

TOORAWEENAH PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - 12.03.2025



School News Week 7 Term 1

Coming Events							
Date	Event	Who	More Info				
Wed 12 th March	NAPLAN begins	Year 3 students					

News

Pillowcase Project

Last Thursday, we were pleased to welcome Kerry from The Red Cross's Pillowcase Project to our school.

Throughout the lesson, students participated in engaging discussions that emphasised the significance of being prepared for emergencies. They learned how to prepare their minds for the thoughts and feelings that may arise before, during, and after such



events, fostering resilience and emotional readiness.

One of the key components of the Pillowcase Project was educating students on what to include in an emergency kit. They discovered essential items that can provide comfort and safety in crisis situations, ensuring they feel secure and ready to face any challenge.

As a fun and creative element to the project, each student was given a pillowcase to decorate and take home. This pillowcase serves as a starting point for their own personal emergency kit, encouraging them to actively participate in their preparedness journey.











NAPLAN

NAPLAN commenced today with Year 3 completing the NAPLAN Writing. Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy will be completed over the coming days.

NAPLAN 2025 will take place from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March.

Visit from Warrumbungle EEC

Leading a reinvigoration of our wicking beds, Narelle from the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre (WNPEEC) has spent the afternoon today, working with small groups of our students. Sustainability, studying seeds and their germination were investigated using hands-on learning. Narelle will return next Wednesday afternoon, to continue these worthwhile lessons. We are very thankful to Principal of the WNPEEC Wes Leedham for supporting us with Narelle's visits this term.











Voluntary Contributions

Following consultation at the P&C AGM, the Voluntary School Contributions remain at \$40 per student for the 2025 school year. Payments can be made via School Bytes. Please note these contributions are voluntary.

<u>Gilgandra Film Festival</u>

We would like to encourage students to consider taking documentary footage outside of school.

This year's theme is **"THIS IS MY FRIEND"** and students are encouraged to make a documentary about their friend/brother/sister/mum/dad/gran/pa/pet etc.



The prize given to the school last year, a DJI mic kit that plugs into a phone/iPad will be available for students to borrow for I week in order to capture their home footage with reduced wind noise. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Mrs Smith.

Karen Smith, Principal.





School Photos

School photos will be held on Thursday 3rd April. Please order your photos online following the details below, or using the envelope attached to the newsletter.

order your school photos now

to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

enter code: X34 W7W 2JK







or collect a cash order envelope from your school office



Isolated Children's Parents Association

Become a Member of the Quambone and District Isolated Children's Parents Association (ICPA)

ICPA is a voluntary organisation that advocates for families living in rural communities geographically disadvantaged in accessing an education for children. Members include those from rural communities, small business, schools, national and state-based organisations, who support equity of access to education for geographically isolated kids.

Our local branch, Quambone and District ICPA, currently represents the communities of Quambone, Carinda, Marra Creek, Warren, Coonamble, Gulargambone, Tooraweenah and Baradine. We encourage you to sign up and become a member of the Quambone and District branch today.

Want to know more? https://icpa.com.au/nsw

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CANTEEN ROSTER Term 1 2025

WEEK	DATE	WORKER	HOME COOKING
7	14 th March	Seanne	Seanne & Erin
8	21st March	Michelle	Michelle & Kristy
9	28 th March	Margo	Margo & Brooke
10	4 th April		Steph & Kathryn
11	11 th April	Nadine	Sarah & Erin

Coming Events

Room on the Broom

Students K-6 will be travelling to Dubbo for Room on the Broom at the Dubbo Regional Theatre on Wednesday 28th March 2025. Thank you to the P&C for agreeing to cover the transport cost to Dubbo. The cost of the excursion for students is \$20.

A permission note is available now, in School Bytes.

GREAT Day - Combined Schools reading event

On Monday 31st March, K-6 will be travelling to Gilgandra to participate in G.R.E.A.T. Day.

Students may wear RED clothes to Gilgandra Reads Everything Around Town (G.R.E.A.T.) Day. There will be three children's Book authors in attendance, and we look forward to taking part in this special day.

As the day will be held in the newly opened Gilgandra Library, there will be a photographer taking photos on behalf of the architect who designed the building. The building has been nominated for an architecture award and the photos will be used for the submission.

In addition to the permission note on School Bytes, can you please return the permission note '**Model Release Form'**, allowing photos to be taken while your child attends the excursion?

Cricket

Funded from the Term 1 Sporting Schools grant, next Tuesday we will welcome Cricket NSW coach Jennifer Baker to Tooraweenah Public School, for sessions with each class.

Sydney Excursion

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to attend the Sydney Excursion in Term 3. The dates have been confirmed as Monday 8th September to Thursday 11th September (Term 3 Week 8).

