



Tower Talk

Term 4, Week 6
13th November 2023

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Coming Events

- 28th November
Year 7 Orientation Day

-29th November
7pm P&C Meeting

- 30th November
Sports Captain Elections

- 7th December
Presentation Day

- 8th December
Aboriginal Performance

- 11th December
K-6 Excursion

- 12th December
Year 6 Farewell Dinner

- 14th December
Reports sent home

- 15th December
Year 6 Graduation

Term Dates

- 15th December
Last day of Term 4 2023

- 1st February
First day of Term 1 2024

Principals Message

Year 6 Fun Day

Year 6 hosted a fabulous day of fun for the students of Tower Street, on Friday 24th November. Year 6 students taught all classes how to make beautiful Hawaiian leis and they entertained students, parents and guests with an exciting performance. Showcases of synchronised swimming, hula dancing, a party recital, magic tricks, a comedy act, tap dancing, jazz dancing, singing, a short play and a piano recital had the audience mesmerised and in fits of laughter. To top the day off, an afternoon was spent getting wet on a slip and slide, water balloon obstacle course and by playing a variety of clever water games. Students also watched volcanoes erupt, participated in shell memory games, ran in pool floaty relays and decorated their arms with temporary tattoos. All these exhilarating activities were accompanied with a drink of icy, cold fruit punch and time in a Hawaiian photo booth.

All money raised from the Hawaiian Fun day will support Year 6 to purchase a parting gift to the school. Students will discuss ideas for the gift during the final school parliament session, this week.



Awards

Silver

Bradley
Jad
Emily
Emily M

Airley
Lunar
Rameen

Gold

Emily M
Lunar
Eshaal

Platinum

Tia Gardner
Billy Gardner

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 put our best effort into all classroom activities.'



Caring tool - We care about the work that we are producing at school.

Breathing tool- We breathe through challenges.

- Having neat handwriting
- Taking our time to do things properly
- Doing things, even when they are hard
- Asking for help if something is too challenging
- Not giving up before trying something new
- Actively listening in class so that we can do tasks independently
- Taking pride in our work

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 try your best today in class /at sport / at home?



Tell me what you worked on in class today?

What is something you achieved this week that you are proud of?

Whole School Aboriginal Incursion

On **Friday 8 December** all Tower Street Public School students will have the opportunity to participate in the **Gumaraa Deadly Ranger Tour** which is an immersive Aboriginal school incursion program. The program aims to educate students in fun and interactive ways. Students will be able to engage in hands-on activities such as boomerang throwing, bush tucker, spear throwing and traditional Aboriginal dance.

We are looking forward to a really special day. There is no cost involved for this activity.

Student Leaders Election

Congratulations to our 2024 Student Leadership candidates who presented their speeches to the school community. It takes courage to put yourself forward as a leadership candidate and present a speech to the whole school community. We are incredibly proud of each of the candidates and know that they are all leaders within our school and will continue to be in 2024. Well done!

Sports Captain elections will be held on Thursday 30 November.



Student Leadership Team 2024

Well done to all the Year 5 students who nominated to be candidates for our 2024 Student Leadership team. The standard of candidates was outstanding this year and it is pleasing to see so many Year 5 students willing to take the risk and nominate for a leadership position this year.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the Tower Street PS 2024 Student Leadership Team:

Captains: Hannah & Josh

Vice Captains: Samantha & Dawud

Prefects: Lily & Tristan



Leadership Day PPHS

On Wednesday 22 November fifteen Year Five students attended a whole day workshop at Picnic Point High School. The day was named 'Building Future Leaders' and was run by the Student Leadership Team at Picnic Point High School.

Students from neighbouring primary schools attended the day, allowing our students to work alongside students who they may attend high school with in the not-too-distant future. The activities relied on the students working as teams to problem solve and communicate to succeed at the given tasks. They developed in confidence and adapted with ease to changes as the day progressed.

The day was extremely successful and the Student Leadership Team and the staff at Picnic Point High School should be congratulated on a fun and informative day.



Staffing Update – Term 4 / Rel APs: K-2: Jess 3-6: Kelly

Mr Matthew Probert will be on leave for the remainder of Term 4. Mrs Jessica Lloyd will be teaching 1/2 Silver full-time for the rest of the school year and will also be the relieving Assistant Principal K-2.

Mrs Kelly Probert will be relieving as Assistant Principal 3-6 for the remainder of the year. We look forward to Mr Probert's return next year.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten orientation program concludes on Thursday 30 November and we are so impressed with how quickly our future students have 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.



Presentation Day 2023

This year **Thursday 7th December is Tower Street's Presentation Day**. Our Presentation Day celebrations are split across two ceremonies.

The first ceremony at 10am is for the whole school. The students will walk into the hall formally at 10am. We ask that you are seated in the audience before this time. The awards presented at this assembly will be the class awards for Academic Excellence, Consistent Effort and Teacher's Choice Awards. The Library Awards, Art awards and David Coleman's Parliamentary awards will also be given out at this assembly as they are awarded to students from Kinder to Year 6.

The second assembly begins at 11:30am and is mostly for Years 3-6. The awards presented at this assembly will be Athletics, Swimming, PSSA, School Sport and of course Sportsperson of the year. Dance, Cultural, Citizenship, SRC, Dux, Kylie Wilkinson's Service Award, and the Principal's Award. The 2023 School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will receive their Medallions and our outgoing captains will give their final speeches at this assembly.

Our 2024 Student Leadership Team will be inducted, and the new captains will make their speeches at a special assembly next year. This assembly will take place on **Friday 9th February 2023 at 9:15** in our school hall.

