



Tower Talk

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TowerStreetPS



School Enews app

Coming Events

12 June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

13 June
Farm Incurşion

16th June
Book Club Orders Due

16 June
K-6 Assembly

21 June
Online P & C Meeting

22nd June
Semester 1 Reports Issued

26 June
K-2 Symbio Excursion

26 June
K/1 Lime Parent/Teacher Interviews

27 June
1/2 Blue & 1/2 Silver Parent/Teacher Interviews

Term Dates

- 12th June
Public Holiday

- 30th June
Last day of term 2

- 18th July
First day of Term 3

- 22nd September
Last day of Term 3

Principals Message

STEM Day Success

On Thursday 1 June a group of Year 4 students attended Picnic Point HS to participate in a STEM Challenge Day with a number of other local primary schools. Our team participated in a coding challenge, an egg drop, designed and launched a bottle rocket and designed and built a bridge. Our students worked well as a team to complete each challenge and represented our school with pride. Mr McCrae was very impressed with our teams determination and resilience on the day.

After participating in each challenge our school was awarded equal first place for the day. What an achievement! Congratulations to our students that participated on the day and to Mr McCrae for supporting our students on the day.

It was a wonderful event organised by Picnic Point HS and we look forward to competing next year!



Staffing Update

Congratulations to our School Counsellor Mr Paul O'Reilly who has successfully gained a Relieving School Psychologist role 2 days a week. As a result of this promotion, the day that our school receives School Counsellor support has changed. For the remainder of the year, Mr Paul O'Reilly will be working at Tower Street PS as School Counsellor on Thursdays.

A staffing change will also impact 5/6 Purple for the remainder of the school year. Ms Jenny Gallagher will be working at Glenfield Education Office. Mrs Salameh will be teaching 5/6 Purple on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday with Mrs Coughlan teaching on Thursday and Friday.

Awards

Silver

Bianca
Cameron
Zainab
Jasmine

Selena
Claire
Aaliyah B
Kaia

Ella
Levon
Isaac R

Gold

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 are safe and sensible during an emergency'.



Breathing tool - We stay calm and listen to teachers in an emergency

Caring tool - We care about the safety of ourselves and others

- Following teacher/adult instructions quickly and quietly
- Moving quickly but safely
- Staying quiet so that you can hear instructions easily
- Helping others stay calm

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.

How can you stay safe during an emergency?

What should you do when you hear the smoke detector at home?



Why is staying calm important during an emergency?

PBL Whole School Reward

Our Treasure Chest is full! That means we will be having a whole school reward very soon for all students who have remained out of Reflection Room or had one visit to Reflection Room. I know Miss Firth is busy organising an exciting whole school reward – I wonder what it will be?

External Validation

Once, during a four-year cycle, schools undergo an external validation of the evidence of their school self-assessment. This year, Tower Street PS has gone through the external validation process. This involves the school presenting sets of evidence aligned to Department of Education's framework, the school external validation team then engage in discussions with an external panel and have their self-assessments validated.

The panel, comprising of a Principal School Leadership (PSL) and a peer principal, meet with the school external validation team and determine whether the school's evidence supports their self-assessment. An external validation panel report, which includes the school-determined next steps in the self-assessment process, and school-determined future directions to support school improvement, is provided to the school following the external validation.

Our school held our external validation panel meeting on Thursday 1 June. Our school was deemed as 'Excelling' in areas of Learning Culture, Student Wellbeing & School Administrative Practice. This is an outstanding result for our school and reflects the exceptional work that happens each and every day at Tower Street PS. The panel was very complementary of the school evidence presented for validation and recognised the exceptional inclusive practices that were evident across our school.



Athletics Carnival Preparation

Our K-6 Annual Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Thursday 20 July and will be held at a new venue, Kelso North Reserve, Milperra. In preparation for this event all classes are practising their athletics skills at school.

We ask that students wear **sport shoes every day for the remainder of Term 2 with their regular school uniform**. This will ensure our students are able to participate in athletics activities. We appreciate your cooperation with this request.

Winter Warmer Mufti Day



On **Wednesday 14th June 2023**, the Justice Committee will be holding a Onesie, Oodie, Dressing Gown and Winter Pyjama Mufti Day. We are asking for a gold coin donation to take part in this event.

Students will need to wear a school hat and their sneakers and can change into their school uniform during the day if they like. The warmest and coziest looking student in each class will receive a special prize. Money collected for this mufti day will go towards the Year 6 fundraising efforts.

PSSA Season 2

Congratulations to our Soccer teams who played their first game of the season at Marco Reserve on Friday. Please ensure your child has a pair of **shin guards each week**, this is a safety requirement. Any student without shin guards will not be permitted to participate in the match.

