



Presentation Night, Year 6 Farewell, Academic Excellence!



Tooraweenah Public School combined Presentation Night and Year 6 Farewell celebrated our student achievements for 2022. **Pictured is Lexi Trickey, with her Zell Award for Academic Excellence.**

The location of the event, at the showground, provided a scenic outdoor setting with views of the Warrumbungles. It was wonderful to have students, staff and parents

attend this event along with grandparents and special guests including Western Plains Director Chris Jackson, Lester Thurston, Mayor Doug Batten, Cheryl Batten, John Jenkin, Tanya Hutchison, Beverley Pike, Jeanette Cruickshank, Craig & Robin Dowsett, and Marie Jacobsen. School Captain, Indiana

Brown did a wonderful job of being MC on the night.

Thank you to Leonie Harvey for the beautiful meal and the Farewell Cake for Year 6, **pictured below, Indiana Brown, Ruby Ling, Lara Duff & Lexi Trickey** cutting the cake.

Thanks also to our staff and Scott Quilter for all their assistance in preparations for the event.

Congratulations to all students who received recognition for their achievements in 2022 on Presentation Night. Karen Smith Principal.



Tooraweenah Public School K/1 Student Book Prize

Pictured: K/1 class award winners Maddison Jenkin, Eloise Jenkin, Bonnie Alison, Hamish Jenkin

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Macquarie Homestay Hamper Delivery

Tanya & Jo

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Tooraweenah Preschool Concert in the Park

Dancing to "Moon Dance" and "Hey Baby" during their Concert in the Park

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Thank you to all our #locallegends, late night shoppers, stall holders, local businesses, singers, helpers and community groups who flocked to Miller Street on Thursday December 15 to: peruse the 40+ market stalls organised in conjunction with CWA of NSW:

Gilgandra Evening Branch

Dine at our Gilgandra Region cafes and food stalls,

Enjoy some live music by Brad Haling and Clancy Pye

Get up close and personal with Santa who's special visit was arranged by Fire and Rescue NSW Gilgandra 300 Station

Admire the window decorations of our retailers and wait for the Shop Local Major Draw!

A sneak peak of photos from the event by Kirsty Fisher Photography with more to come. See if you can find yourself in the photos-or upload a pic of your own using

#GilgandraChristmasWonderland

Shout out to NSW Government for their contribution under the Community Events Program



CWA Christmas Lunch at the Royal Hotel. Upside down Pavlova. Yum!



👉 Diary Dates 2023 😊

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January

Saturday 7, 14, 21, 28

Community BBQ'S

Thursday 26th

Australia Day

Mountain View Hotel

"Speed Shear"

March

Friday 17th

Lions Club Dog Training-Colpa

Around The Traps ☺

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of December to date (16/12/22) was 25.8mm over 2 days.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

Toora Lions will be having a meeting on Wednesday the 1st of February 2023, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Mountain View Hotel, please book in with the Hotel on 68481017

Thank you to our wonderful community for your support during December for our Raffles and community BBQ's at the hotel.

Community BBQs

Thank you to the Tooraweenah Lions Club for doing the community BBQs at the pub in December.

Tooraweenah Show Society

Keep an eye on the Bungles for some exciting news in the February edition.

Mountain View—News!

Closed Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, open Wednesday 29th Dec 12pm. Closed New Years Day. Open Monday 2nd Jan.

Australia Day has many exciting activities, but, the main event is our first ever Speed Shear!! See ad to the right. We hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Thank you to all our amazing patrons for supporting my small business. I am lucky to live in this incredible community. *Cheers, Ash Jenkin*

Australia Day 2023 Thursday 26th January

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our first ever
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We also have yabby races, kid's activities & a jumbo jumping water side!

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Tooraweenah CWA - Report



President Tanya and Gail Naden

Tooraweenah CWA held their Christmas Lunch at the Royal Hotel in Gilgandra. With twenty guest in attendance.

President, Tanya Hutchison welcomed everyone and acknowledged CWA Australian Woman Of Note the late Essie Coffey OAM before introducing guest speaker Gail Naden.

