



Tower Talk

Term 4, Week 10
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Coming Events

- 12 December
Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 13 December
PBL Reward Colour Run
- 14 December
Reports sent home
- 15 December
Year 6 Graduation

2024 Dates

- 1 & 2 February
Kindy Best Start
- 8 February 2pm
Kindy Parent Session
- 8 February 4.30pm
Support Unit Parent Session
- 21 February 7pm
P&C Meeting
- 23 February
3-6 Swimming Carnival

Term Dates

- 15th December
Last day of Term 4 2023
- 1st February
First day of Term 1 2024
- 29 March – 1 April 2024
Easter Long Weekend
- 12 April 2024
Last day of Term 1
- 30 April 2024
First day of Term 2

Principals Message

Aboriginal Cultural Experience by Gumaraa

Students at Tower Street were fortunate to experience a whole day incursion from Gumaraa. Our day began together with a traditional smoking ceremony.

The rest of the day was spent in Stage groups where students participated in several authentic Indigenous activities, based on the traditions of the Dharawal and Yuin Nation.



As we come to the end of Term 4, I would like to thank our entire school community for your support this year. On behalf of all the staff at Tower Street PS I would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderful Christmas and a safe, relaxing summer holiday break.

School will resume on **Thursday 1 February 2024** for students in Years 1-6. Students will wear school summer uniform. Students will remain in 2023 classes for the first weeks of Term 1.

Kindergarten families have received a letter with information regarding the starting dates for Kindergarten.

The last day of Term 4 for all students is Friday 15 December.

Awards

Silver

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 solve small problems independently'.



Garbage tool - We let the little things go.

Breathing tool- We can calm ourselves and make good choices.

- Knowing the difference between a small problem and a big problem
- Talking things through with others
- Walking away from people who upset you
- Using calm down strategies when you are feeling upset
- Trying to solve problems calmly and safely before going to the teacher

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 use the garbage can tool this week?



Tell me what you worked on in class today?

What is a small problem you could solve at home independently?

School Uniform Update

As you are aware the P&C in collaboration with the school have been working to update our school uniform. After extensive consultation with the parent community, staff and students a final design is ready to be shared.

Our new uniform will include a blue and red polo shirt with an embroidered school logo to be worn with blue shorts or skirts. A new school jacket will also be introduced which will be red with blue detail and embroidered school logo. Our current school jumper and school hat will remain unchanged. This uniform will be worn 5 days a week.



It is anticipated that the new uniform will be introduced from mid- 2024 after a final term of community feedback during Term 1 2024. Please be aware that the new uniform will be phased in over a 3-year period during this time the current school uniform will still be able to be worn by students.

In preparation for the introduction of our new school uniform and understanding that most families will purchase new school shoes for the 2024 school year during the January school holidays, we are releasing school shoe recommendations that will work with our new uniform.

We are strongly encouraging families to purchase black sport shoes to be worn as school shoes rather than traditional leather lace up school shoes. Our expectation is that shoes worn to school will be black - please see the guide below.



I would like to thank the P&C for their work in getting the school uniform design to this final stage and working with a uniform supplier in preparation for our new uniform. I would like to especially thank Simone Read for her time and effort coordinating this change along with Sandy Whitear who have both been instrumental in progressing the uniform to the current design.

School Canteen Update

The school canteen tender process has been finalised by the Department of Education and I'm delighted to announce to our school community that 'KT's Healthy Bites' will operate our canteen from 1 February 2024.

The school canteen will operate 3 days per week and will be open for lunch orders and counter sales during recess and lunch. A canteen menu will be shared with the school community at the beginning of Term 1.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our P&C who stepped in to operate the canteen prior to an operator being secured. I'd especially like to thank Tara Abdo who coordinated the canteen. I know you will join me in thanking Tara and the team of canteen volunteers including Shelley, Leah & Samira who generously gave up a large amount of time each week to provide this service for our students and community.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten orientation program concluded on Thursday 30 November and we were so impressed with how quickly our future students settled into school over the four transition sessions.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new students into Tower Street Public School in 2024! Please encourage any friends or neighbours with children starting school next year to finalise their enrolment as soon as possible.

Our 2024 Kindergarten families will receive a letter this week detailing the date and time for their 'Best Start' appointment. Kindergarten classes will begin on **Monday 5 February 2024**.

If parents or carers have any questions regarding children starting Kindergarten in 2024, please contact the school office.



