



Tower Talk

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School Enews app

Coming Events

6 April
Easter Hat Parade

7 April
Good Friday

24 April
Pupil free day

25 April
Anzac Day

26 April
Term 2 begins

Principals Message

Here we are in the final week of Term 1 – and what an outstanding term of learning we have had! Congratulations to our Kindergarten students and their families who have settled in beautifully for their first term of big school. We are impressed with how well our youngest learners have settled in. Well done also to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who successfully completed NAPLAN online, this is the first year these assessments have been held in Term 1 and we are so proud with how well our students completed the assessments. This term we have celebrated Harmony Day, held the Meet the Teacher & BBQ event, swimming carnival, swim scheme, opened student parliament, Clean up Australia day, Book Fair and we are not done yet! The final week of term promises to be just as exciting as we finish the term with our Easter Hat and Eggorama events.

On Thursday 23 March we celebrated a combined event which included Harmony Day and Book Fair. All of our students dressed in orange - the official colour of Harmony Day. Our students worked with their buddy classes on a range of activities promoting inclusion, celebrating diversity throughout the day. Students also enjoyed a cookie decorating activity coordinated by our Year 6 students. Thank you to Mrs Wilmshurst for coordinating these activities across the school. Our book fair was a big hit! Thank you to all parents who purchased books for our school and to Mrs Johnston for coordinating.

I would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy and safe holiday break. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school for the start of Term 2 on Wednesday 26 April. The school holiday period is also a good time to restock pencil case supplies to ensure students are prepared and ready for learning from the first day of Term 2.

Term Dates

6 April
Last day of Term 1

7 April – 25 April
School Holidays

26 April
First day of Term 2

20 June
Last day of Term 2

1 July – 17 July
School Holidays



Awards

Silver

Dawud
Ronan
Aiden
Amelia
Aiden
Eshaal
Bradley

Gold

Annabeth

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 are safe and sensible in the toilets'

Personal Space Tool – We respect private spaces

Caring tool – We care about our school



- Reporting unsafe behaviour to the teacher
- Being safe in the toilets
- Keeping hands, feet and other objects to yourself in the toilets
- Not putting things down the toilet that don't belong there
- Remembering the toilets are not a place for playing
- Respecting others privacy

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 can you be respectful when using shared spaces?

Who can you speak to if you see unsafe behaviour in the toilets?

Did you remember to wash your hands after using the toilet?



PBL Whole School Reward

Our Treasure Chest is full! That means we will be having a whole school reward very soon for all students who have remained out of Reflection Room or had one visit to Reflection Room this term. I know Miss Firth is busy organising an exciting whole school reward – I wonder what it will be?

Swim Scheme

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 2, 3 & 4 swimmers who have made great progress in just two weeks! Over the two weeks students have learnt important swimming skills as well as water safety and rescue skills. Swimming is a vital life skill and we have loved seeing our students develop these skills over the two-week program. Thank you to Mr Probert and Miss Firth for coordinating this program and to Mrs Kearney, Miss Lamb, Mrs Bateman, Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Clifford for attending and supporting our students.



Election Day BBQ – Thank you!

A huge thank you to our P&C team for organising and coordinating the election day BBQ fundraiser held on Saturday 25 March.

The fundraiser raised \$557! Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in the day and also anyone that purchased from the BBQ. All money raised supports our school and students.



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. Younger siblings are also welcome to bring a hat to parade.



Kindy Expo Night

It was wonderful to welcome our 2024 Kindy families to our school to hear all the amazing things our school has to offer during our Kindy Open Night. Thank you to OSH Club and our P&C President Chris Browning for joining us on the night. Our student leaders did an outstanding job meeting our new Kindy students and their families.



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.

Parent/Teacher Phone Interviews

We are looking forward to connecting with parents and carers this week during our scheduled parent/teacher phone interviews. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss with your child's teacher learning goals for next term. Your child's class teacher will contact you during the pre-booked appointment time on the phone number provided for a 10-minute phone interview. During this conversation you will hear how your child is progressing and establish learning goals for Term 2.

ANZAC Day Service 2023



The Tower Street Public School ANZAC Day Service will be held on 27 April at 9.15am. Parents and carers are invited to attend. We would like to create bunches of flowers for each class to lay under the flagpole so will be asking for donations of flowers or greenery on 27 April. They don't need to be bought - flowers from your garden would be great. Volunteers from 8.30 to help put together the bouquets would be very much appreciated.

Later in the day these flowers will be taken by our student leadership team to the war memorial at Panania Diggers.

Opportunity Class Application Process for 2024

Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2024 open on **Thursday 30 March 2023** and close on **Monday 15 May 2023**. Parents can find further information about this process at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>.

Parents apply online at: <https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au>

All applicants are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 27 July 2023**.

