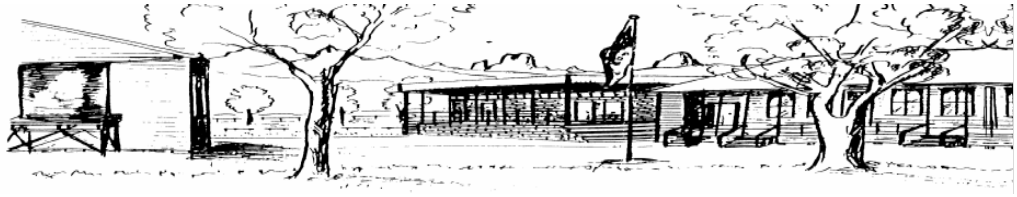




TOORAWEEAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER—04.02.15



School News Week 2 Term1

Welcome to 2015

Despite having a mini flood compliments of a ruptured galvanised pipe and the fact that we had no technology in the school for the first week- we are off to a flying start. Welcome to Lily Smith and Maddi Peart to Kindergarten They have settled in well as expected as they were already well versed in all aspects of school life before they arrived. We are now 28 with the departure of Maddi Potts to Queensland and Holly Barrett of Kinder 2014 Semester Two, returning to Gilgandra Public. The Fox boys who were with us for some time in 2014 have returned to the district but unfortunately have chosen to enrol at Gilgandra Public. On Tuesday the relieving Director of Schools, Mrs Sue Francisco, contacted me to ask my approval to nominate Tooraweenah P.S. as one of three Western Plains school group schools for special visitation by the Secretary of Education for NSW (formerly known as the Director-General). I accepted on your behalf.

Calendars

Now that technicians have corrected communications problems, we will be updating the school website calendars for the year and progressively adding to them each week as events are finalised. I have not heard back about possible dates for our K-6 students, staff and parents road trip and three days of activities at the Red Hill Centre in Gulgong. More news as details are available. Hard copy of a calendar for Term 1 is attached for pride of place on your fridge so that you can add dates/events to work in with family schedules.

Tooraweenah P.S. Swimming Carnival

This is on tomorrow starting at 9am. It is doubtful that Eumungerie P.S will be joining us for the day as they have ongoing problems getting enough transport for any event. Enough information has been communicated to students and parents to guarantee student's organisation for the day. As Principal, I have to be impartial so "Go Butling!" or should that be "Go Gartler"?

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

This is on at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre, next Friday, 13th February. Information will come home about requirements, times and the various admission cost categories and a response regarding transport will once again be required. K-2 will have aquatic tabloid activities as in past years. For students in Years 3-6, there is a stipulation that they must be able to swim 50m of the stroke event in which they intend entering.

Parent Information Night

This will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room commencing at 7pm sharp next Tuesday night, 10th February. Staff will outline routines/expectations/units of study for each of the three classes and answer any queries you may have about 2015 and the future.

Musica Viva

We have organised to be part of the Musica Viva program in Terms 2 and 3 through our connection with the Macquarie Small Schools Group. We are traditionally connected to these schools through our PSSA sporting alliances. We will travel as a K-6 group to Geurie Hall for 2 performances this year.

Active After School Communities

Until further notice there will be NO Active After School Communities each Monday afternoon at Tooraweenah P.S., or any other school for that matter. This program has been finalised and will be replaced by a similar structure. No details have been forthcoming as yet.

P and C contribution

Our thanks to the P and C who donated \$800 towards the purchase of a short throw projector in the 4/5/6 room to replace one that is original technology 15 years old, for the interactive whiteboard. Through computer funding allocation I am hoping to add integrated speakers to replace the mono squark box we currently have. Mrs Munns, bless her, looked after the other two classes, which have up to date systems.

Canteen/Lunch orders

Week 2 (this week) – NO canteen. Leonie Watt has kindly agreed to accept orders this Friday.

Week 3 (next week) – Orders available through Leonie as per usual on Monday. There is NO canteen on Friday as we will all be at the Small Schools Swimming in Dubbo.

Week 4 – Leonie's orders on Monday. Canteen is scheduled to recommence Friday.

'Small Schools Big Future'

Colin Hare

Principal

P&C News

Welcome back to all our school families. Already those diaries are filling up with activities, and carnivals.

The P&C AGM, and first general meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th February at 3.15pm**

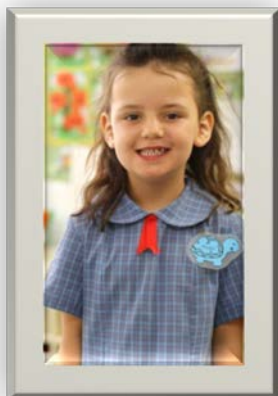
Looking forward to seeing as many families as possible represented. If you are working and unable to make the meeting, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any agenda items you would like to have raised.

