

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: 25 September 2018 Term 3 Week 10

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CALENDAR

25 Sept	K-2 Athletics Carnival
28 Sept	Last day of Term 3
15 Oct	Staff and Students return
27 Oct	Halloween Carnival
6 Nov	P&C meeting
7 Nov	Kindergarten Orientation
14 Nov	Kindergarten Orientation
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
18 Dec	Fun day
19 Dec	Last day of term
20-21 Dec	Staff development days

From the Principal's Desk

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

I am a proud Principal of a great school. There are normally too many things to list in a year, but I have to mention our great Wakakirri performers, students and supporting staff. To achieve a second State award in only three years of performing says a lot about the group. To win a Spirit of Wakakirri Award at Parramatta and to then win the 2018 Best Teamwork Award, the students and staff had to impress above and beyond.

I have had the pleasure of watching this group grow and flourish. The enthusiasm and attitude is wonderful to watch and not only epitomises the Spirit of Wakakirri but also Toongabbie West's Make an Effort, Not an Excuse, and being the BEST (Building Educational Success Together). Congratulations to everybody involved, students, the staff directly involved as well as the staff and parents / family who came on the night to watch and support them. I think I may be little biased but we were certainly the best on the night.

Please use the Spring holidays wisely, to rest, relax and enjoy the weather warming up. I was talking to some students this week who have already been to Wet and Wild, a sure sign of warmer temperatures around the corner.

A positive attitude towards punctuality and full attendance at school are most important in ensuring the best possible learning opportunities for all students. Children who attend school regularly are usually more successful and happier than those with frequent full or partial absences. We realise, that on occasion, events occur beyond your control and students are absent from school, however, we ask for your support to ensure that your child is at school by 8.55am each day.

If you have any concerns over your child's attendance please arrange an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

What is a justified reason for being absent from school? Justified reasons for absences may include the student:

- having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)

- being sick, or having an infectious disease. This is especially true when students who are too sick to be at school and should be at home recovering. The school is unable to cater for students who are too sick to be here, please keep them home and let them get well. Please check your contact and emergency details in case we need to contact you. There have been a number of occasions lately where we have been unable to contact anyone to pick up a sick child from school.

Our current school uniform is now at a point where every child should be in an up to date uniform with our logos and all shirts should be a polo style with a collar. Please check your child's uniform, if it needs replacing then please see the uniform shop. There are also a number of students not in black leather shoes, if your child has a birthday coming up - by all means use this as a time to purchase school shoes for them.

The Halloween Carnival is coming up soon, also don't forget Spring is here, have a clean out and listen for when you can bring items up to school for the White Elephant stall.

It has come to that time of year again in the Selective High School Placement Program (SHSPP) where we send out information regarding Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020. Please find attached Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020. This is also available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

- Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020 must be made online between 9 October 2018 and 12 November 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

5/6S POWERFUL PARAGRAPHS

The sun's descent was gradual, as the darkness slowly crept over the horizon. Bright stars were scattered everywhere; vibrant flowers glistened underneath the moonlight, as drops of water gently slid off the green grass blades.

I sighed as I waved goodbye to the enchanting sight... as I waved goodbye to my home.

By Viktoria

The luxurious winds levitate me and shove me off the cliff towards the mystical, oceanic scenery. Majestic waves search the horizon to conclude their exploration, laying their eyes upon me, taking charge to slowly drag me beneath the sea where only darkness roams. Soon, an anonymous light appears...

Is this the afterlife?

By Xavier

"There is still a spark of hope," I thought, as I watched the flickering flames devour the abandoned house containing innocent lives,

including myself. The capricious blaze consumed the human bodies as if they were chocolate cake. The thought of fleeing flew into consideration, but was rapidly dismissed as the flames enveloped me. My life was at stake. It was wrong to trust him. I was done. The hoarse voices of the gloomy spirits echoed across the ashen ground. His monotonous voice screeched across the gloomy cave. His soul was horrible... treacherous...disgusting; it was the soul of a temperamental being.

By Savannah

The staircase groaned under my weight as I trudged wearily up to the crazy jungle that I call my room. I suddenly stopped and hastily pinched myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. It was unbelievable... unreal... unlikely. My room was clean and organised!

