



Tower Talk

Term 1, Week 6
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School Enews app

Coming Events

- 4 March
Support Unit classes begin
- 8 March 8.00-8.45am
Meet the Teacher Morning
- 8 March 9.15am
K-6 Assembly
- 13, 14, 15 March
NAPLAN Online
- 19 March
School Photos
- 21 March Harmony Day
Mufti Day & Bookfair
- 28 March Easter Hat
Parade, Eggorama & Easter Raffle
- 3 April Kindy 2025 Open
Night
- 10 April
Today Show Appearance

Term Dates

- 29 March – 1 April 2024
Easter Long Weekend
- 12 April 2024
Last day of Term 1
- 30 April 2024
First day of Term 2
- 10 June 2024
King's Birthday Holiday
- 5 July 2024
Last day of Term 2

Principals Message

On Friday 1 March we did our part to keep Australia clean as part of Clean Up Australia Day. Clean Up Australia Day is an opportunity for us to make a positive impact on our environment. Students and teachers went to different areas of the school to pick up any rubbish they could see. Luckily, our PBL for the last fortnight has been all about cleaning up after ourselves and so the school was already beautiful before we had even started!

We take pride in our school and love to do our part to take care of our environment here at Tower Street Public School. We love making a positive impact on our community and are happy to play our small part to keep Australia clean.

Thank you to Miss Lamb for coordinating this initiative across the school.



Awards

Silver

Isabella (2)
Kareem
Aya
Ella

Juliette
Lily
Claire
Mia

Gold

Mia

Platinum

PBL

Each fortnight we have a whole school PBL focus that we address and work on across the school. Classes complete lessons based on the PBL focus and practice the skills in the classroom, playground and at home. We include the fortnightly focus in each edition of Tower Talk so parents and carers can be included in the learning happening at school. Our whole school PBL focus for the fortnight is:



'We clean up after ourselves in the classroom and on the playground.'

Courage tool - We have the courage to do the right thing

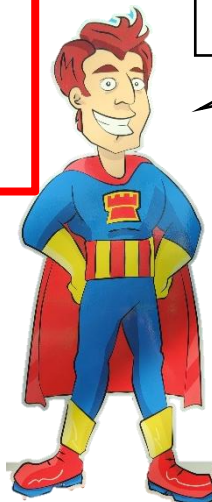
Caring tool- We care about our school

- Picking up rubbish on the playground
- Packing away toys and equipment
- Making sure our desks are clean before going to recess and lunch
- Reminding others to put their rubbish in the bin

Captain Tower is our PBL mascot and he is here to help parents / carers be involved with our PBL focus.

Here are some questions you could ask your child to help them learn and practice our PBL focus this fortnight at home and school.

What areas could you clean up at home?



What was something you did today to clean up after yourself?

Why is it important to clean up our own mess at school and at home?



The annual swimming carnival took place at Max Parker Leisure Centre in Revesby. Despite the heat, students, teachers and parents alike embraced the day and enjoyed a fantastic time.

Students 8 Years and over had the opportunity to compete in Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Backstroke races hoping to represent Tower Street Public School at the District Carnival on the 5 March.

Thank you to Picnic Point High School for permitting their students to assist throughout the event on the day. We extend our gratitude to these students for their outstanding representation of their school community. These boys dedicated their time to various tasks such as timekeeping, novelties and even aided in the pack up at the conclusion of a long day.

Thank you also to our parent volunteers; without your help, our staff would not be free to manage novelties for our non-competitive swimmers. Tower Street Staff, your tireless efforts in ensuring the success of the day for our students were greatly appreciated. Placegetter certificates will be presented at our school assembly on **Friday 8 March**.

Cassie Kearney
Carnival Organiser



District Swimming Carnival

Our District Swimming Team will be representing our school at the East Hills PSSA District Swimming Carnival on **Tuesday 5 March at Revesby Pool**. We know that they will be incredible ambassadors for our school and represent our school with pride.

Spectators are welcome to attend this event. We will keep the community updated with any changes to these arrangements via the Enews App.

Meet the Teacher

We will be hosting a 'Meet the Teacher Morning' on **Friday 8 March**. Parents & carers are invited to drop into classrooms between 8.00am-8.45am to meet your child's teacher. There will also be light refreshments available during the morning.



