



TOORAWEEAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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School News Week 6, Term 4, 2014

Remembrance Day

Respect is not dead to the younger generation. I was impressed and proud by our student's sense of occasion, their demeanour and sincere reflections throughout the ceremony at 11am yesterday.

Name the foal.

Brett French wants the children's suggestions as to a new name for the palomino colt born last Tuesday. We want something masculine not "Smoochie" or "Cuddles". Personally I think I will win with my suggestions.

1. Brulee (pronounced Broo lay) – Palominoes are cream. Think Crème Brulee. Drop the crème. What do you have?
2. Brett has other horses named along an American Indian theme eg. Comanche. How about Navajo?(pronounced Nav a ho) Cherokee? or Apache?
3. Mino or Myno from the old saying "Any palomino is a pal o' mine oh"
You have a week to suggest a name.

Swim School

The permission note for Swim School in Weeks 8 and 9 is attached to this School News. There are no options. We all go each day. The cost this year is greatly reduced compared to previous years. Each child is asked to pay \$8 **in cash** to the school office (in an envelope please with students' name clearly written.) This is the pool admission per child each day for 10 days. I have to pay the pool manager **in cash** each day and it's more time efficient for one to do it for all rather than 29 students paying individually. The cost of the bus each day has very generously been covered by our own Tooraweenah P and C Association.

Cath Peart has an exciting announcement for 2015 and beyond to make on her P and C report, so I won't steal her thunder now.

Students

Lucy McWhirter on K/1, David Riley on 3/4 and Brooke French on 5/6 all started on Monday and have fitted in well. Lucy and David are in awe of the amazing set up we have at Tooraweenah. Brooke has always known it. Brooke intends pursuing a career in primary teaching after Year 12. She is a natural who already displays what I call the "It" factor. You either have "it" or you don't.

Solar Power

Once a faulty circuit breaker fuse was replaced our system has been generating 45kilowatts a day. As our average peak consumption during the Winter and Summer months is 60kw/day, this effectively means that we have reduced our daily bill by 75%. From Friday afternoon until Monday morning the power generated is coming off our consumption. The weekend just about pays for one and a half school days. Should this trend continue without any stoppages for faults, then this should significantly reduce our utility costs.

Library

Reverse cycle air conditioning will be added to the library in the next two weeks. The other units we put in the two main classrooms and the office area earlier in the year, are just brilliant!

Kinder Orientation

Five weeks of Kinder Orientation concludes next Monday. Where did those weeks go? We are all looking forward to Maddi and Lily starting next year now that they are a couple of old veterans at this school thing.

Proposal for 2015

Speaking of transition to Kindergarten, Mrs Smith has come forward with a proposal based on an existing program that runs at Nashdale Public School that has merit for inclusion at Tooraweenah P.S. Nashdale run a year-long Kinderstart program where children eligible to start school the following year attend Kindergarten for a day a week, at a cost far below that of childcare. The benefits are that the pre-schoolers experience "big school" over an extended period and helps parents make up their minds where they are going to enrol their child/ren the following year. It's a bit like "try, before you buy". We are currently investigating the logistics, before we commit to running the program.

2015 Road Trip and Educational Experience

Investigations and planning are underway for a K-6 student/staff and parent educational experience of 3 days and 2 night's duration to Red Hill at Gulgong. Where does it fit into the curriculum? K-2 will be studying "People and Places- Past and Present", "The Way We Were" and Years 3-6 will be studying "Gold". Red Hill and the experiences they provide are ideal for such units. More details to follow including dates.

Class parties 2014

Following my "One in, All In " policy, we are investigating having a K-6 school party at Geoff and Sarah Hill's Caravan Park on the last day for students, Wednesday 17th December. More details when planning is finalised.

School calendar 2015

By the end of next week, set dates for 2015 will be posted on the 2015 calendar on the school website. A list of important dates for Weeks 8-11 of this year will be on School News.

- If you are travelling past the school of a night time from December 1st onwards take note.

"There's nothing small about small schools"

Col Hare

Principal

Garage Lunches – (Each Monday)

Traveller Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Sauce	\$0.30
Ham or Corned Beef Sandwich	\$3.50
Cheese/Tomato extra	\$0.40
Chocolate/Strawberry milk 250gm	\$2.50
Juice Apple or Apple/Blackcurrant	\$2.50



Dates To Remember

Term 4 – 07.10.14 to 19.12.14

10.11.14	Kindergarten Orientation Day
10.11.14	Swimming AASCP after school
17.11.14	Kindergarten Orientation Day
17.11.14	Swimming AASCP after school
24.11.14 - 5.12.14	Swimming Lessons –Gilgandra Pool
05.12.14	Reports sent home
09.12.14	Year 6 Farewell
11.12.14	Presentation Night
17.12.14	Party – last day of school for students

Merit Awards

Merit Awards were presented to:

Blake Duff – 100 nights home reading

Madeline Potts – effort in reading

Heidi Ferguson – outstanding work ethic

Brock Trickey – 180 nights home reading

Heidi Holland – results in multiplication

Madison Holland – persistence in learning new skills

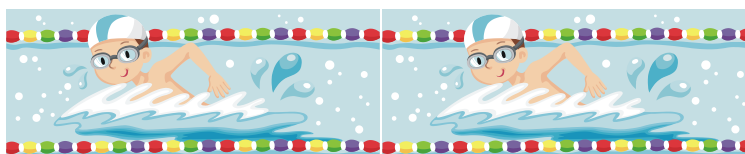
Canteen Roster Term 4

Date: *Fri. 14/11/14 Janine Ferguson*
Home Cooking: *Janine, Ashley Starr, Sue Potts*

Date *Fri. 21/11/14 Sonia Bonham*
Home Cooking *Sonia, Mel. Peart, Bindi Haling*

AASCP 2014 – Term 4 Swimming Activity-Caravan Park Pool

On Monday 17th November all 15 AASCP participants will be attending the Caravan Park pool for their activity. Please bring your swimmers, towel and sunscreen.



Merit Awards – Please check your child/children's awards to be sure they are not eligible for higher awards. If you discover that your child has reached the level for further award please send them into their class teacher asap.

Recycle Your Cans – As the festive season approaches it is a good time to remind you all to drop off your empty cans into our recycle bin near the front fence of the school.

Old LP Records – during a recent tidy up of the Multipurpose Room, the Preschool staff located a large stash of very old LP records. If anyone is interested in these please call in to see the school. First in best dressed. If these are not claimed within the next week or so, they will be disposed of.

Swim and Survive – Summer is just around the corner and Sport and Recreation will again be delivering Swim and Survive lessons throughout regional NSW.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive program caters for children from 18 months through to 12 years of age. Our lessons provide intensive water familiarization and learn to swim classes, generally held over eight or nine consecutive weekdays.

Our friendly, qualified instructors will teach basic skills on how to enjoy the water safely and the techniques needed to become a strong and confident swimmer.

Children need lots of practice, so our lessons are an excellent opportunity to reinforce the skills they learn through a school-based program.

All enrolments for Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive program should be directed to www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or our client service centre on 13 13 02.

Should you have any further queries, or require additional copies of the flyer, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6766 1200.

Paul Kelly
Swim and Survive Project Officer

