday 30th August 2017. This year's theme is Escape to Everywhere. I just love this theme, as it captures the feeling of being able to escape from your life into the fantastic world of your favourite book. We are asking the students to choose a character from a book they have read. Then we'd like them to really think about that character and try to work out what kind of clothes they think the character would wear. (Therefore no superheroes, such as Spiderman, etc please!) Lots of characters just wear ordinary clothing, something which the students can easily find at home. This will encourage students not only to think about the book character, but will also keep the cost down and everyone will be able to join in. We would also like the students to carry the book in the parade. Following the parade, parents will be invited to share a book with their child and their peers in the playground. Students will be divided into multi-aged groups to share books together. This will be followed by a picnic lunch in the playground. In the middle session, Towradgi PS will again be visited by the staff from Corrimal library. Our students just loved their interactive performances from the shortlisted books last year, and can't wait to see what they do for us this year.

Story Crowd Visit

Book Week begins with another exciting opportunity on Tuesday 29th of August 2017, when our school will be visited by The Story Crowd. Students will participate in a number of workshops and art activities presented by Jules Faber (illustrator of the Weir Do and Kaboom Kid series), Louise Park (author of the Boy vs Beast, Zac Power & Star Girl series) and Sandy Fussell (author of the Samurai Kid series and Polar Boy). They will also have the opportunity to purchase books by the authors and get them signed. This experience will cost \$13 per student for a whole day of exciting activities. Details regarding the day have been sent home. It certainly will be an exciting week for our students!

Mrs Heino

BYOD for Year 2

Last week we kicked off BYOD for Year 2 on a trial basis, where students get to bring their device to school on Mondays and Tuesdays up until the end of term. Students have since participated in lessons using the Google Suite and Seesaw apps to connect their learning at school to home. They again practised being safe, respectful and responsible with their devices and continued building up their tech-skills in preparation for BYOD in Year 3. One highlight over the past fortnight has been publishing their persuasive writing using Google Docs and sharing it to Seesaw. Make sure you check out our opinions on 'Reading Books VS Watching TV' on Seesaw, I wonder if we can convince you?

National Tree Day

National Tree Day was celebrated on the 28th of July, and all over Australia schools and community groups planted trees to show how much we care for our environment. Trees provide shelter, habitat, food, reduce soil erosion, emit oxygen and store carbon dioxide which helps in the battle against climate change.

At Towradgi Public School our Green Team planted a dwarf lemon and a dwarf mandarin tree to highlight the importance of trees as a source of food. They are located in the wooden tubs near the hall so we can all monitor their progress. Thanks to all the students who regularly participate in Green Team activities and to Bunnings Wollongong who donated the plants.

Mrs Tier and Mrs Pivovarski

Budding Authors Rub Elbows With The Professionals

Last Wednesday, eight students from Year 5 went to the Fraternity Club to attend a 'Literary Lunch'. We met lots of authors and illustrators and had a very tasty lunch with one of the authors. It was very exciting to have a chat to most of the authors and we even got autographs! We enjoyed learning about how we can improve our writing and all had a really great time. We're lucky to now have autographed copies of some of the books in our school library. Thanks to Mrs Heino for organising this wonderful opportunity. Written by Lilli Y and Muhemed H



Postcards - Southern Stars 2017

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2017 POSTCARDS are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance, music, drama and vocal rehearsals around the state.

Just last week over 2500 dancers attended the first Mass Dance Rehearsal at the WIN Entertainment Centre – it was a great day and a great opportunity for students to get their first glimpse at all the big dance items in the show.

The buzz is growing daily and tickets are selling fast so we encourage you to buy your tickets through Ticketmaster as soon as possible to make sure you don't miss out.

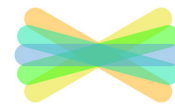
POSTCARDS, featuring 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 25 (10am and 7.30pm) and Saturday August 26 (2pm and 7.30pm).

Most importantly, you don't have to have someone in the show to buy a ticket. A Southern Stars show is great family entertainment and suitable for all ages. It has something for everyone from death defying circus acts to marching bands, from ballet to tap, from rock'n'roll to disco, from knock out solo vocal performances to a choir of 600 sweet voices.

To keep up with all the news about POSTCARDS including recent media stories and picture galleries, visit the Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site. Like us and share with your friends and family!



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



Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 12th September 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.

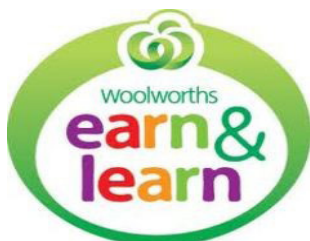
Volunteers Still Needed – Sunday 20th August

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. On Sunday 20th August from 8.30am – 1.30pm we are required to have 4 volunteers on the gate at any one time – 2 controlling traffic and 2 collecting money. If you can help at all please contact Marissa Wood – Marissa.wood@det.nsw.edu.au OR call Mark on 0419215412 to advise of your availability



Earn and Learn

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2017. Now anyone can help schools earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworths from the 26th July. Incredibly, last time over 16,000 schools and early learning centres participated in Earn & Learn, and earned nearly 450,000 pieces of individual equipment. This is your chance to help! It is easy, simply purchase your groceries at Woolworths and spend over \$10 and you'll receive stickers. Simply place the stickers in the box at the office or they can be deposited at the boxes located at Woolworths Corrimal or Fairy Meadow.



Election BBQ and Cake Stall

Once again, we will be holding the previously very successful BBQ and Cake stall for the upcoming Local Government Election on the 9th September. We are calling on volunteers for the BBQ and budding chefs to assist in making this fundraiser great. Please let us know if you can assist.



P&C Activities

The P&C were happy to provide the school with a cheque for \$600 to purchase a new set of reading books to update the reading materials available to the students.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 12 September

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.

