



## Tooraweenah Public School Academic & Endeavour Award Recipients.



*Pictured are,* Sam Trickey, Bonnie Alison, Hamish Jenkin, Eloise Jenkin, Maddison Jenkin, Amelia Hutchison, Billy Larkin and Toby Jenkin.

After a hot day, a well timed shower of rain allowed Tooraweenah Public School Presentation Night to be celebrated in relative comfort at the Tooraweenah Memorial Hall.

Principal Karen Smith, welcomed students, families and special guests to celebrate the achievements of students. "We are very thankful that Gilgandra Shire Mayor,

Cr Doug Batten, Mr Lester Thurston, Tooraweenah Trading, Mr Brian Mockler representing Bendigo Bank and Tooraweenah Lions Club, Mrs Sue Armstrong Tooraweenah CWA and Mrs Seanne Jenkin P&C Assoc. President could attend to present their awards. Thanks also to Janelle Quilter for all her help setting up on the day.

Most importantly, congratulations to every student on their endeavour for 2023. We are very proud of each and every one of you for your achievements this year." *More story & pictures pages 2 & 6*

Kindergarten	Academic Achievement	Billy Larkin Amelia Hutchison
Kindergarten	Endeavour Award	Toby Jenkin
Year 1	Academic Achievement	Maddison Jenkin
Year 1	Endeavour Award	Eloise Jenkin
Year 2	Academic Achievement	Hamish Jenkin Bonnie Alison
Year 4	Endeavour Award	Sam Trickey

## Australia Day Jan 26th Mountain View !



**Mountain View Hotel will again host Australia Day celebrations on Friday January 26th.**

Along with the excitement of the Speed Shear there will be plenty of water activities for the kids, entertainment all day with the shearing then singing from 5pm. Plenty of food trucks including fairy floss and ice-creams are on offer **Don't miss this one, on Friday 26th January, Australia Day 2024**

## CWA Members – Long Service Badges

Tooraweenah CWA President Sue Armstrong pictured second from the right, pinned Long Service Badges on Denise Quealy, Anne Armstrong left, and Heather Davidson right during the Branch Christmas Luncheon.

All three women have accumulated over 20 years serving the community along with Alethea Bennett who was unable to attend on the day. ....*More page 5*





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<b>Special Awards</b>	
Gilgandra Shire Trophy for Sporting Achievement	Sam Trickey
Lester Thurston Tooraweenah Trading Award for Attendance	Bonnie Alison
Lions Club Encouragement Award	Georgia Martin Eloise Jenkin

Bendigo Bank Award for Determination & Persistence	Rose Alison
Bendigo Bank Award for Most Improved	Xander French-Hughes
P&C Prize for Mathematics	Cooper Lambell

<b>School Sports Awards</b>	
Juvenile Boy Cross Country Champion	Billy Larkin
Juvenile Girl Cross Country Champion	Maddison Jenkin
Junior Boy Cross Country Champion	Hamish Jenkin
Junior Boy Athletics Champion	Sam Trickey Hamish Jenkin

**News From The Mountain View!**

**Jot this date into your calendars,  
 Saturday 10th February 'Toora Cup'  
 horse racing in Gilgandra! A bus will be  
 going from the pub, please contact Ash  
 ASAP to book a seat. 6848 1017**

We would love to wish everyone a very  
 joyful and happy New Year!  
**We can't wait to share all our exciting  
 ideas and adventures that we have in  
 store for 2024!**

A massive THANK YOU to everyone for  
 supporting us and for letting us be apart  
 of your functions and celebrations! *Ash.*



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Lester and Helen would like to thank their customers for their support over 2023 and we look forward to your support again, in 2024.

We will be installing the new Post Plus system in 2024 for our customers.

**Tooraweenah Lions Club**



Tooraweenah Lions would like to thank the local community for their support during December with the Saturday night BBQ'S and Raffles at the Mountain View.

**Super thank you, to Ash Jenkin and Trent Allen for the opportunity to do this again in 2023.** The next Club Meeting will be on Wednesday the 7th of February at the Mountain View Hotel 7 for 7.30pm.

Happy New Year to all our dedicated

members.

Please support the local Lions Club that supports our community.

**Tooraweenah Trading Co.**

**Tooraweenah Trading Co will be closed for the 4 (four) Saturdays during January 2024. January 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.**

Happy New Year to all our customers and we thank you for your continued support. Community Calendars are available from the shop.

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The Team at Mountainside Beauty would love to wish all followers, clientele of the clinic and readers of the Bungles a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in the Clinic in 2024 with new products, treatments and many other exciting opportunities and services for our village.

