



Toukley Public School

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Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 21st November

- Life Education
- Swimming School
- Year 6 Canberra camp returns at approx. 6:00pm-6:30pm

Thursday 22nd November

- Life Education
- Swimming school
- Kindy start
- Wyrribalong excursion- year 3 8:45am-3:00pm

Friday 23rd November

- Swimming school
- Wyrribalong excursion - year 4 8:45am-3:00pm

Saturday 24th November

- The Grinch movie – 1:00pm

Monday 26th November

- NRMA Road Science Day 9:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday 27th November

- 3-6 assembly
- Kindy start

Wednesday 28th November

- Kindy start

Thursday 29th November

- Kindy start

Friday 30th November

- Sports gala day fundraiser

Tuesday 4th December

- Kindy start
 - GHS orientation day and aboriginal students breakfast 8:00am-1:30pm
 - Preschool presentation P-2 assembly
 - Kooloora preschool graduation 2:00pm-4:00pm
- ### **Wednesday 5th November**
- Christmas Scripture

**RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
EXCELLENCE**



Principal's Report

Kindy Start

It is lovely to see all of our new Kindergarten 2019 students participating in our school transition program each week. They have been exploring the school with the help of school staff and are already looking like awesome Toukley Public School children. There are still three more weeks of Kindy Start but we are off to a great start.

Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

Congratulations to the students of Year 5 who represented Toukley Public School with pride at the Bathurst excursion last week. By all accounts, their behaviour was exceptional and a great time was had by all. Thanks to the year 5 teachers (and their families) who gave up their time to give our students this fantastic opportunity.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

All the best to Year 6 students who got up early to board the Canberra bus on Monday and who are in the middle of three fun filled days in our nation's capital. I am sure they will be having a fun but busy time and will come home with lots of tales to tell about their adventures. Thanks also to the Year 6 teachers who are also giving their students such a great opportunity.

Swim School

Year 2 and our support classes are involved in Swim School again this week. It is such a valuable program for students and they have been learning new skills, developing their knowledge of water safety and increasing their confidence in the water. They are certainly using lots of energy up at the moment. I was speaking to some very tired children this morning! They are listening and following instructions really well at, and walking to and from, the pool.

Staffing

Toukley Public School is advertising two positions at the moment. One is for a classroom teacher and one is for an Assistant Principal. Both of these jobs will be finalised before the end of the year. We should then have an idea of which staff will be allocated where when this process is completed.

NRMA Science and Road Safety

On Monday 26th November 2018 the NRMA Science and Road Safety Show will be here in our school!

The following information is from their website:

"By the time children start school, most are given the responsibility of putting on their own seatbelt and strapping on their own bike helmet, yet few children actually know how to do this correctly which puts them at risk.

We explicitly teach children the following road safety information each accompanied with a tangible safety strategy that they can employ to keep themselves and others safe;

- What seatbelts do in the event of a crash - Why they need to be positioned

correctly - How to correctly fit their seatbelts themselves.

- What helmets do in the event of a crash - Why they need to be positioned correctly - How to correctly fit their own helmet.
- What helmet is needed for specific activities - Why they are designed differently - How to choose the correct bike helmet for their activity.
- What happens to a helmet in a crash - Why a helmet can only survive one crash - How they can properly store their helmet to prevent damage.
- What is the safety door (rear and opening onto the footpath) - Why they should only use this door when entering and exiting a car - How to access the safety door even when they are not seated next to it.
- What are the dangers of sitting in the front seat- Why they should choose to sit in the back - How they can minimise the impact of airbags if they need to sit in the front seat.
- What to do before crossing a road - Why it is important to hold hands - How to cross the road safely.
- What it takes to concentrate on driving a car - Why it is important not to cause a distraction to your driver - How to prepare for a trip to reduce the need to distract the driver.
- What is inattentional blindness - Why this is dangerous for pedestrians - How human brains processes information when engaged in a task."

(<https://www.mynrma.com.au/community/what-we-do/education-centre/science-and-road-safety-day>)

Parents are welcome to attend.



