TOWER TALK
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2015
Term 1
Week 6
4 March

COMING EVENTS

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VALUE OF THE WEEK PROGRAM
This week’s value of the week is Appreciation. Appreciation is our ability to be grateful for the things that have been given to us. Showing appreciation to others means that we point out to others in our lives things that we like that they do for us. Appreciation is a little act that costs us nothing however it has the power to completely change someone’s day.

Showing someone how appreciative you are about something that they have done can make them feel good the whole day.
For more information please go to www.studentengagement.com.au.

PSSA SPORT
Netball and Boys’ Touch football will begin this Friday 6 March 2015.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to the students who represented Tower Street Public School at the District Swimming Carnival. All the students tried their best, showed great sportsmanship and were perfectly behaved. Sincere thanks to the parents who transported the students to Birrong Pool and who were able to attend and cheer on our swimmers. As yet official results have not been received.

SWIM SCHOOL
Swim School for students in Years 2-6 begins on Monday 16 March and goes for 2 weeks. Notes have been sent out. 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.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

ASSEMBLY
There will be an Assembly this Friday 6 March. Parents are very welcome to attend.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
As part of Clean Up Australia Day, our School Parliament passed a bill to participate in this very worthwhile initiative. Students were able to bring clothes and help clean up the school site. Sincere thanks to the Environment Committee and Mrs Collins from organising the activity.

PHOTO DAY
School photo day will be Tuesday 31 March. Notes will be sent home shortly.
REMINDER - EMAIL ADDRESSES
To assist in the distribution of the electronic copy of Tower Talk we ask that parents and carers please provide the school with an updated email address so the school can include you in our distribution list.

We are trying to be more environmentally responsible and cut down on paper usage. From the beginning of term 2 Tower Talk will only be sent via email. If you would like to receive a paper copy you must contact the school office to request one. Tower Talk is also available from the school website.

You can update the school with your email address via the school admin email – towerst-p.admin@det.nsw.edu.au

COMMONWEALTH BANK
A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be at school on Tuesday 10 March at 8.30am. A table will be set up in the top playground under the COLA. The representative will be available to speak to parents about account details and sign up students for the Dollarmite Bank account.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
It was wonderful that so many parents attended the Annual General Meeting of the P&C. All executive positions were filled. Congratulations to the following members;

P&C COMMITTEE
President Paul Bayley
Vice President -Fundraising Lauren Dulihanty
Vice President-Uniform Shop Anna Savvas
Secretary Kylie Fulton
Treasurer Leanne Bayley
Barbara Hornung
Principal

BANDAGED BEAR BREAKFAST
On Thursday 5 March the Community Parliamentary portfolio are holding a BBQ breakfast for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead. This is our first fundraiser of the year which Tower Street Public Street students support.

The BBQ breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. Prices start at $3 for a bacon or sausage and egg roll.

Bring your soft bear or toy to be bandaged. Bandages are 50c to $3 – depending on toy size. Tax deductible donations will also be greatly received on the day.

Stage 3 students
P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the P&C was held on Monday night. It was great to see some new faces as well as a number of regulars.

Congratulations to all the newly appointed members of the P&C executive. I am honoured to have been re-elected as the president for the coming year. I look forward to the many events in 2015 at Tower Street that continue to make our school a safe and exciting place for students, parents, staff and the local community.

Paul Bailey

P&C FETE

The P&C will be hosting a fete in October this year and are looking for volunteers to join our fete organising committee.

If you think that you can help with the organising or have any great ideas then we would love to hear from you.

Our next committee meeting will be this Thursday 5 March from 1.30pm in the community room. If you can't make it but would still like to be involved please contact Mary Bruce on marybruce77@yahoo.com.au or 0417472284 or Leanne Bayley on leanne.bayley4@gmail.com on 0409254494.

Many thanks

Mary Bruce

P&C FUNDRAISING

The P&C have requested the donation of Easter eggs. The egg donations will be made into prizes for the Easter Raffle held at the Easter hat parade. The more eggs donated the more prizes there will be.

Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

Thank you for your support

Lauren Dulihanty
Safety around the school

Recently there have been some incidences of parents parking illegally at the front of the school. Please be aware there is a bus zone and a no parking area on Tower Street.

Please ensure you park correctly observing the signs. I know we can all work together in providing a safe environment for our students.

As part of this newsletter I have included some road safety information from the NSW Government Road Safety Centre.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Key points to remember around schools

**Driving and parking safely near the school**

- Slow down near the school crossing.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
- Using your school’s drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.
- Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.

