Important information for parents of year 7 students!

Later this term year 7 students will be given information regarding starting high school. At this time students will also be given an enrolment form for entering year 8 in 2018. It is important at this time to ensure we have your correct address as this will affect your high school zoning. If your child is in year 5 or 6, this is a good time to start thinking about where you might like to send your child and visiting high school open days. If you have any queries regarding the placement process please don’t hesitate to contact me on 8443 7355 or drop into the office.

Jen Gibson-Smith
Administration Officer

Parents & Friends Survey

The Parents and Friends Group are interested in your views for fundraising for the school. If you can spare 5 minutes to complete our short survey, you will go in the running to win a thank you prize!

Go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6MKRCTQ to enter, or pick up a hard copy of the survey from the Front Office.

We are underway with fundraising with the People’s Choice Lottery. Check out the info below to see how you can win big by purchasing your tickets online!

**People’s Choice Lottery**

**Buy your $2 tickets before midnight, 31 March, to enter into the draw to win an exclusive early bird prize; a Toyota Yaris Ascent 5 Door Hatch, thanks to CMI Toyota.**

Once again we are back on board with People’s Choice Community Lottery. Online ticket sales are now available, however only until the 31st March. All online ticket sales will go into the early bird prize draw in addition to their entry into the final prize draw.

This year’s online-exclusive early bird prize is a Toyota Yaris Ascent 1.3L Petrol Auto 5 Door Match valued at $20,337 supplied by our brand new Platinum Lottery Partner, CMI Toyota, and we’ll draw one lucky winner on 5 April. Good luck!

Follow the link to our unique page for your online ticket sales: www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/torrensville-primary-school
Quality Learning Always a Focus

We have had a great start to 2017. In implementing the Australian Curriculum we embrace 5 Learner Qualities to support our school values of Respect, Harmony and Achievement. Our Learner Qualities are: being Successful, Confident, Creative, Individual, Active and Informed Learners. Students will be exploring these as part of term 1 program and continue to refer to them throughout the year. Here is some of the great work and activities students from RR, R10 and R12 have been involved in across the school.

In celebrating their individuality RR, R12, R10 have created a series of identity art pieces to celebrate their uniqueness.

At assemblies 2 students from each class will receive an acknowledgement for achievements they have made in their learning in relation to our Learner Qualities.

Making sure that behaviour and discipline issues are managed in ways that are positive, consistent and fair

Providing opportunities for children to practice good citizenship through student voice, community projects, etc.

School Road Crossing

Some students in year 5, 6 and 7 took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police. Trained students will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as a school crossing monitor.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also included safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing. It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossing on Nth Parade and become good road safety role models, by following the School Crossing Monitor’s directions, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users. Road monitors will start their duty as soon as the road works are completed.

Swimming

Rooms 20,21,22,23,1,2,3, and 4 will have swimming lessons between March 20 and March 25th at Thebarton Aquatics Centre. Please put these dates in your diary. Notes will be sent home next week with regards to payment, medical information and permission for the lessons.

Acquaintance night and AGM

A huge thank you to our teachers who prepared for our acquaintance night last week. Although the students take the lead for this event, a lot of work is prepared by staff to support students to do this successfully. Providing students with the opportunity to articulate their class routines and expectations reinforces and consolidates their understanding of these important processes and procedures that support their learning. We had a short AGM after the acquaintance night where brief reports were provided on our successes in 2016. Without the tireless commitment and outstanding work of our staff and parent community we wouldn’t have so many fabulous achievements to celebrate.

Torrens Primary School Values

We have commenced the year establishing classroom and school wide expectations based on our school values: Respect, Harmony, Achievement

Our school values form the basis for developing a safe learning environment within the classroom and across the school in order for rigorous learning to occur and for students to be supported to take risks through the challenging curriculum offered.

Our values will also form the basis of the strengthened partnerships we wish to see further developed between the school and our families. These values are supported by our Mission statement:

› At Torrens Primary we are committed to being active life long learners who listen to the views of others.
› Everyone aims to have a safe, happy life where we contribute to the community and the world.
› By caring for each other, we can all get along.
› We embrace all learning to be successful in life.

Teaching Children Values

Values are the internal guides we have for our behaviour. They help us to make choices, and to make judgements about what is right and wrong, good or bad, fair and unfair.

Parents and carers are children’s first and most important teachers of values. Schools also have a major role to play in teaching values. Some of the ways Torrens Primary School teachers of values.

Informed Learners.

Successful, Confident, Creative, Individual, Active and Harmony and Achievement. Our Learner Qualities are: being Successfull

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Make every day count: ATTEND today- ACHIEVE tomorrow

We all want our students to get a great education. The building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. Each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Remember lessons begin at 8.50 am.

If your child is away please inform the school via your child’s Diary/Communication book, phoning the office or via the Skoolbag app.

Breakfast Club news!

The Adelaide Crows will be supporting our breakfast program in March! Come along and join us.

Wednesday 8th March, 8.10 to 8.50 am

Sports Information

Beach Volleyball - Term 1

Our beach Volleyball team had their first game on Monday afternoon. They had a great start defeating Nazareth 53 to 511. Congratulations to Gloria, Audry, Eimeial, Aiden and Will and many thanks to Will’s brother Lewis for some expert coaching.

Mark Pannenburg