



Tower Talk

Term 3, Week 10
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TowerStreetPS



School News app

Coming Events

- 20th September
Last day of Zumba
- 22nd September
PSSA round 3
- 17th October 2pm
PLP Celebration Afternoon
- 19th October
EHGH5 Transi Begins
- 25th October 7pm
P & C Meeting
- 27th October
World Teacher Day
- 31st October
Bankstown Dance Festival
(Rehearsal and Performance)

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

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

Current Book Club
orders due:

Term Dates

- 22nd September
Last day of Term 3
- 9th October
First day of Term 4
- 15th December
Last day of Term 4

Principals Message

As we approach the end of Term 3, it's important to celebrate the important learning and wellbeing initiatives that our students have experienced at Tower Street PS during Term 3. There have been so many to celebrate and only a snapshot of events have been included in this edition of Tower Talk. I hope you enjoy seeing the amazing initiatives we provide your children. Thank you to our community for always supporting these initiatives and showing up to volunteer during interest groups, in the canteen or the uniform shop or by participating in our P&C we love working in partnership with you to provide the best possible environment for your children.

The last day of Term 3 is **Friday 22 September**. We hope you all have a chance to enjoy the spring school holidays. School resumes for all students on **Monday 9 October**. We have lots of exciting events planned for Term 4!

Bankstown Network Award Ceremony

On Wednesday 13 September a special awards ceremony was held to celebrate outstanding service across the Bankstown Principal Network. The awards were presented by Mrs Sian Websdale, Relieving Director Educational Leadership for the Bankstown Network. Congratulations to our school's award recipients:

- Mrs Cassie Kearney – Outstanding Teacher in an Executive Role
- Miss Melissa Lamb – Outstanding Classroom Teacher
- Mrs Rita Kennedy – Outstanding School Administration

I know you will join me in congratulating our outstanding award recipients.



Awards

Silver

Luna N
Kareem
Austin
Patrick
Emilia
Claire
Aaliyah B
Levon

Mia L
Jonathan
Anthony M
Angus B
Rameen
Lily
Hunter

Eleena
Jude
Emily M
Yafi x 2
Kabeer
Selena
Ali

Gold

Isaac Rababi

Platinum

Isaac Rababi

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 wear our school hats when we are in the sun.'



Courage tool – We have the courage to help our friends to be sun safe.

Caring tool - We care about how we look in our full school uniform.

- Making sure we pack our school hat in our bag in the morning.
- Making sure we pack our hat into our bags after each play session.
- Making sure we put our hats on our heads when we are playing or learning in the sun.
- Making sure our name is written in our hat.

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.

Do you have your school hat in your bag ready for school?

Does your school hat have your name clearly written inside?



Why is it important to wear a school hat when in the sun?



School Bytes

New finance system – School Bytes

In the very fast paced world we live in, we understand the need for you, our parents/carers to have the flexibility to make payments outside of school hours and furthermore, the ability to receive and respond to communication at a time that best suits your needs.

As a result, we are excited to announce our school will be engaging the services of School Bytes who offers a simplified digital system for school payments and parent/carer communication. **Our school will begin using School Bytes from the Tuesday 7 November.**

Changes you can expect:

- The students **Statement of Account** and **payment reminders** will be sent directly to parents/caregivers via email.
- Emails will be sent to you from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education.
- The student's **Statement of Account** email will include the **make a payment** button that will take you to the school's online payment portal.
- If the activity involves a cost, the **make a payment** button will allow you to pay securely, quickly and easily via credit or debit card after granting permission (Visa and Mastercard only).
- Online forms including permission notes, will be sent to you directly via School Bytes with a link enclosed. Select the link to open the secure online form.
- The online form will have information about the activity with a section for a digital signature (either with a mouse or your finger) prior to submitting.

What do you need to do to prepare for the change?

