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**ANZAC SERVICE**
Our ANZAC Day Service will take place this Friday 11 April at 10.00am under the COLA. We would like to invite our parents and families and hope you are able to attend.

Due to our ANZAC Day Service there will not be a school assembly at 11.30am this Friday.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
Last day of Term 1 is this Friday 11 April 2014. Students return to school on Tuesday 29 April 2014. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
Our School Photo Day is on Thursday 10 April 2014. Please ensure all orders are at school by this date. Family envelopes can be obtained from the school office. Please ensure your child is wearing full summer uniform.

**ASTHMA**
If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their puffer in their bag at all times.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**
Sincere thanks to the P&C Fundraising Committee for organising and working at the BBQ at Officeworks, Punchbowl. Thank you to all the parents who worked at the BBQ on Saturday. The time and effort you give is greatly appreciated by all members of the school community. The event raised over $400.00 for the school.

**GENERAL PERMISSION TO PUBLISH**
I have attached a new Permission to Publish note as part of Tower Talk. Please read the information on the note and complete the permission slip. Please return it to school by Friday 2 May 2014. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**WINTER UNIFORMS**
All students need to be wearing winter uniform by Monday 12 May 2014.

If the weather is very cold in the first 2 weeks of Term 2 there is an option to wear winter uniform earlier. The uniform shop is open Wednesday mornings 8.45am-9.15am.

**RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM**
On Monday 5 May the students in K-2 will be attending a free incursion about safety around dogs – the NSW Government’s Responsible Pet Education for Schools. The presenter will have a real dog accompanying her, which she uses to demonstrate the safe way to handle and approach dogs. Please let the school know if you do not wish your child to attend. For more information and learning activities for your children visit the website at http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au/
STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL
Stewart House bags were sent home recently. If you are able to support this appeal please fill the bag with spare clothing. Please ensure your bag is returned to school by Thursday 15 May 2014. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SPORTS REPORTS

NETBALL
The Junior A netballers played a game against Panania. They played very well and their best but sadly they lost 9 to 7. The player of the match is: Stephanie.

The Junior B netballers played against Revesby South. They all played their hardest but lost. The player of the match is: Briana.

The Senior A netballers played against Panania but sadly lost. They all played with great team work. The player of the match is: Rebeca.

The Senior B netballers played against Revesby South. They lost 9 to 5. They played with great sportsmanship. The player of the match is: Breanna.

By Rebeca Aviles

TOUCH FOOTY - WEEK 10
Last Friday, Tower Street Public School played Padstow Park in the PSSA touch footy competition. Both teams won. Everyone played well with great defence and great attack.

The juniors played well in defence and ran straight in attack. They finished with an overwhelming win 10-2. The Player of the Match was: Brandon.

The seniors also finished with a win. It was a close game at the end with a score 7-6. They all worked well together, running straight and getting back on-side quickly. The Player of the Match: Jeremiah.

By Jheiim

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0
School holiday kids and family camps
It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWx Tra

Barbara Hornung  
Principal

“HOPE” by 6C

Our integrated topic this term in Stage 3 has been about the concept of HOPE. In 6C we all looked up the word HOPE in the Dictionary. We found that it means “a feeling or desire for something, usually with confidence in the possibility of its being fulfilled”.

Yes, we all hope it doesn’t rain today so we can play PSSA, hope we have a great time at camp and the best night at the Year 6 Farewell but hope has a deeper meaning than those simple wishes. It means that we strive, in whatever adversity we face, whether simple or large, to believe in who we are, where we come from and what we have been given to overcome our petty indifferences and those hurtful comments.

The most fragile, yet powerful, of human emotions is – hope. It is the hope of a better future, of helping and of being helped in shaping that future as individuals and as Australians. It is this legacy which we honour today - of men and women reaching out to help one another, which most inspires and strengthens hope.

