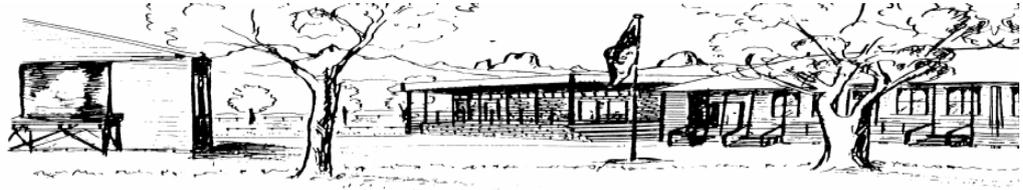




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TOORAWEEAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 02.04.2025



School News Week 10 Term 1

Coming Events			
Date	Event	Who	More Info
Thurs 3 rd April	School Photos TOMORROW	All students	Summer school uniform, jumper, black shoes
Week 10 and 11	Three-Way conferences	Parents, students, teachers	Book through School Bytes

News

G.R.E.A.T. Day – Combined Schools reading event

On Monday, March 31st, our K-6 students had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Gilgandra to participate in the G.R.E.A.T. Day, an event dedicated to celebrating reading. Our students embraced the spirit of the day by wearing vibrant red clothing, showcasing their enthusiasm for the occasion.

The event, known as Gilgandra Reads Everything Around Town (G.R.E.A.T.), featured three talented children's book authors: Melania Faranda, Nette Hilton, and Louise Park. Our students were excited to meet these authors and gain insights into their creative processes. Their presence added a special touch to the day, inspiring our young readers and encouraging them to explore new stories.

In preparation for the event, our school library highlighted a fantastic selection of titles from these authors, allowing students to familiarise themselves with their works and get ready for engaging discussions during the event.

G.R.E.A.T. Day was a fantastic celebration of reading and creativity, and our students returned with new stories to share and a passion for books. We look forward to more events like this in the future!





Cricket Coaching

The third cricket coaching sessions for both classes, focused on skills through modified games including a cricket version of 'red light green light,' as well as opportunities for batting, fielding and catching practice.

Our students' emerging cricket skills have been impressive! Many students have indicated how much they are enjoying cricket and are looking forward to joining a team next season.



Three-way Conferences

Three-way conferences have commenced this week allowing students, parents and teachers to share information about learning, opportunities to extend and revise, and for Kindergarten students to discuss Best Start.

We would love 100% of families to engage in this important opportunity and encourage parents and carers to book in through the School Bytes 'Interviews' tab.

Please book in to see your child's main classroom teacher.

The table below shows days teachers are available.

Monday 31 st March	Tuesday 1 st April	Wednesday 2 nd April	Thursday 3 rd April
Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith
Mrs Hutchison		Mrs Hutchison	Mrs Jenkin

Monday 7 th April	Tuesday 8 th April	Wednesday 9 th April	Thursday 10 th April
Mrs Jenkin		Mrs Jenkin	Mrs Jenkin
	Mrs Hutchison	Mrs Hutchison	

Gilgandra Film Festival

Students have been working on their film festival entries at school this week. 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 a few days at a time** 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.

Films are due for upload by the end of the school holiday, so get filming NOW!

Karen Smith, Principal.

Notices

Be on alert for: 'Hand, Foot and Mouth'

There have been some cases of Hand Foot and Mouth in our school community.

Please read the attached fact sheet about this contagious condition and keep sick children home from school as follows:

How long should children stay away from childcare and school?

- Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school or childcare facilities until their blisters have dried-up, and any rash (if present) has gone and any fever has settled.
- During this exclusion period they should also avoid activities and places where they will be in contact with others such as swimming lessons and playgrounds/centres, to avoid spreading this very contagious disease.

School Photos

School photos are **TOMORROW** Thursday 3rd April. Please order your photos online following the details below, or use the envelope sent home earlier in the term.

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or collect a cash order envelope
from your school office

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

CANTEEN ROSTER Term 1 2025

WEEK	DATE	WORKER	HOME COOKING
10	4 th April	Anne	Steph & Kathryn
11	11 th April	Nadine	Sarah & Erin

Airshow P&C Stall Roster – Saturday 5th April

The P&C will be selling hotdogs and camping chairs on Saturday at the Air Show. If you are able to assist on the day, please let us know what time suits.

Time	Helpers
9am – 11am	Dan, Brooke, Seanne
11am – 1pm	Dan, Steph
1pm – 3pm	Dan, Jen
3 – 4.30pm includes pack up	Seanne

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Coming Events

Positive Behaviour for Learning Celebration

Students at Tooraweenah Public School have collectively reached the total of 2000 Class Dojo points and will be celebrating with a PBL Celebration day on Friday, 11th April.