PBL Reward Colour Run

On Wednesday 13 December we will be holding our whole school PBL reward. This term the whole school reward is a 'Colour Run'. Students will wear mufti clothes (that can get dirty) such as a white t-shirt and participate in colour run activities. Please be aware that your child will get dirty and we suggest that students bring a towel to sit on in the car on Wednesday afternoon.

Permission notes for students that will be attending have been sent out on School Bytes.

We have high expectations for all students at Tower Street PS, any child that has **two Reflection Room visits will not be permitted to participate in the end of term whole school reward**. We also expect that families will work in partnership with the school and be proactive in discussing inappropriate behaviour with their child. We also ask parents/carers to support the school by sending children that they know have not qualified, to school on whole school reward days.

Student Leadership Team 2024

Well done to all the Year 5 students who nominated to be candidates for our 2024 Sport Captains. The Sport Captain elections were held on 30 November.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the Tower Street PS 2024 Sport Captains:

Rafter: Hudson & Annie



O'Neal: Nevaeha & Miryam



Waugh: Lynn & Alexis



P&C NEWS

The first P&C meeting for 2024 will be held on Wednesday 21 February at 7pm. All community members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Student Parliament News

Fun Food THURSDAYS!

The executive committee is bringing back our Fun Food fundraiser but this term it will be on THURSDAYS!

Zooper Doopers will be available to purchase from the canteen for \$1 during recess on Thursdays.

Don't forget to bring your money to purchase a refreshing ice block.

Fun Food Friday!
~~Friday!~~
Thursday!

Year 6 will be selling thirst-quenching Zooper Doopers for \$1 at recess, on Thursdays for the remainder of Term 4.

Zooper Doopers

\$1.00 each

This week we officially launch Year 6's newest fundraiser **'THE BIRTHDAY BUCKET!!'**
Fundraising that helps Year 6 students and you!

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS!

\$20

- 1x Quelch ice block for everyone in your class.
- A birthday card from your teacher and classmates.
- 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: _____



Class Requirements for 2024

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

These resources are shared by the class:

- ✎ 4 x 35g Bostic glue sticks
- ✎ 6 black Artline or Staedtler brand whiteboard markers
- ✎ 1 liquid soap (donation)
- ✎ 2 rolls of paper towel (donation)
- ✎ 2 boxes of tissues (donation)

The following resources are for your child's individual use and should be **labelled with their name**:

- ✎ Library bag (available from uniform shop)

No pencil cases are required. All equipment is provided.

Stage 1 - Year 1 and Year 2

These resources are shared by the class:

- ✎ 4 x 35g Bostic glue sticks
- ✎ 6 black Artline or Staedtler brand whiteboard markers
- ✎ 2 rolls of paper towel (donation)
- ✎ 2 box of tissues (donation)
- ✎ 1 liquid soap (donation)

The following resources are for your child's individual use and should be **labelled with their name**:

- ✎ Library bag

No pencil cases are required. All equipment is provided.

Stage 2 - Year 3 and Year 4

These resources are shared by the class:

- ✎ 8 black Artline or Staedtler brand whiteboard markers
- ✎ 2 rolls paper towel (donation)
- ✎ 1 liquid soap (donation)
- ✎ 1 box of tissues (donation)

The following resources are for your child's individual use and should be **labelled with their name**:

- ✎ Scissors
- ✎ 4 different coloured highlighters
- ✎ pencil case
- ✎ 4 blue biros and 4 coloured biros
- ✎ 6 lead pencils
- ✎ Coloured pencils
- ✎ 2 good quality (such as Staedtler) white erasers
- ✎ Sharpener with container
- ✎ 30 cm ruler with cm and mm (no bendable or metal rulers please)
- ✎ Textas
- ✎ 2 x Bostic glue sticks



Stage 3 - Year 5 and Year 6

These resources are shared by the class:

- ✎ 4 Bostik glue sticks
- ✎ 6 black Artline or Staedtler brand whiteboard markers
- ✎ 2 rolls paper towel (donation)
- ✎ 1 liquid soap (donation)
- ✎ 1 box of tissues (donation)

The following resources are for your child's individual use and should be **labelled with their name**:

- ✎ Scissors
- ✎ 1 A4 display folder (see picture)
- ✎ 1 medium sized pencil case
- ✎ 4 different coloured highlighters
- ✎ 4 blue biros and 4 red biros
- ✎ 2 black biros
- ✎ 1 black Artline fineliner pen
- ✎ 6 good quality lead pencils (such as Staedtler brand)
- ✎ Textas
- ✎ Coloured pencils
- ✎ white erasers (rubbers)
- ✎ Sharpener with container
- ✎ 30 cm ruler with cm and mm (no bendable or metal rulers please)

