

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 7

1 September, 2017



Our Shining Southern Stars

What a wonderful job our students did as members of the choir and dance groups in this year's spectacular performance of Southern Stars, 'Postcards'. We would like to sincerely thank all of the teachers involved for their tireless team efforts in preparing our students for their performances. We also would like to extend our thanks to the many parents and staff who supported by helping with transport for rehearsals and performances and also with costume preparation and supervision of students.

It was wonderful for our students to perform in an arena production with a record amount of ticket sales, and less than 40 spare seats on the Saturday evening performance. The quality of Southern Stars is a credit to the thousands of students and teachers who take part. It is also a reflection of the outstanding quality of public education and the excellent opportunities our students have to learn and shine in our wonderful public education system. Congratulations to all involved!



Important Dates To Remember

Tuesday 5 September
School Fun Run

Friday 8 September
Assembly from 12:30pm
K-6 Amber Item

Brokers Cricket/Netball Gala Day

CORRIMAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CORRIMAL RSL PRESENT:

Spring into Corrimal

Sunday, 10th September 2017
9am - 4pm

- ★ Street Parade
- ★ Market Stalls
- ★ Family Rides
- ★ Car Boot Sale
- ★ ... and more!

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Assembly Award Congratulations

K-1 Diamond

Abdullah T, Fatimah H

K-1 Emerald

Anna A, Tiba H, Jye H

2 Opal

Jamison B, Katie H, Kade C

3-4 Sapphire

Abdu B, Jayden A, Talia D

4-5 Gold

Marcus S, Muhumed H, Nour B

6 Onyx

Max T, Chelsea S, Vlad K

K-6 Amber

Wyatt B

K-6 Pearl

Lawrence D

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Fatimah H, Jamison B, Preston V

Bronze Level 3 Awards

Jarrah B

Silver Level 1 Awards

Sophie V, Abdullah H, Kade C

Silver Level 2 Awards

Lilli Y, Aiden H

Gold Level 1 Awards

Mason G

Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Oscar N, Joe S, Jesse B

Positive Behaviour

For Learning (PBL) Prize Draw

Brad N, Marli F

Class of the Week

4-5 Gold

Book Week Thank You

What a fantastic Book Week we have had! The week started off on Tuesday with a full day visit from the Story Crowd, where authors Louise Park & Sandy Fussell and illustrator Jules Faber inspired us with their tips for writing a great story, and shared some of their work with us. Jules Faber taught everyone how to draw WeirDo and drew caricatures of some of the teachers! It was great sharing the experience with some students from Tarrawanna and Bellambi Public Schools as well. Students also had the opportunity to purchase books and get autographs from their favourite author/illustrator of the day. It certainly was a pleasure watching the excitement as students got to meet their favourite writers in person.

Book Week continued on Wednesday with our annual Book Character Parade. The students (and teachers!) looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes. It was great to see so many creative ideas. Everyone I spoke to was able to explain what book they came from, no matter how simple their costume. Thank you to everyone for getting involved in the day, and dressing up. A special thank you to Mr Ratcliffe for lending us his skills as DJ and MC!



After our parade, students broke into small groups of students from K-6, where they shared the stories from the books they dressed up as, and read to each other. It was lovely seeing the older students looking after the younger ones, and sharing their passion for reading. The book sharing was followed by a barbeque and picnic on the grass in the playground for lunch.

In the middle session our school was treated to a hilarious and interactive performance by the staff of Corrimal Library. Students watched Readers' Theatre performances from a number of the shortlisted and notable books from this year's Children's Book Council Awards, and then participated in a heated match of boys vs girls in a number of games. Everyone had a fabulous time, and can't wait to have them back next year.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is over for another year! Congratulations to those who participated. All students from K-2 have shared 30 books together in library to help them in completing the challenge. Students in 3-6 had to independently read and

Safety

Respect

Responsibility

record 20 books from their Premier's Reading List in order to complete the challenge. Congratulations to the following students in Years 3-6 who have finished the challenge for this year, and will attend a Premier's Reading Challenge Party in Term 4.

