

TOOWONG STATE SCHOOL

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Keeping in Touch

1 May 09

Celebration of Sports Day: A big thank you to Leigh Hobart and the other staff on our Curriculum Committee for their excellent organisation of our Celebration of Sports Day yesterday. The kids had a wonderful time learning new skills and games. We had beautiful sunny day. Thank you also to Bonnie and the tuckshop team for their response to an overwhelming demand for Meal Deals and most of all a big thanks to all the professional coaches and managers who freely gave their time to come.

Active Schools Travel: Toowong State School won the Golden Boot with the highest amount of students actively travelling to school in March! We were presented with the Golden Boot this morning on assembly. Thanks to Lea Gamble for being our coordinator and to Cr Peter Matic for the support and ice blocks! This week the interclass trophy was won by 6/7A with 96% in the morning and 91% in the afternoon.

Chess: Classes have recommenced on Monday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45am. If you are interested please come along or ring Connie on 0409 794 745. Lessons are \$8 each. We have purchased 4 new chess boards for the group.

Movie Night: This will be on May 22. Please see over for details. The movie title has not been selected yet but you will hear next week.

Reminder: Monday is Labour Day therefore there will be no school or TOSHC.

P&C Meeting: The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 18th May. All are welcome to attend.

NAPLAN: Preparing your child for school tests: The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May. If your child is absent from school during this period, they will still be able to participate in testing sessions on Friday 15 May. There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading
- encourage your child to write descriptive stories about something they have seen, heard or read about – who are the main characters, what are they trying to do and why, where is the story set and how will it end
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school please contact your child's teacher. For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map

Regards

Brendon Madden

For Your Calendar!

The Annual Toowong State School

P&C Family Movie Night

and

Book Fair

will be held on

Friday May 22, 2009

The movie night is always a big success – it's a chance to meet new parents, have a fun night out with the kids, enjoy a delicious BBQ, have a drink or two, then sit back and relax under the stars on our top oval and enjoy the movie on the big screen.

Gates open at 5.00 pm, movie starts at 6.00pm. If it looks like rain the movie will be screened under the covered prep area. Vegetarians will be catered for, and the movie will be subtitled.

Watch out for ticket order forms which will be sent home next week with the title of the movie.

Regards

Lisa Lambie