

Toongabbie West Public School

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CALENDAR

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
27 Nov	P&C Meeting
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

What a weekend, the crowds, the noise the rides and stalls, the smell of the food and the rush in the air of everybody having fun, the Carnival was a great time to be at Toongabbie West, people who had moved away came back just to attend the carnival, the memories keep people connected to our great school. A big thank you to everyone who made it a success; the P&C carnival organisers who worked tirelessly in the very long lead up to the day and also in clearing away afterwards; to the staff who helped with stalls to provide additional fundraising opportunities, to the wonderful students who went out and sold raffle tickets and the great behaviour of everyone who attended.

Watching people help clear up at the end of the evening gave a few insights into how much people want to help. A few shoulders went down as people were cleaning up, but they moved on to the next job and just got on with it. A parent helping late into the clean up was getting tired, but her statement, "**we do it for the kids**", was a very telling reason why so many parents try and help. Without everyone helping in some way, the clean up as well as the set up would be a harder task for those volunteers who give of their time. Thank you to Maria our wonderful cleaner who volunteered and was here at 6am on Sunday to help me clear up the school of rubbish and enter and wash out all the bins ready to use on Monday morning. To the parents who were here on Sunday and who removed all the decorations and picked up the litter left on the oval. To everyone involved in every aspect of the day, I can say a very well earned thank you and remember the reason why, "**we do it for the kids**".

We are almost halfway through term 4, with just 6 weeks to go, year 6 are planning and preparing for their next phase of schooling at high school; all the students performing in the evening presentation of dance performance, music and singing as well as the Showcase are fully engaged in rehearsals; staff are busy writing reports for all of our students to let parents know how they are going at school.

The installation on NBN at school has required a new pipe to be laid and the area has been restored as much as possible, we just need the grass to grow to cover the trail up the oval. I will shortly install an automatic gate to the car park, this is for safety reasons to assist in protecting the students of our school. To the parent who almost hit two students using

the crossing, please take care, slow down and remember it is a 40 Km zone, one day it might be your child, not looking is no excuse for your negligence.

In school there are many factors which impact on a child, wellbeing, feeling welcome, confident and that people listen to their needs and wants. The Melbourne declaration, which states that Australian governments will assist to:

ensure a nurturing, positive school culture and learning environment that promotes student mental health and wellbeing and assists young people to develop resilience when managing challenge and change.

It is important that children are supported in every way we can, to allow them to engage in their education; as the people responsible for their education, parents and school have vital roles in this area, without involvement and stimulation our children will not succeed to their ability level.

CONNECTEDNESS

In Coping at school a sense of connectedness is vital to allow engagement with a student's learning. School connectedness can mean school belonging, school attachment, school bonding, school climate, school connection, school engagement, and teacher support. More broadly, definitions of school connectedness can also include members of the extended school community (e.g. community leaders, grandparents) and how these individuals interact with primary caregivers, teachers, and students to affect education. Within the school environment, connectedness is realised and promoted in the quality of the relationships between students and their teachers, between students and the school, between students and other students, and between schools and the local community, including parents. A sense of belonging to the school environment is an established protective factor for child and adolescent health, education, and social wellbeing. However, students do not always feel this sense of connectedness. For example, an Australian study of adolescents showed that 40 per cent of the students reported that they did not believe they had anyone in or outside school who they perceived knew them well or who they could trust. Particular groups of students may also be more vulnerable to experiencing low levels of connectedness, including those from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds, students with disabilities, and identity issues. Students with low connectedness are two to three times more likely to experience depressive symptoms compared to more connected peers.

For students to engage in learning at school it is vital that feel they belong and can feel comfortable in belonging to the school community. As a part of this it is vital that home issues do not cross over into the school community because it means that learning can be affected. If there are issues which are impacting on your child please feel free to make an appointment to see

either Mr Firth or Mrs Sant to discuss how we can help.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Well-developed social and emotional skills are important elements of wellbeing. These are the skills that allow students to work cooperatively with others, manage emotions, cope with setbacks and solve problems effectively. Social and emotional learning is also the process through which children and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. These programs are based on the understanding that the best learning emerges in the context of supportive relationships that make learning challenging, engaging and meaningful.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL 2018

2S thought that this year's Halloween Carnival was the best ever! Read on to see why...

Every year Toongabbie West Public School holds a Halloween Carnival. This year we held it on October 27 and it was the best one ever!