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For the latest penalties – fines and the loss of demerit points – visit ms.nsw.gov.au

For more information visit roadsafty.transport.nsw.gov.au

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For School Zones, visit Roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

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Transport for NSW

Centre for Road Safety
OPENING OF TOWER STREET PARLIAMENT

Last Friday Stage 3 and all our SRC members attended the opening ceremony of Tower Street Parliament. The Governor-General (aka our School Captain Ajinkya) made the following opening speech:

“HONOURABLE MEMBERS AND SENATORS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF TOWER STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL, I HONOUR THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND UPON WHICH WE GATHER AND CELEBRATE OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AS THE FIRST LAW GIVERS OF OUR LAND.

WELCOME TO TOWER STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL PARLIAMENT. TODAY’S OPENING OF SCHOOL PARLIAMENT IS A VERY SPECIAL EVENT. BEFORE WE GET OUR PARLIAMENT UNDER WAY, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE: THE QUEEN, MRS HORNUNG AS OUR HEAD OF STATE; LIANA - OUR PRIME MINISTER AND MYSELF, AJINKYA - AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL. TOGETHER WE WILL REPORT ALL MATTERS OF PARLIAMENT TO THE QUEEN.

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL MINISTERS AND BACKBENCHERS AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE SENATORS WHO FOR THE FIRST TIME ARE REPRESENTING VARIOUS CLASS ELECTORATES. THE RECENT ELECTIONS WENT SMOOTHLY, THE SPEECHES WERE ALL VERY GOOD AND STUDENTS VOTED SENSIBLY. I CONGRATULATE THOSE ELECTED WHO WILL SERVE THEIR CLASS DURING THE YEAR.

WE HAVE DRAWN UP A VERY WORKABLE CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL HELP US MAKE THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT A BETTER AND SAFER PLACE IN WHICH TO WORK AND PLAY. A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION IS AVAILABLE FROM ANY MINISTER.

OUR SCHOOL PARLIAMENT CONSISTS OF ALL YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS, WHO ARE EITHER MINISTERS OR REPRESENTATIVES IN: ARTS, ENVIRONMENT, SPORTS, COMMUNITY SERVICES, PUBLICITY, TECHNOLOGY AND EXECUTIVE.

OUR SPEAKER IS SAMANTHA, OUR CLERK FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER IS STEVEN AND SEBASTIAN FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER. OUR SERJEANT-AT-ARMS IS KANE. OUR S.R.C. REPRESENTATIVES FROM YEAR 1 TO YEAR 4 MAKE UP OUR SENATE.

DURING THE COMING YEAR WE WILL ALL LOOK AT WAYS WE CAN IMPROVE THE PLAYGROUND, CLASSROOMS, RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY AND FOR THE SCHOOL AND CARE FOR OUR YOUNGER STUDENTS THROUGH WORK AND PLAY. EACH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WILL ALWAYS BE TRYING TO SEE WHAT HE OR SHE CAN DO FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND WILL TRY TO REPRESENT, IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER, THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED THEM INTO PARLIAMENT’S SPECIAL POSITIONS OF TRUST.

OUR PARLIAMENT AIMS TO ACHIEVE DEMOCRACY IN OUR SCHOOL. CITIZENS IN DEMOCRACIES HAVE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT THEY HAVE ELECTED. A DEMOCRACY IS COMMITTED TO THE VALUES OF TOLERANCE, CO-OPERATION AND COMPROMISE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, DEMOCRACY ALLOWS PEOPLE TO HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

TOWER STREET PARLIAMENT AIMS TO ACHIEVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, JUSTICE AND PEACE TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. I TAKE PRIDE IN OPENING THE INAUGURAL PARLIAMENT OF TOWER STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL.”
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<td><em>Get lunch orders for infants</em></td>
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KP had fun collaging the first letter of their name.
The Life of A Convict! 3/4P

Here are some of 3/4P’s letters to their family imagining that they were a convict on a ship in the First Fleet.

Dear Family,

Life is very hard on the ship. There is not much room. There are rats and cockroaches on the ship and most of us have been really sick. In the ship it is very dark and it is hard to sleep. I have been told that it will take nine months to get to New South Wales.

From Jasmine

Dear Family,

It is bad here and it is worse below deck. There are rats and it is very crowded and there is nothing to eat.

From Allison

Dear Family,

Life is hard being on the boat. I wish life was better because I am stuck on this ship with no food and it is really crowded. I thought life was hard at home! I was really poor and I stole things but I was caught and now I have been sent to New South Wales.

From Harrison

Dear Family,

I stole a pair of shoes and I was going to jail, but they are all full and I am stuck on a boat going to New South Wales. There are rats and the floors are very dirty.

From Sara

Dear Family,

Life is very hard on the ship. There are pests everywhere on the ship. Yuck! I am being transported to New South Wales. On the way we are picking up food supplies to make sure that we survive.

From Kim

Dear Family,

Imagine me as convict! I will be taken away from you. I do not want to go on a ship to New South Wales. The ship will be dirty and the seas will be really rough.

From Eshpreet

Dear Family,

Life is harsh on the ship, There are cockroaches and mice everywhere! From Walid