Year 3 – Abdu A, Maddie H, Leith H, Zane L, Tully M, Jordan M, Scarlett M, Eva S, Maurice S

Year 4 – Nour A, Lily B, Emily H, Melak H, Alex H, Mischa L, Toby M, Misha S, Joel S, Ava S

Year 5 – Billie B, Aiden C, Bowen E, Muhemed H, Will H, Natalie H, Coehn W, Lilli Y

Year 6 – Xavier F, Tom G, Matthew N, Kayla P, Jamieka S, Max T, Ariana W, Jaimon Y

Sports Ready Group Day

Our support classes, along with a number of students from other schools across the Illawarra, attended Berkeley Stadium today and participated in the BlueScope Steel Sports Ready Group Day. The students took part in a range of cooperative, sports based activities, similar to the Sports Ready program the Disability Trust delivers at our school. The group day also provided our students with a great opportunity to meet others and make friends with children from other schools. It was a fun and well organised day that catered specifically to our students with special needs.



School Fun Run

Our School Fun Run is just around the corner and we are asking for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular constructing a sensory room. The Fun Run will be held on **September 5th** and we request all sponsorship forms and money to be returned to the school office by **September 11**.

The fundraiser is all about participation! Students raise funds and are rewarded with fantastic incentive prizes, and it finishes with the School Fun Run. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to participate.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form which will assist in raising funds for the school. Please read through the Sponsorship Form and get familiar with the five steps to supercharge your fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. There are over 70 prizes on offer, so it's best to select your favourite and make this your fundraising goal.

Student Profile Page

Create a profile page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and you're in the draw to win an Apple WATCH. It's that simple! There are also some great features like recording your



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
Gym Sports	\$22 per child	ASAP



Interactive performance by the staff
of Corrimal Library.



Achieving Personal Best

Story Crowd

Authors Louise Park & Sandy Fussell
and illustrator Jules Faber



Keep up to Date

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



Skoolbag
Complete communication solution

sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.

Major Promotion

Simply raise \$30 or more in donations and one lucky family will WIN a \$5,000 Cruiseabout Gift Voucher which can be used towards any cruise, from any port, to any destination. To register, create a profile page online and click 'Choose your Cruise Draw'.

How to Order Prizes

As a reward for your efforts, each child will receive an incentive prize based on the total amount of sponsorship raised. Please complete Step 5. on the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class. Student incentive prizes will be delivered shortly after the fundraiser has finalised. As long as you do your best that's all that matters! Thank you in advance for your participation, and happy fundraising.

Message from the Principal

What a wonderful week 7 we have had at ToPS. We have celebrated the magic of books by going on a journey that included dressing up, listening to authors and an illustrator, sharing stories with our peers and watching a readers theatre performed by staff from Corrimal library. We thank Miss Heino and the ToPS staff for their work in preparing for these enriching learning opportunities.

I had the privilege of supervising the dance group performing in Southern Stars this year. The outstanding behaviour of our choir and dance students is to be commended and I congratulate you all on such a big effort. I also wish to acknowledge the incredible work and dedication of Mr. Santos, Mrs. Warner, Ms. Hilton and Mr. Ratcliffe. Thank you! My appreciation is also extended to the families supporting their children in participating as it is a huge commitment.

The staff continue to work hard on evaluating our most recent school plan and are collecting valuable information that will inform our decision making in developing strategies for the next three years. Devoting time to reflect, review and plan forward is extremely worthwhile and I encourage all our families to complete the TTFM parent surveys.

Regular and punctual attendance is essential for all to achieve their educational, social and emotional potential. Please ensure that your child arrives at school before 8.55am each day and is only absent when absolutely necessary. All absences require an explanation by the parents/carers to the school within 7 days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Happy Spring Time!

Kind Regards,
Anissa Rajendra
(Relieving Principal)

Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Next P&C Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 12th September at 7pm in the School Library. If you have anything you would like to discuss at the meeting please send through to mark.c.mccarthy@gmail.com so we can add it to the agenda.

Foragers Market – Thank You!

What a great day was had by all at Foragers on Sunday 20th August! Thanks to all those families that came to help, directing traffic, and collecting entry fees! It was a great opportunity to spend time together, promote our little school and be part of the wider local community! A huge effort by everyone with a total raised of \$1661!! A big Thank you to Mr Pritchard who came and helped out on the day! And to Marissa for managing operations. This is a yearly event that we need to continue and as always, these funds will be distributed after consultation, to meet the learning and educational needs of the students and teachers of Towradgi Public School.



Father's Day Stall – Thank You!

There were some very happy Dads on Father's Day after the children were once again given the opportunity to purchase a special something for the great people in their lives. A huge variety of presents and gifts were available and a big thanks goes to all that helped in making the stall a success. A big cheer for Mel Pender that was the driving force and rallied the troops!!



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 Mark know either on Facebook or by sending a text to 0419215412 if you can assist. We plan on accepting cakes on Friday the 8th and on the day.



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.



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.