Students can wear **casual clothes** to school on the last day of school for Term 1.

There will be time in class for free-time and some tasty treats to enjoy!

ANZAC Day- Friday 25 April 2025

As the end of term approaches, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the significance of ANZAC Day, which falls on the last Friday of the school holidays. This important day allows us to honour and remember those who have served our country.

Our students are actively participating in this commemoration again in 2025.



The School and Preschool students have been diligently practicing the song “Lest We Forget” by Michael Reynolds, which they will perform during the ANZAC Day service at the Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall. This heartfelt tribute is a wonderful way for our students to express their respect and gratitude for the sacrifices made by our ANZACs.

After the service, students are invited to march behind the Tooraweenah Public School banner, to the Kookaburra Memorial Cenotaph at the Tooraweenah Park, further instilling the values of remembrance and community spirit.

Long Service Leave

Mrs Smith will be taking one week of long service leave during Week 11 this term. During this time, Mrs Jenkin will be relieving as Principal.

Mrs Lummis will be teaching Mrs Smith’s class during the week.

MERIT AWARDS

Rose Alison	20 nights home reading
Toby Jenkin	40 nights home reading
Eloise Semmler	20 nights home reading
Thea Harte	40 nights home reading
Maddison Jenkin	40 nights home reading

MATHS AWARDS

Jack Hicks	Silver Award	Non-Spatial Measure – Time
Maddison Jenkin	Gold Award	3D Spatial Structure – Volume
Ally Hutchison	Silver Award	Representing Whole Numbers 1
Maddison Jenkin	Silver Award	Geometric Measure – Angles
Ben Larkin	Silver Award	Representing Whole Numbers 1
Thea Harte	Bronze Award	Chance
Amelia Hutchison	Silver Award	2D Spatial Structure – Transformation
Hamish Jenkin	Silver Award	Chance
Bonnie Alison	Silver Award	Patterns & Algebra

Term 1 2025								
Apr	10	Combined Schools Reading Day Gil Library 31	Three-Way Conferences 1	Three-Way Conferences 2	School Photos Three-Way Conferences 3	4	5	6
May	11	Three-Way Conferences 7	Three-Way Conferences 8	Three-Way Conferences 9	Three-Way Conferences 10	Last day of Term 1 11	12	13

Term 2 2025

Apr	HOL	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Apr /May	1	SDD 28	SDD 29	First Day students 30	1	Gil Film Festival (night) 2	Gil Film Festival 3	4
May	2	5	6	7	8	TPS Cross Country 9	Mother's day 10	11
May	3	12	13	14	15	P&C Meeting 3:30pm 16	17	18
May	4	19	20	WPPC Conference Mrs Smith 21	WPPC Conference Mrs Smith Life Education Van 22	WPPC Conference Mrs Smith 23	24	25
May	5	26	27	District Cross Country 28	29	30	31	1
June	6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
June	7	King's Birthday Long Weekend 9	Boccia Dubbo 10	Western Cross Country EDU TECH 11	EDU TECH 12	13	14	15
June	8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
June	9	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
July	10	Reports go home this week 30	1	2	3	4	5	6
July	HOL	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
July	HOL	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

What We're Learning This Week

ENGLISH

Kinder/Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4/5/6
<p>Sounds/Spelling K-Jolly Phonics sounds oa, ie, ee, or Year 1 - Spelling 'ff'</p> <p>Reading Decodable readers</p> <p>Writing/Grammar 'Benny Bungarra's Big Bush Clean Up' by Sally Morgan <i>focusing on</i> narrative, persuasion and speech marks <i>Vocab words:</i> hybrid convince persuade</p>	<p>Spelling Soft g words</p> <p>Reading Decodable readers and fluency passages</p> <p>Writing/Grammar 'Sophie Scott goes South' by Alison Lester <i>focusing on</i> note taking & writing factual texts</p> <p><i>Vocab words:</i> Antarctica Ice-breaker iceberg</p>	<p>Spelling ee, ea, ey words</p> <p>Reading Fluency passage & independant novels</p> <p>Writing/Grammar 'The Thing about Oliver' by Deborah Kelly <i>focusing on</i> narrative writing.</p> <p><i>Vocab words:</i> <i>tremble</i> <i>drastic</i></p>

MATHS

<p>Number Tens frames Teen numbers Large groups and how to calculate the total by grouping in tens</p>	<p>Number Estimation Multiplication grouping and arrays</p>	<p>Measurement Time</p>
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TECHNOLOGY K/1 will build a tower with cuisinaires.
Year 2/3/4/6 will build a taxi, then code it to drive using the tilt sensor in its hub.