**Just a reminder, the lovely Keryn is coming back to Tooraweenah. We are**

**so lucky to have a Hairdresser come to our Village every 6 weeks.**

Please, if you can, support and share the following dates with family and friends.

Bookings are appreciated, or if you are happy to wait, please show up, but please note, spaces cannot always be guaranteed.

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**28th January 2024, 10th March 2024,**  
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**Toora Bungles Update**

**There has been an outstanding response from our Advertiser enabling the Toora Bungles to continue to deliver local news, promote local events and activities, and, include all those wonderful photos.**

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**We only have two advertisers to confirm and six subscribers.**

**Please get in touch if you wish to continue, advertising or receiving The Bungles via mail so we have a 100% continuation for 2024.**

Thank you all.

**Very best wishes to all our advertisers, subscribers, contributor and readers, for a wonderful 2024, with good health and joy all year round! Ed.**



**👉Diary Dates 2024 😊**

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

**January**  
**6th, 13th, 20th, 27th**  
**Community BBQ'S**

**Friday 26th**  
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**Tooraweenah Preschool, 'Developing Wings of Independence' Marie Gale (Jacobsen)**

**We have had a fabulous year at Tooraweenah Preschool, and it culminated in a wonderful night at our concert held at the Tooraweenah Park on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

Although it had been a hot day and a very hot week, the cool green grass and big shady trees made for a cool and calm setting, along with the drinks van that had very cold slushies that were super nice – brain freezes and all! Thanks also to the Tooraweenah Lions Club for cooking the sausage sizzle for



us again, with \$230 being raised via a donation box on the table for their next project, the Macquarie Homestay Christmas Luncheon. Thanks, one and all. The children enjoyed singing



several of their favourite songs before performing our version of a story that we all enjoy, "And Kangaroo Played the Didgeridoo". Friends had two animals each from the story – one on their crown and one on their puppet. Preschoolers helped tell this repetitive story with enthusiasm and great gusto! **We then performed two dances for our families and friends, "Walk with Me" that is very fast and fun, and then our song, "YMCA". We had our dance moves down pat and when we finished there was a resounding applause from the crowd. They were then told that we'd only hit the pause button and it was their turn to join in with us, which they did after the children showed them the required dance moves.** Preschool friends on stage also had the best

vantage point to make sure their families were joining in and doing the right moves. It was fabulous, and everyone joined in the singing and dancing too. **We had just started ringing our bells for "Jingle Bells"**



**when Santa arrived at our party in the park – sitting very comfortably on a chair on the back of a Kenworth**



**909 would you believe! See pictures left! Santa had so much to bring into the concert, with a sack and a basket of lollies, he needed extra help: thanks to driver and helper Tim!**

**We had a small presentation to farewell our friends who are heading off to big school next year: Thea, Eloise, Dakotah, Ryder and Storme, and wish them, and their families, all the very best for Kindergarten and their school life.**

We were very excited to have such a lovely crowd of family and friends attend – and we were rather fortunate that there was just enough of a breeze to keep everyone a little cool. The Tooraweenah Park is the perfect place for our concert and we are so very lucky as a community to have such an asset in our village. Thank you to the staff and Gilgandra Shire Council for ensuring the park was well prepared, mowed and tidy, ready for the concert crowd and our 'party at the park'.

**The last few weeks of preschool have been filled with Christmas fun and excitement, from our fun 'Santa Shelf' with amazing Christmas 'items' being added each week to enjoyable and crazy art and craft ideas. We've made decorations for our Christmas**

**tree and loved making our parents gifts: I wonder just how many last under the tree until Christmas Day?? Mums and Dads will love their gifts I'm sure, as everyone worked very hard on their 'project'. We've also enjoyed Christmas stories, playing 'Santa's Workshop' in the home corner with elf dress ups, and decorating our room with tinsel found in the 'Surprise Box'.**

With the super-hot weather we have spent the majority of our time inside with all of the air conditioners on. Sometimes we have had a short play outside in the sandpit with wet sand and we've had some fun with the hose and water play too – a fun and easy way to wash our sandpit toys for the end of the year!

**We have positions available for any children and families interested in enrolling at Tooraweenah Preschool in 2024. Enrolment packages are available. We operate Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with children, aged from 3 years, attending between 8am – 3.30pm.**

Packages will be available at Lester's over the school holiday period if you wish to pick one up for your child. (Thank you Lester and Helen for this 'community service').

Preschool will resume for children on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 after a staff set-up day on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. We are very excited to welcome both returning preschool friends and new preschool friends.

**We hope that everyone has had a safe, happy and fun Christmas and New Year period, and a relaxing and restful school holidays. Happy Holidays Everyone!**





**Tooraweenah CWA Chatter**



Our members enjoyed a Christmas celebration Lunch in the Gilgandra CWA Rooms, arranged by Anne Armstrong and her team and beautifully catered by Tracey Tate.