Gail openly shared her life experiences with those present with everyone acknowledging their appreciation of her honesty, the wonderful gift of her art and her extraordinary life.

It was also very special to be able to share the day with guests from Wongarbon, Dubbo, Macquarie Group, Gilgandra and Tooraweenah Branches. On Thursday 22nd December President Tanya met with Jo at Macquarie Home Stay in Dubbo to present a Hamper put together by Tooraweenah CWA members in conjunction with their guests attending the Christmas Lunch. This great organisation provides quality inexpensive accommodation for those who have to stay in Dubbo for treatment or who are awaiting delivery of their babies from the central and far west.

Whilst our Branch is currently in recess until March, the year will start with a special **Cookery and Handicraft Day on Wednesday 8th February in our rooms.**

Activities get underway from 10am with Morning Tea, Handicraft display and the selection for Group. Cookery Judging and demonstrations plus Lunch to follow.

Guests are most welcome. For more information contact Anne (Handicraft and Beverley (Cookery)

Pictured, Dianne Eaton, Beverley Pike and Jenny Estens.



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Tooraweenah Preschool Developing 'Wings of Independence' With Marie Gale (Jacobsen)



We have had such a wonderful time at preschool throughout 2022 with all of our lovely preschool friends. We have all enjoyed doing so much together, learning, experimenting, investigating, discovering, playing and having fun. We have been scientists, investigators, mathematicians, musicians, story tellers, artists, engineers, builders, graphic designers, problem solvers and so much more! We have loved spending time with friends throughout the year and enjoyed our many adventures together.

We were busy over the last few weeks of our preschool year getting ready for our Christmas concert but most importantly, getting ready and super excited about Christmas!!! We made concert crowns and special gifts for our families, and we enjoyed Christmas crafts and making decorations and all sorts of amazing things. Our "Santa Shelf" and Christmas dress ups table of crazy Christmas head bands and hats have also been very popular, helping us all get into the Christmas spirit.

Everyone has loved building and creating with our 'Magna-tiles' construction on the blue mat. We recently purchased another 3 sets to add to our original set after receiving a donation to do this.

Everyone has been very creative building and experimenting with these 'tiles', and we have had amazing things such as sheds, castles, sheep yards, even floor plans of houses built, with the children adding the small doll house figurines and farm animals to their play and constructions. There has been a lot of collaborative discussions

and teamwork occur, as the children have worked together and built their structures. We have discovered some amazing architecture and design specialists among our friends.



We finished off our year with a spectacular concert at the Tooraweenah Park on Friday 9th December, where we sang some songs, had a small Presentation to the 14 friends going on to 'Big School' next year, and performed the lovely story "One Woolly Wombat", followed by some dancing. The children had spent time making their concert crowns and everyone did a great job remembering the various actions. Our preschool friends are very good at dancing, and they loved dancing on the stage to "Moon Dance" and another favourite, "Hey Baby". We took everyone

by surprise when we stopped it mid-song and then asked all our families and friends to stand up and join in with us after we gave them a quick lesson on our dance moves. It sure was a lot of fun and everyone joined in – thank you!

The coffee van and our Lions Club sausage sizzle was again popular, and we raised over \$400 in our 'donations' box for our flood appeal for the Eugowra Preschool. What an effort!

Our night concluded with Santa arriving on a truck (not the fire truck which surprised everyone!) with lights flashing and air horns sounding. Everyone knew that he had arrived, and he shared his Christmas cheer with our preschool friends and all the other children and friends in the crowd. What a fabulous evening of fun for everyone there! We are grateful so many families and friends were able to come to our concert.

We will miss our 14 preschool friends (and their families) who are moving on to 'Big School', however we are very excited about and looking forward to further learning adventures and fun with returning friends, and some new friends too. We can't wait for next year and we wish everyone a very safe, happy and Merry Christmas and a fun, relaxing and enjoyable summer school holiday break!