HISTORY PDHPE

Kinder/Year 1/2	Year 3/4/5/6
Cricket Coaching	Cricket Coaching
<p>Family Life Roles in the Home, Family roles</p>	<p>Great Journeys Research a famous explorer</p>
<p>Visual Arts Film Festival Singing for ANZAC Day</p>	<p>Visual Arts Easter Art ANZAC Day singing</p>
<p>Farm to Family - Design & Technologies Food, Glorious Food - where does our food come from?</p>	<p>Survival/Classification of Living Things Animal Report</p>

CAPA

SCIENCE

Hand, foot and mouth disease

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a very common viral disease of childhood which is easily passed from person to person. It usually causes a mild illness but rarely causes serious illness. It is not related to the foot and mouth disease that affects animals. Good hygiene helps prevent infection.

Last updated: 26 April 2021

What is hand, foot and mouth disease?

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common but highly contagious infection in children caused by enteroviruses, including coxsackieviruses. While generally a mild illness, some children will have fever, sore throat and tiredness and blisters which can be uncomfortable. It mainly occurs in children under 10 years of age but can also occur in older children and adults. It is not related to the foot and mouth disease that affects animals.

What are the symptoms?

- Hand, foot and mouth disease starts with blisters that begin as small red dots that later become ulcers. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, and on the sides of the tongue, as well as on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. In infants, blisters can sometimes be seen in the nappy area. Blisters usually last for 7 to 10 days.
- Children can sometimes have a low fever, sore throat, tiredness and feel off colour, and may be off their food for a day or two.
- Very rarely, enteroviruses can cause other illnesses that affect the heart, brain, lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis), lungs, or eyes.

How is it spread?

- Hand, foot and mouth disease is usually spread by person-to-person contact. The virus is spread from the faeces of an infected person to the mouth of the next person by contaminated hands. It is also spread by secretions from the mouth or respiratory system (often through sneezing and coughing), by direct contact with the fluid from blisters, and via objects or surfaces with the virus on them.
- It usually takes between three and five days after contact with an infected person before blisters appear. The virus can remain in faeces for several weeks.

Who is at risk?

- The viruses that cause hand, foot and mouth disease are common and particularly affect children.
- Hand foot and mouth disease can spread easily and quickly within households, particularly among children.
- Many adults, including pregnant women, are often exposed to these viruses without symptoms. There is no clear evidence of risk to unborn babies from hand, foot and mouth disease. However, infected mothers (and siblings) can pass the infection onto newborn babies, who rarely can have severe disease.
- Outbreaks may occur in childcare settings.

How is it prevented?

Good hygiene is the best protection:

- Wash hands with soap and water and thoroughly dry them after going to the toilet, before eating, after wiping noses, and after changing nappies or soiled clothing.

- Avoid sharing cups, eating utensils, items of personal hygiene (for example: towels, washers and toothbrushes), and clothing (especially shoes and socks).
- Thoroughly wash any soiled clothing and any surfaces that may have been contaminated.
- Teach children about cough and sneeze etiquette.
 - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Coughing into an elbow is better than coughing into your hands.
 - Dispose of used tissues in the bin straight away.
 - Wash your hands afterwards with soap and water and thoroughly dry them;
 - if handwashing facilities are not available use an alcohol-based sanitiser or antibacterial wipe to clean hands.
- Keep sick children at home while unwell.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor can diagnose hand, foot and mouth disease based on the symptoms. Laboratory tests are not usually necessary.

How is it treated?

- Usually no treatment is needed. Paracetamol will relieve fever and discomfort. Do not give children aspirin.
- Allow blisters to dry out naturally. The blisters should not be deliberately burst because the fluid within them is infectious.
- Make sure young children are drinking enough, as painful mouth sores can make some children reluctant to swallow liquids.

What are the signs of a serious infection?

Signs that an infant or older child might have a more serious form of hand, foot and mouth disease include any of the following:

- Persistent fever (38°C or above for 72 hours or more),
- abnormal movements / jerking movements,
- rapid breathing,
- excessive tiredness / drowsiness,
- excessive irritability,
- difficulty walking.

If any of these signs are present then the child should be seen by a doctor urgently even if they have been checked earlier in the illness.

Blisters in the mouth may also make it painful for children to swallow fluids. If a child continues to refuse fluids by mouth, they should also be seen by a doctor.

How long should children stay away from childcare and school?

- Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school or childcare facilities until their blisters have dried up, and any fever has settled.
- During this exclusion period they should also avoid activities and places where they will be in contact with others, such as swimming lessons and playgrounds/centres, to avoid spreading this very contagious disease.

What is the public health response?

Hand, foot and mouth disease is not a notifiable disease under the Public Health Act. However, to help prevent spread, parents should report the illness to the director of the childcare centre or the school principal.

Further information

For further information please call your local public health unit on 1300 066 055.