

Tooraweenah Show October 21 – What a Day!

The Tooraweenah Show was held on a very hot and somewhat windy day on October 21st 2023.

The day started early with Yard dogs, Pavilion, Carbon Chat and the Horse Ring and ended with a Rodeo & the Bar, a popular place for everyone who was hot and thirsty.

In between, we had some amazing market stalls, Pooka the Clown, a Mechanical Bull, jumping castles, guess the weight of the Fat Sheep, Car & Truck display, Novelty Events for the kids and enough food so no one went hungry.

It was great to see so many people come and support the show. We had

approximately 900 people through the gate which was impressive, considering harvest has had an early start this year. It was wonderful seeing so many enjoying the rides and entertainment on offer this year. <u>Pavilion</u> The Pavilion was overflowing with approximately 700 entries; and it looked amazing, well done to all those who entered in the pavilion and made it the success it was. Well done to Chief Pavilion Steward Kylie Moppett and thanks to all the judges and stewards on the day.

Some results from the Pavilion

Most outstanding exhibit by a Primary School Child – Olive Moppett Most outstanding exhibit by a High School Child – Xanthe Gale

Most Successful Cooking – Jenny Estens *Pictured to the right.*

Granny Thurston's Jam Drops was again a

prize that was well sort after with lots of entrants vying for the prize. This year the winner was none other than President Ben Gale. Now, this was a bit

of a shock, as Ben did not set foot in the kitchen! Instead, Mr Mock and Chris Whale thought they would play a joke putting in 3 entries that they graded from 1 to 3. Clearly, it backfired, with Ben taking the honours, giving us all a good laugh on show day.

Carbon Chat

The Carbon Chat was well supported and a write up will be done for a future Toora

Bungles. Thanks to Warwick Moppett for your efforts in bringing so many knowledgeable speakers to Tooraweenah. *More page 7*



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Council invites the community to attend upcoming Regional Drought and Village Management community consultations.

When: Thursday, 30 November Where: Mountain View Hotel, Tooraweenah Time: 6.00pm

To register your attendance, please contact the Activation & Communications team at <u>enjoy@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au</u>, or by calling 6817 8800.

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Applications close Monday, 13 November 2023.

SAVE THE DATE - CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

It's time to get festive and put your Santa hats on - A Christmas Wonderland is back in 2023! Mark your calendars with **Thursday, 14 December 2023** for a festive community celebration.

Council is seeking involvement to bring local businesses, community groups, and residents together as we light up Miller Street for an evening of celebration, shopping local and connection.

If you'd like to be involved in this event, we want to hear from you! All ideas,

initiatives, activations and activities are welcome. For more information and to register your interest contact the Activation and Communications team at Council on 6817 8800 or enjoy@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au.



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Tooraweenah LPO

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Total rain for the year 262.7mm over 32 Davs.

A reminder that your local post office has the Gilgandra Weekly available each week.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

Toora Lions will be having a meeting on Wednesday the

1st of November 2023, 7.00 for 7.30pm Mountain View Hotel. at the Mountain View Hotel, please book in with the Hotel on 6848 1017

The Mountain View News!

Another month has come THANK YOU to everyone and gone and we are nearly at Christmas, With Hotel after the Show. We leading up to Christmas!! this in mind please book your Christmas parties in as we would hate for you famous Peter Riley! to miss out.

Our own Christmas Party is Saturday December 9th, check out the poster below, right.

October was a super buisy month, with no community BBQ'S but, we were lucky enough to have Emma Hutchison cook up a storm on Show night, with Lee and Kerry cooking the others. A big

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available. Maybe even start stocking up for Christmas.

Also, our





Tooraweenah.

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Next Dates are; 5th November 2023 17th December 2023 28th January 2024 we shall see Keryn return.

Please contact Mobile: 0439 470 549 or just show up on the day if you are happy for a short wait.