Starr Cup

Year 6 with St Mary's Year 5 joined forces to play in the Starr Cup. This event is part of the Lakes Festival and in honour of the Starr family. Thank you to all involved as it was another successful day. The children were all fantastic and showed great sportsmanship.



Donations

We are in need of any old towels that you may have. If you can kindly donate them to the school that would be greatly appreciated. Can you please send any donations to the office.

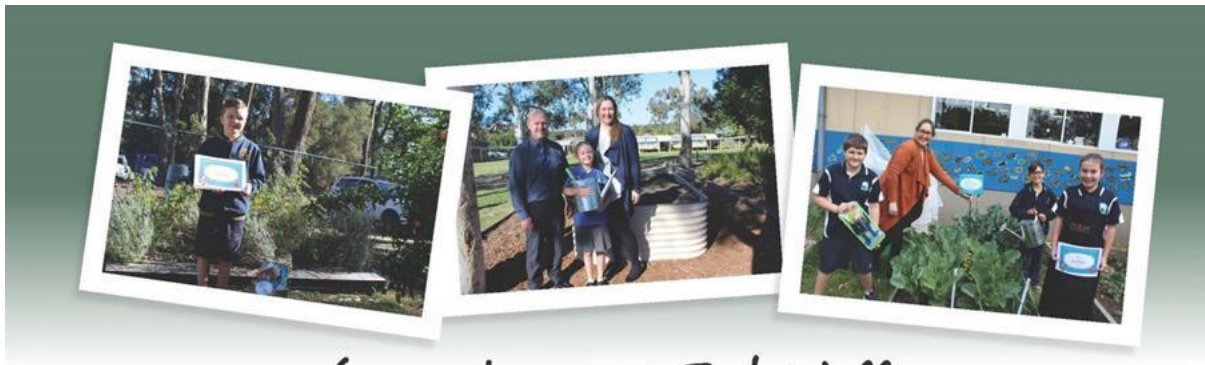
School Photos 2019 – Save the date

Monday 18th February 2019 – Kindergarten to Year 6 and P1 – Class, Individual and sibling photos.

Thursday 28th February 2019 – P2, Class and Individual photo, Sibling Photos and Individual Photo Catch up for students absent on first photo day.

Photo envelopes will be sent out early in Term 1.





Grow, Learn & Eat Well **From School Garden To Plate** **COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the 83 students from nine primary schools who entered – the quality of entries was outstanding. The tough job of judging was shared with Errol Grace, President of the Wyong District Garden Competition and Maddie Race of The Good Foundation.

I'm pleased to officially announce the winners of "From School Garden to Plate" 2018

Equal First prize: Ishika Jane Dass and Mikenah Denham, of Toukley Public School. Who have won a "Jamie Oliver Learn Your Fruit and Veg" session, conducted by The Good Foundation for their class. In this lesson Toukley students will "get their hands messy and fingers sticky" as they learn about fresh, seasonal ingredients and prepare a meal.

Second prize: Mervyn Preston of Gorokan Public School, has won a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classroom Educator Pack for their school.

Third prize: Mya McKissock of Warnervale Public School has won a Stephanie Alexander Getting Started Guide; both designed to help schools develop gardens and lessons around fresh food.

Due to popular demand a **People's Choice Award** has been introduced this year and after tallying the 430 votes, the winner is Chelsea, Hannah, Saphyre and Will, of St Cecilia's Primary School, Wyong.

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- Tini-Tots Program 5-9 years
- Tennis Australia "Hot Shots" Program
- Junior Squads: Junior Camps
- Private and Semi-Private Lessons
- School Holiday Camps and Social Play



Bathurst Camp – Year 5

Day One - the Three Sisters, Scenic Railway and Cable car, Jenolan Caves. We stayed the night at Mt Panorama in Bathurst.



Day Two adventures in Bathurst. The students thoroughly enjoyed the hands on learning at the Gold Fields!



Day 3 at Mount Piper Power Station

