



Tower Talk

Term 3, Week 4

7th August 2023

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TowerStreetPS



School Enews app

Coming Events

- 7th Aug - 11th Aug
Public Speaking

- 8th August
Environmental Ed Visit
Incursion

- 9th August
7pm P&C Online Meeting

- 11th August
9.15am K-6 Assembly

- 15th August
2pm Koorana Parent
Session

- 16th August
Public Speaking Finals

- 21st August
District Athletics Carnival

- 29th August
Book Parade/ Book Fair

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

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

Current Book Club
orders due: 7 August

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

Education Week

It was wonderful to celebrate Education Week with our families last week. Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who joined us during the week to join in with the amazing learning that happens at Tower Street PS each and every day. We loved welcoming family members into classrooms on Wednesday morning to share what school was like when they were at school. The morning concluded with delicious donuts provided at the 'Year 6 Café' and olden time games during the recess break.

We also invited parents to join us for dancing, student parliament and interest groups. It was a wonderful week and we hope you enjoyed being apart of the celebrations throughout Education Week. We are lucky to have such an engaged school community.



Awards

Silver

Sofia
Jude
Jennifer
Summer
Ahmad
Bennett
Joshua A

Hamza
Selena
Eleena
Aaliyah
Claire
Airley

Isaac R
Jonathan
Clayton
Willow x 2
Billy
Daimon

Gold

Bennett

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 keep our hands, feet and other objects to ourselves.'



Personal Space tool – We respect the personal space of others.

Garbage Can tool - We let the little things go.

- Keeping our hands to ourselves (not touching, pinching, punching, wrestling)
- Keeping our feet to ourselves (not kicking)
- Keeping other objects to ourselves (not throwing things at other people)
- Using positive strategies to calm down when someone upsets us
- Reminding others of the rules
- Being kind and gentle

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 did you demonstrate the PBL focus today?

Why is it important to keep our hands to ourselves?



What games did you play during lunch/recess today?



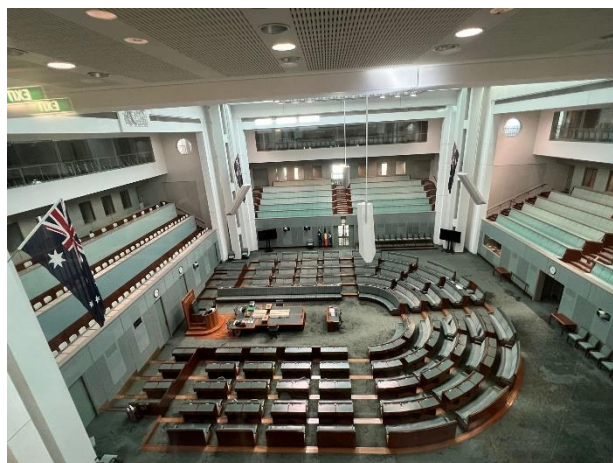
This year Education Week celebrated 175 years of Public Education in New South Wales and we reflected through the week on how education has changed over the years but how the core values of Public Education of inclusion, equity and excellence remain unchanged. Education Week also celebrates the contribution of teachers, and we acknowledged our amazing staff with a 'throwback' graduation ceremony marking the beginning of our teaching careers. Our students loved hearing about the universities each staff member attended and also the years we graduated! We are lucky to have an amazing group of educators at Tower Street PS.

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion

Year 5 & 6 students from our school recently attended an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

This rebate was factored into the initial cost of the excursion and reduced the cost of the excursion for families.



K-6 Assembly

Our next K-6 Assembly will be held on **Friday 11 August at 9.15am in the school hall**. During this assembly the Athletics Carnival place getters certificates will be presented. We will also enjoy a performance by the Junior Dance Group. Parents and carers are invited to join us for this assembly.

Attendance

Our school attendance registers are overseen and monitored by the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) from Riverwood Education Office. The HSLO is responsible for working between schools and families to improve school attendance. The Department of Education is currently undertaking an attendance blitz on unexplained absences. During this period you may be contacted by a HSLO officer to discuss your child's unexplained absences.