Ready to apply?

Apply online at:
shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au

Note: there may be changes to the dates and procedures in this document.
For the latest updates visit:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>

Key dates

Applications open
12am, Thursday 30 March 2023

Applications close
11:59pm, Monday 15 May 2023

Test centre and test authority advice released
Thursday 13 July 2023

Opportunity Class Placement Test
Thursday 27 July 2023

Illness/misadventure requests submitted
Thursday 3 August 2023

Last day to change opportunity class choices
Sunday 6 August 2023

Placement outcome expected to be released
Friday 20 October 2023

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the Selective Education Unit.

An information booklet for interested parents can be collected from the school office.

What are Opportunity Classes?

Opportunity classes are for primary school students who have high academic potential or who are intellectually gifted.

They provide an environment where students can learn and make friends with classmates of similar ability. This can benefit a student's academic progress and also their wellbeing.

Opportunity classes are offered in Years 5 and 6, with parents/carers applying in Year 4.

Students who are successfully placed will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6. Opportunity classes are just one of the ways that we cater for our high potential and gifted students.

K-6 Cross Country Carnival



Our K-6 Cross Country Carnival will be held on Tuesday 2 May at school. Parents and carers are welcome to join us to cheer on our athletes. Spectators attending the carnival are welcome to bring along a camp chair to use at the carnival. Students will wear their sports uniform or the following house colours: **WAUGH RAFTER O'NEILL**

We will also be holding a BBQ fundraiser at the Cross Country Carnival to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell. Spectators attending the event are welcome to order a sausage sizzle lunch to enjoy with your child at the conclusion of the carnival. More information will be communicated at the beginning of Term 2 regarding ordering.

Parent volunteers are also needed to assist with the BBQ. Please contact Mrs Probert if you are available to assist on the day.

Interest Groups are back!

We are excited to recommence interest groups during Term 2. Interest groups will take place on Thursday afternoons between 2pm and 3pm. Students in Years 1-6 have chosen a special interest group to participate in on Thursday afternoons. Students in Kindy will be participating in a fine motor skills play-based program to strengthen fine motor and social skills in Kindergarten.

Interest groups are an important part of our school Student Wellbeing strategy ensuring all students connect, succeed and thrive. Every Thursday afternoon students will have an opportunity to make connections and build relationships across the school with students and teaching staff who share a similar interest. We know that students feeling connected at school is an important component of student wellbeing and this initiative is one way that our school targets this area.

We look forward to sharing updates from interest groups over the term with parents and carers. Please be aware that your child will be dismissed from their interest group on Thursday afternoons and this may be a different classroom or learning space. Thank you Mrs Kearney for coordinating this important initiative across the school.

P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 26 April in the school library.

P&C Uniform Shop – Winter Uniform Update

When students return in Term 2 they will be permitted to wear either summer or winter uniform for the first 3 weeks of term. This will allow students to dress to the weather conditions as we transition into winter uniforms. From **Monday 8 May** all students will be expected to wear full winter uniform.

Now is the time to start thinking about your winter uniform needs and placing an order with the P&C Uniform shop. The P&C Uniform shop is open Friday mornings from 8.45am or you can place an online order to the P&C Uniform Shop directly using the email address: tsp.uniforms@gmail.com



Student Parliament News

Harmony Day Cookie Decorating

Thank you to all the students that participated in the Year 6 Fundraiser on Harmony Day. It was fantastic to see so many students dressed in orange mufti to celebrate Harmony Day. The Harmony Day cookie decorating stall was a huge success and students had lots of fun decorating and eating yummy cookies. The Justice Committee would like to thank everybody for supporting their fundraising efforts.



EASTER DISCO

The Education and Communication Committee are excited to be running Easter Disco's on **Thursday 6th April**. For a \$1 entry fee, K-2 will boogie in the hall at recess and 3-6 will bop at lunch time. All dancers will receive a yummy treat. Parents and younger siblings are invited to come and dance as well. \$1 entry fee will be collected by Committee members before school.



Year 6 Fundraiser

**Easter Cookies
for Sale!**



\$2.00

Mums, dads, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends, Year 6 are selling scrumptious, homemade Easter cookies to eat while you watch the Easter Hat Parade and enjoy the Stage 3 Egg-o-rama exhibit on Thursday 6th April. You could also buy the whole family a cookie for an afternoon snack or choose to save yours and dunk it into a hot cup of tea when the kids go to bed.

All money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts.

TSPS Parliament Executive.



EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION

The Easter Egg Guessing Competition is underway. Who will guess the correct number of Easter eggs and win the Easter prize?

The winner will be announced during the Easter Hat Parade. The Executive Committee will be collecting fees of \$1 per guess, before school until then, GOOD LUCK TO ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS COMPETITION!