Diary Dates 2023 ^O

Take Time out!! **Relax and Enjoy Life!**

November

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, **Community BBQ'S** Tooraweenah Golf Club

December

Thursday 7th Tooraweenah School Presentation Night

Friday 8th **Tooraweenah Preschool Picnic in the Park**

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



Back for Term 4 and lots of busy friends at preschool! We welcome our new preschool friends, Lacey, Aria and Oscar and their families to our "Tooraweenah Preschool family". Our new friends have settled in very well and enjoyed exploring everything that preschool has to offer, along with some help from some 'old hands' at preschool. It is really special to see how our preschool friends look after each other and show kindness, care and respect to others.

Everyone has settled into preschool happily and with confidence, which is fabulous to see. We have also started the 'Positive Living Skills' program in conjunction with our 'Come Up Smiling' program, where, through discussions and various activities we are developing our children's wellbeing and resilience skills.



We loved getting ready for the recent Tooraweenah Show that was held on Saturday 21st October 2023. Everyone made lots of amazing artworks for our pavilion display, including easel painting, drawings, colourful golf ball printing and lots of photos of all our friends enjoying their time at preschool.

Thank you to our families who helped at our Show Bag Stall under our new and very impressive green 'Tooraweenah Preschool' marquee. A HUGE thank you and

'well done' to the Show committee and everyone involved in the show for such a fun day and a really great show. What an amazing effort. Show Day is such a huge credit to everyone and the Tooraweenah Community.

Preschool friends <u>pictured above</u>, also enjoyed icing biscuits and decorating eggs for show entries. Everyone loved icing the biscuits and decorating them, and we made sure that each day we iced one for the show and one for us to enjoy for afternoon tea. As one friend said, "We are good cooks at preschool!"

We have been learning key sign language this term after Miss Marie did a 'refresher' course at a recent Early Childhood Australia National Conference in Adelaide. We have some new books to go with this learning and posters of signs that we can use as well. It is a great skill for everyone to learn and use.

We are looking forward to our "Beach to Bush" session with Tooraweenah Public School friends and learning about staying safe when we are swimming at the beach. This is a great safety program and so important as we move into the summer months and holiday time.

Friends have been enjoying playing outside in the lovely weather with lots of dramatic play in and around the 'fruit shop', with friends enjoying fruit smoothies at the table while they rock their babies in the pram. Sometimes friends have to 'go to work' so leave the babies with the teachers 'to babysit'.

We've also added some extra things to our garden, including colourful windmills, and we've planted some new iris plants that Miss Sarah gave us.

Our farm is again a very popular and busy play space inside with friends, doing stock work, building more yards and stables with the 'magna-tiles' for the horses, and loading stock into our various wooden trucks and B-Doubles. There has also been a lot of maintenance and checking of the farm machinery and getting ready for harvest.

The café has also been quite busy with lots of take away orders being phoned in and some have even been delivered! And in between all of that fun, we've been problem solving, investigating, creating and discovering some amazing things with puzzles, games, craft experiences, and small world play, along with singing and dancing with the piano and the CD.

We will hold an "Open Day" at Preschool on Tuesday, 14th November 2023 from 11 – 12 noon in conjunction with the Connect Five Play Session.

Interested families are welcome to come along and have a look at Preschool (and can join in with Connect Five from 9.30am if they wish) to help new children familiarise themselves with preschool. 2024 Enrolment packs will be available for new friends on this day. Returning preschool friends will get their 2024 enrolment pack sent home.

I'm sure our term will whiz on by like the rest of the year, but please "save the date" for our <u>Preschool Christmas</u> <u>Concert at the park on Friday, 8th</u> <u>December 2023.</u>

Marie Gale (Jacobsen) Nominated Supervisor

<u>Photographed below</u> is Ryder French-Hughes in the Junior Yard Dog trials at the Tooraweenah Show





One problem that crops up regularly when training a young dog is the habit of wanting to bite the sheep when they are working in a confined pen. An example is penning up at shearing. Biting is caused by frustration and inexperience of the young dog, and is a method of defending itself.

A normal practice to stop a dog biting would be to try and catch it in the act and chastise it, or to just put a muzzle on the dog, and in saleyards this is a requirement.

