



# TOORAWEEAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER — 06.05.15



### School News Week 3 Term 2

#### **Mrs. Jenkin's replacement**

Mrs. Jenkin's replacement commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June for the remainder of the school year is Miss Sarah Kenny, a local from Gilgandra and formerly Mendooran. Miss Kenny will be out several times in the next few weeks to talk with Mrs. Jenkin and staff before taking over, to make the transition as seamless as possible.

#### **Eumungerie Questacon Science Fair**

Attached to School News is a send back slip of intention to take up the Eumungerie P.S. lunch order deal, or not, for when we go to the Questacon Science Fair on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. For \$4 they are offering a sausage sandwich, a Popper and a piece of fruit. We need to know numbers for Eumungerie catering purposes. On the day, the children will take their own recess with them. Please return it promptly.

#### **Buildings/Grounds**

The painting of the ceiling of the girl's toilet area was completed last Friday and 3 Kurrajongs, two honeycombed peppercorns and several old stumps were removed last weekend.

#### **K-6 Excursion**

Following the P and C meeting this afternoon I will be in a better position to provide details of costs involved with the excursion. This information may come home on School News next week. Next week is jumbled regarding staffing so it may be the week after.

#### **NAPLAN**

National testing of Years 3 and 5 students takes place next week. It is vital that these students attend school for the following;

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Writing and Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Reading

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Numeracy

#### **Mother's Day**

Happy Mother's Day for Sunday to all the mothers and grandmothers out there in Tooraland. I hope you all have a lovely day and your families make it special. Via your children the staff and I are sending you a gift. Enjoy.

'Small Schools, Big Futures'

Col Hare

Principal

• <u><b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b></u>	
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• 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
• 19.05.15	ICAS Digital Technologies
• 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

### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Were presented to

**Madison Holland** - skills in Maths & motivation to complete Go Figure activities

**Lily Smith** - working well in all areas

**Jake Peart** - working well with number patterns

**Blake Duff** - working well with number patterns

**Ella Hanney** - improved work ethic

### **Canteen Roster**

Friday 08.05.15

Worker: Fiona Dann, Cherie McWhirter  
Home Cooking: Fiona, Cherie & Mandy Hanney

Friday 15.05.15

Worker: Sonya Bonham, Karen Smith  
Home Cooking: Sonya, Karen & Steve Watt



## **P&C NEWS**

Wow how fast did Term 1 go!! I wanted to say a big welcome to our new school family, The Skinners. I would also welcome the families of Angel, Jemima, Lara and Lexi in the transition program. It has been lovely to see their smiling faces around school, and the P&C community are here to help in any way we can. Don't forget that there are items of good quality at the clothing pool if you need any uniforms. Gold coin donation is all that is required.

The P&C committee for 2015 is Cath Peart, President. Kylie Moppet and Bindi Hailing Vice Presidents, Karen Smith, Treasurer. Janine Ferguson, Secretary. Thankyou to everyone who has taken roles this year.

### **CANTEEN**

A huge thankyou to Mel Peart who has done a great job with improving our systems in the canteen, and made it smart and bright with new signs and has again taken on the roll of Canteen Manager for 2015. The new menu items have also been a huge hit, with Taco wraps and homemade lasagne & salad flying out the door! Thank you to all the parents who have been volunteering. The roster has been well filled and it has been wonderful to see such strong support of our school. If your name is not on the roster and you would like to do a day, please contact Mel 68 254 233, as there are a few people who are doing extras, who may like to be relieved.

Mel is going to introduce some exciting new menu items in June. These may include hot dishes for winter such as pasta bolognese and fried rice. Any suggested are welcome.

There are some changes of day of canteen this term, to fit in with school activities and the transition program. Check your newsletter carefully, so that your child doesn't order on the wrong day. Canteen days are on the calendar on the school website if you are not sure.

I would also like to say how lovely it was to work in canteen last week. Such lovely manners from our kids. Those Please and Thankyou's were everywhere, so parents you should be proud, they have obviously been listening at home!!

### **VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**

Public education is free to all children. The NSW P&C association does however support Voluntary contributions by families.

At the AGM, Tooraweenah P&C voted to adopt the recommended annual fees of

\$40 for 1 child

\$70 for 2 children

\$80 for 3 or more children.

These fees help pay for the stationary pens pencils and craft items which are provided. Many schools ask parents to buy stationary lists, but Tooraweenah School provides this for children, ensuring that all children have the items that they need to learn.

Families will be sent home accounts for these fees. Thankyou in advance for your support. If you wish to discuss this, please contact the school.

### **FUNDRAISING**

We will be discussing fundraising at the meeting this afternoon. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to call me with an idea of how you would like to help.

Wishing all the mothers in our school Community a wonderful day on Mother's Day this Sunday.

*"You never appreciate all of the things your mother did for you until you find yourself doing the same things for your kids." – Linda Poindexter*

Cath Peart, P&C President

## Parent tips for use in school newsletters and on school websites

### Primary school

#### **Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016**

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between **Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015**.

The application website is at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

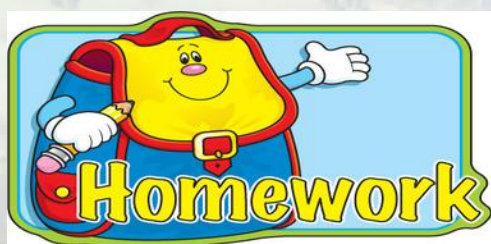
#### **Spellcheck**

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help: Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing>

**Homework planner** Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays .Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>



**Book Club orders to be returned by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**



### **Lunch Permission Note for Eumungerie Questacon Science Fair Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.**

My child/ren.....accept the  
offer of lunch – (sausage sandwich, a Popper and a piece of fruit) at a cost of  
\$4.00ea.

Parent/Carer.....Number for lunch...(.....)