Firstly, there were many great rides and stalls. My favourite ride was the Big Rainbow Slide.

Secondly, in the stalls there was lots of good food. Other stalls had yummy junk food.

Thirdly, there was even a taekwondo display in the hall.

It was the best Halloween Carnival ever! (Callum)

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Secondly, the stalls were great and there were lots more than other years. You could buy lots of delicious food.

Thirdly, you could play lots of games and win great prizes like Mini-Twister.

I think that if you had come you would have had an awesome time! (Arjan)

Every year Toongabbie West Public School has a Halloween Carnival. This year it was held on the 27 October. It was a blast. It was bigger and better than ever!

Firstly, there was an amazing dance group that came called "Bust-a Move". I even performed with them.

Secondly, there were so many great stalls and rides to choose from.

Last but not least there was a fantastic lolly store up the top near the hall.

You should definitely come to our Halloween Carnival next year because it can only get bigger and better than ever! (Shyla)

Toongabbie West Public School holds a Halloween Carnival every year and this year it was held on the 27 October. It was bigger and better than ever! There are a number of different reasons why.

Firstly, there were a number of different stalls like the cake stall, trash and treasure and lots of places to get food and lollies.

Secondly, there were lots of rides and games. My favourite was the Jungle Challenge.

Thirdly, there were lots of performers like people who did taekwondo, dancing and Mrs Bala even did Bollywood dancing!

As you can clearly see it was the best Halloween Carnival ever! (Sarah)

Every year, at the end of October, Toongabbie West Public School celebrates Halloween with a carnival. This year it was outstanding!

Firstly, there were absolutely amazing super rides like the swinging chairs and the Music Trip. My favourite was the swinging chairs. The atmosphere was awesome.

Secondly, the stalls were amazing. They had delicious food and drinks. They also had lollies and toys.

Thirdly, the decorations were so cool! There were pumpkins, skeletons and ghosts everywhere.

It was definitely the best thing in my life so far! (Jayden)

Toongabbie West Public School annually holds a Halloween Carnival on the last Saturday in October. Each year it becomes bigger and better. It is always great but this year it was mind blowing, especially fun and undoubtedly awesome!

Firstly, there was a "Jungle Challenge" activity which was really fun. There were heaps of stalls including a cake stall. There was even a taekwondo club there performing.

Secondly, the atmosphere was great. There were lots of decorations and so many people dressed up. I hope you dress up next year.

Thirdly, the performers were great at dancing live! If you missed it, then come next year. 100% you will like it!

As you can clearly see, this was the best one ever! (Andrew)

PBL NEWS

In Weeks 4 and 5 our school PBL focus is Be Safe, with a specific emphasis on 'tell a leader if a problem can't be solved'. Teachers will discuss in the classroom how students can be safe in different contexts both at home and school. This includes, discussing who our school leaders are and what qualities makes them a good leader. Students have the right to feel safe at school and need to understand that telling a leader if a problem cannot be solved is being safe and responsible.

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



Toongabbie Public School Twilight Market
Saturday, 10 November 2018
7pm - 10pm

Shopping Under the Stars
Lucky Door Prizes - Boutique & Food Stall
\$2 entry to be donated to our farmers' appeal



Toongabbie West Public School P&C



Term 4 Week 4 2018

A huge thank you to our hard working P&C Halloween Carnival Committee for a wonderful 10th Annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday.

Thank you to the teachers and office staff for your continued support in helping to make it a wonderful day. Thank you to everyone who attended and joined us for a wonderful day.

UNIFORM SHOP

New Kindergarten Students 2019 We have a special offer for all new kindergarten students. Check out your orientation information or the display cabinet for more details.

Uniform shop will be open before Kindergarten Transition to School Days

8.30am – 9.15am Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November

Open Thursday 8.45am – 9.15am We accept Cash, Eftpos, Visa, Mastercard

CANTEEN

Term 4 Opening Times:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday **1st Break – Lunch & 2nd Break - Recess**

Ordering online via www.quickcliq.com.au Cut off time is NO LATER than 8.45am OR Order via a CLEARLY LABELLED brown bag with cash to the office NO LATER than 9am

P&C Meeting

NOTE COMBINATION AND CHANGE OF DATE FOR NOVEMBER

& DECEMBER MEETING DATES Tuesday 27th November 2018, Library, 7pm



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