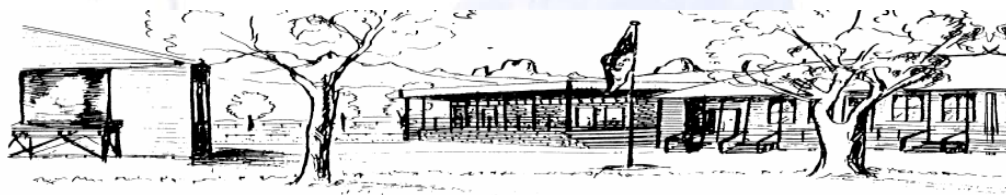




TOORAWEEAH PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—25.02.15



School News Week 5 Term1

Dubbo District Swimming Carnival

All the best to our school representatives, Grace Peart, Archie Haling, Sam Duff, James McDonnell, Ellie Peart and Isabella Worner, tomorrow night in Dubbo at the twilight carnival. Students are to report to Mrs Farley-Tucker, the Small Schools Manager, upon arrival and when departing. Give it your best as you only have one shot at it. There are usually no finals and it's all based on one off times in your respective races. Western Area trials are on Friday of next week, in Dubbo, if you make it through, joining our relay team of Grace, Ellie, Lachlan and James that have already qualified in the PP5 relay.

Music lessons

These have been running for two weeks very successfully by all accounts. Be advised that this program is on a **trial basis only** at this stage. Effectiveness will be determined in terms of disruption to school routines. I will be reviewing the departmental policy regarding programs such as this and lessons will only continue if DEC officers respond positively.

Lunch issues

Children have been bringing cold leftovers to school such as quiche and lasagna with the expectation that staff on lunch duty will heat them in the canteen microwave. This is particularly prevalent in the colder months when children bring soup and noodles. **Children are not allowed to access** the microwave even though they may normally do so at home. Serious cases have occurred where children overheated items leading to burns and also when metal objects have been left in lunches, often with dire consequences. **Under the DEC Duty of Care policies, staff can't leave other students to heat lunches for a few.** Please ensure that children bring food items that do not require heating.

Western Plains Principals Network Meeting

I attended these last week. Many issues that will impact upon schools were discussed. Coming home will be a draft of the school's 2015-2017 School Management Plan. You are invited to make comments etc. The plan was devised in conjunction with the small schools in the Macquarie School Group as the Western Plains group, of which Tooraweenah is a member, is based in Bourke and member schools are hundreds of kilometers apart making it impractical for me to liaise with them. This plan is in two parts. The first part deals with directions, goals, ideals for the school over the next three years. The second part is an operational guide which is the domain of my staff. Following consultation with the school community and scrutiny by departmental officers, it will be posted on the school website by May along with the 2014 Annual School Report.

Col Hare
Principal



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Advancedlife

photography

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Dear Parents,

We will be photographing your school on **Monday 30TH MARCH 2015**. You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your children explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each child returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes

Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

We have an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to **www.advancedlife.com.au** for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which **MUST** be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a "family order envelope" from your school & return it to the office.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography

School Photos Are Now Available For Secure Online Purchase

4 Easy Steps to Online School Photo Ordering

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code **X34 W7W 2JK**

Step 2: Enter your student's details.

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection).

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note: LATE FEES will apply once orders are closed | Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the first school photo day however they can be purchased using an envelope up until photo day. Please see envelope attached.

Canteen News: On Friday 27.3.15 the canteen will be holding a Pizza Day. Pizza flavours will be Hawaiian, BBQ Meatlovers & Supreme. Priced at \$2.50/slice and Garlic bread .25c each. If your child chooses not to have pizza, please provide their lunch. Morning tea will still be home cooking. Please return order form below by 4.3.15 for Mrs Peart to purchase.

Please find attached lunch bags for the remainder of this term.



Name:	Type of Pizza:	Number of slices:



CANTEEN – 27.02.15

Workers: Cherie McWhirter, Kate McWhirter
Home cooking: Janine Ferguson, Kate & Cherie McWhirter

Canteen – 06.03.15

Workers: Ashley Starr, Fiona Dann
Home cooking: Alexis Hanney, Ashley Starr & Fiona Dann

DATES TO REMEMBER

03.03.15)	
17.03.15)	
31.03.15)	Connect 5
27.03.15	Pizza Day at Canteen
16.03.15	Students perform Mountain View Hotel
18.03.15	Grandparents/Grandfriends Day
30.03.15	School Photos

Parent tips for use in school newsletters and on school websites – 20 February 2015

Primary school

Multiplication times tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>

Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their "dodgy website" antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>

Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition 2015

Competition's theme is "My place in today's world". Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is **Thursday, 2 April 2015**.

For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website <http://mappingsciences.org.au>.

All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership

Please find included three Absentee Notes: Photocopy as required and send with your child on their return to school after any absence. The school requires an explanation or your child's record will show as an unjustified absence, when there is usually a good reason... sick, doctors/dentist appointment or school event. 😊 😊

