



# Tower Talk

Term 1, Week 8  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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## Coming Events

- 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

## Principals Message

### Meet the Teacher Morning

It was wonderful to have our entire school community together for our 'Meet the Teacher' morning. Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended this event. We hope that you heard important information about your child's year at school and the amazing things that happen at Tower Street PS every day. We had lots of very happy students who loved showing their classroom and work to their family members.

A huge thank you to our amazing teachers who put this event together for our school community.

The school only accepts **LOOP**  
orders on-line

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club LOOP**  
for Parents

Current Book Club  
orders due: 29.03.2024

## 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



# Awards

## Silver

Sofia  
Jennifer  
Eva L  
Oliver

Mia L

## Gold

Sofia

## 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 use kind words when speaking to others.'***

**Using our words tool** - We use our words to be kind and respectful

**Caring tool**- We care about other people's feelings

- Using kind words
- Using kind words when speaking to or about people who are different to you (different skin colour, different ability etc.)
- Speaking to others how we would like to be spoken to
- Using appropriate language
- Using respectful language
- Using an appropriate tone of voice

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.

**When did you use kind words today?**



**What are examples of kind words you can use when speaking with others?**

**Why is it important to use kind words at school and at home?**

## PBL Awards

Each fortnight teachers present PBL wristbands to students who have demonstrated safe, respectful or learner behaviour. The wristband recipients are recognised during school assemblies and share how they earned the PBL wristband.

Treasure tokens align directly with the fortnightly PBL focus. Teachers give out treasure tokens when they see students following the PBL focus. This fortnight teachers will be on the lookout for students who are using kind words in the classroom or in the playground.

Each classroom has a container to collect treasure tokens. Each fortnight a treasure token is drawn from the class container for a reward. The more treasure tokens a student collects the more chance they have of winning a special ice block! More importantly each classes treasure token collection is placed in our school treasure token chest. When the school chest is full it is time for a whole school PBL reward!



## School Photos TOMORROW

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


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

Year 6 students can bring their Year 6 shirt in their bag but wear full uniform to school ready for photos.

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

### ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.  
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### Tower Street Public School

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INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 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.

**Please do not make school photo payments via School Bytes.**

## SRC & Parliament Minister Badge Presentation

Congratulations to our 2024 Class SRC representatives and our Student Parliament ministers who received their badges at a special assembly held on Friday 8 March. The badges were presented by the Student Leadership Team.



## Parent / Teacher Phone Interviews

During the last week of Term 1 we will be holding parent/teacher phone interviews. Interviews are conducted via phone and your child's progress will be discussed as well as learning goals for Term 2. We look forward to speaking to all our families and establishing positive home/school partnerships to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.



Please use the following QR Code or the link provided to make a phone appointment with your child's teacher.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/sj3kd>

**Bookings will open Wednesday 20 March at 9am.**

The schedule for the interviews are as follows and interview appointment times are available between 9.15am-4pm each day.

Monday 8 April	Tuesday 9 April	Wednesday 10 April	Thursday 11 April
K Aqua- Mrs Wilmshurst	5/6 Orange- Mr McCrae	3/4 Lavender- Miss Firth	K/1 Lime-Mrs Salameh
	5/6 Teal- Mrs Probert	3/4 Green- Mrs Burns and Mrs Maguire	1/2 Silver- Mrs Lloyd

*\* Ngurra families will be invited for face-to-face meetings with teachers to develop Personalised Learning and Support Plans Thursday week 11.*

## Third Party Online Apps

This year the Department of Education is requiring schools to seek parental consent before utilising online learning and communication tools that require the sharing of data. This permission note has been distributed to families via the School Bytes App. Thank you for completing the Third Party Permission note so quickly we are now in a position to begin using our Third Party Apps.

This year we have made a change in our communication channels, with the introduction of School Bytes, we have decided that communication with the school should be streamlined, so families don't get confused about who to contact. This year the school's main communication channel will be School Bytes with School Enews and Class Dojo being phased out.



## Mobile Phones & Smart Watches at school

A reminder that any student that brings a mobile phone must hand this in at the school office once they arrive at school. This includes any smart watches that have phone or text message capabilities. Students do not need access to these devices during the school day. At the conclusion of the school day these devices are collected by students from the school office. Thank you for your support and cooperation with these arrangements.



## Book Club – LOOP

All Book Club orders are placed using the Scholastic Book Club LOOP App. Students will still bring home the Book Club catalogue, but you will no longer have to fill in the order and return to the school office you will be able to complete the order using the LOOP app from home. All orders must be placed through the LOOP App.

**ORDERS DUE: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## 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!



# Harmony Day and Book Fair



## Harmony Day Celebration and Book Fair - Thursday 21st March

A day to celebrate our cultural diversity through inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging.

This year, we encourage the students to wear **cultural dress** or **orange** on Harmony Day, rather than wearing their school uniform.

Students will participate in activities with their buddy class, promoting harmony and belonging. We will also be having a 'Thankful Thursday/Harmony Day' picnic during eating time. Students may bring traditional food from their culture, not to share, but to show/talk about during our class picnics.

On this mufti day, we are asking students to **donate Easter eggs/chocolate** which will be used to support our P&C Easter Raffle.

## Book Fair

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.**

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 are to wear cultural dress or orange clothes on this day.

Thank you for your support. We hope to see you there!

# 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

## P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 27 March at 7pm**. This meeting will be a **regular monthly meeting**. This meeting will be held online via Teams. A flyer with the Teams meeting link will be sent out via School Bytes and School Enews on Wednesday morning.

The P&C Annual General Meeting where all executive positions will be declared vacant and the 2024 executive members will be elected will be held on **Wednesday 8 April 2024**. 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.

## 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

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



# Student Parliament News

Tower Street Parliament was officially opened on Wednesday 13th March. The opening was followed by our first parliament sitting for 2024, where the Ministers of the Justice Committee proposed a 'TSPS Needs a New School Mascot' bill, which was approved by Queen Ambrose.

Tower Street Parliament aims to achieve student voice, freedom of speech, justice and peace for our school community. During the coming year, students will collaborate about ways they can improve the playground and classrooms, raise money for worthy causes and the Year 6 Farewell. They will also care for younger students through planned work and play.

**Congratulations to the following students who were elected as official Members of Parliament.**



**Governor General**– Joshua



**Speaker of the House**- Samantha



**Prime Minister**- Dawud



**Deputy Prime Minister**- Tristan



**Sergeant –At –Arms**- Lily



**Clerk**- Hannah



**Parliament Chamber Sound Technician** - Jihad



**Justice Ministers** -Eshaal, Amelia



**Sport Ministers** – Mounu, Diaz



**Information, Technology & Research Ministers**- Nour, Rameen



**Environment Ministers**- Bradley, Patrick



**Education & Communication Ministers** – Willow, Phoenix

TOWER STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

# EASTER HAT PARADE

THURSDAY 28 MARCH UNDER THE COLA  
2PM FOLLOWED BY P&C EASTER RAFFLE



# HARMONY DAY

*Everyone Belongs!*



**THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024**

**Wear orange or cultural dress**

**Bring traditional food from your culture to show your class during a picnic lunch**

**Donate an Easter egg, which will be used to support our P&C Easter Raffle**

**Purchase books at the Book Fair, in the library between 8.30-9.30am**

**Parent testimonial:**

*"Crow Martial Arts is a place where my kids have had fun and actually developed discipline and focus. These life skills are more important than ever"*  
- Jenny



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