



Tower Talk

Term 1, Week 10

2nd April, 2024

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School Enews app

Coming Events

-3 April Kindy 2025 Open Night

8-11 April Parent Teacher phone interviews

-10 April Today Show Appearance

-11-12 April Ngurra Parent Teacher meetings

-12 April Last day of Term 1

Term 2

-29 School Development Day

-30 April K-6 Students return For Term 2

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

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

Current Book Club orders due: Term 2

Term Dates

- 12 April 2024
Last day of Term 1

- 30 April 2024
First day of Term 2

- 10 June 2024
King's Birthday Holiday

- 5 July 2024
Last day of Term 2

Principals Message

Here we are in the final weeks of Term 1 – and what an outstanding term of learning we have had! Congratulations to our Kindergarten and Ngurra 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. This term we have celebrated Harmony Day, held the Meet the Teacher morning, swimming carnival, opened student parliament, Clean up Australia day, Book Fair, Easter Hat Parade and we are not done yet! The final weeks of term promise to be just as exciting as we finish the term with our Kindy 2025 Open Night and Today Show appearance.

Easter Hat Parade & Eggorama

Last Thursday many parents and friends joined us for our fantastic Easter Hat Parade and Eggorama display. There were so many creative and colourful hats! The students had a fantastic day viewing the Stage 3 students' eggoramas, completing an Easter quiz and scavenger hunt run by Stage 3 before our wonderful Easter Hat Parade in the afternoon. Stage 3 students did such a great job completing their eggoramas this year! There were a few original ideas and it's clear to see that students put in a lot of time and effort this year.

Many thanks to our amazing P&C for organising our fantastic Easter hamper raffle prizes and running our Easter raffle. Congratulations to the lucky winners of the chocolate hampers and the family pass to the Easter Show! Thank you to Mrs Coughlan, Ms Rao & Mrs Cutter for coordinating.



Awards

Silver

Anvi

Gold

Aya

Platinum

Angus
Kaia

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 sensible and responsible with our hats.'

Caring tool – We care about sun safety.

Personal Space tool – We keep our hats on our head.

- Making sure we pack our school hat in our bag in the morning.
- Making sure we pack our hat into our bags after each play session.
- Making sure we put our hats on our heads when we are playing or learning in the sun
- Making sure our name is written in our hat.
- Making sure we only use our hat for the purpose it was made for

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.

Do you have your school hat in your school bag?



How can you check that you have your school hat and not another person's hat?

Why is it important to wear your school hat when you are outside?

Harmony Day

It was heartwarming to see our students come together to celebrate diversity and inclusivity at Tower Street Public School. From vibrant cultural displays to traditional attire, our school was alive with the beauty of different cultures.

We all had fun with our buddy classes, learning about Harmony Day and completing activities together. It was amazing to see all the amazing cultural food at our 'Thankful Thursday' picnic lunch.

Our School Captain, Dawud, demonstrated the values of unity and acceptance reminding us all of the power of coming together as one community, sharing about Ramadan and why he was fasting at this time. We are proud of our school community. Let's continue showing acceptance, respect and harmony every day. Thank you to Mrs Wilmshurst for coordinating this event for our school community.



The Today Show is coming to Tower Street PS!



On **Wednesday 10 April** the Today Show will be broadcasting from Tower Street Public School! Our school will be hosting Tim Davies from the Today Show and he will be broadcasting all the weather segments from our school.

We will be showcasing our Student Parliament, Art program and buddy reading program throughout the morning. Our school gates will be open from **6am** to allow students and families to be part of the broadcast. **We ask that students attending before 8.30am are accompanied by a parent.** We look forward to showcasing our amazing school throughout the morning.

Parent / Teacher Phone Interviews

During the last week of Term 1 we will be holding parent/teacher phone interviews. Interviews are conducted via phone and your child's progress will be discussed as well as learning goals for Term 2. We look forward to speaking to all our families and establishing positive home/school partnerships to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.



Please use the following QR Code or the link provided to make a phone appointment with your child's teacher.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/sj3kd>

**Bookings will close Friday 5 April at 3pm.
Don't forget to book your appointment!**

The schedule for the interviews are as follows and interview appointment times are available between 9.15am-4pm each day.

Monday 8 April	Tuesday 9 April	Wednesday 10 April	Thursday 11 April
K Aqua- Mrs Wilmshurst	5/6 Orange- Mr McCrae	3/4 Lavender- Miss Firth	K/1 Lime-Mrs Salameh
	5/6 Teal- Mrs Probert	3/4 Green- Mrs Burns and Mrs Maguire	1/2 Silver- Mrs Lloyd

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.

Book Fair

Thank you, parents and grandparents for visiting our Book Fair and purchasing so many beautiful new books!

The Book Fair was a huge success this term, so we have been able to buy a wonderful range of brilliant new books for our school library.

Thank you to our amazing families for supporting our school and encouraging our students to grow in their love of reading.



Kindy Expo Night

On **Wednesday 3 April** we will be holding our Kindy 2025 Information Night. Please share this information with neighbours or friends with children starting school next year.

We are looking forward to sharing the wonderful things we have to offer here at Tower Street PS!



Kindy 2025 enrolments

If you have a child starting school in 2025 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.

