

TOWRADGI Public School

NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 9

15 September, 2017



Fun Run Success

I am thrilled to announce that our School Fun Run was a huge success! With your assistance we were able to raise valuable funds which will be used for building a sensory room through the coming year. Once all of the sponsorship forms have been received, we will announce the lucky class that wins the pizza party for raising the most in sponsorship.

I would like to thank you for your time and effort that was put into this year's School Fun Run. It was wonderful to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school.



South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival

On Friday 1st September, Jarrah B, Oliver S, Joel S, Brad N, Zac S, Kascha C, Max T, Alec R and Bailey K travelled to Canberra to represent our school and Brokers District PSSA at the South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival. All of the students tried their very best and made us very proud. Standout performances came from Jarrah B – 15th in the 8 years boys 100m, Joel S – 9th in the 9 years boys 100m, Bailey K – 13th in the Senior boys shot put, Senior boys 4 x100m relay team (Zac, Kascha, Alec and Max) – 10th, and Max T – 2nd Senior boys 1500m and 3rd Senior Boys 800m. Max will go on to represent South Coast region at the State Championships on 18/19th October.

Premier's Spelling Bee

On Thursday 7th September, Anthony L, Lily B, Muhemed H and Dylan V competed in the regional final of the Premier's Spelling Bee held at Wollongong Public School. All 4 students represented our school well and we are very proud of their efforts.

Important Dates To Remember

Wednesday 20 September
Year 6 Cultural Festival

Thursday 21 September
Year 6 Cultural Festival

Friday 22 September
Assembly from 12:30pm
Southern Stars Item

Rewards Day - Wheelies Day

Last Day of Term 3

Monday 9 October
Staff & Students return for Term 4

Gym Sports begins

Tuesday 10 October
P&C Meeting

Friday 13 October
County Fair

Assembly Awards

K-1 Diamond

Aliah S, Jaxon L, Ahmed O

K-1 Emerald

Nived U, Casey L, April C

2 Opal

Katie H, Riley A, Lucinda C

3-4 Sapphire

Eve R, Emma-Rose B, Regan C

4-5 Gold

Natalie H, Ruby S, Lilli Y

K-6 Amber

Leith H

K-6 Pearl

Lawrence D, Matthew J

Bronze Level 2 Awards

Joseph D, Joel S, Jayden A, Jake R,
Molly S, Eve R, Bradly A, Talia D, Cade C

Bronze Level 3 Awards

Taylor W

Silver Level 1 Awards

Ivy K, Mohamed Y, Yaseen A, Nived U,
Amelia F

Silver Level 2 Awards

Max Y, Harrison T, Mischa L, Tahni L,
Misha S, Tinokura T, Natalie H, Katie A,
Isabella S, Rand H, Jett C, Dash M

Gold Level 1 Awards

Carter T, Bradley N

Gold Level Level 2 Awards

Zane L, Maurice S, Madison H, Toby M,
Melak H, Yasmine P, Lily R, Isabella P

Positive Behaviour

For Learning (PBL) Prize Draw

Leith H, Aiden H

Class of the Week

K-1 Emerald

F1 in Schools

Every Wednesday afternoon since late May, Toby M, Regan C, Misha S, Max Y, Harry T and Lily Br have attended the F1 in Schools program at Corrimal High School. This program is part of Corrimal High's strong Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focus and involved students from 4 local primary schools who worked in school teams to design and build a small scale F1 car using STEM skills and technology such as 3D printing. The presentation and race day were held on 4th September and although the Towradgi Kangas didn't win the overall trophy, they were awarded Best Design. Well done Kangas, we are extremely proud of you!



NAPLAN Online

Last week, students in Years 3 and 5 trialed the new NAPLAN Online format. All students completed the omnibus test, which included questions based around reading, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy. Year 5 also completed their writing test in the online format, typing their response to a persuasive text prompt. Students were asked to give feedback on the NAPLAN Online format and here are some of the responses:

Did you enjoy doing the NAPLAN Online omnibus task on a device?

Year 3: Yes because you didn't get sore hands.

Yes because it was easy, fun and quick.

Yes because you can go back to the answer you thought was wrong.

Year 5: Yes because you get to use a keyboard.

Yes because you didn't need to shade in the bubbles, you just needed to click on it.

Yes. It made it more fun plus I don't have to worry about staying in the box to write because it did it for me.

Did you enjoy doing the NAPLAN Online writing task on a device?

Year 5: Yes, I liked how it was easy to write without your hand dying.

Yes. It was much easier to write and it told us how much time we had left on the screen.

Yes. I liked how you can press an undo button so you didn't have to delete everything.

Overall, 93% of the students preferred the NAPLAN Online format to the traditional paper and pencil test, making this a very positive change. If you have any questions about the new delivery method for NAPLAN, please contact the school.

Cricket and Netball Gala Day

On Friday 8th September, our Stage 3 students attended a cricket and mixed netball gala day at Guest Park. All students had a wonderful day in the sunshine and competed well, showing great effort as well as fairness and consideration. Well done Stage 3!



Great Rewards For Great Students

The ever-popular Wheelies Day Rewards Day will be held on Friday 22 September. More information outlining the requirements for participation has already been sent home in separate correspondence. Once again, I would like to congratulate all students who qualify for this special reward.

