



Tower Talk

Tower Street Public School
74 Tower Street, Panania NSW 2213
Phone: 9773 6017 Fax: 9792 3905
Email: towerst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Web: towerst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Term 1, Week 7
6 March 2023



TowerStreetPS



School Enews app

Coming Events

7 March
Zone Swimming Carnival

10 March
K – 6 Assembly

15 March
Naplan begins

20 March
Swim Scheme begins

23 March
Harmony Day/Book Fair

Principals Message

Tell Your Story Day

On Wednesday 1 March our First Nations students and their family members were invited to participate in a 'Tell Your Story Day' at Picnic Point PS. Our students participated in dancing, storytelling, art activities and there was even a visit from the South Sydney Rabbitohs! Thank you Miss Gallagher for coordinating this experience for our students and families.



Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 3rd March we did our part to keep Australia clean as part of Clean Up Australia Day. Students and teachers went to different areas of the school to pick up any rubbish they could see. Luckily, our PBL for the last fortnight has been all about cleaning up after ourselves and so the school was already beautiful before we had even started! We take pride in our school and love to do our part to take care of our environment here at Tower Street Public School.



Awards



Silver

Nevaeha
Rameen
Anvi
Anthony
Ella
Taylor
Jihad

Gold

Rameen
Anvi
Ella

Platinum

PBL – Whole School Focus:

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 upstanders'

Courage tool – We have the courage to do the right thing

Caring tool – We care about our school

- Reporting unsafe behaviour to the teacher
- Helping someone who is in trouble
- Helping someone else solve problems
- Telling someone that they're doing the wrong thing and that they should stop
- Including people who are sitting/playing alone

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.

What could you do if you see something unsafe?



How did you include someone during recess/lunch today?

What does being an 'upstander' look like at school and outside of school?

PBL Awards

Each fortnight teachers present PBL wristbands to students who have demonstrated safe, respectful or learner behaviour. The wristband recipients are recognised during school assemblies and share how they earned the PBL wristband. Congratulations to our PBL wristband recipients who took home a wrist band on Friday.

Treasure tokens align directly with the fortnightly PBL focus. Teachers give out treasure tokens when they see students following the PBL focus. This fortnight teachers will be on the look out for students who are upstanders in the classroom or in the playground. Each classroom has a container to collect treasure tokens. Each fortnight a treasure token is drawn from the class container for a reward. The more treasure tokens a student collects the more chance they have of winning a special iceblock! More importantly each classes treasure token collection is placed in our school treasure token chest. When the school chest is full it is time for a whole school PBL reward!



District Swimming Carnival

Our District Swimming Team will be representing our school at the East Hills PSSA District Swimming Carnival on **Tuesday 7 March at Revesby Pool**. We know that they will be incredible ambassadors for our school and represent our school with pride.

Spectators are welcome to attend this event. We will keep the community updated with any changes to these arrangements via the Enews App.



We will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade and Eggorama on **Thursday 6 April**. Parents and family members will be welcome to join us on this day. Further information will be sent home to families this week.

School Photos

School photos are scheduled for **Tuesday 28 March 2023**. All students will wear full school summer uniform with black school shoes on this day. All photo orders must be made online directly with the school photographer at www.leadingimage.com.au using our school access code:

XH8CG9ZX

Please do not make school photo payments via the Tower Street PS website.

Your School Photo Day is COMING!
Tuesday 28th March 2023
Ordering School Photos has never been easier!

How to ORDER ONLINE

- 1 Go to: www.leadingimage.com.au
- 2 Click "Order Your School Photos" and select your State.
- 3 Enter your unique school ACCESS KEY - XH8CG9ZX

Exciting packages and backgrounds online!

LEADING IMAGE
Find us online: www.leadingimage.com.au

Staffing Update

From Wednesday 22 March to Thursday 6 April Mr Mitch McCrae will be taking leave. During this time Mrs Mary Furci will be teaching 3/4 Orange. Mr McCrae will be conducting parent/teacher phone interviews on **Monday 20 March** for students in 3/4 Orange, information about booking appointment times will be sent home today for 3/4 Orange students.

Meet the Teacher Sessions & Welcome BBQ

It was wonderful to have our entire school community together for our 'Meet the Teacher' and welcome BBQ event. Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended this event. We hope that you heard important information about your child's year at school and the amazing things that happen at Tower Street PS every day! A huge thank you to our amazing teachers who put this event together for our school community.



Class Dojo

We have commenced using Class Dojo as a communication tool between home and school. If you have signed the 'Third Party Permission Note' you will have received an invitation to join your child's Class Dojo account. If you had an active Class Dojo account last year you will have automatically rolled over into your child's 2023 class. Please see below our school 'Class Dojo – Rules of Engagement' information that guide our school use of this communication tool. If you have any questions about the use of Class Dojo please contact Mrs Ambrose.