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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Happy Holidays

It is hard to believe that the 2022 school year has drawn to a close. We are sad to be farewelling our Year 6 students, but wish them all the best for an exciting and successful start to high school, next year. Each of our Year 6 students have made a positive contribution to the school during their time at Tooraweenah Public School. After such a productive and busy year, I would like to wish our students, families and the wider community a wonderful and Happy Christmas and holiday period. School resumes for 2023 for all students K-6 on Tuesday 31st January 2023.

Happy Packs for Euabalong West Public School



Our students have been busy fundraising and creating 'Happy Packs' for each of the 18 students at Euabalong West Public School who were affected by the recent flooding. The village of Euabalong is still isolated from Lake Cargelligo and residents have to travel to Cobar for groceries and other supplies. We hope that our Happy Packs, which arrived by helicopter via Australia Post last Saturday, were able to lift the spirits of the school community in the lead up to Christmas. Thank you to all who have donated generously. If you would like to contribute, and have not done so as yet, there is a donation tin at the Mountain View Hotel.

Swim School

The end of last week saw the second last day of Swim School for 2023 with rescue day led by Mrs Quilter at the Tooraweenah Caravan Park pool. By all accounts the session was very enjoyable while allowing students to practice rescue skills. We are very thankful to Mr & Mrs Quilter for allowing us to use the Caravan Park Pool and Mrs Quilter for conducting the lessons.

With the last Thursday being cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, a make-up day for swim school was held at the Pool at the Crossroads Cabins. Swimmers were split into two groups and the group out of the water completed swim safety activities. Thank you to Paula from the Cross Roads Cabins and Ashley Jenkin for kindly allowing us to use the pool.

Shellharbour Grammar School

Shellharbour Grammar School Student volunteers completed various tasks in the playground, front garden and car park areas over two days during December. We are very thankful for the time they have given to our school and look forward to another group of students coming to visit during the Easter Holidays in 2023.

Gilgandra Library Christmas Competition winners

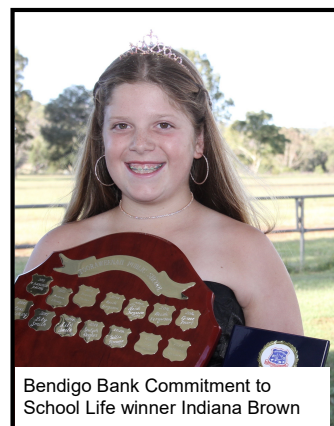


The Gilgandra Shire Library are encouraging families and schools to share the picture book *That Christmas Feeling* by Lili Wilkinson, with their children in December. The library has multiple copies of the book, so get reading, share a beautiful story together while also promoting a love of reading to children from birth! Students in K/1 entered a colouring in competition based on the book and we are very pleased to announce two students were awarded prizes from our school. *Congratulations Bonnie Alison and Eloise Jenkin pictured above who were awarded a copy of the book and a \$10 Cooee cash card.*

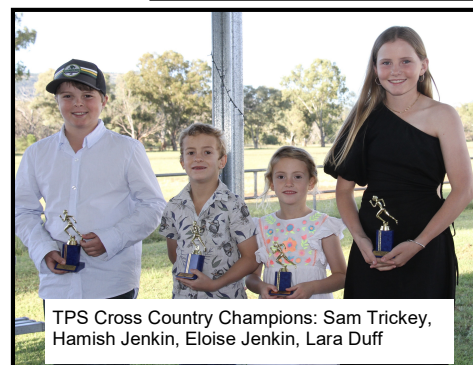
PBL Pool Party

The Pool Party was held on the last day of school and students travelled to the Dubbo Aquatic Centre enjoying the waterslides and aqua park. They also played on the new park installation in

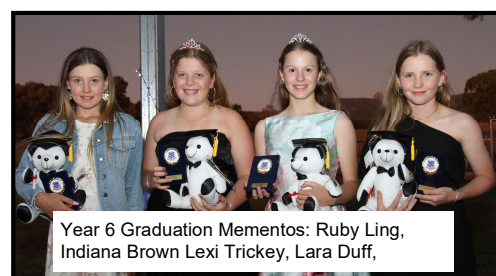
Victoria Park. Everyone had a fun day swimming and playing - a great way to end the school year.