ToPS Successfully Springs Into Corrimal

Last weekend our staff and students partnered with our Community of Schools and participated in Spring Into Corrimal festivities and a big thank you goes out to the students, parents and carers that joined us in the grand parade. The students represented Towradgi Public School with great pride and upheld our school values.



County Fair in Term 4

The Towradgi Public School County Fair is scheduled for Friday 13 October. It will commence at 12:30pm with a sausage sizzle fundraiser and will continue throughout the afternoon, concluding at home time. Invitations for our County Fair will go home before end of term and families are encouraged to return the tear off sausage sizzle order section prior to the day to avoid missing out. Whilst our staff are busily preparing for their stalls, our students play a very active role in the preparations and running of the fair, which for us is a real highlight. All the money raised at the County Fair goes directly back to the students. Each class gets an equal share of the profits to spend on special equipment for the class over the coming year. We are looking forward to another enjoyable community event and hope to see you there!

If anyone has anything to donate to the trash and treasure stall, please send it in any time now. We would also appreciate donations of cakes/slices for the cake stall on the day. Remember to include a list of ingredients on your cake stall donations. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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

Aussie of Month

For August
Jazia Y



Achieving Personal Best

Celebrating our wonderful SAS Staff

Last week our school community acknowledged and celebrated the hard work done by our School Administrative and Support Staff as part of SAS Staff Recognition Week. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognise and thank the dedicated SAS Staff we have at Towradgi Public School. I would like to acknowledge the fundamental role they play in the smooth running of our school and most importantly the vital role they play in supporting our students' education.

'A Culture of Professional Practice' – Across our school and school communities!

We continue to celebrate many successes with our school plan to date. Our second strategic direction 'A Culture of Professional Practice' was of particular focus this fortnight as the teachers spent time in an extended teacher professional learning session training further in Focus on Reading. After this session our teachers stayed back even longer to understand and analyse our school NAPLAN data which provides them with a great insight into how our children learn and what it is we need to focus more deeply on.

To date:

- Mrs Lieschke delivered professional learning to all teachers around 'SMART data'. As a result, our teachers further developed a deep knowledge of individual student growth to support and improve student learning.
- Mr Pritchard continues to deliver professional learning around 'Focus on Reading', supporting all teachers with the explicit teaching of key aspects of reading.
- We are continuing to evaluate our parent and student surveys to ascertain the success of the various school initiatives and programs to date and to determine future directions.
- All teachers have participated in reflection meetings with me to review their professional development plans and have undertaken targeted professional learning and visited colleagues in other schools in order to support the achievement of their professional learning goals.
- All staff enthusiastically continue to participate in stage, team, whole staff and professional network meetings, keeping them up to date with current changes to pedagogies and education reforms.
- Mrs Hilton, Mr Ratcliffe and Mrs Rajendra have presented professional learning workshops for our School Learning Support Officers in the Corrimal Community of Schools.
- The SEN hub professional learning session for the teachers in the Illawarra focusing on understanding the sensory needs of students with additional learning and social needs was hosted by Towradgi Public School by Mrs Hilton, Mr Ratcliffe and Mrs Rajendra.

These achievements were strategically targeted towards improving the quality of teaching and learning that occurs in our classrooms for our students every day. We are continuing to learn, evaluate and evolve whilst always striving to make each school day engaging and meaningful to all of our students!

We have had a very productive and busy school term. I would once again like to thank everyone for their kindness and the very generous welcome that you have all given me since arriving at this fabulous school. Have a safe and enjoyable two week holiday break. We will be looking forward to an incredible and exciting term 4!

Kind Regards,

Anissa Rajendra
(Relieving Principal)



Keep up to Date

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



Towradgi Public School PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Next P&C Meeting:

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 10 October 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.

Election Day Cake Stall

On Saturday 9th September Towradgi P.S hosted the local elections in the school hall. To make the process a little more pleasurable for our visitors we set up a cake stall to raise some funds for teaching and learning resources in our school. With great thanks to our parents and school community we raised over \$400!!! It was a spectacular effort by our volunteers who helped on the day and to the wonderful contributions that provided the 100% profit. We are grateful to everyone who assisted either by baking cakes, giving of their time or donating financially. It was a great result.

Halloween Disco

As discussed at the recent P & C meeting, the Halloween school disco will be run in the school hall on **Tuesday 31st October from 5.30pm-7.30pm**. More information on this event will come out very soon. If you feel like you would like to be a part of this organising committee we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Alison at allythelan@hotmail.com for more info.

Ink and Toner Supplies

Ink and Toner Supplies have contacted the school and informed us if we mention Towradgi Public School when dealing with them the school will benefit from your business. Help spread the word!

Woolworths Stickers

Thank you to all of our amazing families who have helped with the collection of Woolworths stickers. The promotion is now coming to an end and all stickers are due to be sent in asap. If you have any loose stickers or sheets at home please send them in. Thank you for helping our school reach targets to gain more resources for our children.

School Photo Frame

As some of you may have seen in the school office and on the P&C Facebook page, there is a fundraiser for a school years photo frame. This fundraiser is optional, please feel free to view this item and purchase via the information that was previously sent home, alternatively more information regarding this is in the school office. *could a image be inserted here from the note in the foyer at school please :)

Life Education

At the P&C meeting on Tuesday night, the committee voted to use funds raised to cover the cost for all students to attend the Life Education Van when it returns next term.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 10 October

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.

