



TOORAWEEAH PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—29.04.15



School News Week 2 Term 2

Anzac Day

The staff and I are incredibly proud of the students for the manner in which they presented themselves at the Tooraweenah ANZAC ceremony last Saturday. Their two songs were reflective of two different aspects of the day. "To the Top of the Hill" was indicative of the enthusiasm and mind set of those involved in the Gallipoli landing and the battle that ensued and the second was more about the Spirit of ANZAC and those who have served in conflicts since World War 1. In the lead up practices the children were respectful of the content and purpose of the songs and throughout class lessons were mindful of the horrors of war and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

K-6 major excursion

The proposed K-6 students, staff and parents 3 day and 2 nights excursion to Red Hill Environmental Education Centre at Gulgong has been booked in for Week 2 of **next term** (Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd July). Our TPS athletics carnival has been moved to Thursday of Week 1 Term 3 (16th July). Add these dates to your diaries. A term out, arrangements are underway. I will be approaching the P and C for assistance with funding, bearing in mind that this year we have halved the cost of previous years P and C funding for the bus to and from Swim School in Gilgandra during Term 4. To support local service suppliers, I have given our local bus proprietors, Craig and Robin Dowsett, "first dibs" on transport to Gilgandra for the Community Reading Day, Eumungerie for the Questacon Science Fair, two trips to Geurie for Musica Viva later in the year and to the K-6 Gulgong excursion. As the capacity of the bus is 21 seats besides the driver some parents and students will have to travel in private vehicles. These would pay a reduced amount. More information after much number crunching!!

Maths trial (Like sheepdog trials – they are always found guilty)

We are trialing free access to the Maths Online program until the end of Term Two. Each topic uses short, explicit tutorials that can be conducted as a whole class group and accessed individually via specific student logins. These are great to complement class lessons and to consolidate knowledge and skills. Using the program, Years 4/5/6 are currently investigating the many types of graphs and other methods of data display. Next theme = fractions (or part thereof) <<<<<<< Did you get it or did it go straight through to the keeper?



HSIE

Across K-6 the students have started units about how people used to live and the discovery of gold in Australia which had the greatest impact on the history of Australia. All of the units fit perfectly culminating in our 3 day Gulgong trip next term.

School Awards system

At last Friday's assembly, Teagan Watt received her Merit (5), Credit (10) and Distinction (15) certificates.



*Angel, Jemima, Lexi and Lara
2015 Extended Transition Participants*

Extended Transition Program

Angel, Jemima, Lexi and Lara were just fantastic on their first day at "big school" taking part in our Extended Transition Program. They have started off brilliantly and it is if they have always been here. See you next Monday girls (Yes. You do have to do it all over again!!)

Painting

The painters have advised that they will be here on Friday morning to do the toilet block ceilings.

P and C meeting

A reminder that the next P and C meeting is next Wednesday 6th May at 3.15pm in the staffroom.

Wear Western Day

Today we held our first of two "Wear Western" days in support of the Western Area Sports Association and Stewart House. Photographs will be emailed to Western Area on Thursday so we are in the running to have our school and students professionally presented on the side of the Western Area trailer for the next 12 months, travelling all over NSW to sporting venues.

"Small Schools, Big Futures"

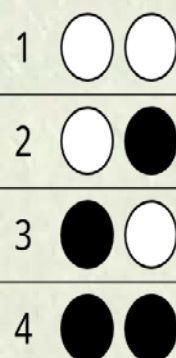
Regards

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Principal

K/1 Classroom News

K/1 are learning about patterns this week in Maths. They will be learning how to make and continue a pattern of 2,3 and 4 as well as creating growing patterns of shapes. Next week in Maths Year 1 will be working on doubles and near doubles and K will be working with grouping objects. This term K/1/2 are working on the unit 'Growing and Changing'. This encompasses information about life cycles of animals & plants and how we change over time. We will also be learning about some common household foods and how these come from the 'farm to table.'



For Sale - One Size 8 pinafore (that is too big for Lily) brand new from Grace's uniforms for \$49. Please contact Karen Smith/the school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

04.05.15	Extended Transistion
06.05.15	P&C Meeting 3.15pm
10.05.15	Preschool Mothers' Day Luncheon Armatree Hotel
11.05.15	Extended Transition
12.05.15 – 14.05.15	NAPLAN TESTING
18.05.15	Extended Transition
19.05.15	Connect 5
22.05.15	Grip Leadership, GREAT Day Gilgandra
25.05.15	Extended Transition
28.05.15	TPS Cross Country
29.05.15	Questacon Science Eumungerie

Canteen Roster

01.05.15	Worker	Cath Peart	Home Cooking	Cath, Greg Winter & Alexis Hanney
08.05.15	Worker	Fiona Dann, Cherie McWhirter	H.cooking	Fiona, Cherie, Mandy

The following students were awarded merit certificate at end of Week 1

Darcy Holland- trying really hard in Maths
Mikayla Skinner – excellent journal writing
James McDonell – HSIE work
Clayton Skinner – a great first week at TPS
Ethan Smith – work completion
Tom McDonell – working well with syllables
Grace Winter – working well with syllables

Looking For House To Rent

We have had contact from a family who are considering moving to the village either late this year or early next year. They are looking for a house to rent and would prefer a 3 – 4 bedroom house out of Tooraweenah. Any house would be considered. If you can help out or have information can you please contact the school.

FWAS Football Trials

Football trials will be held in Nyngan on 17th May at Frank Smith Oval commencing 10am. Boys and girls turning 10-14 years of age are eligible to attend. For information telephone 6847 3638 or email programs@fwas.com

Dundullimal Garden Expo

On Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd May, Dundullimal are having an open Garden Expo. Price is gold coin entry. Pop up shops, coffee van, outdoor furniture, landscape architect onsite, sculptures, dry stone walls, plants, seeds

Connect Five

Correction to Connect Five Tooraweenah dates for Term 2 .Please change dates on School Term 2 Calendar. All play sessions 10.00am – 12.00 noon unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 21st April 2015

Tuesday 19th May 2015

Tuesday 2nd June 2015

Tuesday 16th June 2015

ANZAC Day



Wear Western Colours Day



On Wednesday students dressed up in green and red to celebrate being a small but dynamic part of Western Division sports. Students contributed a gold coin donation and we are delighted to forward \$30 to Stewart House as a result of their fundraising efforts.