- **You do need to ensure your email address and contact details up to date**, you don't want to miss critical information being sent to you.
- Monitor your inbox for communication we send to you.
- Respond to digital correspondence received via email or complete the online digital form and submit.
- Ensure emails sent to you from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education are not marked as spam/junk in your email system.



Sydney South West Athletics Championships

Congratulations to Phoenix who represented our school and the East Hills PSSA District at the Sydney South West Athletics Championships last week.

Phoenix competed in the 9 years Girls 100m event at the carnival and progressed through the heats and competed in the final.

Phoenix placed 7th in the 100m final – a fantastic result! I know you will join me in congratulating Phoenix on this achievement.

Students Supervision – Student Safety

A friendly reminder that our morning supervision for students does not begin until **8.30am**. **The safety of our students is our priority, so we ask that students do not arrive at school prior to this time.**



If you require your child to be supervised prior to 8.30am we encourage you to enrol your child at our Before and After school care provider, 'OSH Club'. **This service operates daily onsite and begins at 7.00am.** If you would like further information, feel free to contact OSH Club at: towerstreet@oshclub.com.au

A small number of students continue to arrive prior to the commencement of playground supervision at 8.30am. Students should not be left unattended in our school playground prior to 8.30am. It is unsafe to leave your child unsupervised. If this continues to be an issue our school gates will remain locked until 8.30am. We ask that families assist the school by ensuring your child is not arriving to school before 8.30am.

School Uniforms

As the weather is warming up in the final week of Term 3, students are welcome to begin wearing their summer uniforms this week. We want our students to be comfortable so they can concentrate on learning. We encourage all students to dress according to the weather conditions.

It is essential that all students have a school hat at school every day. Please ensure the hat is clearly labelled with your child's name. School hats are available for purchase at the school office every day for \$12. It is important that **only school hats** are worn at school as it is part of our school uniform. Please assist the school by ensuring your child has a school hat in their bag every day.

High school visit

It is time for our Year 6 students to begin the transition to high school ready for Year 7 in 2024. Each year the TSPS teachers work with our local high schools to support our students with the transition to high school. Last week, all Year 6 students attended a high school taster day at Picnic Point HS where they experienced a day of high school. They participated in English, maths, Japanese and STEM lessons and also enjoyed a BBQ lunch.

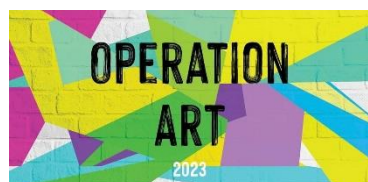
Through Term 3, students attending East Hills Boys in 2024 participated in a weekly transition program to prepare them for life in Year 7. During Term 4, students attending East Hills Girls Technology HS will participate in a weekly transition program.



PBL Reward Day – Ninja Warriors

Last week, our school enjoyed a surprise PBL reward morning! Our students earn 'Treasure Tokens' throughout the term by following our fortnightly PBL focus and remembering to be safe, respectful, learners. Each week the treasure tokens collected by each class is added to our school chest – when the chest is full it means our students have earned a PBL reward. This term our chest was overflowing! To celebrate our PBL team organised a surprise Ninja warrior course provided by Be Skilled Be Fit.

Our students enjoyed, rock climbing, running the warped wall and so many agility activities. We really have so many Ninja Warriors at TSPS! Thank you to our community for sending your child in sports uniform each day last week so we could surprise our students on the day. Thank you to Mr Probert, Miss Lamb & Miss Firth for coordinating this reward for our students. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an important initiative that supports and motivates our students to have positive behaviour at school.



Operation Art

The 2023 Operation Art Exhibition will be on display at **Sydney Olympic Park Armory**

Gallery from Saturday 16 September to Sunday 29 October 2023. All entries submitted this year will be on display.

Our Tower Street artists, Anthony C, Aya, Edvin and Leah all have artworks in the exhibition. Everyone is welcome to attend the exhibition to see all the amazing artworks on display.