Meet Our Tower Street Teams

School Administration Manager Rita Kennedy
School Administration Officer Jennie Bateman.



Principal Mrs Karyn Ambrose, Stage 3 Mrs Kelly Probert, Mr Mitch McCrae and Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction Mrs Cassie Kearney



EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1

Mrs Jodee Wilmshurst
Mrs Ayah Salameh
Miss Caitlin Kearney
Mrs Jessica Lloyd



School Learning Support Officers - Mainstream



Mrs Jennie Bateman
Mrs Debbie Arnold
Mrs Natalie Swan

NGURRA- SUPPORT UNIT

Teachers



Mrs Jessica Lloyd
Ms Shari Rao
Mrs Nicola Coughlan
Miss Melissa Lamb

School Learning Support Officers

Miss Emma Gilbert
Mrs Jasmin Turnbull
Mrs Kim Vigenser



STAGE 2



Mrs Tianne Burns
Mrs Jessica Maguire
Miss Hayley Firth

GENERAL ASSISTANT



Mr Rodney Bryce

LIBRARY TEAM

Mrs Jo Johnston- Teacher Librarian
Mrs Leanne Bayley -Library Administration Officer



Easter Hat Parade & Eggorama

EASTER HAT PARADE & EGGORAMAS

Parents and Carers are invited to join us on,
Thursday 28 March 2024
For our Easter Hat Parade at 2.00pm

Easter Hats

We would like students in Kindergarten to Year 4 to make an Easter Hat at home with parental assistance.

To keep the cost at a minimum, we encourage students to make the hat from recycled materials.

There will be awards for different categories of creativity on the day! The awards will be for most colourful hat, fluffiest hat, tallest hat, chocciest hat and chickiest hat. There are lots of ideas and templates online, or you can design your own.

Younger siblings are most welcome to make a hat and participate in the parade.

Eggorama

Stage 3 students will have their eggoramas displayed at the parade.

What to wear: Students are to dress in Mufti for the day
What to bring: Students in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 are to bring their hats to school on the day.

Students in Year 5 and Year 6 are to bring their eggorama ready to display.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

The Easter Committee

Mrs Rao, Mrs Coughlan and Mrs Cutter

Harmony Day Celebration & Mufti Day



We will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Thursday 21 March**. Harmony Day is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Students will be invited to wear orange on this day rather than school uniform. On this mufti day we are asking students to donate Easter eggs/chocolate which will be used for the P&C Easter Raffle.

Term 1 Book Fair 2024



You are invited to join us in our school library, for our **Term One Book Fair**, on **Thursday the 21st of March**, between **8:30 – 9:30am**. Students and their families will have the opportunity to purchase books for themselves or for donation to the school library. EFTPOS will be available.

If you are unable to come at this time, students will be given the opportunity to visit the Book Fair in the morning and we will help them choose a suitable book, just put some money in an envelope. Most books are priced between \$10-\$20.

Tower Street Public School students love reading! The Book Fair is an exciting event that engages children and promotes literacy. There will be books to suit every reading level and interest and it's a fun opportunity for children to see, touch and connect with books they want to read. Every book sold at the Book Fair helps to earn free books for our school.

We will be doing our book character parade later in the year, in Term 3. Students do not dress up in book character costumes on this day.


School Photos

School photos are scheduled for **Tuesday 19 March 2024**.

All students will wear full school summer uniform with black school shoes on this day.

All photo orders must be made online directly with the school photographer on the Leading Image website.


Please do not make school photo payments via School Bytes.



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- 3 Enter your Access Key



! Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30pm the night before photo day. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

NAPLAN Online

This year NAPLAN Online is being completed from the 13 March for Year 3 and Year 5 students. Please see the information below regarding NAPLAN Online.

