CLASS OF THE WEEK—1S
S is for Superstars and that is the best description for the children in 1S. It is my pleasure to be teaching in the classroom again with 1S. The children are working well and every day they are increasing the amount of work they complete in a lesson. We have had a very busy start to the year with the class revising how to write simple and compound sentences correctly and establishing routines for the Literacy lessons. The class has enjoyed reading quality literature and responding to these books. Please enjoy our sentences about our beautiful picture book Eight.

In Number 1S has been practising reading the hundreds chart, counting across the row and adding tens down the column. This week we have begun adding and subtracting numbers and we are enjoying playing the Count Me In Too games we use to practise our number skills. Me and My Family is our HSIE unit and the children are preparing interesting talks about their homes and families.

Kris Stillman—Class Teacher

It was so wonderful to see many new and existing families at our parent information afternoon yesterday. This was such a great opportunity to meet the teacher, see the room and participate/watch some exciting literacy, numeracy or technology activities. Those who did attend would have picked up one of our new class brochures which outlined information about your child's teacher, general class information, units of learning to be undertaken throughout the year and excursions planned for 2013. Many thanks to all of my amazing staff for making this afternoon so special.

Last Friday we held our annual swimming carnival at Toukley pool. This was a magnificent day and one that will be remembered by many children as being a highlight. We had so many children aiming for their personal best as they participated in the events as well as a wonderful cheer squad of children in the stands cheering their friends and supporting their sports house on. We will be presenting all swimming ribbons and trophies on Monday 25th February at a special 2-6 assembly in the school hall.

It is lovely to walk around the school and see classes so settled and on track with their learning. This is partly due to our new procedures for entering and exiting the classroom and transitioning around the school. We also acknowledge and thank parents for having their children at school before the 9am bell so that they can be part of this process and ready to learn straight up rather than enter the class 5-15 minutes late each day which not only disrupts their learning but the learning of the entire class.

This week we started our Junior Red Cross group which any student from Year 3—6 can participate in. This group meets on Wednesday weekly during the lunchtime break. Their goals for 2013 include ‘Pen Pals for Africa’, community service (visiting the local nursing homes and preschools) and goodwill around the school. If your child would like to be a part of the very worthy group please see Mrs Starr in the community room for more information.

We are once again about to start our Certificate I course in Access to Work and Training. This course was extremely successful last year and those who participated gained valuable skills, knowledge whilst being supported, which some have put to beneficial use by gaining employment, enrolling to undertake the further TAFE courses or the HSC as well as working with confidence with their children or grandchildren at school and home. If you would like to be part of the TAFE course (held at Toukley Public School each Wednesday) or more information please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Narelle Armour—Principal

RED CROSS
The following students are our 2013 Red Cross leaders and committee.
President: Anayla Schipp
Vic President: Amelia Barone
Secretary: Montana Sharpe
Secretary: Taylor Stirton

Committee Members:
Danielle Bridle, Reagan Boris, Meliah Weaver, Natasha Fisk. Congratulations to those students.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
After School Sport commenced this week. Wednesday’s Zumba group is full but there are still some spots available in the Thursday basketball group.
Book in for Spring!
Learn to swim (Royal Life Saving Program)
Groups & Private Lessons
Children with disabilities
Latest UV treated indoor heated pool
Qualified Austswim & ASCTA instructors
Open 6 days (Mon–Sat)
Also —Aquarobics, Hydro & Birthday Parties!
4397—1282
www.norahheadswimschool.com

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Friday 15th February our students participated in the annual Swimming Carnival. Events included 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Backstroke as well as across the pool races. Students showed exceptional sportsmanship and courage to complete these events. There were many outstanding performances on the day. This can also be said of the students who attended the half day carnival on Monday 18th February. The students involved competed in 200m Individual Medley, 100m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly. Again with many fantastic performances. All students displayed wonderful behaviour.

Important: Awards for these carnivals will be handed out at Assembly on Monday 25th February commencing at 2.10pm. The Zone team will be notified in the next few days.