Interest Group Wellbeing Initiative

During Term 2 & 3 our students have participated in weekly interest groups providing our students with an opportunity to expand their social network with students who share a common interest.

Each Thursday afternoon, our students enjoyed, drawing, gardening, karaoke, cheerleading, sport training & coaching, pom pom making, bubble writing, fine motor play and building fairy gardens. We held our final interest group session for 2023 last week.

We implemented interest groups as an important wellbeing initiative following the disruption of COVID and we are so proud of how this initiative continues to grow.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined as during open interest group sessions. We look forward to continuing this initiative next year.



Thankful Thursdays -Wellbeing Initiative

Building on the success of our Interest Group Initiative, we have introduced 'Thankful Thursday's' On special Thursdays we will participate in a whole school picnic where all teachers and students will enjoy eating time together on our beautiful grass playground.

We held our first 'Thankful Thursday' on Thursday 7 September. On this day, students brought in towels or picnic blankets to sit and eat their lunch in social groups. It was a great way for our students to build positive relationships with new teachers or with students from different classes.

We look forward to holding more 'Thankful Thursdays' during Term 4. We will communicate these days in our 'Weekly Update' newsletter.



Student Leaders 2024

The process to select our 2024 Student Leadership Team has begun. Mr Probert will be coordinating the process this year. Our 2024 Student Leadership Team will include:

- Boy School Captain & Girl School Captain
- Boy Vice Captain & Girl Vice Captain
- 2 Prefects (the 2 candidates with the next highest number of votes)

Last week, Mr Probert met with Year 5 students to discuss this year's Captains and Prefects nomination process for next year's leadership team. **Before students can be nominated, they need to fill out an application form and be endorsed by a teacher before the end of Term 3.** Mrs Ambrose has the final approval of all applications which will be announced in early Term 4.

Candidates will need to complete an election poster (designed through Canva at school) by **Term 4 Week 5.** These posters will be displayed at school in the lead up to the election.

Candidates will prepare and submit a 1-2 minute speech by **Term 4 Monday Week 7.** Speeches will then be presented in the hall and voting will commence immediately after the speeches.

Mrs Ambrose will announce the Student Leadership Team following the election and in preparation for initial leadership training which will begin in Term 4 Week 7. This year students from Picnic Point HS will mentor our 2024 Student Leadership Team in the final weeks of Term 4.

During a special assembly in Term 1 2024, our Student Leadership Team will be presented with their official leadership badges. Parents and carers will be invited to attend this special ceremony.

Our Student Leadership Team will have a variety of responsibilities and duties and must be reliable and enthusiastic in performing them. We look forward to the process and wish all candidates good luck!

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr Probert.

PSSA Season – Mixed AFL

The new PSSA season commenced on Friday 8 September. Our school has entered 2 mixed AFL teams to compete in the PSSA competition.

Thank you to Mr McCrae and Mrs Probert who are coaching our AFL teams this season.



SUPER SKILLS!

Introducing SUPER SKILLS! Each month, we will be focusing on life skills that need to be practised at home. Rewards will be given to those who can demonstrate the super skill focus at school.

This month's Super Skill is cleaning up after ourselves. This includes:

- 🌟 putting rubbish in the bin
- 🌟 looking after our belongings (not misplacing them)
- 🌟 packing/unpacking school bags

You can show your teacher these skills at school, such as cleaning up inside/outside the classroom or demonstrating responsible ownership of your belongings (labelled items with names).



Congratulations to these students who used their super skills during the last fortnight! Who will Captain Tower spot using their super skills this week?





Tower Street Public School

School Canteen Licence

Tenders are called for the licence of the school canteen commencing 9 October 2023 for a term of 3 years with an option to renew for 2 years.

Annual school enrolments 150.

The school is flexible with days of operation. Please contact the school regarding the tender process and more information about submitting a tender.

All tender enquiries and requests should be referred to Karyn Ambrose Principal 9773 6017 or

towerst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Tender closes at 3pm on Friday 22 September 2023

Mandatory Criteria: All employees must hold a current working with children check.