We have been given the legacy of idealism, forged in self-sacrifice by all those men and women who have died in conflicts so that they have given us future in freedom and we honour them best by the way we live our lives and shape our nation.

We hope you all forget your petty indifferences and the hurtful words we said, or said to us. We hope you value your family, friends and the freedom given to us by all those who have fought in all the world’s conflicts from the Boer War to Afghanistan today.

In Gallipoli, a lone voice said to Simpson with his donkey, as he lay wounded on the ground “Don’t forget me cobber”. He didn’t. We won’t. We never will. For we are young and free.

We hope you are imbued with the ANZAC spiritual legacy of endurance, courage and a selfless determination to help one another. Always. “Lest we forget.”

P&C NEWS

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

On 27 March we held our Harmony Day cake stall. We made just over $250 for the school. A very big thank you to all the parents who donated cakes and I would also like to say thank you to Belinda, Mary, Betty, Leonne, Cassie, Christiane and Lauren for helping on the day.

On Saturday 5 April we had our OfficeWorks BBQ and raised just over $470 for the school. I would like to thank OfficeWorks for allowing us to hold our BBQ there, and also Amanda, Paul, Michael, Christian and Kay for all of your help on the day.

Our next event is our Mother’s Day stall and BBQ which will be on 9 May 2014. We will be looking for volunteers for the stall and the BBQ and setting up. If anyone would like to help please contact Belinda Green.

Billy G Cookie dough forms went out last week. All money and forms needs to be returned to school by the end of the first week of Term 2. $4.00 profit from each bucket sold goes to our school.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with fundraising events so if anyone would like to help please contact Belinda on greenbel80@yahoo.com.au.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fundraising Committee
WHAT ANZAC DAY MEANS TO ME:

Anzac Day ceremonies are held all over Australia, in France and at Gallipoli in Turkey on the 25th April every year. It is a day when we remember all those soldiers who died in both World Wars and any conflict so that we may live in this beautiful country in peace.

On the 25th April 1915, Australian troops landed on the beaches at Gallipoli. They were outnumbered by the enemy but they stayed on and fought with strength, determination and courage which earned them respect from the whole world. They were men of whom all Australians can be proud.

Many hundreds and thousands die in wars so that people can live in peace and freedom. If you were born here or choose to live here, it is those who will never return, who have helped to contribute to making Australia a sanctuary for all of us to live and work in.

My great uncle Les Mill was a soldier in the Royal Australian Air Force, serving as an air raider in both World Wars. I wish I could have met him so that he could tell us his story.

My brother is currently in Afghanistan fighting against the Taliban and helping the Afghani people and their army to protect their people. It is this belief that helping others helps me understand why our troops are fighting in a foreign country. “Lest we forget”.

By Hayden

TOWER STREET TUTORS NEWS

The new Tower Street Tutors program is up and running – and flourishing. We now have four fabulous parent tutors who between them are providing seven students, from Year 1 to Year 6, with an hour and a half a week of targeted individual reading tutoring. The students are working on word attack skills, sight words and reading fluency. Huge thanks need to go to Mrs Sodhi, Mrs Jones, Mrs Buggy and Mrs Kervin for their time and enthusiasm. I know this extra 1:1 help is making a real difference to our students. If you are interested in taking part in this program more training sessions will be held next term and an expression of interest form will go out in Tower Talk at the beginning of the term.

GET INTO GOLF

We are only 10 mins from Padstow

Term 2 Junior Events:
- Come & Try Session
  Cost $10 - Wed 16th April 2.00pm - 3.30pm.
- 3 Day Jnr. Holiday Camp
  Tue 22nd - Thur 24th Apr.
- Term 2 Girls & Boys Golf
  Starts 3rd May.

Term 2 Adult Events:
- Get into Golf Classes on
  Wed or Sun 10am
  4 sessions per month.
- Whittle-Stegbauer
  Short Game Golf School
  Sat April 12th.

Book today via www.theridgegolf.com.au
or email kurt@theridgegolf.com.au