By Vianne

As I watched the shimmering stars playfully dance in the moonlit sky, a grim feeling jolted throughout my body. As I sat up, a waft of an unfamiliar excess of saltiness ran through my nostrils. I could sense the enormous wave hunting throughout the town, searching for innocent victims to terrorise. There I stood, feeling nothing but vulnerable and miniscule compared to the colossal wave that would soon come for me.

By Mia

The monstrous tsunami towered over the city, causing destruction wherever it went, eating buildings like a hungry child eating cake, not stopping until it had demolished everything.

By Cooper

I was having the best time in the relaxing pool, swimming like a fish, until everything changed. I saw the evil moon kidnap the sun, I felt a chill from the night breeze. I was furious! I needed to go up there and push the moon away, never to be seen again, because I knew what this meant... I had to go to bed!

By Elise W

The incident that happened that day was a little bit too perfect. The question was, if it had been planned or not. I sat on a rusty, old wooden chair and laid a perfectly new table in the corner of the room. The newspaper on the table contained details of a horrific crime that had happened a few days ago: the crime of the stolen diamond. The air was poisoned with greenhouse gas. It was only up to Detective Roy to crack the case, but he didn't know that all the clues were right in front of him. He needed to look more closely...

By Niyati

The signature screamed at me from the page as I furiously tried and tried to get it right. My pen raced down the paper as fast as a cheetah. My hand was hurting and my fingers ached. Finally, I found the perfect one!

By Steph

WAKAKIRRI AWARDS NIGHT!

Last Tuesday night, on the 18 September 2018 our remarkable students performed at Quay Centre Homebush for their Wakakirri performance. The wonderful performers and back stage crew were a dedicated enthusiastic group who danced and performed their hearts out and gave their best performance yet. All students gave 100% throughout the whole Wakakirri experience and sold our raw and real story to everyone who watched. They all should be so proud.

Our journey began way back in Term 1 when we decided the theme of our story and how we were going to perform it. As the year went on, we progressed in our performance and it was such a delight watching the students get better and better and finally watch it come to life. This whole experience has been a reflection on the hard working and outstanding effort of the students and teachers involved.

It has been an amazing Wakakirri experience filled with lots of laughter, sweat, tears and selfies. We have also made so many amazing memories that will stay with us forever.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the parents and teachers who supported us along the way, also staying out late and watching both performances and cheering us on in the audience. Your support does not go unnoticed and we appreciate all of it, especially the fabulous glow sticks.

Thankyou!

Miss Stanford and Miss Lohan

WAKAKIRRI:

From the very first day we started we knew it was going to be a great Wakakirri performance this year. We raised an awareness that you should not be treated different because you have a disability. Mr Lavercombe, Miss Lohan, Miss Stanford, Mrs Kazanas and Mr Thomas all helped us every step of the way. Our Wakakirri theme was 'Speak even when your voice shakes'. Our costumes may not have been as cool or as fancy as other schools but our dance was fantastic and it paid off. Our whole Wakakirri experience was amazing. We would definitely do it again.

By Jayde, Habir and Sarah G

Wakakirri was an amazing experience. We worked so hard during lunch, recess and Tuesday afternoons. When it came to our performance we were so nervous. As soon as the lights turned on and the music started we danced our hearts out. Our dance was about a hearing impaired girl who was being bullied for having a disability. Our first performance was so amazing that we won the spirit of Wakakirri and we made it through to the Awards Night. We did our best even though we did not make it to the nationals. Mr Lavercombe did a great job at teaching us our dance. I hope we have Wakakirri again next year because it was super fun.

