ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who participated at the Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful seeing so many students trying so hard to achieve their best. Sincere thanks to the P&C fundraising committee for working hard all day in providing food and drinks to everyone. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who helped on the day and to the families who attended to watch and cheer on our students.

Thank you to the staff for their hard work on the day, especially Miss Bitar and Mrs Alcock for organising a great carnival.

Special mention to 2 boys who broke a few school records. Congratulations to Jheiim who broke the Senior Boys High jump record (1.4m) and Josiah who broke the Senior boys Shot Put record (9.3m) and Discus record (25.6m).

The District Carnival will be held on 20 August 2104.

EDUCATION WEEK

Lighting the way to a better world.

The first Education Week was held sixty years ago and for nearly that long Tower Street has been helping to light our students to a better world through education. To celebrate you are invited to attend our Education Week Open Day on Thursday 31 July 2014. Classroom visits will begin at 11.45am, followed by a picnic lunch at 12.45pm.

At 1:30pm our Open Day assembly will be held in the school hall. This will replace our Friday assembly for this week. There will be choir, dance and public speaking performances. In addition, every student will take part in a whole school item.
Congratulations to our Gold Award and Platinum Award recipients

Congratulations to the students who entered the University of NSW Competitions

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS
Just a reminder that during August no credit card payments will be available at school.

The online payments will not be available until September so during August all payments at school must be in cash.

Silver Award
Massey Lukas
Logan Tavake
Lucinda Elyssar
Daniel Asem
Aaliyah Annastasia
Kristy Jasleen
Ethan Mary
Xinlan Rihanna
Alec Sejal
Keziah Mia
Jasmine Brandon
Alex (2) Jarrod
Hayley Andre
Alec Jaydon (2)
Esha Ellie
Cynthia Shivek
Andy Jheim (2)
Dominic
Braydon

Gold Award
Alissa
Daniel
Caleb
Max
Peter
Kristy
Nayte
Rihanna

Platinum Award
Harrison
Sarah
Briana
CHORAL CHOIR

Last week our Senior Choir travelled into the city to attend the Choral Choir rehearsal. Mrs Collins commented on the students’ excellent behaviour and what a pleasure it was taking them. Well done students and we all wish you good luck at next week’s performance at the Opera House. Sincere thanks to Mrs Jones who helped on the day.

SILVER SAVERS

Save your silver for Silver Savers!

Pockets full of change? Five cents pieces infesting your purse? Got ten cents left over from the canteen? Find fifty cent coins too heavy to carry? Feed them all into your class’s Silver Saver container starting Day 1 Term 3!

Year 6 are running Silver Savers over Term Three and into Term Four as a fundraising activity. A Year 6 representative will collect and count the money from each class every week on Thursdays with the totals being announced at assembly. The class with the highest total at the end of the term will receive a treat.

So start saving all that loose change for our fundraiser!

Thank you.

Year 6 students

JERSEY DAY

The Publicity Committee are holding a “Jersey Day” on Thursday 7 August. All students are to come to school in a jersey of their favourite sports team. To participate in this day students are to pay a gold coin donation which will be collected at the start of the day. This day is open for all students K-6. At recess and lunch we will have a football conversion and passing competition with small prizes for the winners for all students who wish to compete.

The money raised from this activity will go to the Year 6 gift to the school. Thank You.

Nathan Johns and the Publicity Committee

ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015.

If you have a child who is turning 5 years old by 31 July 2015 please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

There will be an Information Evening on Thursday 14 August 2014 from 6pm-7pm.

Please pass on this information to neighbours who have children starting school next year.

Barbara Hornung
Principal
TEN CYBERSAFETY TIPS EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW
Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety/cybersafety-tips-every-parent-should-know.

VALUES EDUCATION

Our value for this week is Excellence.

Congratulations to Jasmine, Harrison and Jacinta for their wonderful posters.

Nicola Coughlan
Values Education Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

LOST PROPERTY
I have had many parents coming in and having to replace lost uniform items. Could everyone please check the names on the school hats and jumpers that their child brings home to ensure it is the right one. We all know it is so easy to mistake the uniforms since they are all the same.

Thank you for your assistance.

PAYMENTS
Parents please be aware that the changes to payments at the office will affect some uniform payments as well.

Cash payments: remain as is (pay the ladies in the uniform shop as you purchase your items).

Online payments: You will need to pay online and bring your receipt for your items to the uniform shop prior to picking up your items.

If you do not have a receipt, items will be left in the office and will be given to you once you take the receipt to the office.

There is a price list available on the school website if you are unsure of prices.

Thank you for your continued support.
NEW CURRICULUM
As many of you are aware schools in NSW this year have been implementing the new English Syllabus that includes Australian Curriculum content. In 2015, the new Mathematics syllabus will be implemented.

WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM?
The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), in collaboration with states and territories, has developed agreed Australian curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students.

HOW IS AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM BEING IMPLEMENTED IN NSW?
In NSW, the Board of Studies has worked closely with teachers and key education stakeholders to develop syllabuses that include Australian curriculum content and further detail that clarifies learning. As a result of this work, Kindergarten to Year 10 syllabuses provide direction to ensure greater consistency between NSW schools.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN AT SCHOOL?
The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. Many features of the new K–10 English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating Science and Technology K–6) and History syllabuses are retained. Literacy and numeracy remain important areas of focus in K–6, where essential foundation skills are developed. The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students.

English
- Students develop their language skills through activities involving speaking and listening, reading and writing, and viewing and representing.
- They learn about language and literature through working with a wide range of print, spoken, visual, media, multimedia and digital texts.
- They interpret and express their views on what they hear, see and read.
- They create written and digital texts, and deliver formal and informal presentations.
- For the first time, there will be a requirement that students experience a range of texts including Australian works, multiculturalism, Aboriginality and Australian identity, and Asian perspectives.
- There is an increased emphasis on grammar and the teaching of quality literature.

Mathematics
- Students develop their mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding through a range of learning experiences across:
  - number and algebra, eg whole numbers and fractions and decimals
  - measurement and geometry, eg length, area and time
  - statistics and probability, eg data and chance.
- They develop their problem-solving skills, and mathematical reasoning and communication.
- Students in Stage 3 develop a deeper understanding in statistics and probability

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?
Board of Studies NSW syllabuses website: http://syllabuses.bos.nsw.edu.au
Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Find out:

*Is your child ready for school?
*What Tower St Public School has to offer you and your child.
*About our Orientation and Transition program.

Please join us for an Information Session and have your questions answered.

Date: Thursday, 14 August 2014
Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Place: Tower Street Public School, Kindergarten Room

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 13 August 2014 on 9773 6017.

For further information contact
Tower Street Public School 97736017
74 Tower St, Panania Email: towerst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Web: www.towerst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au