Wendy Wilson

STAR CLASS AWARDS
18TH FEBRUARY, 2013
KE  Sinead Hackett, Jai Barakat
KJ  Savio Dang, Melodiee Davis
KP  Scott Farquharson, Rachel lGrant
K/1T  Cooper Mulholland, Indiana Johnson
1B  Tamika Gilkes, Charlee Ritchie
1F  Bailey Hutton
1S  Tayla Fenton, Blake Cresswell
2S  Tia Pezet, Jamie Xuereb
2C  Sonjah Matthews, Heath Sharpe
2/3W  Mathew Harmer, Sammy Tracey
3/4B  Amelia Barone, Timmy Johnston
3/4C  William Jones, Zoe Richardson
3/4H  Harry Adamson, Brooke Mauger
3/4M  Xason Eaton, Lilly McGrath
3/4N  Will Chaplin, Lorena Souza
5/6A  Sarah Woodger, Alyesha Roffe
5/6G  Dylan Crawley, Katie Clarkstone
5/6S  Blake Faulks, Kane Slattery
5/6W  Nicholas Tabrett, Joeli Morris

11TH FEBRUARY, 2013
KE  Summer Thorne, Thomas McJannet
KJ  Keeley-Rai Graham, Lucas Handley
KP  Billy Foster, Keleah Scott
K/1T  Natahla-Maree Scott, Jye Campbell
1F  Talon Turnbull, Kirra Weaver
1S  Cooper Severino, Kailee Speight
2S  Noah Furmston, Isabelle Lang
2C  Brittany Jones, Darcy Speight
2/3W  Sammy Tracey, Jarrod Brown
3/4B  Meliah Weaver, Matthew Gledhill
3/4C  Shannon Parish, Thomas James
3/4H  Montana Sharpe, Blake Morrissey
3/4M  Kaitlin Gilchrist, Tanner Johnson
3/4N  Aaron Merz, Zane Peachey
5/6A  Chey Gormley, Izz Wooden, Caroline Davis, Nicolas Fuller
5/6G  Jayden Donohue, Robyn Bull
5/6S  Hollie Shersby, Caitlin Phee
5/6W  Kirra Willett, Blake Lord
MC1  Jarrod Webb
MC2  David McCormack, Jack Thomas-Aldridge
MC3  Matthew Kennedy, Trent Poore

 Mufti Day
The P & C will be holding a Mufti Day on Tuesday 19th March. Instead of a gold coin donation students are asked to donate an Easter egg.
On Wednesday afternoon many parents took the opportunity to visit their children’s classroom. They enjoyed viewing their children's work and participating in various classroom activities, including Maths games. The students were able to demonstrate to their parents the technology used on a daily basis as part of their learning experiences. A sausage sizzle was enjoyed by the families after the classroom visit. It was an afternoon enjoyed by all who attended.

School banking commenced on Tuesday 19th February. For all new parents, if you would like your child to participate in the School Banking program your child will need a Youthsaver account from the Commonwealth Bank. You can visit any branch to open one, please take your child's birth certificate and identification for yourself. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank access you can open an account online. Simply log on and select ‘offers and apply’ tab, then select ‘Accounts’ and ‘Youthsaver’. Please have your child's birth certificate handy.

There is a new range of reward items for consistent bankers, including Dollarmite money boxes, calculators, headphones and wallets. Our school also earns commission for every banker.

For all our existing bankers could you please help our office staff by writing your new class on the front of your wallets.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Toukley School.

If you would like more information, please contact Candice at Coastlink on 4321 1022.

Ways to Get Your Kids Organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.
CLASS OF THE WEEK—1S

I remember where Timmy lost Eight.
by Gemma

I remember when Eight got lost in the park.
by Cooper

I remember Timmy taking Eight to Kindergarten.
by Abbey

I remember Eight was scared of the thunderstorm
by Gemma

I remember when Eight couldn’t go to sleep.
by Thomas

I remember when Eight was wet and sat on Timmy’s bookshelf.
by Ella

I remember when he found eight. He was happy.
by Tayla

I remember when Dad sang Timmy to sleep.
by Abbey

by Amari Waters

by Zoë Cranston

by Ella Freeman

by Daemon Foster

by Blake Cresswell

by Annisah Hayes