But, chastising and muzzling does not stop the problem from occurring. When this problem was brought up to Gary White at

the recent work dog school at Toora, his suggestion was simple.

The drill he uses is to put the dog in a small pen with only one or two sheep and get the dog relaxed and moving around the sheep without pressure, then as the dog gets used to the situation, he would put another sheep in, and repeat the exercise, slowly building the number of sheep in the pen until the dog has to squeeze around the sheep, and can do it comfortably.

If a dog is really prone to biting, then the muzzle is still a good option, but the gradual building up of the numbers in the pen with the dog is a great idea. Thank you Gary White . Happy Mustering. *Brendan Butler Oakfield Kelpies*



Tooraweenah CWA Chatter! With Cath Waller

Big Hi to all, We started our meeting with a welcome to new member, Chloe Peterson. We hope your time with CWA is a special one.

Our members pass on their sincere sympathy to Sue Armstrong and family on the sad loss of Brian, our thoughts are with you all.

Catering for the Tooraweenah Show, which is one of our biggest fundraisers, went very well. Many thanks to all our helpers, preparers of salads etc and those who donated food and time. We all enjoyed the day.

Our Christmas Party is on December 13th and Beverley is finalising the invitation which will be sent our shortly. The Land Cookery judging took place

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Election results: Congratulations to Sue Armstrong, President, Jill Blackman Secretary and Anne Armstrong Treasurer. Also, congratulations to all who took up executive and officer positions within the Branch for 2024.

The meeting day ended with a lovely lunch at the Mountain View. A quick update, Tooraweenah CWA Markets are now in recess until March 2024. "Sip n Sew "continues 10am to 2pm each Wednesday.

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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith.

Save the Date – Presentation Night

Save the date for our school Presentation Night on Thursday 7th December 2023.

<u>Congratulations</u> to Maddison Jenkin who was Runner -up in the Baradine

Interschool Public Speaking Competition. Maddison received an inscribed medal at school for her achievement.

Warren Marshes Landcare Excursion

Warren Wetlands proved to be a fantastic place to do some hands on, in the field environmental education. Ably guided by WOW (Window on the Wetlands) Volunteer Jim, students toured the Wetlands searching for bird-life, hearing bird calls and spotting some very interesting birds including a yellow-billed spoonbill, kingfisher, various parrots and wrens. The wetlands are looking low due to limited rain, but we were able to see the water mark from last year, still visible on the trees. We can't wait to return after more rain. Back at the "Window on the Wetlands (WOW) Centre", students learned about different birds nests and how the wetlands provide important habitat for wildlife. Jim, along with Therese Ryan, Coonamble Landcare allowed students to explore the WOW Centre gardens and engaged in a treasure hunt for matching plants and trees. Students explored the centre in greater detail by hunting for facts and figures using clipboards to record their findings. A delicious morning tea and lunch was provided. We would like to express our thanks to all involved in running this day. It was a delight to visit the centre. We are very thankful to Coonamble Landcare for providing the funds to support our participation on this worthwhile excursion, and to the Window on the Wetlands Centre volunteers.

Transition to School



Transition to School continues to offer our Kindergarten students for 2024 the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Kindergarten classroom and school routines whilst getting to know their new teachers. Monday sessions will continue until Monday 6th of November. We are enjoying getting to know our Transition students and how best to support them in their learning.

Technology Fun

During October, students got their first taste of the new, T4L Junior Explorer Kit from the Department of Education's shared library. The robots from the kit, are called Sphero Indi. Indi has a bright light and colour sensor underneath that detects the colour on each tile. Students experimented with how to operate the robot using the coloured tiles. One challenge was to get Indi to travel the

furthest distance with just three green tiles. Eliana Smith achieved the longest distance at a length of 3.65m. Parents who are at school any Friday are welcome to see Indi in action between recess and lunch. Thank you Petria for leading these highly engaging lessons with our students.

From the Stem Up

Mrs Smith attended the two day professional learning, From the Brain Stem Up by neuroscience educator, Nathan Wallis.