The school has sent emails to the families of award recipients so they can try and make arrangements to attend. We ask that you don't reveal this information to your child if you have received an email notification. We appreciate your support and cooperation with this request.

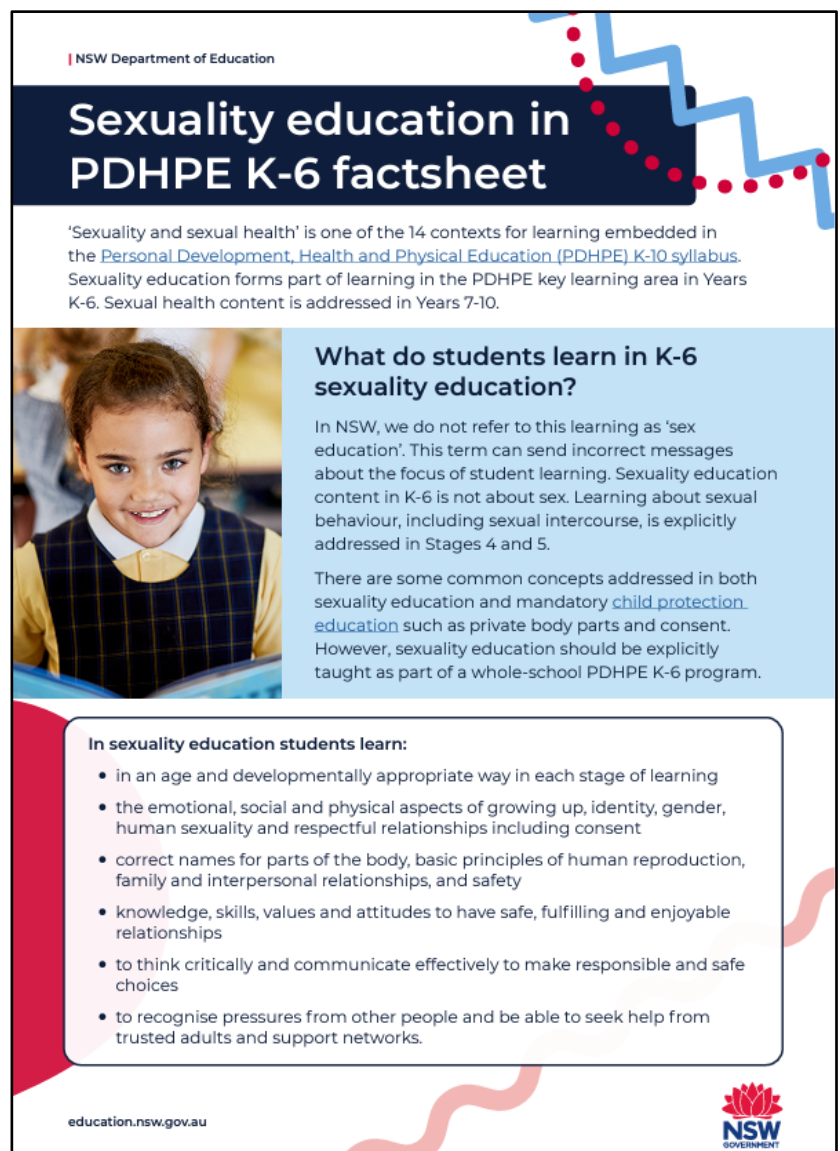
All families are welcome to attend these special assemblies and celebrate a year of learning at Tower Street Public School. **Students in Years 3-6 will be expected to stay at school until the conclusion of the second presentation session.**

Stage 3 Sexuality Education

Over the next three weeks, Year 5 & 6 students will be completing mandatory Sexuality Education lessons from the PDHPE curriculum. The content covered will include: body changes during puberty, feelings about growing and changing and the basic principles of human reproduction.

This would be a great time to have a conversation with your child about growing and changes associated with puberty. Your child may also have questions that cannot be covered during lessons.


Here is a fact sheet from the Department of Education, any parents wanting further information can contact their child's teacher.



NSW Department of Education

Sexuality education in PDHPE K-6 factsheet

'Sexuality and sexual health' is one of the 14 contexts for learning embedded in the [Personal Development, Health and Physical Education \(PDHPE\) K-10 syllabus](#). Sexuality education forms part of learning in the PDHPE key learning area in Years K-6. Sexual health content is addressed in Years 7-10.



What do students learn in K-6 sexuality education?


In NSW, we do not refer to this learning as 'sex education'. This term can send incorrect messages about the focus of student learning. Sexuality education content in K-6 is not about sex. Learning about sexual behaviour, including sexual intercourse, is explicitly addressed in Stages 4 and 5.

There are some common concepts addressed in both sexuality education and mandatory [child protection education](#) such as private body parts and consent. However, sexuality education should be explicitly taught as part of a whole-school PDHPE K-6 program.

In sexuality education students learn:

- in an age and developmentally appropriate way in each stage of learning
- the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, identity, gender, human sexuality and respectful relationships including consent
- correct names for parts of the body, basic principles of human reproduction, family and interpersonal relationships, and safety
- knowledge, skills, values and attitudes to have safe, fulfilling and enjoyable relationships
- to think critically and communicate effectively to make responsible and safe choices
- to recognise pressures from other people and be able to seek help from trusted adults and support networks.

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TSPS Crunch and Sip Garden

The Environment Committee and SRC members have been busy harvesting produce from the new Crunch and Sip Garden, that they have maintained for several months. Students from all classes have been sampling fresh, home-grown beans, celery, lettuce, spinach, Vietnamese mint, carrots and chives during Crunch and Sip time. Carrots and celery have been the most popular choice of snack so far.



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: _____