The poster features the school crest at the top right, which includes the text 'TOWER STREET PS' and 'BY EFFORT'. Below the crest, the text 'Kindy 2025' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font, followed by 'OPEN NIGHT' in large, white, bold, sans-serif letters. The background is a collage of circular images showing school buildings, children playing, and a teacher interacting with a student. At the bottom, the event details are listed in red and white text: 'Tower Street Public School', 'Wednesday 3 April 2024', '5pm-6pm', and '74 Tower Street Panania'. Contact information for the school office is provided, including a phone number, email address, and website URL. A red banner at the very bottom contains the hashtag '#SmallSchoolBigOpportunities'.

Tower Street Public School
Wednesday 3 April 2024
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/>

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Autism & Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Today we acknowledged Autism and Down Syndrome Awareness Day across the school. Students wore blue accessories and crazy socks to acknowledge the day. Classes across the school participated in special activities

to develop our understanding and build a culture of acceptance. Ngunnarr students also enjoyed special cupcakes and cookies decorated especially for the day by Moses' family.

Thank you to Ms Rao and Miss Lamb for coordinating this day across the school.



Opportunity Class Application Process for Year 5 2025

Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2025 open on **Thursday 4 April 2024** and close on **Monday 20 May 2024**. 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 1 August 2024**.

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 7 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.



ANZAC Service 2024

The Tower Street Public School ANZAC Day Service will be held on **30 April at 10.30am**. Parents and carers are invited to attend.

Our school captains will also be representing our school along with Mrs Ambrose at the Picnic Point High School ANZAC Day Service on **Friday 12 April**.

Canteen News

This year we welcome 'KT's Healthy Bites' to our school community. The canteen will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Online ordering is now available through the 'School Connect' App. The canteen is also open at recess and lunch for counter sales.

We look forward to some delicious treats from the school canteen this year!



P&C NEWS

The P&C Annual General Meeting where all executive positions will be declared vacant and the 2024 executive members will be elected will be held on **Wednesday 8 May 2024**. Please see the information outlining the different positions that make up the P&C executive team.

P&C Roles and their duties

Treasurer

- Ensure the P&C is complying with financial accountability requirements
- Manage the annual audit of all P&C accounts
- Produce monthly reports for P&C meetings indicating current account balances and liabilities
- Ensure P&C accounts are kept up to date including payment of accounts and complying with record keeping legislation

This is an executive committee position.

President

- Act as the P&C spokesperson/ representative
- Chairperson of all general meetings
- Provide leadership
- Setting up lines of communication between the P&C, school and community
- Encourage participation to ensure that everyone can have a say

This is an executive committee position.

Secretary

- Prepare and circulate P&C meeting agendas
- Attend meetings to record minutes and resolutions, and report on any mail/email/ phone correspondence received.
- Circulate minutes from P&C meetings to members
- Keep membership list, motions register and assets register up to date

This is an executive committee position.

Fundraising Coordinator (VP)

- Discussing fundraising options and opportunities at P&C general meetings
- Coordinating volunteers to assist with events/activities
- Creating flyers and event notices
- Assisting and supporting the P&C and School Principal in the development of grant proposals

This is a Vice President role, which acts in support of the President and engages in executive discussions.

Uniform Shop Coordinator (VP)

- Oversees the operation of the uniform shop (including open hours and online sales)
- Manages stock levels
- Ordering stock to maintain supply
- Liaises with school office and suppliers
- Responds to parent/guardian enquiries

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Student Parliament News

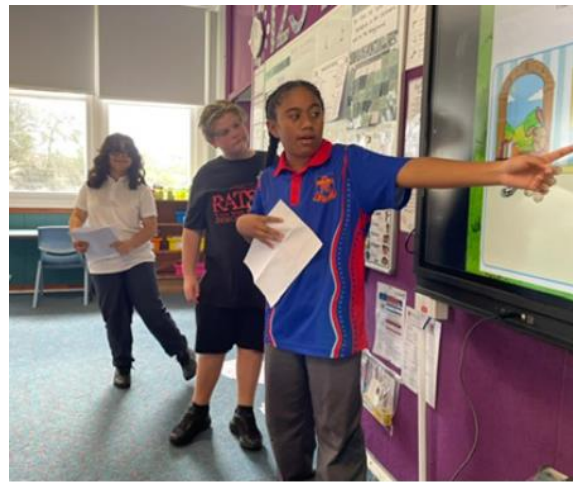
Find the Golden Egg Competition

Congratulations to Rameen from 5/6 Teal for finding a 'Golden Egg' and being the lucky winner of a showbag full of goodies. All money raised from this competition will support the Year 6's fundraising efforts.



Interactive Quiz

Members of the Information, Technology and Research Committee, along with Year 6 had fun entertaining all the students with an interactive, online Easter Quiz, which was made by Rameen and Nour. The feedback from teachers was that you all delivered a fantastic lesson. Well done!



Easter Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser

Thank you to all the students who took part in the Easter Scavenger Hunt. We hope you had fun running around the school finding Easter bunnies and cracking codes. It was great seeing you enjoy a Zooper Dooper ice block prize.

Information, Technology and Research Committee





HOLIDAY SOCCER CLINIC

DATE

3:00 - 5:00pm
**17-19TH
APRIL**

Boys & Girls
6 - 13 Year Olds

CAMP VENUE

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