We look forward to a great season!

Semester 1 Reports

Student Semester 1 reports are currently being finalised. All Semester 1 Reports will be sent home with students on **Thursday 22 June 2023**. Please check your child's bag for their Semester 1 Report.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

K-2 teachers are holding face-to-face half-yearly interviews in the last week of Term 2 from **Tuesday 27 June – Wednesday 28 June in the School Library**. We will be using an online booking system to book an interview appointment time with your child's teacher. Online bookings will open on **Wednesday 14 June at 9am** and close on **Friday 23 June at 12pm**.

In order to book an appointment with your child's classroom teacher, please log into the following website:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au Enter the code: **fbrz8** and select your child's teacher and a convenient time for your interview.

Please note: 3-6 Teachers will be holding their interviews in Term 3. More information will be provided in early Term 3.

	Tuesday 27 June Parent/Teacher Interview	Wednesday 28 June Parent/Teacher Interview
9.15am -4:30pm	K/1 Lime Mrs Wilmshurst	1/2 Blue Miss Firth
9:15am -4:30pm		1/2 Silver Mr Probert

We look forward to meeting with all our families and establishing positive home/school partnerships to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.



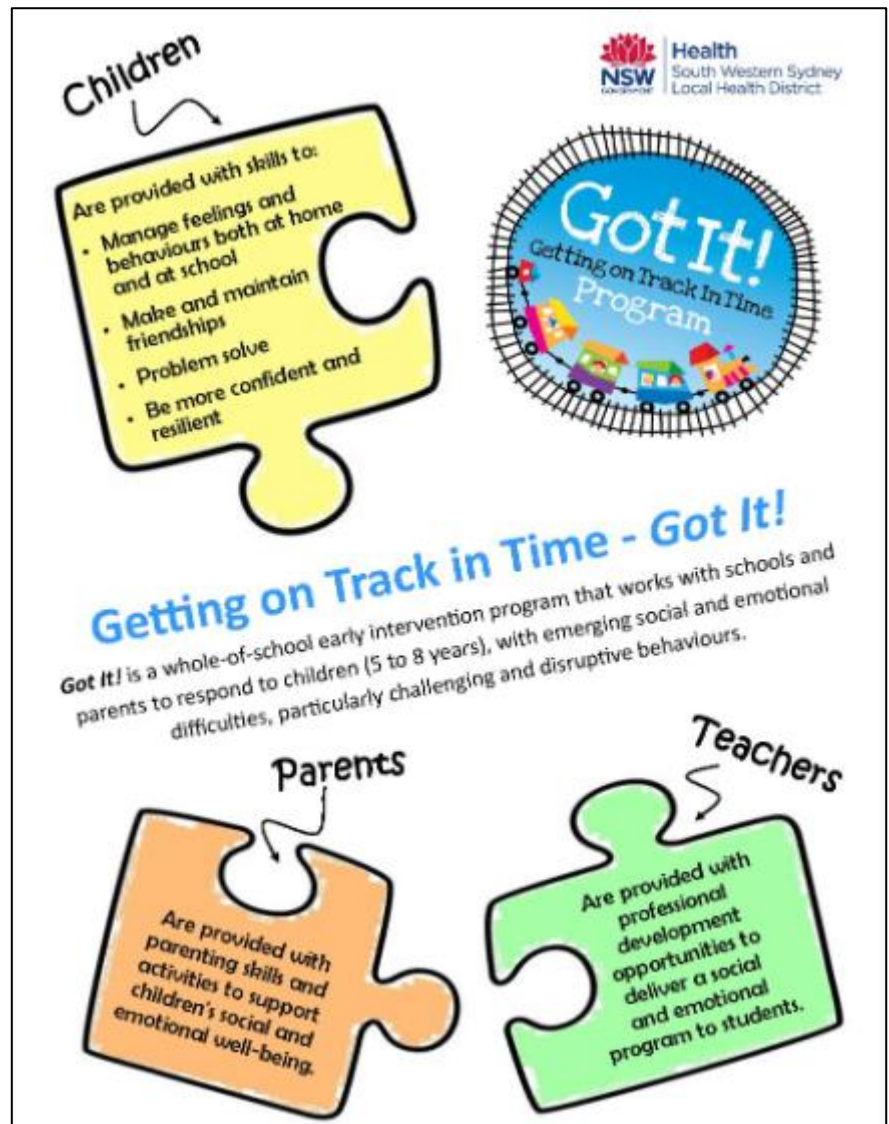
Kindy 2024 enrolments

If you have a child starting school in 2024 now is the time to enrol! You can complete an online enrolment form through our school website or collect an enrolment pack from the school office.