There was lots of chatter and laughter. Each guest brought along a gift for a boy or girl. These were delivered, courtesy of Mitchel Blackman to Macquarie Homestay on the Friday before Christmas, to bring Joy to their young guests.

During the luncheon President Sue Armstrong presented long service badges to Denise Quealy, Anne Armstrong and

Heather Davidson. Unfortunately Alethea Bennett was unable to attend. Congratulations to all four women, with a combined total of over 80 years of service to the community.

Denise held positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary, Cookery and International officer, at Group level she served as Secretary, Cultural, Publicity and Cookery Officer and Vice President. Anne's service included Treasurer and Branch President, Handicraft Officer, at Group she served as Vice President and Handicraft Officer. Heather was President, Catering and International Officer, Councillor and at Group, Vice President.

Our Branch is currently in recess until our Meetings resume on Wednesday February 14th 2024. Everyone will be looking forward to catching up, refreshed and ready for a very buisy year ahead.



**Tooraweenah Lions Roar Celebrations, In Pictures!  It's All About Style!**



**Gary Gesell receives 60th Birthday congratulations!**



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## Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith.

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### My Friend Franklin

On Tuesday of Week 9 and Wednesday of Week 10, Cody Jones, a notable figure in the realm of inclusion awareness, visited Tooraweenah PS to present his acclaimed program 'My Friend Franklin.' Cody uses his lived experiences growing up with a disability to educate children. His best friend 'Franklin,' his walking stick, plays a central role in his life and the program. The sessions discuss real-life examples of why accessibility is crucial and how everyone can contribute to fostering an inclusive community. We are very thankful to Monica Mudford, Youth and Recreation Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council for coordinating Cody's visits. Students are encouraged to find inclusive ways of communicating and acting.

<https://socialfutures.org.au/service/my-friend-franklin/>

### Swim School

December is the time of year when students at Tooraweenah complete some intensive swimming practice. All students K-6 engaged in swimming lessons to enhance their skills in the

water. Students were allocated into small groups with instructors from Gilgandra Swim School or with trained Tooraweenah Public School staff. So far, the weather has been on our side and students are enjoying the

water activities.

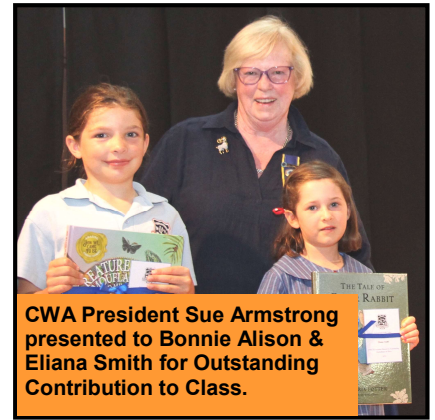
### Rescue Day at Swim School

After an amazing week of students developing their skills in the water, the last day of Swim School culminated in 'rescue day' activities, for our combined swim school with Eumungerie Public School. We were fortunate to have a number of new swimming teachers complete their training this year, which meant smaller groups of students for each of the 2 daily lessons. This allowed swimming teachers Olivia Ferguson, James Ferguson, Alicia Heffer, Marita Basham, Haylee Barry, Nadine Jenkin and Janelle Quilter, to target the skills of our students intensively.

### Happy Holidays

I would like to wish our students, families and the wider community a very happy Christmas and safe holiday period. Time to rest, reflect and enjoy a break after a very successful 2023!

**The classes for 2024 will be K/1 and 2/3/5. Mrs Smith will be teaching K/1 supported by Mrs Jenkin, and the 2/3/5 class will be shared between Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Jenkin. Mrs Barry will teach K-6 on Fridays. School resumes for 2024 for all students K-6 on Thursday 1st February 2024.**



**CWA President Sue Armstrong presented to Bonnie Alison & Eliana Smith for Outstanding Contribution to Class.**



**P&C President Seanne Jenkin, presents the prize for Mathematics to Cooper Lambell.**



**Mayor Cr Doug Batten presents trophies for Cross Country Champions: Hamish Jenkin, Madison Jenkin, Billy Larkin.**



**Sam Trickey, Sports Captain 2024. Awarded a GOLD Award in the Reading Challenge and Gil Shire Trophy for Sporting achievement.**



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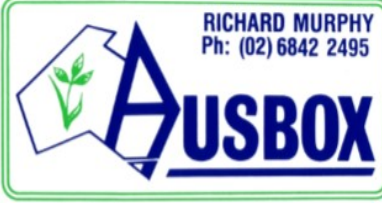


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