By Hayley, Natasha and Rihanna



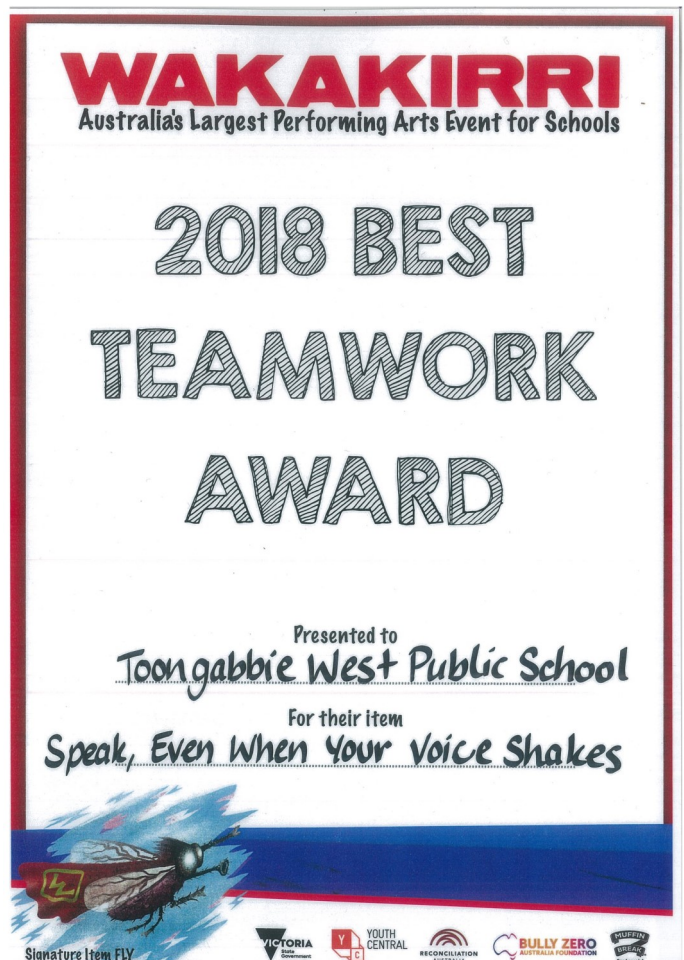
WAKAKIRRI
Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools

2018 BEST MOTIVATIONAL STORY AWARD

Presented to
TOONGABBIE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
for their item
Speak, even when your voice shakes
PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Signature Item FLY

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YOUTH CENTRAL
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\$40.00 per session

2nd – 5th October and

10th – 14th October 2018

Term 4 2018

Enrolments Now Being Taken

Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above

Book now on 9620 8323 or sydaegy@hotmail.com

Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd, Seven Hills

Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd, Winston Hills

The Ponds High School, Wentworth St, The Ponds



Information about applying for Year 7
entry to selective high schools in

2020

Thinking of applying for a
government selective high
school for Year 7 entry in
2020?

You must apply online at
[https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



Key dates

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Application website opens

Monday 12 November 2018

Application website closes. You must
apply by the due date.

Thursday 28 February 2019

Test authority advice sent to all
applicants

Thursday 14 March 2019

Selective High School Placement Test

Friday 5 July 2019

Placement outcome information is sent

Please read this booklet carefully
before applying.

There is more information at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/sns-oc>

Parents should check this website
for updates all the way through the
application and placement process.
Please check the website for
information before you contact the
Unit.

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the
High Performing Students Unit^a.

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit
NSW Department of Education

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au Telephone: 1300 880 367 Fax: 02 9266 8435

Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1500

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

^a In this document, the High Performing Students Unit will be referred to as the Unit.

^b 'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a guardian or other person having custody or care of a child.

Notification of Absence by Parent/Carer

Name of Student:

Class:

Date/s of Absence:

Reason for Absence:

Sickness

Family reasons

Other reasons (Please State).....

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Signed/Notified by:

Date:

Students returning late In 2019

Please return if your child is returning to Toongabbie West Public School **after the commencement of Term 1.**

My child

of class

will be returning late to Toongabbie West Public School

on (date): / / 2019

Because

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Signed: Parent/Guardian

Date:

Enrolling Students for 2019

Please return to the school office if you are planning on enrolling a student in Kindergarten in 2019 and have not yet contacted the office.

OR please pass on this information if you know of someone who has a child of the appropriate age and is interested in enrolling them at this school,

Children must have turned 5 years old by 31 July 2019 in order to be eligible to commence school in January 2019

Child's Name:

Date Of Birth:.....

Parent's Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Other Information:

Students not returning in 2019

Please return this slip if your child is **not returning at all** to Toongabbie West Public School (not including Year 6 students)

My child

of class

will not be returning to Toongabbie West Public School in 2019.

