

TOOWONG STATE SCHOOL

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Keeping in Touch

27 March 09

Cross Country: *This will be held on Wednesday 8 April. All children from Prep to Year7 will be competing and parents are welcome to attend to cheer. You may want to make sure your child has a house t-shirt (\$15) available from the tuckshop on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The event will be held at Wests Bulldogs Rugby Union Club on Sylvan Road commencing about 9.30am. The children will be walking to the venue with their teachers. They will need their hats, comfortable running shoes, morning tea and water bottles.*

Guest at Assembly: *To encourage our children with the cross country we have Sharyn McIntyre coming to talk to the children at assembly next Friday. Sharyn is a triathlete and has been in 9 Ironman competitions.*

Pellegrini: *Thank you to the parents who ordered their child's books through Pellegrini book Shop. They have sent us a cheque for \$812.44 being the commission based on sales for the 2009 back to school. We will be happy to use this money to purchase further resources for our school.*

Chess: *As there will be no lesson in the last week of term, this Monday 30 March will be the last chess lesson. Chess will continue next term commencing on Monday 27 April (Week 2). Lessons are \$8 each and there will be 7 lessons next term as there is one pupil free day and two public holidays. Total cost: \$56. For enquiries please ring Connie on 0409 794 745*

P&C Meeting: *Our next P&C meeting is not until Monday 27 April because our normal night falls during the holidays. We start at 7.00pm in the library. Deaf parents need to let us know if they require an interpreter.*

Dental Van: *Because of staffing changes, the dental van has not arrived as yet. However we are at the top of their priority list and they should arrive early next term.*

Found: *We have a child's blue pair of prescription glasses in the office.*

Walking Wheeling Wednesday: *This week our winners are 6/7A. They had a 100% score in the morning and 89% in the afternoon!*

Parent Café: *At our parent Café this morning we discussed strategies to help us find out what happened with our child at school today. As a parent I know the look and response "I can't remember" or "I can't be bothered trying to explain it". I have asked my son the questions - What happened at school today? What did you learn? Quite often I would get a blank response. Today we shared some useful strategies:*

- *Build routines for communication. It is important that when you ask your child a question there is time for them to think of a response and time for you to listen. Scheduling in routine discussion times on the walk home, at the dinner table, or before bed, will help them to be prepared and have the time to think of a response.*

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- *Help in the classroom. By helping in the classroom it can send the message that school is important to you and to them. You will learn the classroom routines which will help when prompting them for answers.*
- *Homework is a routine that can be used to talk about what they are learning at school.*
- *Ask them specific questions about what they did, what they had fun doing, who they had fun playing with. Asking the question what did you learn can sometimes be unsuccessful because children can't always explain what they have learnt.*
- *Using the term overview or classroom timetable to ask specific information about the special events or activities can be a way of helping them to remember.*
- *Get your child to draw pictures and discuss what is happening.*
- *Always listen attentively, ask deeper questions, and reinforce the good things they tell you. If you ask your child about school and then you censure them, they will learn to tell you nothing about what happened at school.*

Regards

Brendon Madden

Surfing Safari School Disco

Wear your favourite beach gear!

Friday 3 April

Cost:

\$3 per person

\$5 per couple

\$8 per family

Pay at the door

The Prep to Year 3 session is from 6.00 to 7.00pm.

The Year 4 to 7 session is from 7.00 to 9.00pm.

The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle, bar and drinks.

Monica from TOSHC will be selling "glow" products and snacks.

This has been great fun in the past and all are welcome to attend!