Topics included:

•Understanding Your Brain – The First 1000 Days

- •Engage your Brain 2-7 years
- •Neuroplasticity and the Brain
- •Teen Brain
- •Anxiety and Depression
- •Question & Answer

The two days were highly informative. Mrs Smith will be sharing an overview of the information with our staff. Nathan Wallis plans to return to the area in the first half of next year, to offer parent information sessions, so I will pass on that information when it is forthcoming.

Nathan also has a website <u>https://</u> <u>www.nathanwallis.com/</u> with resources including podcasts and video links that may be of interest.

John Fleming

Nadine Jenkin attended a Professional Learning Day at Gilgandra Public School with our explicit instruction mentor, John Fleming. The day consisted of classroom demonstration lessons across 4 classrooms as well as reflection and planning meetings to outline next steps for our schools. This day was the last professional learning John will be offering to our school community in Gilgandra as he will be semi-retiring next year, however, we plan to connect with John next year as he supports us in our ongoing Explicit Instruction journey.

Possum Magic Performance - Dubbo Regional Theatre

In October Students in K-4 travelled to Dubbo for a theatre performance of the well -loved children's book *Possum Magic* by Mem Fox presented by Monkey Baa Productions. Students and staff greatly enjoyed the entertaining performance, music and clever use of props which brought this story to life. The show was preceded by lunch at Victoria Park and a play on the new playground there. Students also enjoyed a Possum Magic themed treat of lamingtons and pavlova in the morning before they boarded the bus to Dubbo!



Tooraweenah Show

The Tooraweenah Show is always a highlight of our local community calendar and the 107th Annual Show did not disappoint. Students were very successful in various sections of the Show Pavilion including fine arts, handicraft and fresh produce. With plenty to see and do, all who attended had an enjoyable day. We were pleased to showcase our school in the pavilion with photos, art and bookwork proudly on display. Congratulations to the Tooraweenah P&C Association who capably ran the P&C Canteen. With a small total number of families across our school. it never ceases to amaze me how hardworking and dedicated our parent community is, in fundraising for our students. Thank you to all parents, grandparents, staff and community members, who contributed in organising and/or volunteering on the day. Profits from the Show Canteen will be discussed at the P&C meeting on Friday at 3pm.

Egg 'Farm Gate' Stall

On Monday November 6th Wes Leedham and Carl Holmesby from the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre (WNPEEC) will visit our school to help students design and make a 'Farm Gate' Egg Stall for our school.

Karen Smith - Principal

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Tooraweenah Show Resounding Success continued With Kristy Gale

Ring Events

There were good entries across all the rings with some very talented riders and beautiful horses competing for the win in their respective classes.

The sporting events were once again popular with the younger riders and it was good to see some of our very young locals competing on their ponies in the No Coats ring.

Thank you to our Judges, Stewards and Announcer for making the day run in a seamless fashion. Thank you to Chief Ring Steward Robin Dowsett for throwing herself into the role and doing a fabulous job with all her helpers.

Yard Dogs



A very enjoyable day was had at the shows yard dogs section with competitors being kept busy running their dogs between two arenas in the multiple grades available. Dogs and handlers ranged in grade from the start up encourage class to the experienced opens. The champion open winner was the seasoned veteran Mr Jim Marshall from scone and his dog Gunna Jack. Best performing locals were brothers Xander and Ryder French-Hughes who came equal 2nd in the junior section. A big thank you to Brendan and the team who helped run the day and all the generous sponsors.

<u>Rodeo</u>

The Rodeo again was popular afternoon entertainment with people enjoying watching everything from Barrel Racing to the Open Bull Ride and everything in between. Thank you to Stewards Brooke French and Cheryl Tillman and all their helpers running the afternoon entertainment.

The show was a great day with a lot of work behind the scenes. If you think you would like to help with next year's show or would like to become a member or forgotten to pay your membership please contact Secretary Kristy Gale on 0429780323 or toorashow@gmail.com as we have already started planning next year's show and are always after new ideas.

Make Sure you put October 19th 2024 in your diary as this is the date for Tooraweenah Show 2024.





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