Monday 11/3	Tuesday 12/3	Wednesday 13/3	Thursday 14/3	Friday 15/3
		Year 3 Writing Year 5 Writing	Year 3 Reading Year 5 Reading	Year 5 Conventions of Language
Monday 18/3	Tuesday 19/3	Wednesday 20/3	Thursday 21/3	Friday 22/3
Year 3 Conventions of Language	Year 3 Numeracy	Catch up tests for all domains	Catch up tests for all domains	

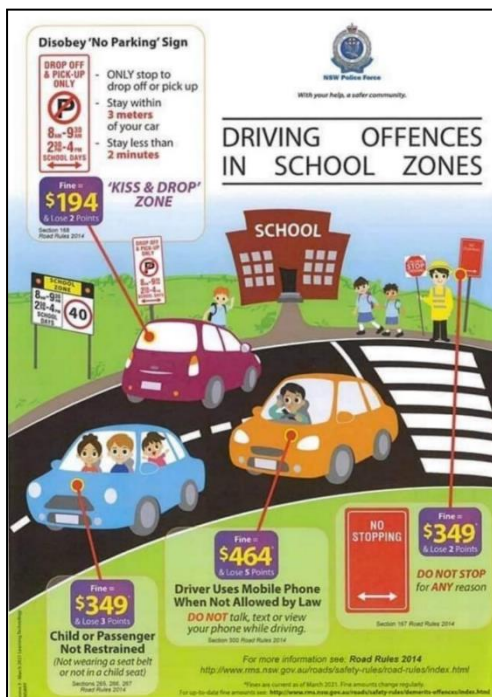
Road Safety

The safety of our children is a shared responsibility. Concerned local residents have reported seeing members of our school community breaking road rules, parking illegally and blocking driveways both in Tower Street and Hodgkinson Crescent.

Please take care and show consideration for others when parking near the school. Do not park in or across our neighbours' driveways. Stopping near the front gate or across the pedestrian crossing and letting your children 'jump' into or out of the car is not only dangerous but illegal.

The local council rangers and police will be patrolling our school ensuring that all community members are following road rules.

We ask for all members of our school community to be safe and considerate when dropping off and collecting children and follow all road rules. Let's work together to ensure Tower Street PS is a safe place for our children.



Canteen News

This year we welcome 'KT's Healthy Bites' to our school community. The canteen will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Online ordering is now available through the 'School Connect' App. The canteen is also open at recess and lunch for counter sales.

We look forward to some delicious treats from the school canteen this year!



P&C NEWS

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for the first P&C meeting for the year.

The next P&C meeting will include the AGM where all executive positions will be declared vacant and 2024 executive members will be elected. Please see the information outlining the different positions that make up the P&C executive team.

Easter Raffle

The P&C fundraising team will be coordinating an Easter Raffle with delicious baskets of Easter Chocolate and treats as the prizes! The Easter Raffle will be drawn during the School Easter Hat Parade on **Thursday 28 March**. Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The P&C Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning from 9.00am in the OSH Club room.

P&C Roles and their duties

Treasurer

- Ensure the P&C is complying with financial accountability requirements
- Manage the annual audit of all P&C accounts
- Produce monthly reports for P&C meetings indicating current account balances and liabilities
- Ensure P&C accounts are kept up to date including payment of accounts and complying with record keeping legislation

This is an executive committee position.

President

- Act as the P&C spokesperson/ representative
- Chairperson of all general meetings
- Provide leadership
- Setting up lines of communication between the P&C, school and community
- Encourage participation to ensure that everyone can have a say

This is an executive committee position.

Secretary

- Prepare and circulate P&C meeting agendas
- Attend meetings to record minutes and resolutions, and report on any mail/email/ phone correspondence received.
- Circulate minutes from P&C meetings to members
- Keep membership list, motions register and assets register up to date

This is an executive committee position.

Fundraising Coordinator (VP)

- Discussing fundraising options and opportunities at P&C general meetings
- Coordinating volunteers to assist with events/activities
- Creating flyers and event notices
- Assisting and supporting the P&C and School Principal in the development of grant proposals

This is a Vice President role, which acts in support of the President and engages in executive discussions.

Uniform Shop Coordinator (VP)

- Oversees the operation of the uniform shop (including open hours and online sales)
- Manages stock levels
- Ordering stock to maintain supply
- Liaises with school office and suppliers
- Responds to parent/guardian enquiries

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Student Parliament News

Birthday bucket order forms are available from the office.

All money raised from these fundraisers will support the Year 6 Farewell event at the end of the year.



Year 6 Fundraising 2024

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS!

- A birthday card from your teacher and classmates.
- NEW!** A lucky dip surprise for you!
- A special birthday song and dance for you, performed by Year 6.
- A birthday balloon and sticker for you to keep.
- 1x Quelch ice block for everyone in your class.

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