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## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

### FUN AT ZUMBA

Each week students K-6 enjoy "Zumba" in the hall.

### ASSEMBLY

There will be an assembly this Friday at 11.30-12.15 in the School Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

### EASTER SERVICE AND HAT PARADE

On Wednesday, 9 April 2014 Tower Street Public School will be holding a combined Easter Service at 11:30am and Easter Hat Parade after lunch at 1.45pm

Years K-4 will need to make their own hats at home for the parade. Students are required to bring their hat in to school on Monday, 7 April through to Wednesday, 9 April (day of the parade).

Years 5 and 6 will be doing an eggorama.

Attached to this Tower Talk are ideas that can be used for making hats, masks and headbands. There are also ideas for making eggoramas. These can be brought to school on the day of the parade-Wednesday, 9 April.

### BANDAGE BEAR BREAKFAST

The Bandage Bear Breakfast will be held on 20 March. Please come along to support this very worthwhile fundraiser. All money raised will be donated to Westmead Children’s Hospital. A note requesting helpers was sent home last week. If you are able to help please return the note as soon as possible.
TEXTBOOKS
Students in Years 1-4 are using textbooks. Please pay for these as soon as possible.

- Year 1 & 2 - $12.00
- Years 3 & 4 - $24.50

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SWIM SCHOOL
Swim School for students in Years 2-6 begins on Monday 17 March and goes for 2 weeks. Notes were sent out last week. The cost of this activity is only the entry fee to the pool. The Department of Education and Communities does not charge for this activity. If your child cannot swim 25 metres, please encourage them to participate in this activity.

A note from Mrs Coughlan
Swim Scheme commences on Monday, 17 March for ten days. We will be leaving school every day at 11.00 am. Swimming is still on if it rains – students are to bring umbrellas to walk to the pool. Students are asked to wear their costume underneath their school uniform and bring the following items:

- Towel
- Underwear
- Plastic bag

Mrs Coughlan
Swimming Coordinator

HARMONY DAY
Tower Street Public School is celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 27 March 2014. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs.

Orange is Harmony Day’s official colour and everyone at Tower Street is invited to wear orange on this day. Students may wear orange mufti. When wearing mufti to school these are the rules:

*Closed-in shoes must be worn – no sandals, thongs or slip-ons.
*Tops (shirts, t-shirts, dresses) must cover the shoulders and upper arms. No mid-riff tops.

*Sun safe hats must be worn – broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaires style.

At 2:30 pm the school will meet in the hall to put up a Hands of Harmony wall display – parents are welcome to attend.

The P&C has requested the donation of Easter eggs on Harmony Day. The egg donations will be made into prizes for the Easter Raffle. The more eggs donated the more prizes there will be.

The P&C will also be holding a Cake Stall on the day. Donations of cakes are requested.

SCHOOL GATES
A reminder to all parents not to enter or leave the school grounds using the car entrance on Tower St. Parents and carers are asked to only use the back gate or the pedestrian gate at the front of the school. The car entrance is often used by staff, Department of Education personnel and deliveries are often made to the school, so to ensure your and your child’s safety we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Students receiving their swimming ribbons and awards

Congratulations to our Gold and Platinum Award Recipients

Barbara Hornung
Principal
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

On Thursday 27 March, as part of Harmony Day, the fundraising committee will be holding a Cake Stall. We are asking families to bake something to sell at our cake stall (NO NUTS OR TOFFEES PLEASE). The cake stall will be open at recess and at 2.30pm. Please place a sticker on the plate with all ingredients you have used. Prices will be 50c or a $1.00 depending on the cake. We are asking for volunteers to help on the day. Please contact Belinda Green on greenbelt80@yahoo.com.au

This year we are also asking families to donate Easter Eggs for the Easter Raffle on Harmony Day. We need both large and small eggs.

(Small eggs will be used to fill children’s Easter Baskets)

Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

Thank you for your support

UNIFORM SHOP

We have just sorted through our second hand stock. There is a fair bit of clothing and a lot of it looks quite good. If anyone needs anything we will be selling it at reduced prices.

Come down and have a look.

White shirts – long and short sleeved
Grey shorts
Summer tunics
Tracksuit pants
Jumpers

All for $5.00.

Winter tunics for $20.

Thank you for supporting the uniform shop.
Eggorama

This interesting project is an annual project for all Stage 3 students.

**TASK:** You are to make a diorama that describes the meaning of a word that begins with the syllable “ex”. Some examples that you might choose from are:

- Explain
- Exhume
- Extensions
- Excursion
- Execute
- Experiment

The list is long and your dictionary will give you more to choose from. You must build a diorama inside a box (a shoe box is ideal but it is okay to use a bigger box).

The word being described must be spelt with the “ex” replaced by “egg”. For example you would “Eggsterminator” instead of “Exterminator”. The characters in your display would be painted eggs.

The drawing above should give you an idea of what is required.

Please bring it to school on Wednesday 9 April, 2014 for the Easter Parade. Remember, you must prepare your diorama at home between now and Wednesday 9 April, 2014. Do not bring it before then or some other students may copy your idea.

Let's see some creative and imaginative efforts!
Do you have half an hour a week to help a child become a better reader? This term we are launching the **Tower Street Tutor Program** and we are looking for parents, carers or grandparents who have at least half an hour a week to work as one-to-one reading tutors with children who need individual support. Training is provided.

You will need to have a current Working with Children Check – please see Mrs Kennedy or Mrs Fuller in the school office about this.

If you can assist us this year by becoming a reading tutor, please complete the note accompanying this newsletter. If you would like more information on the **Tower Street Tutor Program**, please feel free to contact Miss Gallagher.

Miss Gallagher  
Learning and Support teacher

Mrs Hornung  
Principal

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I am able to take part in the following number of sessions a week:

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I am available to help the children with their reading on the following day/s at these times

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(If none of these session suit, please let me know)

Name: ____________________

I am the parent / grandparent of ____________________

Best contact phone number: ____________________

E-mail address: ____________________