We ask that you cooperate with the school by always providing a reason for any absence from school. These can be communicated via phone call or email to the school office, a written note to the class teacher or a Class Dojo message to the class teacher. We appreciate your cooperation and working in partnership with the school.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

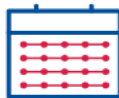
and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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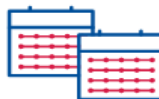
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

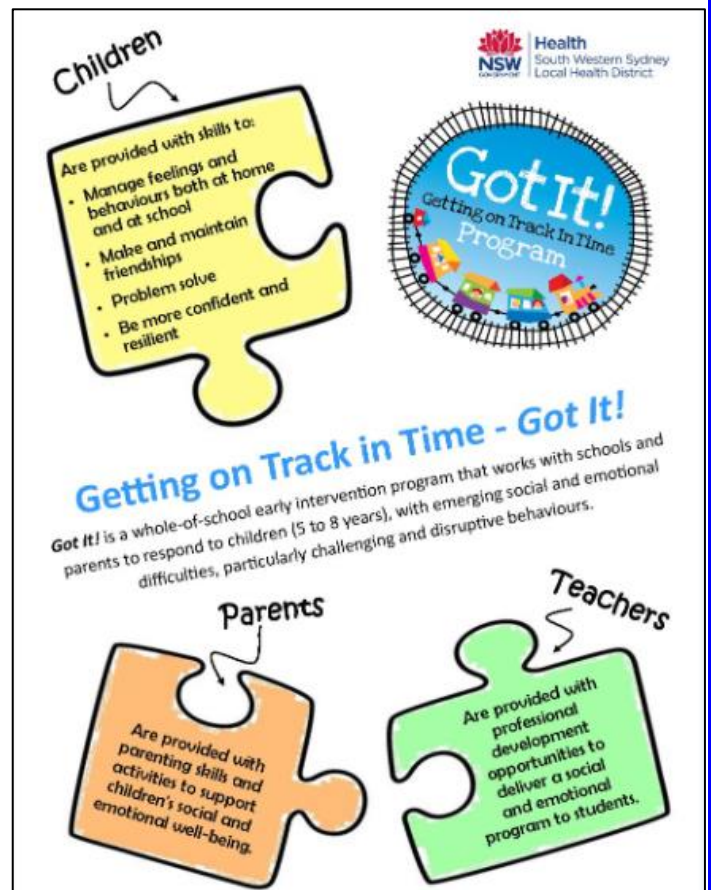
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Years K-3 GOT IT Program

Thank you to parents in K-3 who have handed in their Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires at the end of Term 2 to participate in the screening for the "Got It!" program. The Got It! team will be following up with selected families this term from Week 4 to discuss the questionnaire results and offer further assessments at school over the following weeks to determine suitability for the program.

The Got It! program has been designed to support families to develop their child's social and emotional wellbeing in children from K-3. The weekly program will be running at the school in Term 4 for up to 8 selected families.

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.



Athletic Carnival Results – Field Events

Congratulations to our Athletics Carnival placegetters for Field Events. All placegetters will receive a certificate at our next K-6 Assembly on Friday 11 August 2023.

Long Jump	Jnr Boys	11yrs Boys	12yrs Boys
	1. Zac Morrison 2. Thomas Dang 3. David Nustas	1. John Moffat 2. Tristan Georgiou 3. Jihad Rashid	1. Nicholas Bayley 2. Edvin Muratagic 3. Khalil Ramadan
High Jump	Jnr Girls	11yrs Girls	12yrs Girls
	1. Pheonix Price-Taimana 2. Nevaeha Milliss 3. Hannah Bayley	1. Nour Sayadi 2. Mikayla Tobenhouse 3. Mounu Tupou	1. Taylor Dang 2. Wynter Pearce 3. Jasmine Ryan
Shot Put	Jnr Boys	11yrs Boys	12yrs Boys
	1. Leonardo Proia 2. Braye Tatham 3. Zain Abdo	1. John Moffat 2. Patrick Nustas 3. Tristan Georgiou	1. Jake Casey 2. Nicholas Bayley 3. Josh Allerton
Discus	Jnr Girls	11yrs Girls	12yrs Girls
	1. Ivy Dudley 2. Samantha Quach 3. Nevaeha Milliss	1. Mikayla Tobenhouse 2. Mounu Tupou 3. Nour Sayadi.	1. Amity Milliss 2. Taylor Dang 3. Almass Raad
Shot Put	Jnr Boys	11yrs Boys	12yrs Boys
	1. Ronan Barham 2. Moustapha Raad 3. Zac Morrison	1. John Moffat 2. Jihad Rashid 3.	1. Edvin Muratagic 2. Jake Casey 3. Aiden Barham
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District Athletics Carnival

The East Hills District Athletics Carnival will take place on **Monday 21 August 2023 at The Crest Sporting Complex in Bass Hill.**

District Carnival permission notes will be sent home this week. Please be aware that being a placegetter at our school carnival doesn't guarantee a District Athletics qualification. Most events have qualification times/distances that must be achieved in order to attend at District level.

Years 3-6 3-Way Interviews

Our Years 3-6 classes will be holding face-to-face, 3-way parent/teacher interviews during Week 4 of Term 3. Bookings can be made online via the online booking platform www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using the code:

ccy77

Monday 7 August 9am-4.30pm	Tuesday 8 August 9am-4.30pm	Wednesday 9 August 9am-4.30pm	Thursday 10 August 9am-4.30pm
3/4 Green Miss Lamb	5/6 Purple Mrs Coughlan & Mrs Salameh	5/6 Scarlet Mrs Probert	3/4 Orange Mr McCrae

What is a 3 Way Conference?

