

# Toongabbie West Public School

## Building Educational Success Together

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We would like to show respect and acknowledge the Darug People, the Traditional Custodians of the Land.

### Newsletter: 23 October 2018 Term 4 Week 2

For further information, visit our web page at: <http://www.toongabwst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

If you would like to receive a newsletter electronically,  
please email [toongabwst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:toongabwst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and include your child's name and class.

## CALENDAR

27 Oct	Halloween Carnival
5 Nov	Return Stewart House Clothing appeal bags
6 Nov	P&C meeting
7 Nov	Kindergarten Orientation
14 Nov	Kindergarten Orientation
14 Nov	Performing Arts Night
21 Nov	Kindergarten Orientation
23 Nov	Last day PSSA
28 Nov	Kindergarten Orientation
28 Nov	Yr 6 Gala day
4 Dec	P&C BBQ
7 Dec	Presentation day
11 Dec	Showcase
17 Dec	Yr 6 Farewell
19 Dec	Last day of term
20-21 Dec	Staff development days

## From the Principal's Desk

### DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

#### WELCOME BACK

What a wet and grey spring holiday. I hope that everyone was able to survive the wet weather, not get 'cabin fever' and were able to get a few things done.

A warm welcome to all the new families who are starting at Toongabbie West Public School this term. Our numbers are increasing and we are expecting around 40 plus kindergarten students for 2019.

Term 4 is a busy time for schools as we are getting towards the end of an era with our current year six students, reports, kinder orientation for 2019 students and families, just to name a few activities this term.

This weekend sees the 10<sup>th</sup> Halloween carnival being held at school from 3pm to 8pm. The P&C committee are always looking for help in setting up and very importantly cleaning up and clearing stuff away at the end of the day. Hopefully everyone is ready and excited. Rides and activities including a games stall to test your throwing skills, cakes to buy and eat with a cup of coffee or tea, fruit and drinks stalls and a wide range of food to purchase, just to name a few of the fun activities you will find. The weather looks like it may be a little better than first thought possible a week ago.

Our building project around the demountables has now been completed, students can now walk to class protected from the elements (rain and sun).



## APPROACHING YOUR SCHOOL

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of your own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together. Please see the form attached for confirmation on the staff to see for differing reasons. Child Protection regulations mean that parents should never approach other students to deal with issues and our advice is also not to approach other parents, in the first instance talk to the teacher.

## SELECTIVE HIGH 2019/20

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**.

**You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

## TERM 4 SCHOOL PERFORMANCES



We are happy to announce our two performances for this term. The Performing Arts night is Wednesday 14 November 2018 (Week 5), which will showcase our extra curricular performances such as Bollywood, band, choir groups, Wakakirri, 3-6

dance group, boys dance group, etc. Tickets for the Performing Arts night will be on sale from Wednesday 7 November (Week 4). Tickets can be purchased at the office using cash for \$5 per person. Preschool age children are free.

The Performance Showcase will be held on 11 December (Tuesday Week 9) for parents, guardians, friends and families to watch the showcase of dances that each class has been learning and practising this semester. A \$2 coin donation would be appreciated which will go towards our Creative and Performing Arts programs for 2019. POP payments are not available for these activities.

## PBL NEWS

In Weeks 2 and 3 our school PBL focus is 'Be Resilient', with a specific emphasis on 'be a good sport'. Teachers will discuss in the classroom how students can be resilient in different contexts both at home and school. This includes, accepting responsibility for personal health, making positive contributions during class discussions and in group activities, praising others on their success, speaking politely to others and taking responsibility for their actions. Students are learning to 'be a good sport' to help build and encourage positive relationships.

Finally, congratulations to the students presented with PBL awards at our assembly on Thursday. Well done.



## STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL

Now is the time for your winter clean up. Stewart House collects clothing and rags to support programs for disadvantaged students. If you have any good, clean, wearable clothes, accessories or manchester that you no longer need, please fill the bag being sent home today and return it to school by Monday 5 November 2018 Place it neatly in the breezeway at the back of the office. The Department of Education supports this worthwhile charity and we as a school also support this group.

# Approaching Your School

## A parent and community guide for seeking information and expressing concerns

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It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

### These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld
- support sensitivity and confidentiality
- help reach an agreed solution.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

- Trying to talk to teachers when they are trying to teach, manage children or engaged in another conversation is inappropriate.

**Teachers, parents and community working together for successful schooling**

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of your own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.</li> </ul>
The welfare of your own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information.</li> <li>* For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.</li> <li>* To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.</li> </ul>
Actions of other students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.</li> <li>• Contact the stage supervisor or principal for playground problems.</li> </ul> <p>AT NO TIME SHOULD A PARENT APPROACH ANOTHER CHILD OTHER THAN THEIR CHILD TO ADDRESS AN ISSUE AT SCHOOL.</p>
School policy or practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Contact the office. State the nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.</li> </ul>



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
2	22 October	23	24	25 HU Assembly SRC Book Sale	26 PSSA	27/28 Halloween Carnival
3	29	30	31	1 November	2 PSSA	3/4
4	5	6 P&C Meeting	7 Kinder 2019 Orientation Day	8 KB Assembly	9 PSSA	10/11
5	12	13	14 Whole school Production Kinder 2019 Orientation Day	15	16 PSSA	17/18
6	19	20	21 Kinder 2019 Orientation Day	22 KL Assembly	23 PSSA Finishes	24/25
7	26 2019 School Captain speeches Assembly	27	28 Gala Day Kinder 2019 Orientation Day	29 Yrs 5&6 Visit Pendle Hill	30	1/2 December
8	3	4 P&C BBQ High School Orientation Day	5 Kinder 2019 Parent Info Night	6 Combined Scriptue Assembly	7 Presentation Day	8/9
9	10	11 Showcase	12 Fun day	13	14	15/16
10	17 Yr 6 Farwell	18	19 End of school	20	21	22/23