

TOOWONG STATE SCHOOL

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Keeping in Touch

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Showcase: Congratulations to everyone involved for Toowong State School's Inclusive Education application to the Queensland Showcase Awards. Although we didn't win the State prize we were one of three school finalists. Thanks for the support, energy and encouragement of many for our Bilingual Bicultural program and Toowong State School! We have much to be proud about.

Band Win: We are also very proud of our band. Please read overleaf for details on their Gold Award won at the Brisbane School's Band Festival last Sunday. Thank you Koss.

School Hall: Thanks to you all for your patience regarding the school hall. The situation is complex and frustrating. Hopefully this explanation will give you an idea of what is happening. Our school plans position the new building 4.5 metres from Quinn Street. The BCC requirements are 6 metres. A relaxation of this boundary distance is required. The planning application for the school hall has been lodged with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure. On 19/20 November it will be gazetted through parliament. Immediately after this date work will recommence on the hall. In the meantime we cannot use the path alongside the oval to Quinn Street as the stairs have been removed.

World Teacher's Day: Today was World Teacher's Day. I would like to thank all the hard working, energetic and caring teachers at Toowong School for the great work they have done during 2009.

20 Year Service: On assembly today our ESL teacher Therese O'Brien received her badge for 20 years of service with the Education Department. She has provided excellent teaching to children and continues to serve our ESL children in her warm and sincere manner. Congratulations Therese.

Booklists: This week booklists have been sent home to children who will be in Years 4 to 7 next year. Please complete these and return to school by Friday 6 November where we will pass them on to the store or you may wish to order online. Orders received after this date may mean that you will have to organise your child's books yourself. Orders can be home delivered for \$6.95, or else picked up from Pellegrini Book Shop in Milton, however there is no pickup from school. Please be sure to tick the tissues and paper as these are used for your child throughout the year. If you wish, these two items can be purchased at lower cost at the supermarket and brought in to the office.

Book Levy: For children in Prep to Year 3 next year, we will be continuing with the book levy of \$120. A note will come home explaining the system in the near future.

Prep Interviews: So far I have interviewed 28 families for Prep next year. The children are all ready and keen to come to school. If you have a child coming next year and have not had your interview yet, please contact the office to arrange a time.

Deaf Festival: Gather your family and friends and join in the fun tomorrow from 10 am to 5 pm on our lower oval. There will be stalls, food, rides and a mobile animal farm.

Active School Travel: Along with this KIT we have sent along an Active School Travel survey. As the year is almost over we are keen to reflect on how we are doing. Please return the survey by Friday 6 November. This week Walking Wheeling Wednesday was won by 4/5DM with 78%.

1000 Step Thursday: The winner of this week's draw was Akanksha in 3/4MN. Don't forget the final prize of a new bike will be drawn at the Christmas Concert which is only 5 weeks away so get walking and get those tickets in!

Brendon Madden

Tuckshop News

I would like to send my great thanks to parents who helped me with homebake and serving for the Meal Deal on Camp Day. Can I please ask that all tuckshop orders should arrive on time so that we have enough time to prepare (recently there have been several late orders in morning tea). I have some swimming caps in one size, 3 colours, \$5.00/ cap. Please come and try if you would like to buy one. There is a scooter left in the tuckshop from Movie Night. Thank you very much. Thuy

Band News

BAND WINS GOLD AT FESTIVAL

*Our school Concert Band was awarded a **Gold Award** at the Brisbane School Bands Festival held last Sunday. They played Trumpets Up Front, Ayre and Dance and Pineapple Custard Tango. Congratulations to all the members who made a clear, smooth sound for such a small band. Well done to Nicolas Margarit who made his public conducting debut. We may look forward to hearing more on assembly.*



BAND PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING

This will be on Thursday, 19 November from 6:00 to 7:00pm. Parents of Year 4 students wishing to take part in the band program next year should attend this evening to receive important information and have questions answered about participation requirements. Letters have been sent home with all Year 4 students. Prospective students are encouraged to attend with their parents.

END OF TUITION AND REHEARSALS

Lessons and rehearsals will cease on Thursday 26 November. All Instrumental Music participants should attend at 9:30am that morning to return school instruments and/or have them checked for repair and maintenance. Parents are reminded that students are encouraged to purchase their own instrument for their 2nd and 3rd year of participation. Instruments may continue to be borrowed under certain circumstances which include: 1) larger and very expensive instruments or 2) in cases of financial difficulty. Please contact Mr Siwers to make enquiries (visit or phone the school) or ring me on my mobile on 0431 017 440.

Talent Quest



When: Thursday 5 November

Time: 6.30pm

Where: Peter Doherty Theatre- Ward St. Indooroopilly

There will be some snacks and drinks available provided by the P&C.