Tower Street PS Class Dojo – Rules of Engagement

Class Dojo is a communication tool that we will be using to share updates about what is happening in your child's classroom. We are hoping this communication channel will provide an insight into your child's learning journey and assist parents/carers to feel connected to what is happening at school.

The following rules of engagement are explicit and mandatory rules about the acceptable behaviour for all participants. In joining our community on Class Dojo, you are agreeing to follow the Department of Education Code of Conduct and School Community Charter. We reserve the right to remove comments or participants that do not adhere to the rules of engagement as outlined below:

Staff Commitments:

- Will establish a Class Dojo account for their current class
- Will send Parent/Carer invitations to join their child's Class Dojo Account
- Will post a minimum of 1 'Class Story' per week (during the school term)
- Will respond to Parent/Carers messages, questions or enquiries with 48 hours (on school days during the school term only – where possible)
- Monitor activity on the Class Dojo account between 8.30-4pm (on school days during the school term)
- Will ensure only photos of students with 'Permission to Publish' are used in Class Dojo 'Class Story' posts.
- Will follow the DoE Code of Conduct at all times
- Will abide by the DoE 'School Community Charter' at all times

Parent / Carer Commitments:

- Enjoy having an insight into their child's classroom and be a part of their child's learning journey.
- View the photos and posts from Class Dojo with their child and use this to discuss the achievement of their child.
- Be respectful in all comments and interactions through Class Dojo
- Understand that teachers are unable to provide an instant response to messages, questions or enquiries through Class Dojo. All urgent communication should continue to be directed to the School Office.
- Use the messaging function of 'Class Dojo' responsibly being mindful of excessive messaging.
- Do not share, save or screenshot images of other children from Class Dojo to other Social Media channels
- Understand that when class teachers are sick or on leave Class Dojo will not be active.

School Principal Commitments:

- Monitor the use of Class Dojo across the school ensuring all participants are following the DoE 'School Community Charter'
- Ensure all users are following our school Class Dojo 'Rules of Engagement'
- Revoking access to any user not abiding by the 'School Community Charter' or 'Rules of Engagement'
- Has the right to alter or amend our school Class Dojo 'Rules of Engagement' at any time and communicate changes to the school community.

School Assembly

We will be holding our next K-6 Assembly on Friday 10 March at 9.15am in the hall. During this assembly our school swimming carnival place getters will receive their certificates.

During this assembly our SRC class representatives will be receiving their badges from our Students Leadership Team. Congratulations to the SRC class representatives who were elected by their classmates to represent their class during Student Parliament.

1/2 Blue	Lunar L	Valeria T		
1/2 Silver	Charlie S	Evelyn B		
3/4 Green	Alina Q	Tori T	Rameen B	Zain A
3/4 Orange	Zac M	Zainab A	Braye T	Nevaeha M
Stage 3	'All students'			

Term 1 Book Fair 2023

You are invited to join us in our school library, for our **Term One Book Fair**, on **Thursday the 23rd of March**, between **8:30 – 9:30am**. Students and their families will have the opportunity to purchase books for themselves or for donation to the school library. EFTPOS will be available.

If you are unable to come at this time, students will be given the opportunity to visit the Book Fair in the morning and we will help them choose a suitable book, just put some money in an envelope. Most books are priced between \$10-\$20.

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.

We will be doing our book character parade later in the year, in Term 3. Students do not dress up in book character costumes on this day.





Mobile Phones & Smart Watches at school

A reminder that any student that brings a mobile phone must hand this in at the school office once they arrive at school. This includes any smart watches that have phone or text message capabilities. Students do not need access to these devices during the school day. At the conclusion of the school day these devices are collected by students from the school office. Thank you for your support and cooperation with these arrangements.

School Swimming & Water Safety Program

This term our students have the opportunity to participate in the School Swimming & Water Safety Program. This is a learn to swim and water safety program for primary schools students. This program provides free swimming lessons each day for two weeks. Our school will take part from Monday 20 March to Friday 31 March.

We are expecting all Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 students to participate in the program this year. Normal classroom activities during the morning will not operate for Year 2, 3 & 4 during this period.

We still have places available, please contact the school office ASAP do secure your child's place.

Please be aware that any other school activities scheduled during this time will not impact on Swim Scheme. School photos, PSSA, Book Fair, NAPLAN will not impact in any way. Students involved in Swim scheme will be able to participate fully in all school activities and will not miss out due to swimming lessons.

P&C NEWS

The P&C Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning from 8.30 in the OSH Club room. The Uniform Shop is accepting NSW Government 'Back to School Vouchers' for uniform purchases.

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15 March 2023. This meeting will be the 2023 AGM where all executive positions held will be declared vacant and an election held to fill the positions for 2023.

Student Parliament News

A Clean Up Tower Street Public School bill was proposed by the Environment Committee in parliament and was approved by Queen Ambrose. Tower Street students eagerly cleaned up the playground on Friday 3rd March, helping to make our playground beautiful and tidy.



