



# TOORAWEE NAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### 05.08.2015

#### School News Week 4 Term 3

Dear John,  
Since last I wrote three weeks ago many things have happened.....

#### Whole school Gulgong excursion

In Week 2 we all headed off for a three day K-6 staff, parents and all excursion to Red Hill at Gulgong. My thanks to all the staff and parents for their interest, care and attention that made the trip so successful. The children were exposed to a wide range of educational activities. Parents joined in all activities including dressing up in period costume of the 1870's on the first day. You should have seen the looks on the faces of the students when Lachlan Ferguson was taken outside of the 1872 classroom for a mock caning. They could only hear what was going on, not see it. He squealed like a real girly girl and added realism to the role play. After 3 days most came to the realisation that they would not have survived in those days and that they are pretty "soft" compared to past generations. The students also discovered, playing "old school" games, that they were capable of entertaining themselves without being linked to a computer or electronic device!!

#### Musica Viva

At 9am the day after the excursion we boarded the Dowsett buses and travelled to Geurie for "The World According to James" which covered many facets of music including different instruments, timbre, tone, melody and the improvisation of jazz. The children had the opportunity to contribute to hands on experiences with instruments composing a short musical presentation. We all danced the tango which was hilarious.

#### School athletics carnival

We were blessed with fine weather for our athletics carnival and the children presented a great effort on the day. My thanks to Dennis White for assisting with transporting and setting up the afternoon before and on the morning of the carnival and then again after the event. Thanks also to Mel Peart and Kylie Moppett for organisation of lunch and mini-canteen facilities and to Gavin Duff for cooking the sausages. Gavin also helped with the packing up of the carnival. It was great to see so many parents and extended family members attend on the day to show their support for the students

Winning house was Butler. Garling were also down in numbers due to illness. Champions were:

**Juvenile Boy – Kayne Hanney      Juvenile Girl- Mikayla Skinner      Junior Boy – Tom McDonell**  
**Junior Girl- Heidi Ferguson    11 Years Boy- Archie Haling    No 11 Years Girls    Senior Boys – Lachlan Ferguson**  
**Senior Girls – Teagan Watt**

#### Small School's athletics carnival

This was an outstanding event and our first use of the multi-million dollar facility at Barden Park. We clearly won the march past but this is no longer judged and winners announced. This change of practice only adds to the creation of a marshmallow generation that can't come to grips with not always coming first. Seems like we give out gold stars for breathing. The staff and students would like to thank the many parents who ran the canteen at the carnival. Cath Peart, Mel Peart and Janine Ferguson set up and stocked the canteen on the afternoon prior to the carnival. On the day helpers were Cath Peart, Mel Peart, Sonia Bonham, Sara Worner, Bindi Haling, Janine Ferguson, Karen Smith, and Kylie Moppett. Our thanks also to Gavin Duff, Mark Ferguson and Bevan Peart for their barbecue skills. We all know that the best cooks in the world are men! Craig we loved your work on the camera!

#### District representation

Fabulous results were recorded last Friday with over 50% of the Years 3-6 group progressing to the Dubbo District PSSA carnival in Dubbo on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Of the 13 students who attended the Small School's carnival last Friday, 7 have made it through to the next level. Information sheets, individual events and permission notes went home on Tuesday. I will be the Small Schools District Manager at the district carnival. Congratulations to Ella Hanney, Tom McDonell, Heidi Ferguson, Isabella Worner, Grace Peart, Archie Haling and Teagan Watt on their representation.

#### Speaking of representation- FYI- Let's be clear

Sporting representation and involvement of students in extra-curricula activities is not a given. These are a privilege, not a right. On all future permission notes, expressions of interest and information about school activities will appear a statement as is found on just about every note in just about every school in New South Wales. It will say that if a student's behavior and general conduct at school is not of an acceptable standard, then that student will not represent or will be excluded from activities.

#### Baradine Progress Association Public Speaking

On the school calendar issued for Term 3 there were two dates for the Baradine Public Speaking to be hosted by St Johns Baradine. These dates had TBC (to be confirmed) next to them. The date has been confirmed as **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. More details later, but we will be travelling to and from on both Dowsett buses, as per the Eumungerie and Geurie visits. We will have 7 spare seats for parents on a first in, first served basis.

"Small Schools, Big Futures"

Regards

Col Hare

Principal

**Dates To Remember –**

### **Term 3 - 13.07.15 – 18.09.15**

Week 4 (This week, all week) – Book Fair

06.08.15 & 07.08.15 – Col. Western Plains Principal meeting

07.08.15 – Canteen

10.08.15 – Transition to Kindergarten

11.08.15 – Yrs 4-6 ICAS Mathematics, Connect 5, Music

14.08.15 – Canteen, Dubbo District Athletics

17.08.15 – Transition to Kindergarten

18.08.15 – Music

20.08.15 – CWA Country Of Study – Italy

20.08.15 & 21.08.15 – Col. Principal Conference

24.08.15 – Transition to Kindergarten

25.08.15 – Music

28.08.15 – Canteen, Western Region Athletics

31.08.15 – Transition to Kindergarten

#### **Canteen Roster**

07.08.15 Friday	Worker:	Fiona Dann
	Home Cooking:	Fiona, Cherie McWhirter, Ashley Starr
14.08.15 Friday	Worker:	Cath. Peart
	Home Cooking:	Cath., Greg Winter, Janine Ferguson

**Earn and Learn** – as well as depositing stickers in Tooraweenah's box at Coonabarabran (I have rung and chased them up again) you are able to deposit stickers in the box at the school office. If you don't shop at Coonabarabran Woolworths, please send stickers into school with your children.

**Transport Conveyancing Subsidy** – I have been unable to complete the transport subsidy for Semester One due to technical difficulties within the Transport Department. We will be advised when the system is up and running again.

***Wanted! House to rent in Tooraweenah village (or on a property providing there is bus access into our school.)***

***After a recent trip to Tooraweenah, Natasha has fallen in love with our village and has made the decision to move her family as soon as she is able. If anyone has any knowledge of a rental house please contact the school.***

# **Merit/Achievement Awards**



**Dustin Skinner – being motivated to complete his homework**

**Lily Smith – 80 nights home reading**

**Charlotte Ferguson – 40 nights home reading**

**Taylor McDonell – achievement in reading**

**Jake Peart – settling into Term 3**

**Darcy Holland – settling into Term 3**

**Ella-Nae Hanney – improved Mathematics work**

**Grace Winter – great listening skills**