Welcome back to Term 2 and a special welcome to Mr Probert who joins us as our new Assistant Principal. Mr Probert will be taking Year 3. Congratulations to Mrs Johnston who has started her maternity leave a little early after the birth of a beautiful baby boy during the holidays.

It was fabulous to see our Kindergarten students run confidently into the playground on Tuesday morning and happily greet teachers, friends and older buddies. It’s hard to believe that only one term ago these children took their first steps into ‘big school’. As I walked around the playground I marvelled as well at our older students, now so confidently settled into their roles as leaders – it’s easy to imagine them heading off to high school in a few short terms.

I hope everyone had fabulous holidays, whether they involved showbags and scary rides, lots of yummy Easter eggs, enjoying the lovely weather in our beautiful outdoors or relaxing at home. We’re all looking forward to a term full of learning and fun. It will be as busy as ever with incursions, excursions, a camp, NAPLAN, our cross-country carnival, a school disco and TriSkills gymnastics, so keep an eye on Tower Talk and our school website.

On Monday, during the staff development day, the Tower Street teachers were able to extend and deepen their knowledge of the new mathematics and English curriculums, child protection issues and values education. These days provide valuable professional development opportunities.

Mrs Hornung is now off enjoying her fabulous overseas trip and I’m excited to have the opportunity to relieve as principal for the next four weeks. Mr Probert will then take over for the remainder of the term.

Jenny Gallagher
Relieving Principal

APPLICATION FOR OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN YEAR 5 IN 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Online applications are now open and can be made here: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Forms are available at the office for those parents unable to apply online.

Opportunity classes are for academically gifted and talented children in Years 5 and 6. Gifted and talented students who would benefit most from enrolment in opportunity classes are those who have superior to very superior academic ability which is matched by exceptionally high classroom performance. Successful students attend the opportunity class full-time for the duration of Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program.
More information, including links to Cantonese, Mandarin and Vietnamese translations, can be found on our school website here: http://www.towerstp.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/learning-extension

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 two weeks of Term 2 there is an option to wear winter uniform earlier. The uniform shop is open Wednesday mornings 8.45am-9.15am.

Girls Winter Uniform
- tartan tunic or navy slacks
- white blouse or skivvy with neck
- red sloppy joe with school logo
- black school shoes and socks or grey tights (no socks to be worn over tights)
- school hat
- school winterweight jacket (optional)

Boys Winter Uniform
- long grey trousers or shorts (not track pants)
- white shirt as above – short or long sleeved (or skivvy with neck for Infants children)
- red sloppy joe with school logo
- grey socks and black school shoes (no joggers)
- school winterweight jacket (optional)
- school hat

School blue scarf can be worn and school blue beany can be worn in the mornings – both are available from the uniform shop.

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.

COFFEE, CONVERSATION – AND SIGHT WORDS
On Thursday 8 May as well as the usual Coffee and Conversation 2.30-3.00pm drop-in time at the Community Room (thanks to Mrs Buggy for continuing to organise this great initiative), Miss Gallagher will be demonstrating a range of ways you can help your child at home with learning their sight words.

SPORTS REPORTS

NETBALL
The Junior A netballers played a game against Revesby South. We sadly lost, but we tried our best.

The player of the match was: Amy.

The Junior B netballers played against Padstow North. Unfortunately, we lost.

The player of the match was: Sara.

The Senior A netballers played against Revesby South. We played a hard-fought game, but sadly we lost.

The player of the match was: Keisha.
The Senior B netballers played against Padstow North. WE WON! Everyone played a great game. The score was 14 to 3.

The player of the match was: Ellie.

By Hayley and Rebeca

TOUCH FOOTY - WEEK 11
In Week 11, Tower Street Public School played Milperra Public School in the PSSA touch footy competition. Both the junior and senior teams won. Everyone played well and supported one another to achieve this fantastic result.

The juniors played well both in defence and in attack. They finished with a hard-earned win. The score was 5-3.

The player of the match was: Lochlan.

The seniors also finished with a win. The seniors got off to a strong lead, but had to work hard to maintain their lead. It was a close game at the end with the score 7-6.

The player of the match was: Herley.

VALUES EDUCATION

During this term’s staff development day time was spent reviewing the Department of Education and Communities’ values education policy and developing a range of strategies to further develop our students’ understanding of the DEC’s core values. We will continue to consistently teach and reinforce all these values in our school while explicitly focusing on one value each fortnight. The nine core values are:

**Integrity:** Being consistently honest and trustworthy.

**Excellence:** Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning.

**Respect:** Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views.

**Responsibility:** Being accountable for your individual and community’s actions towards yourself, others and the environment.

**Cooperation:** Working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others, and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.

**Participation:** Being a proactive and productive individual and group member, having pride in and contributing to the social and economic wealth of the community and the nation.

**Care:** Concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

**Fairness:** Being committed to the principles of social justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

**Democracy:** Accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.

The core values we will be focusing on during Term 2 are:

RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY – COOPERATION - INTEGRITY

Nicola Coughlan
Values Education Coordinator
Welcome back to Term 2.

A quick reminder that all Billy G cookie dough orders and money need to be back at school by the end of Week 2 this term.

Our annual Mother’s Day stall and breakfast will be on Friday 9 May from 8.00 am. We will be having a barbeque breakfast and stall. **Volunteers are needed to help with both the stall and the barbeque.** Please contact Belinda Green on greenbel80@yahoo.com.au if you can help with set-up, cooking or selling. Any help would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fundraising Committee
5/6B OUTDOOR LEARNING

Spelling games

Multiplication
EASTER HAT PARADE & DIORAMAS