Environment

Committee members have already been busy in the vegetable patches and have exciting plans for our gardens this year.





Tower Street Parliament was officially opened on Tuesday 28th February. The opening was followed by our first parliament sitting for 2023, where the Minister of the Environment Committee proposed a 'Clean Up Tower Street Day' bill, which was approved by Queen Ambrose.

Tower Street Parliament aims to achieve student voice, freedom of speech, justice and peace for our school community. During the coming year, students will collaborate about ways they can improve the playground and classrooms, raise money for worthy causes and the Year 6 Farewell. They will also care for younger students through planned work and play.

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as official Members of Parliament.



Governor General- Joshua



Speaker of the House- Almass



Prime Minister- Tyler



Deputy Prime Minister- Nicholas



Sergeant -At -Arms- Wynter



Clerk- Amity



Parliament Chamber Sound Technician - Lawrence

Sport Committee



**Minister
Aiden**



**Deputy Minister
Katia**

Education+ Communication Committee



**Minister
Lawrence**



**Deputy Minister
Jomana**

Justice Committee



**Minister
Hannah**



**Deputy Minister
Lily**

Environment Committee



**Minister
Tristan**



**Deputy Minister
Jihad**

Information, Research+ Technology Committee



**Minister
Joshua H**



**Deputy Minister
Jayden**



Dads In Action

Last weekend I attended Panania Parkrun's 7th birthday. I was lucky to see that one of our Tower Street's families –The Gardner's were also attending. Parkrun is a perfect opportunity for all family members to participate and spend quality time with each other in a fun and healthy way!

What is Parkrun?

Parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. parkrun is 5k and takes place every Saturday morning. junior parkrun is 2k, dedicated to 4-14 year olds and their families, every Sunday morning.

Parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along. parkrun is free and you only need to register once whether walking, jogging, running, volunteering or a combination. There are currently 464 parkrun events around the country taking place every weekend, with more locations being added all of the time. You can go along to any event, any weekend.

How do I register?

Parkrun is free and you only need to register once, regardless of how many different events you visit and whether you intend to walk, jog, run, volunteer or do a combination.

For more information visit <https://www.parkrun.com.au/register>

Matthew Probert
Fathering Project coordinator
Birthday Bucket Fundraiser

Birthday Bucket Fundraiser

The Executive's Birthday Bucket fundraiser has been a big boys and girls being surprised with an exciting delivery of Quelch ice blocks for all of their classmates, a birthday card, a birthday sticker and best of all- a fun birthday song performed by Year 6 students. Order forms for your child's birthday bucket are available at the office.



hit already, with birthday





Fun Food Friday Zoooper Doopers

Year 6's Fun Food Friday fundraiser has been extremely successful. Many students have been cooling down on steamy, hot Fridays by purchasing a Zoooper Dooper for \$1.00, at recess. We have been impressed by the way students have been lining up patiently at the canteen and then saying 'please' and 'thankyou' when buying their iceblocks.



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

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS!

1x Qulech ice block for everyone in your class.



\$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.

Fun Food Friday!

To cool you down and quench your thirst, Year 6 students will be selling Zoooper Doopers at recess each Friday during Term 1.

Zoooper Doopers

\$1.00 each





Kindy 2024

OPEN NIGHT

Tower Street Public School

Wednesday 29 March 2023

5pm - 6pm

74 Tower Street Panania

JOIN US TO HEAR ALL THE EXCITING THINGS OUR SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER!

CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE:
Ph: 97736017
towerst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
<https://towerst-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

#SmallSchoolBigOpportunities



PICNIC POINT HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT 2023

ABOUT US

Picnic Point High School prides itself on ensuring that all students are provided with the opportunity to learn and grow as they develop a sense of self and an understanding of school culture.

Academic success is driven through a diverse and innovative curriculum supported by extensive wellbeing and learning support programs. Student voice and achievement is nurtured and celebrated through student leadership programs, debating, school musicals, sport and other extra-curricular opportunities.

Primary School students will engage in a comprehensive transition program, including taster days in Semester 2.

2024 ENROLMENTS OPEN

WHAT WE OFFER

We invite prospective students and their families to come and see what Picnic Point High School has to offer.

- Brand new, state of the art learning facilities
- Proven academic growth and success in NAPLAN and HSC examinations
- Innovative iThrive Stage 4 curriculum structure
- A wide range of Stage 5 elective and Stage 6 course options, including on-site VET courses
- Strong sense of student belonging, expectations for success and advocacy
- Tailored girl's and boy's programs in a co-educational setting.

TUES 07 MARCH

6:00-6:30pm - School hall

6:30-7:30pm - Tours

P. 02 9772 1700 PICNICPT-H.SCHOOL@DET.NSW.EDU.AU PICNICPT-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU