



# TOORAWEEAH PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10.02.16



## School News      Week 3 Term 1

### Swimming carnival

Our thanks to the many parents, grandparents and extended family members who acted as timekeepers and support for the children last Thursday. We had a 100% attendance and a 95% participation rate. The winning house was Butler. Champions were:

Juvenile Boy- Shane Estens      Juvenile Girl- Lily Smith      Junior Boy – Blake Duff      Junior Girl – Grace Peart  
11 Years Girls - Heidi Ferguson      Senior Boys – Sam Duff. We have no students in the 11 Years Boys and Senior Girls categories. Starting from this year, trophies for our champions will be presented within a few weeks of the event. These are usually handed out at Presentation Night at year's end. A Commonwealth Games or Olympic champion is not expected to wait 11 months to mount the podium for their medal presentation so why should the children?

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Permission notes went home on Monday and need to be returned, signed with all relevant sections completed by Thursday morning.

Carnival photos will be published in Week 4 Newsletter

### Years 3-6

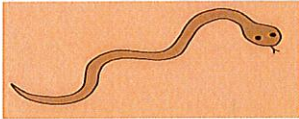
In History and geography (formerly HSIE) this term the students will be working on "Living In Communities". One activity involves being out and about the Tooraweenah village investigating the tourist/historical trail and photographing aspects of infrastructure/services. Please complete and return your General Permission Note if you have not already. In Science they will deal with Classification of Living things.

### Cuttings anyone?

Do you have any hydrangeas, geraniums or similar plants that could do with a prune up? Succulents are another great source of a quick grow, low maintenance garden addition. As part of our Science activities and an attempt to brighten up our grounds with a bit of colour we are seeking donations of cuttings of plants that can basically be dipped in rooting powder, hit up with seaweed emulsion and put into the ground. I will be bringing cuttings from my Dubbo garden and hope you can add to them.

**Be Aware** Over this summer there have been several encounters with brown snakes at school. Last Friday at 2pm Mel Peart finished up at canteen when she went to her car parked at the back gate of my residence she startled a **large** brown snake at a dripping sprinkler on the back lawn. Yesterday there was a small one in the garden under the pergola area at the back of the residence. As browns are territorial it could be expected that they are within the school precinct. The students have been made acutely aware of their existence and the need for constant vigilance. Years ago there was an ongoing television and radio campaign about farm machinery and cherry pickers around power lines. The campaign's catch cry was "Look up and live". Around





here at the moment it's a case of "Look down and live!" Last year 4 horses were lost to snake bite within a couple of hundred metres of the school. Be careful out there.

### Enrolments

Last year I had to submit anticipated enrolment numbers for this year at 27. Actual enrolment numbers are due to the department this Friday. These have already been submitted as 24. We will know within a few weeks whether this has affected our funding and staffing allocation/entitlements.

### ICAS assessments

A reminder that the deadline for entry into these assessments is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February (end of next week).

### Next week

I have not heard otherwise so the P and C meeting is to be held next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm in the staffroom.

Next Thursday and Friday I will be in Dubbo attending the Western Plains network meeting. Mrs Smith will be the Acting Principal on Thursday and Miss Kenny on Friday.

### **"Small Schools, Big Futures"**

**Regards**

**Col Hare – Teaching Principal**

### 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***

***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 visits from this date***

***16.02.16 – Music Lessons with Mary Moss***

***17.02.16 – P&C Meeting 3.30pm***

***18.02.16 – Western Plains Principal Meeting***

***19.02.16 – Western Plains Principal Meeting***

#### **Canteen Roster**

**12.02.16**

**No canteen**

**19.02.16**

**Worker:**

**Mel. Peart**

**Home cooking:**

**Alexis,**

**Kylie,**

#### **FREE TO GOOD HOME**

**2003 Kyocera B&W photocopier in good working condition. Please contact the school.**

### **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. Lessons will hopefully commence on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Mary will most likely contact parents and students to inform them of their time slot for lesson.







### **P&C WELCOME**

A big welcome to our new families joining us at Tooraweenah. It was lovely to see you at the swimming carnival last week, and hope that you are enjoying getting to know the Tooraweenah School family. One of the benefits of a small school is it's inclusive nature, and the friendships created across year groups. We hope that you are settling in well. Please don't hesitate to contact the P&C if we can assist in any way.

### **P&C AGM**

The AGM for the P&C will be held next week, and we encourage all members of our school community to come along. You won't be lumped with a job if you don't want one! It is a great way to get involved in the school and have your say on matters that affect your child's education.

**Wednesday 17th February.**

**3.30pm**

**3/4/5/6 classroom**

If you have any agenda items, please contact Cath Peart [peart5@live.com](mailto:peart5@live.com) or 68 254 339

Looking forward to seeing you there.

# CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 – 2016

## CANTEEN MENU AND PRICELIST –

Date	Worker/s	Home Cooking
12.02.16	<b>NO CANTEEN</b> <b>Small Schools</b> <b>Swimming Carnival</b>	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>
19.02.16	Mel Peart	Alexis Hanney, ,Kylie Moppett, Amanda Anforth
26.02.16	Janine Ferguson	Janine , Ashley Starr, Cath Peart
4.03.16	Cherie Mcwhirter	Cherie , Alicia Harrison, Sara Worner
11.03.16	Cath Peart	Cath Peart , Denae Skinner , Sonia Bonham
18.03.16	Mel Peart , Alicia Harrison	Mel , Alicia ,Karen Smith
25.03.16	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
1.04.16	Sonia Bonham	Alexis Hanney, Janine Ferguson, Cherie McWhirter
8.04.16	Mel Peart , Amanda Anforth	Mel , Sara ,Ashley Starr

All home cooking will be sold for 50c each  
 \*IF YOU CAN NOT WORK PLEASE MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS OR  
 CALL MEL PEART ON 68 254 233



## STUDENT ROSTER TERM 1

Date	Recess	Lunch
12.02.16	<b>NO CANTEEN</b> Small Schools Swimming Carnival	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>
19.02.16	Ella Hanney	Tom McDonnell
26.02.16	Sam Duff	Blake Duff
4.03.16	Ethan Smith	Heidi Ferguson
11.03.16	Jake Peart	Clayton Skinner
18.03.16	Sophia Moppett	Isabella Worner
25.03.16	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
1.04.16	Ella Hanney	Grace Peart
8.04.16	Tom McDonnell	Sam Duff

Due to how exciting it is to work in the canteen, I have done a roster for those that wish to participate. It is for students Year 3 onwards ! All students are allowed to choose ONE item at the end of their shift. Lunch shift will need to help count the takings if time allows .

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