Principal Message
This week we were very excited to learn that Leland Ramsey had won a Park Beach Plaza competition for our school. The competition asks children to write to the Plaza and explain what it is their school really needs. Leland wrote to them about our new Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program that we are starting this year and did such a good job that he won! As a result, Toormina PS is now the very proud owner of a complete range of gardening equipment. A wheelbarrow full of rakes, spades, forks, watering cans and a hose were part of the prize. These tools will be most useful as we begin the work on our new garden beds this term. On behalf of the rest of the school, I would like to thank Leland and his family for their terrific work!

Our boys cricket team has continued on its merry winning way with a 93 to 50 victory over the Tyalla Public School team yesterday. Mr Newland said it was a terrific team effort with all members contributing. Luke Neal top scored with 30 runs while Damon O’Connell played another good innings, remaining 22 not out at the end of play.

Keen basketballers travelled to the Coffs Stadium on Tuesday this week to take part in the Mid North Coast trials. Congratulations to Jada-Lee Brunton, Shavannah Boota and Byron Walker were selected in the girls and boys teams respectively. They will now contest the next level of trials at Grafton.

Peter Miles

Harmony Day Mufti Free
Students can wear clothing from another culture or wear the Harmony Day colour ‘orange’.

Canteen News
On Harmony Day, Friday 21st March, the canteen will have some multicultural snack foods available. These will need to be pre-ordered by Wednesday 19th March 2014. An order form with the list of foods available will be sent home with this newsletter. Lunch orders on this day will be as normal.

Gotcha Being Good
Fri 7/3 Melanie Gregg

Canteen Roster

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Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. It runs from 3 March to 22 August.

Students from K to 2 will complete the Challenge with class teachers. They will be individually registered with the school and be eligible to receive a certificate. Students from Years 3 to 6 will complete the Challenge independently online using individual logins to register books read.

K-6 Assembly

Our next assembly, Monday 17th March, will be our very first assembly item from the year. 5/6C have been working hard on several short skits to present. We always enjoy seeing our school family and community at our assemblies so please join us. We begin at 2.30 and seating is available on the back half of the side steps.

Danielle Craddock

Scrapbooking Workshop

by Macie Gow and Jasmine Boyton

On Tuesday last week, class 5/6C had a Scrapbooking Workshop as part of our Autobiography unit. When we walked into the classroom we could hardly sit down as it was filled with tables full of scrapbooking items. Everything you could think of including stencils, stickers, ribbons, buttons, all types of paper and cardboard, sticker letters and more. It was so much fun working on our photo galleries. Some of the boys commented that they weren’t looking forward to it but ended up having so much fun. Our whole class had a great time doing the workshop.

Book Club

Thank you for your support with book clubs first issue. We raised an amazing $400 worth of books for our library and classrooms just from this first issue. Issue 2 is now out and orders are due to Mrs Glyde by Monday 17/3. Keep an eye out for our book fair coming in May!

Congratulations Leland Ramsey

Leland Ramsey entered the Park Beach Plaza Student of the Week competition and won!

Leland wrote a letter to the Plaza asking for much needed equipment for our Toormi Garden. Students will be able to use the tools and equipment to begin planting seeds and seedlings in the newly established beds.

Many thanks to Thrifty Link Hardware Store for their generous donation of the prize for the competition. We now have a wheelbarrow, metal bucket, 2 watering cans, 2 spades, 2 garden forks and a hose.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Will be taken on Thursday 10th April
(Week 11 / Term 1)
Information and envelopes will be sent home later this term.
Helen Trist (Coordinator)
Stage 3 News

Team Building Day

Last week, Stage 3 students and teachers enjoyed a Team Building Day where the focus was on building positive relationships within the Stage 3 team. The morning was spent in teams, Kegel bowling, completing a trivia quiz and a card challenge that involved building a house and a bridge across a stream. Lunch was generously donated and cooked by our fantastic P & C.

The afternoon’s activities at the Jetty Foreshores involved cooperative team tasks including some creative sandcastle building. Students also participated in water activities that involved riding on floating rafts and super-sized thongs.

It was a fantastic day that was enjoyed by students and teachers and a great beginning to our 2014 year!

Thanks again to our P & C for their fabulous contribution to our day!

Year 6 Expression of Interest forms for government high schools in 2015

All year 6 students were given a Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2015 recently. Please return these forms completed to the office before Friday 21st March. If you have any questions regarding completing this form, please contact Mrs Martyn.

Stage 3 - Kids Connexions and Respectful Relationships Program

As a part of our Health, Physical Education and Personal Development curriculum, we will be conducting a course across 3 Tuesdays during this term that will focus on equipping our students with the necessary skills that are needed to build healthy and respectful relationships. Each of the 3 lessons will be conducted over 90 minutes from 25th March and will focus on skills and values that are vital for building successful relationships.

We are lucky to have Andrew Davis from Interrelate coming to conduct the program. Please ensure that you have signed the permission note that was sent home with your child last week and return it to your child’s teacher by Friday 14th March. There is no cost for this program.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Mrs Martyn.

P&C News

LIKE us on FACEBOOK!

Our Committee now have our own P&C Facebook page to further keep our parents & community informed on the future events happening at Toormina Public School.

So please LIKE our page now at Toormina Public School P&C Association. We look forward to keeping you posted on all things P&C.

Shop for Coffs Coast Schools - WINNER

Congratulations to Leland Ramsey (1C) who this week won our school the weekly prize in this promotion. Leland emailed in to studentoftheweek@parkbeachplaza.com.au and asked for some gardening equipment/tools for our new school gardens. We are very grateful to have received over $500.00 worth of stuff (including a new wheelbarrow), so well done Leland! Great job J

Also thank-you to everyone who has collected their receipts and dropped them into our school office, we are giving this promotion our best shot this year, in an effort to win a classroom full of I-PADS. Competition closes on 19th March.

Easter Raffle Donations

Easter raffle tickets went home with all children this week. Please contact the school office if you did not receive any or would like some more. Tickets are 50c each and the raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9th April at morning assembly.

To make up our big prize pool, we are again asking all families to please donate a chocolate gift/easter egg (fully wrapped please). Donations can be dropped into our front office during the month of March and thank-you to everyone who has done this already.

Family Portraits

Last chance to get your orders in for our Family Portraits, sitting in the school hall on Saturday 22nd March. Everyone who has booked will be contacted within the next week with your session times.

School Banking

Things Mum and Dad need to know about The School Banking Program.

The School Banking program is designed to encourage regular deposits rather than size of deposits. Saving skills that kids learn early on can establish a practice that can last their whole lives.

School banking days happen every week and with every deposit your child makes, whatever size it is, they receive a token that can be redeemed for rewards. As the purpose of the Rewards Program is to recognise individual savings behaviour we have a “no pooling tokens” rule.

Banking day at Toormina Public is every Tuesday

For full terms and conditions please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.