K-3 Got It! Program

Getting on Track in Time - Got It! is an early intervention mental health and well-being program for children in Kindergarten to Year 3 and their parents and carers. The program helps parents and schools to identify children's social and emotional difficulties and supports them to respond to and reduce the severity and frequency of disruptive and difficult behaviours. It aims to intervene at a time when intervention is likely to be most effective in reducing the incidence of such behaviours and preventing the development of severe behaviour issues.

Got It! is a school-based program led and delivered by specialist NSW Infant Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (iCAMHS) professionals in partnership with school staff and the Department of Education. Got It! teams work collaboratively across two or three school terms with education staff, parents/carers and children to provide an evidence-informed approach to address problems early and get on track in time.



A targeted program is supported by a whole of school intervention and specialist assessment and referral for individual needs. Through providing local specialised mental health support, it also aims to improve a school's capacity to respond to children with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties in an ongoing way.

Tower Street PS is participating in the Got It! Program in Terms 3 & 4. In preparation for the program to begin all students in Years K-3 will bring home a parent/carer questionnaire to complete about their child's social emotional development. Mr Probert is coordinating this program across our school.

The Got It! team will be available today (13.6.23) at dismissal time near the Tower Street entrance. Come and meet the team, they are happy to answer any questions about the program.

P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 21 June. **This meeting will be held online via Teams.** This is the first time our P&C are hosting an online P&C meeting. A link will be shared to join this meeting – all parents, carers or community members are invited to attend this meeting.



The P&C are trialling canteen operations for basic lunch orders and counter service on **MONDAYS** only. The success of this trial will depend on the number of parent volunteers willing to assist, please email the P&C if you can assist on any Monday this term, towerstreetpandc@gmail.com

Student Parliament News

Lots of yummy cups of warm chocolate were purchased at the canteen last Friday. It was wonderful having so many warm bellies at school on a cold, wintery day. Year 6 will be selling cups of warm chocolate for \$2.00 on Fun Food Friday, for the remainder of the term.



The Sport Committee are organising an exciting Rocket Launcher Competition. Great prizes are up for grabs!

Listen carefully for information about this exciting event soon!



The Justice Committee would like to remind you to come to school in your oodie, pyjamas or dressing gown on Wednesday 14th June. The cost of this mufti day is a gold coin donation. Please remember to wear your hat and enclosed shoes. (No slippers or Ugg boots, please)

Fun Food Friday 'Winter Edition'

The executive of Tower Street Public School's Parliament will be selling cups of delicious warm chocolate, at the canteen each Friday.

A cup of Warm Chocolate!



\$2.00

Elmo and the Cookie Monster are out of hibernation, and they are very hungry!



Have you found 50 cent coins are too heavy to carry?

Do you have 5 cents pieces clogging your purse?

Is your silver change weighing your pockets down?

Are you unsure of where to put your 10 cents change that is left over from Fun Food Friday?

“Donate your loose coins by feeding them to Elmo or the Cookie Monster!”

The Information, Research and Technology Committee is running a “Feed Elmo and the Cookie Monster” Year 6 fundraiser over term 2 and 3.

A representative from the committee will collect and count coins that have been fed to Elmo or the Cookie Monster, every Friday.

The class who feeds Elmo or the Cookie Monster with the most coins at the end of the Term 3 will receive a fabulous reward. So, please start saving all your loose change for our fundraiser!

Thank you,
Information, Research and technology Committee.



This week we officially launch Year 6's
newest fundraiser
'THE BIRTHDAY BUCKET!!'

Fundraising that helps Year 6 students and you!

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS!

1x Quelch ice
block for
everyone in
your class.

A birthday
card from
your teacher
and
classmates.



\$20

A Happy
Birthday
balloon and
sticker for
you to keep.

A special
birthday song
and dance for
you, performed
by Year 6

Place your **order at the front office or online a week prior** to your child's birthday for an exciting delivery of a Birthday Bucket to your child's classroom so he/she can celebrate with classmates.

NOTE: Advance booking is required- last minute orders will not be accepted.

Birthday Bucket Order

Name: _____ Class: _____

Date of Birthday Bucket Delivery: _____

\$20 cash is enclosed

\$20 payment has been paid online. Receipt Number: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____



PROGRAMS



**LOWER
PRIMARY**
(5-7 years)



**UPPER
PRIMARY**
(8-11 years)








SECONDARY
(12-17 years)



Sydney Education and Adoption Centre
201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

Sessions include:

-  A behind-the-scenes tour of our shelters
-  Making enrichment toys
-  Meeting a variety of shelter animals
-  Talks from various roles at RSPCA NSW
-  Exploring how our Inspectors perform rescues and enforce the law

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