Bendigo Bank Commitment to School Life winner Indiana Brown



TPS Cross Country Champions: Sam Trickey, Hamish Jenkin, Eloise Jenkin, Lara Duff



Year 6 Graduation Mementos: Ruby Ling, Indiana Brown Lexi Trickey, Lara Duff,



Lions Club Scholarships—Lara Duff, Ruby Ling, Indiana Brown.

Golf Club Presentations and AGM

Tooraweenah Golf Club Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 29th January 2023 at 11.30am at the Clubhouse. Nominations can be done at the meeting or via email. Nomination forms will be emailed to members and must be returned to tooragolfclub@gmail.com 14 days [15th January at 5pm] prior to the meeting to be valid.

If you are nominated for a position, you must attend the meeting to accept that position. ALL VOTING will be conducted at the AGM.

Please be aware you must be a fully financial member to vote at this meeting.

The AGM is being incorporated to include our Presentation Day.

The day will commence with a 9 Hole 2 Person Ambrose followed by the Presentation of Trophies for 2022. We will then hold a General Meeting followed by the AGM and lunch.

Lions Club Working Dog Training School



Tooraweenah Lions Club will be running a working dog training school on 17 March 2023 at Colpa Tooraweenah. **The day will be conducted by renowned dog handler, breeder and champion trialler, pictured left, Mr Gary**

White of Nyngan.

The working dog school will be a great chance for anyone with a started dog who either wants to learn the basics of training their young work dog or want to learn some new skills in stockmanship and working with their dog.

The cost is just a Donation to Lions on the day with lunch catered for by Tooraweenah Lions and any money raised will stay local.

For further inquiries contact Brendan Butler on 0447 481 048. If this day interests you then get in quick because numbers will be limited.

Fence-sitters and spectators are welcome.



Lions Roar! With Kathryn Larkin



A wonderful month of community BBQs at the Mountain View Hotel has kept Lion's members busy!

Congratulations to winners of our hams, seafood vouchers and cherries to date! And thank you all that have supported the BBQs!

We also catered for the Preschool Christmas Concert (with some very cute dancers! – in the crowd I mean!) BBQs continue on New Year's Eve, so be sure to come along to celebrate 2022 and the chance of a winning raffle prize!

A warm congratulations to Xanthe Gale, pictured bottom right who was presented

with our Tooraweenah Lions Club Primary School Scholarship.

We also had a lovely time at 'Abbylee' for the Tooraweenah Lions Christmas Party! Although the crew were missing a certain Princess' fairy bread, I am sure!

We look forward to 2023 with more catering, supporting our local community and continued cheer! **Save the date** for the Working Dog training scheduled for 17 March 2023, with renowned dog handler breeder and champion trialler Mr Gary White. Cost is a donation to Lions, with lunch catered. Enquiries to Brendan Butler (see article for further information!).

We hope all our community enjoys the

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Director Educational Leadership, Chris Jackson presenting Lexi Trickey with the Zell Award for Academic Excellence. Karen Smith — Principal, to the right



Mountain View Hotel Christmas Party



Lexi Trickey was the recipient of the CWA Lorna Jenkin Memorial Scholarship



Lara Duff, received the Lions Club Scholarship from Lion Lester Thurston. Right Principal Karen Smith



Seanne Jenkin, Toby & Maddison enjoyed the evening.



Guests at Tooraweenah CWA Christmas Lunch



Ruby Ling received Lions Club Encouragement Award



Third Year in a row, Lara Duff won the Gilgandra Shire Trophy for Sporting Achievement.



Tooraweenah Preschoolers getting into the "Moon Walk" swing during their Christmas party in the Park.

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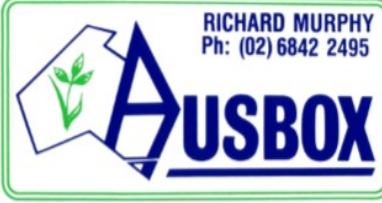


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