A 3-Way Conference actively involves parents, students and teachers in reflecting on student progress. A 3-Way Conference acknowledges the most important participants in the learning process - student, teacher and parent.

How are 3 Way Conferences different from parent teacher interviews?

3 Way Conferences involve the student in the discussion about their growth/progress as a learner.

The student can provide information to clarify what they have learnt, what are the next steps in their learning and what progress they are making towards this.

Why 3 Way Conferences?

- They provide a student voice to discussions about performance and progress.
- They place the student at the heart of the assessment and reporting process.
- They strengthen the home-school partnership and allow children to see their parents and teacher working together for them.

The teacher facilitates the conference and guides the student/parent through the process.

In short, 3-way conferences provide a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement. They are a valuable avenue for involving parents and students in the learning process and helping parents understand the teaching, learning, assessment and reporting process. The three-way conference has benefits for teachers, parents and the school.

We encourage all parents to participate in this learning conversation and be a part of your child's learning journey.



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.

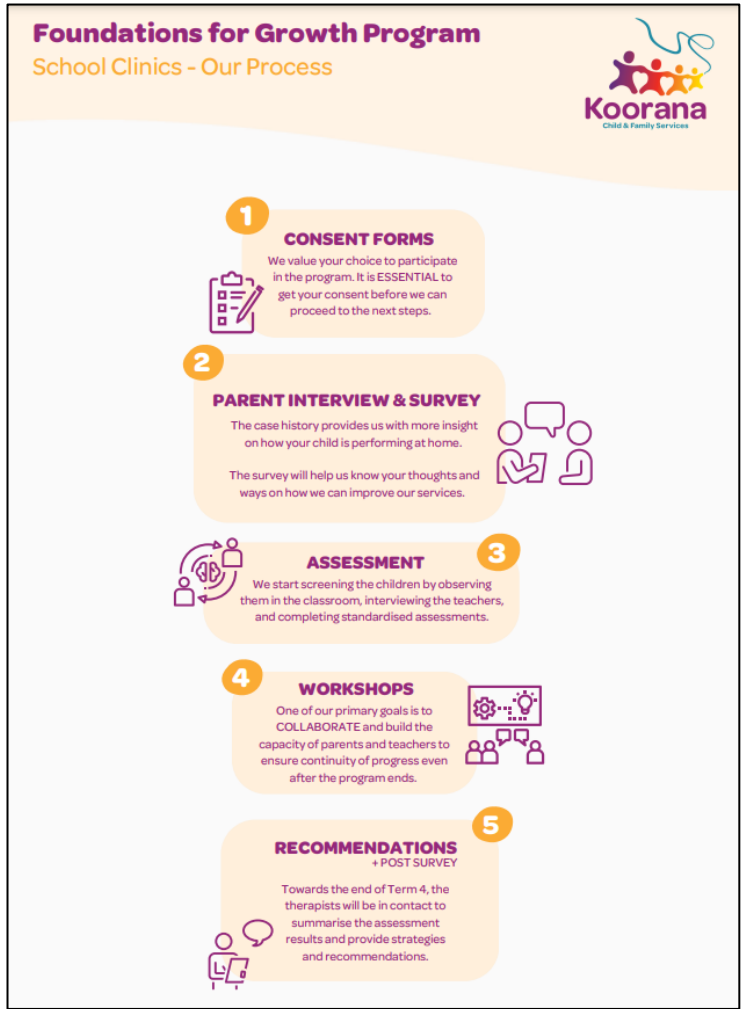
Koorana Partnership

Our partnership with Koorana has been extended for a further 12-month period enabling us to continue the 'Foundations for Growth' school clinic program. This partnership allows us to provide support services for no-cost.

The Foundations for Growth program is a free school-based program delivered by Koorana Child & Family Services funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and facilitated by The Smith Family.

The program aims to support children with learning and behavioural support needs by offering a range of Allied Health services, including Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Physiotherapy. This program aims to give parents and teachers the tools to support children who are experiencing difficulties at school, link parents with external services/supports and provide strategies/recommendations to further support the children.

The school will be sending home consent forms to families for participation in this free program.



Koorana will be holding a parent information session at Tower Street PS on Tuesday 15 August at 2pm. This session will further explain the program and address any question parents/carers may have.



Book Week

You are invited to come and celebrate Book Week at Tower Street Public School, on **Tuesday the 29th of August.**

Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character from any work of fiction or non-fiction...anything goes! The theme for Book Week this year is Read, grow, inspire.

We will be holding a **Book Fair in the library, which will open at 8:30am.** 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.