Hope to see you on the 18th. Attached to the newsletter please find request for volunteers to man the canteen during 2015. Please return to the school by 11th February or alternately phone the school and leave your details with Mary or Gwenderlyn.

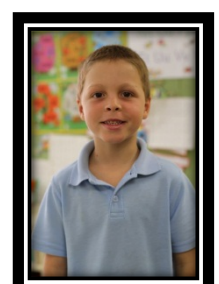
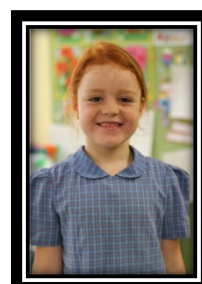
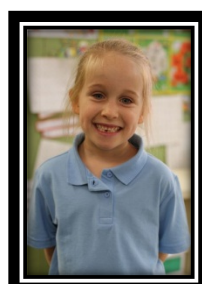
Catherine Peart

P&C President

2015 KINDERGARTEN



2015 YEAR 1



Tooraweenah Public School Term 1 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 JAN	26 AUSTRALIA DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27 Staff Development Day at Geurie P.S.	28 Years 1-6 students return	29 Kindergarten commences	30
Week 2 FEB	2	3 Connect 5	4 Preschool	5 Tooraweenah PS Swimming Carnival- Gilgandra	6
Week 3 FEB	9	10 Parent Information Night @7pm	11 Preschool	12	13 Dubbo Small Schools swimming carnival-Dubbo
Week 4 FEB	16	17 Connect 5	18 Preschool P and C meeting @ 3.15pm – AGM/MONTHLY	19 Western Plains Principal's meeting- Dubbo	20 Canteen Western Plains Principal's meeting- Dubbo
Week 5 FEB	23	24	25 Preschool	26 Dubbo District PSSA Swimming carnival- Dubbo - twilight	27 Canteen
Week 6 MAR	2	3 Connect 5	4 Preschool	5	6 Canteen Western Area Swimming carnival - Dubbo
Week 7 MAR	9	10	11 Preschool	12	13 Canteen
Week 8 MAR	16 Students perform at Senior Citizen's luncheon – Mountain View Hotel	17 Connect 5	18 Preschool GRANDFRIEND'S DAY	19	20 Canteen
Week 9 MAR	23	24	25 Preschool STATE SWIMMING	26 STATE SWIMMING	27 Canteen
Week 10 MAR/ JUN	30 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS	31 Connect 5	1 Preschool	2 TERM ONE CONCLUDES	3 GOOD FRIDAY

Merit Awards – At our first assembly for 2015 merit awards were distributed to:-

Ethan Smith – enthusiasm

Sophia Moppett – an excellent start to Year 2

Heidi Ferguson – a productive first week of school

Kayne Hanney – a settled start to Year 2

Maddi Peart – settling in well to Kindergarten

Lily Smith – settling in well to Kindergarten

Tyler Mayall – working hard during 'Best Start' activities

Madison Holland – working well during 'Best Start' activities

Ellie Peart – being on the ball with HSIE writing

NSW Public Schools School Calendar

NSW Government Schools Term Dates 2015

Tenn 1 for school staff (Eastern division)	<u>Tuesday 27 January</u>	- <u>Thursday 02 April</u>
Tenn 1 for students (Eastern division)	<u>Wednesday 28 January 2015</u>	- <u>Thursday 02 April</u>
Tenn 1 for school staff (Western division)	<u>Tuesday 03 February</u>	- <u>Thursday 02 April</u>
Tenn 1 for students (Western division)	<u>Wednesday 04 February 2015</u>	- <u>Thursday 02 April</u>
Term 2 for school staff (Eastern and western division)	<u>Monday 20 April</u>	- <u>Friday 26 June</u>
Term 2 for students (Eastern and Western division)	Tuesday 21 April 2015	Friday 26 June 2015
Term 3 for school staff (Eastern and Western division)	<u>Monday 13 July</u>	- Friday 18 September 2015
Term 3 for students (Eastern and Western division)	Tuesday 14 July 2015	Friday 18 September 2015
Term 4 for students (Eastern and Western division)	Tuesday 06 October 2015	<u>Wednesday 16 December 2015</u>
Term 4 for school staff (Eastern and western division)	<u>Tuesday 06 October 2015</u>	- Friday 18 December 2015

Dates To Remember:

05.02.15	Swimming Carnival
10.02.15	Parent Information Evening
13.02.15	Small Schools Swimming Dubbo
18.02.15	P&C Meeting 3.15pm
19.02.15	Western Plains Principal Conference
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20.02.15	Canteen resumes