Canteen tender

The school is seeking a canteen operator through a tender process to begin operating the school canteen. This process has the support of our school P&C.

The tender process concludes at **3pm on Friday 22 September**. All tenders wishing to be considered must be received by the school by this time.

The school will communicate the outcome of the tender process to the community as soon as it has been finalised by the Department of Education.

P&C NEWS

Change to the Uniform Shop Coordinator

Thank you to Simone Read for coordinating the uniform shop over the past 2 years and in particular navigating the Back-to-School vouchers and ensuring the uniform shop was able to accept them. I want to thank you for your time and hard work in coordinating the uniform shop.

Welcome to Maria Say who will be stepping into the uniform shop role. The P&C Uniform Shop will continue to operate on Friday mornings.

P&C Meeting

The last P&C meeting was held online via Teams on **Wednesday 13 September**. Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to attend the meeting. Meeting Minutes from this meeting will be shared soon via the Enews App.

The next P&C Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 25 October at 7pm** and will be held online via Teams. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Student Parliament News

Fun Food Friday



We would like to thank the Year 6 students who have come in early on past few Friday mornings to help prepare for Fairy Bread Friday.

Executive Committee

Fun Food Friday

'New Menu'

Year 6 will be selling freshly baked, thick, sprinkle-coated slices of fairy bread, at the canteen each Friday for the rest of the term.



Birthday Buckets



Have you seen the weather forecast for the next few weeks? It is going to be so hot, and Year 6 know the perfect way to keep you cool!

Order a Birthday Bucket and be spoilt with a card, stickers, a birthday song and a Quelch ice block to share with your classmates and teacher as you celebrate turning a year older.

Order your \$20 Birthday Bucket at the office. We can't wait to surprise you with your special birthday delivery.

Year 6

Tower Street Term 4 Planner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 1	9 First day Term 4	10	11	12	13 PSSA RD 4
2	16	17 Aboriginal PLP Afternoon 2pm	18	19 EHGHS Links Program	20 PSSA RD 5
3	23	24	25	26 EHGHS Links Program	27 World Teacher Day PSSA RD 6
Oct/Nov 4	30	31 Bankstown Dance Festival Dance 2B Fit	1	2 Stage 3 incursion EHGHS Links Program	3 PSSA RD 7
5	6	7 Dance 2B Fit	8	9 Kindy Orientation 9.15-11.00 EHGHS Links Program	10 K-2 Assembly Remembrance Day PSSA RD 8
6	13	14 Dance 2B Fit	15	16 Kindy Orientation 9.15-11.00 EHGHS Links Program	17 PSSA RD 9
7	20 Prefect Elections	21 Dance 2B Fit	22	23 Kindy Orientation 9.15-11.00 Sports Captain Elections EHGHS Links Program	24 Year 6 Fun Day PSSA RD 10
8	27	28 Year 7 Orientation Day	29	30 Kindy Orientation 9.15-11.00 EHGHS Links Program	1
Dec 9	4	5 Dance 2B Fit	6	7 Presentation Day	8 Aboriginal Performance
10	11 K-6 Excursion	12 Year 6 Farewell	13	14 Reports sent Home	15 Year 6 Graduation Students Last Day of Term
11	18 School Development Day	19	20	21	22



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: _____

2023 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program



Led by school parliament's Environment Committee, TSPS students with green thumbs have been enthusiastically using equipment and produce purchased using an \$850 Woolworths Landcare Grant, to prepare our new Crunch and Sip Garden.

Students have collaborated in teams about the best way to plant seedlings, spread sugar cane mulch and assemble netting over the garden beds. They have also demonstrated responsibility by regularly watering the seedlings using a roster system.

Before we know it, Crunch and Sip sessions will see students sampling fresh, home-grown celery, spinach, capsicum, carrots, snow peas, strawberries, chives, mint, mixed lettuce and bok choy.



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