Our **Book Character Parade will commence straight after the Book Fair, at 9:30am under the COLA.** We are so excited to welcome families back to one of our favourite days of the school year!

NAPLAN 2023 Results

NAPLAN results have been distributed to families of our Year 3 and Year 5 students, and we are in the process of analysing the results as a school. Our primary goal is to identify areas of improvement and determine any necessary changes to enhance our learning and support groups.

This year there have been changes to how NAPLAN results are reported. From 2023, new standards were introduced to NAPLAN reporting. This reporting replaces the previous numerical NAPLAN reporting bands and national minimum standards. Education ministers agreed 2023 was the right time to introduce this change alongside moving NAPLAN to March.

Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling.

There are 4 proficiency levels:

- **Exceeding:** The student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** The student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** The student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** The student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

Kindergarten 100 Days!

Congratulations to our Kindergarten students who celebrated 100 days of school on Friday! We are so proud of the progress you have all made in 100 days. Thank you Mrs Wilmshurst & Mrs Salameh for organising this event for our learners.



P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 9 August. **This meeting will be held online via Teams.** A link will be shared to join this meeting – all parents, carers or community members are invited to attend this meeting.



P&C Canteen

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, towerstpandc@gmail.com

P&C Uniform Shop

The P&C operate our school uniform shop to ensure prices remain as low as possible for families and so all proceeds come back to benefit our students. We are looking for volunteers who are available for **1 hour any morning or afternoon per week** to assist with the filling of uniform shop orders for families. If you can spare **1 hour a week, we need your help!** Maybe team up with a friend so you can volunteer together? Please contact the P&C Uniform Shop via, TSPS.uniforms@gmail.com

Student Parliament News

The Education Week, Year 6 Café was a huge success. Coffee, tea, warm chocolate and donuts were enjoyed by students and their families on Open Day. Thanks for supporting our café. All profits earned will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

Feed Cookie Monster and Elmo

The Feed Cookie Monster and Elmo fundraiser is now complete. Thanks to everyone who made sure their class monster was satisfied with a tummy full of loose coins. The winning class with the best fed monster will be announced at the Week 4, whole school Friday assembly. We hope they enjoy their yummy surprise treat and special tech afternoon!



Information, Technology, and Research Committee



Environment Committee Gardening Week

Canterbury Bankstown Council have delivered 100 grass cover seedlings and small native shrubs to our school. This week the Environment Committee will be hands deep in soil adding greenery to the gardens near the office block and the library.

Zumba is Back!

We are excited to announce that Queen Ambrose agreed that lunch time Zumba classes will benefit Tower Street students. She approved a 'Bring Zumba Back' bill, which was proposed in parliament in Week 3. Stay tuned for information about the sale of Zumba Memberships.



Sports Committee



Fun Food Friday

Week 4 is the last week Year 6 will be serving Fun Food Friday warm chocolates.

In Week 5, Year 6 will hold a Cake Stall for Fun Food Friday. Cakes, muffins, slices and jelly cups will be for sale at recess for prices ranging from 50c - \$2.

Any parents who are free to help set up the cake stall on Friday morning, 18th August will be greatly appreciated.

The Executive Committee



Let's eat
CAKE!

**CAKE
STALL**

50C - \$2 EACH
WEEK 5
18 AUGUST 2025
FUN FOOD FRIDAY



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: _____



Revesby Workers' Little Athletics Centre



Our Home

Hey, where are we?



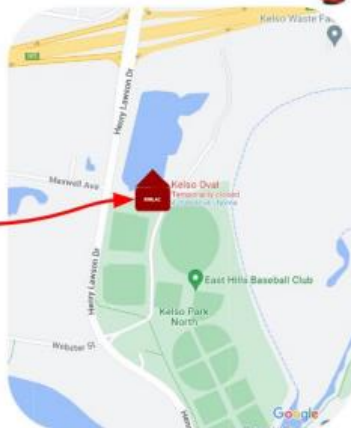
RWLAC is now at Kelso Sporting Grounds, Panania.

Just off Henry Lawson Drive. The carpark entrance is opposite Maxwell Ave.



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Revesby Workers' Little Athletics Centre



2023/2024 Season



Registration Information

Do you LOVE to RUN, JUMP or THROW or even just meet new friends? Then come join Revesby Workers' Little Athletics Centre

EARLY BIRD Register in August

- \$140 U6-U17 per child
- \$80 Tiny Tots* per child

Registration from 1st Sept

- \$160 U6-U17 per child
- \$100 Tiny Tots* per child

*Tiny Tots (Born 2019) & a sibling of registered athlete

Online Registrations 1st Aug HERE http://www.revesbylac.org.au/	Rego pick up night 18th Aug 25th Aug	Orientation Night 1st Sept 6:00pm start
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