



# TOORAWEE NAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### 02.02.16



## School News      Week 2 Term 1

### Welcome

Welcome back to all students and school community members for 2016. There is no "easing in" period, with the children fully engaged from the first assembly last Thursday morning. A special welcome to Lara Duff, Lexi Trickey, Jemima Harrison and Cooper Anforth, our new Kindergarten students.

### Holiday maintenance

During the holidays you may have noticed security worksite fencing at the school. The old galvanized water line from the bore to the toilet block has been replaced with poly and is working brilliantly.

### Swimming Carnival

Permission notes and relevant information regarding our carnival on Thursday, went home yesterday. If you haven't received it yet, give me a call on 68481073 and one will be sent home.

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Our students will be involved in this next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre. Transport is the responsibility of parents. More details such as start times, admission costs etc will be sent home when details are known.

### Parent Information Night

There will be a parent information night next Tuesday evening in the Multi-Purpose Room commencing at 6.30pm sharp.

### Voluntary School Contributions

These will remain at the 2015 levels-\$40 for one child, \$70 for two children in a family and \$80 for 3 or more children. I encourage all to "volunteer" to pay the voluntary contribution bearing in mind that textbooks, pens, pencils, textas and numerous other resources are supplied by the school. In 2015 all children received major subsidies for the K-6 excursion and no charge was incurred for extra curricula activities such as sporting trips, Life Education Van, GREAT day in Gilgandra, Musica Viva X2, excursions and travel to and from venues such as Coonamble and Baradine, just to name a few. In most schools these are on a user pays basis.

### Calendar

Attached to School News is a calendar for this term. Most of these dates are set in concrete, some may change, but you will be advised. For those wanting dates for Terms 2,3 and 4, go onto the school's website and click on 'Calendars'. Numerous other dates will be added to the website and notified on School News when we know dates.

### Lunch orders

"Leonie lunches" from the garage are available for order on Mondays and the school canteen will operate most Fridays except when we are out of the school.

### ICAS assessments- formerly University of NSW Competitions

In our overly politically correct society these are no longer competitions, but assessments. Heaven forbid that we encouraged competition although this is a major life issue in the workforce, business and society in the real world.

Coming home with students will be a list of the sitting dates and costs involved if you choose to enter your child for these events. Payment must be made in full before entries are made online and paid via the one school invoice from ICAS, rather than 6 different payments and entries.

### "Small Schools, Big Futures"

Regards

Col Hare – Teaching Principal

*For Your Information – With the recent humid and hot conditions be on the lookout for chickenpox. We seemed to have escaped it this summer so far. Head lice have been reported and several children have sought treatment. A list of health issues, their treatment and exclusions from school are attached/included in School News.*



## Dates To Remember –

**Term 1 – 28.01.16 to 08.04.16**

**Term 2 – 26.04.16 to 01.07.16**

**Term 3 – 18.07.16 to 23.09.16**

**Term 4 – 10.10.16 to 20.12.16**

**04.02.16 – TPS Swimming Carnival**

**09.02.16 – Parent/Teacher Information Evening 6.30pm**

**12.09.16 – Small Schools' Swimming Carnival Dubbo**

**02.02.16 – Connect 5 commences fortnightly visits from this date**

**03.02.16 – Preschool commences weekly from this date**

## Canteen Roster

Mel. will be running the canteen for the first couple of weeks until a roster is issued.



## **Music Lessons with Mary Moss**

Piano and guitar lessons will resume at the school if there is enough demand. Anyone interested please ring Mary on 0428 254 344 asap.

We will keep you informed via the newsletter if and when these lessons proceed.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A parent has advised that head lice may be an issue, please be vigilant and check your child/rens hair.

Below is a guideline in relation to how to treat head lice.

### **HOW TO CHECK HAIR EFFECTIVELY FOR HEAD LICE**

#### **Why use a hair conditioner?**

Head lice can move at up to 30 cm per minute – they rapidly run and hide from searching hands and can often be missed. Applying a large amount of hair conditioner to the dry hair 'stuns' the head lice and slows them down. They become trapped and can then be easily combed out with the 'nit' comb.

#### **You will need:**

- A fine 'lice' comb. Look for one with long, smooth, cylindrical teeth, about 1mm apart. Your local pharmacist should be able to obtain these for you.
- A bottle of cheap pale coloured hair conditioner. Choose one that is not 'runny' Available from the Tooraweenah Shop.
- Some white tissues or paper towels.
- A magnifying glass (optional).

#### **What to do:**

- Apply **plenty** of hair conditioner to the dry hair until saturated. Comb through with an ordinary comb or brush to remove tangles.
- Section and comb the hair thoroughly with a metal fine-tooth 'nit' comb in 4 directions – forwards, backwards, left, and right. Continue to section and comb the whole head like this.
- Wipe the comb on a white paper towel or tissue as you work, and when completely finished, examine your findings to check for any adult lice or hatchlings. Hatchlings are young lice that emerge from eggs. You may need to use a magnifying glass and a strong light to see lice or eggs.
- Using white hair conditioner may make it easier to see the head lice.
- When combing is completed, rinse the hair conditioner out and dry the hair.

**Please note that students are not to attend school with untreated head lice.**

Colin Hare  
Principal



## Kindergarten 2016

Cooper Anforth, Lara Duff, Jemima Harrison, Lexi Trickey



*Cooper working happily with Mrs Zell last Friday. What a brilliant smile!*