Please pay a deposit of \$100 by Friday 14th March to confirm student attendance and for adults attending, please email your full name (as shown on ID) to the Tooraweenah School email address tooraweena-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au ASAP to assist in purchase of transport tickets (flights and train travel.)

Deposits can be paid on School Bytes, an item has been added to student's account.

MERIT AWARDS

Billy Larkin Writing excellent complex sentences

Toby Jenkin 20 nights home reading

Maddison Jenkin 20 nights home reading

Thea Harte 20 nights home reading

MATHS AWARDS

Isaiah Venter Platinum Award Geometric Measure – Length

Hamish Jenkin Silver Award Geometric Measure – Position

Maggie Lambell Bronze Award Geometric Measure – Length

Cooper Lambell Silver Award Representing Whole Numbers 1

Ameilia Hutchison Silver Award Representing Whole Numbers 2

Ryder French-Hughes Silver Award Geometric Measure – Length

Eloise Semmler Silver Award Geometric Measure – Length

Thea Harte Silver Award Geometric Measure – Length

Rose Alison Gold Award Representing Whole Numbers 2

Amelia Hutchison Gold Award Representing Whole Numbers 1

Amelia Hutchison Gold Award 2D Spatial Structure – Transformation (Year3)

Maddison Jenkin Silver Award Additive Relations – Addition 1



What We're Learning This Week

Kinder/Year 1

Year 3/4/5/6

Sounds/Spelling

K-Jolly Phonics sounds g, o Year 1 - Spelling 'qu' words

Reading

Decodable readers

Writing/Grammar

'A is for Australian Animals' by Frane Lessac focusing on factual writing about Australian animals Vocab words: mammal marsupial reptile

Spelling

'ph' words

Reading

Decodable and Fluency texts

Writing/Grammar

'Where the wild things are' by Maurice Sendak focusing on circular narratives & character

> Vocab words: mischief gnashed private

Spelling

e, ea words

Reading

Fluency Passage & independant novels

Writing/Grammar

Persuasive writing

Vocab words: nimble

Measurment

- comparing length
- comparing area
- using informal units to measure length, area & volume

Patterns

- symmetry
- growing & shrinking patterns
- number patterns

Addition & Subtraction

Using different strategies to help us solve problems

TECHNOLOGY K/1 will code their Bluebots in a game and a dance Year 2 and 3/4/6 will design, build and code a cable river ferry with Lego Spike Essential.

PDHPE

Kinder/Year 1/2

Active & Healthy

Why is healthy food & rest important to me? Gardening

Family Life

Family reunions

Family trees

Year 3/4/5/6

Action Packed

What is physical activity? Two handed strike

Great Journeys

Amelia Earhart

Sir Edmund Hillary

HISTORY

Visual Arts

'Hattie & the Fox' artwork using tissue paper

Visual Arts

Water colour painting - sunset

Living Things Live in Different Places

Pets & how humans can manage these

Survival/Classification of Living Things

Australian animal adaptations

Term 1 2025										
Mar	7			NAPLAN Year 3	NAPLAN Year 3					
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Mar	8	NAPLAN Year 3	NAPLAN Year 3							
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Mar	9	24	School Counsellor visit 25	DRTCC Room on The Broom	27	28	29	30		
Apr	10	Combined Schools Reading Day Gil Library 31	Three-Way Conferences 1	Three-Way Conferences 2	School Photos	4	5	6		
May	11	7	Three-Way Conferences 8	Three-Way Conferences 9	10	Last day of Term 1	12	13		

Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre

FAMILY WEEKEND GETAWAY







Come and create wonderful memories for your family with a weekend of fun-filled activities and adventure at Lake Burrendong Sport & Recreation Centre.

Wrangle the kids, pick up the grandparents and enjoy an active weekend outing with the whole family! Enjoy the facilities at our Centre such as the tennis courts, 25m swimming pool, sports hall, bushwalking tracks or try your luck with land-based fishing.

If you like a challenge and want get out of your comfort zone, some of our facilitated camp activities will also be on offer at various times across the weekend.

Children under 5 are free to attend but cannot participate in facilitated activities and must be supervised by an adult.

Inclusions

- One night accommodation
- ·Full use of Centre facilities*
- Optional facilitated program activities
- Full catering for entire weekend#
- * No boat launching
- # Dietary requirements can be accommodated

When: Saturday 12th April 2025 from 9am – Sunday 13th April 2025 3.00pm

Accommodation

- ·Basic dormitory style rooms with ensuite and air conditioning.
- •Sleeps 10 people, single bunk style beds. One room per family!
- ·BYO linen/pillows/towels

Book now:



Registration Details

\$116.50 per family member

Register all family members using the registration link to secure your booking.

Closing date: 31st March 2025, places are limited!