Because

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Signed: Parent/Guardian

Date:



Toongabbie West Public School P&C

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2018

3PM - 8PM



5 weeks to go!



MAJOR RAFFLE

Today you will be receiving your Halloween Carnival Major Raffle Ticket books. You will receive one raffle ticket book per family. More raffle books will be available at the office. We encourage all families to sell as many raffle books as possible. There is a raffle ticket seller's prize draw where you can win a \$50 Ultimate Kids Gift Card. For every book you sell, you get a ticket into the draw to win this gift card.

Again this year we will be selling raffle tickets at local shopping centres. When you come along and help students are to be in full school uniform and they get extra tickets into the raffle sellers draw for every hour of helping. If you are interested keep a close eye on the P&C Facebook page for dates very shortly. Please note these dates will be in the school holidays.



DONATIONS

It is time to get ready to bring your donations in from Day 1 Term 4, Monday 15th October.

Carnival can not be a success without these vital donations. Please take the school holidays to spring clean and get out specials at the supermarkets.

1. Trash N Treasure items – any unwanted or preloved items from home, books, toys, clothes, homewares, gifts etc.
2. Bags of lollies (wrapped/packaged) & fun size chocolates which will be made into lolly bags to sell at our School Lolly Stall.





RIDE WRISTBANDS

It's time to order your unlimited ride wristband passes. Thankyou to those who have already ordered!

Cost is \$25 if purchased before 3pm Friday 26/10/18. The price will increase to \$30 each if purchased at the carnival. Payment can be via Cash, Credit Card or EFTPOS **ONLY** at uniform shop, or if you wish to pay via electronic transfer please email twpandc@gmail.com and we can provide you with the correct bank details.

PLEASE NOTE PAYMENTS CAN NOT BE PAID VIA THE SCHOOL POP SYSTEM. THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

*Please note that whilst all care is taken to ensure there are no changes to the ride listing, changes may be made by the ride company without notice

* No refunds will be given for change of mind or due to weather conditions that may or may not affect ride operations.

Pre Purchase Wristbands for Rides

I wish to order _____ unlimited ride passes @ \$25 each.

Please find enclosed \$_____ cash for full/part payment for unlimited ride passes.

I have paid \$_____ via _____

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

Parents Name: _____ Phone: _____

Payments can be made with Cash to the office, or via eftpos or credit card at the uniform shop on a Thursday mornings. NO POP PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED



LETTERBOX FLYER DISTRIBUTION

One of the best ways we let our local community know about our event is through letterbox flyer drops. We need willing and able parents and students to do this. Please complete the information below by **Friday 28th September** and a delivery area will be assigned to you. You can also express your interest via our Facebook post regarding this.



I can help:

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

Parents Name: _____ Phone: _____


Flyer letterbox drop

We will provide you with flyers and a map and you and as a family, with your kids, letterbox dropping flyers with them for the carnival. Flyers need to be put into letterboxes from Monday 15th October – Monday 22nd October.

Please indicate below any local streets you would prefer to deliver to.

HOW CAN I HELP?

There are many ways in which you can assist the committee to make the day a success. Please take the time to look through the volunteer sheet attached and see where you might be able to help. With your help we can make this event a huge success. **Please complete this ASAP and return this completed form to the office, or email twpshalloweencarnival@gmail.com**

	I can help: Childs Name: _____ Class: _____ Parents Name: _____ Phone: _____
	Decoration and carnival set up on Saturday 27th October Please select any time that you are able to help <input type="radio"/> 9am – 11am <input type="radio"/> 11am – 1pm <input type="radio"/> 1pm – 3pm
	Assist for an hour at my child's class stall We will pass this information on to your classroom teacher so they can prepare a roster. You can also contact your classroom teacher directly.
	Helping to collect gold coin donations at the back gate. We need parent helpers to take half hour shifts to collect the gold coin donations at the back gate. Please let us know if you will be willing to help and a time will be allocated to you.
	Clean up and pack up after the carnival, Clean up takes place from 8pm Saturday 27 th October until complete

FACEBOOK EVENT

Reminder go to the Facebook event and saying if you're going or interested you can will get reminders and keep updated about the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/651740768522445/>



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