

# 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: 11 September 2018 Term 3 Week 8**

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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

11 Sept	P&C Meeting
14 Sept	No PSSA
14 Sept	Open day/ Character Parade
18 Sept	Wakakirri
19 Sept	Regional Athletics
21 Sept	Summer PSSA begins
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

### From the Principal's Desk

#### DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Well, what a great place Toongabbie West is to be, everyday there is something going on. Maths groups are a favourite with all students and soccer clinics are a particular favourite. As I talk to parents I sometimes feel that I am a little biased about our school. Last week was a particular time, when we were at Celebrating the Arts, our students were by far the best dancers and singers, had the best smiles and showed how much they enjoyed being there. A parent and I had a discussion about whether our school was the best, a touch of bias was mentioned but we both decided that, no we weren't, we really were the best. All the students at our school should feel the same. We are a great school with great students and great teachers which all make Toongabbie West the best place to be. I wish our Wakakirri dancers the best of luck next Tuesday and hopefully all the parents attending will have a moment to be truly proud of their child and our school in particular.

Planning for 2019 is now underway and numbers of students is needed. If your child is not returning or returning late in 2019, please complete the form in this weeks newsletter. Staffing depends on numbers of students and this information is needed urgently.

**Safety is a concern at the moment with the park in Devonshire Street** again becoming an issue where students are left unsupervised after school. I have received a number of complaints about students using sticks and stones to intimidate other students. This is an area where parents have to accept responsibility for their children. It is not acceptable for children to wait for parents in the park, they are at risk of harm. Parents who are running late have to tell their children if they are not there to come to the office and wait. The same applies in the morning where an increasing number of children are coming to school early. No teachers are on duty until 8.30am and students should not be at school until this time. If you have to drop them off early, please contact Before and After School care, who for a fee will provide appropriate safe care.

**The school car park has rules regarding access**, parents dropping off at BASC are able to use it up until 8.15am, after this time it is for staff and special transport taxis only. There are a number of parents who are attempting to use it outside these. This is an area where we have had staff cars scratched and a number of children at risk of being hit by cars. This is unacceptable and parents are reminded that they are not allowed in the car park just to drop off children.

#### NSW POLICE FORCE

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NSW POLICE LEGACY CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK



The Child Safety Handbook has been produced by NSW Police Legacy, together with its partners, for over 5 years. It aims to raise awareness about risks to children and steps that can be taken to protect and keep them safe.

The Handbook has the support of the NSW Government and of the NSW Governor, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), the Patron of NSW Police Legacy.

It is hoped that all primary school students in NSW aged 5 to 7 years old will receive a free digital copy of the Handbook. The cost of producing the Handbook has been entirely met through sponsorship and there is no fee payable by your school. I fully support the Handbook and hope that it can be distributed to parents of your students.

[https://issuu.com/associatedmediagroup/docs/csh\\_nsw\\_appv2?e=2934354/56136733](https://issuu.com/associatedmediagroup/docs/csh_nsw_appv2?e=2934354/56136733)

### **SRC 'FUNDRAISE FOR A FARMER' DISCO**

In week 6, the SRC hosted the school disco. The weather was perfect for both students and staff to come dressed up. We had stacks of farmers and farm animals to help raise money for our farmers in need. Over 150 students attended the disco sessions and everyone demonstrated safe, responsible and resilient behaviour while boot scooting the night away. The SRC thanks the staff who stayed late to prepare, supervise and pack up the event and the enthusiastic attendees for their support. We raised over \$ 600 and this will go towards buying 5 small bales of hay, 1150 litres of water, 5 hampers and 7 litres of diesel.

### **LMC GAT MATHS DAY**

On Thursday 30 August, six Stage 3 students represented Toongabbie West Public School at the Lachlan Macquarie College, Gifted and Talented Maths Day. Anshita, Savannah and Mia from 5/6S as well as David, George and Oliver from 5/6T competed against five other local school teams at Darcy Road Public School. Throughout the day these students participated in problem solving and creative, critical thinking activities with a strong mathematical focus. Highlights included mathematic based relays, complex puzzle solving and a STEM challenge that required students to create a tower to support a basketball using only one roll of newspaper, tape and a pair of scissors. Not only did the team manage to successfully put together a tower that supported a basketball, it was later found to also fully support the weight of George!

Competition on the day was fierce and points were close when the winning team was announced, hence the happiness when our students found out that they were the winning team! All students who participated are to be commended on their efforts and how well they represented Toongabbie West Public School. The team will now participate in a grand final event against other winning schools in NSW on a day to be advised in Term 4.

### **ZONE ATHLETICS**

Last week, Toongabbie West sent its top athletes to compete at the annual Zone Athletics Carnival. The day started out rather cold, wet and gloomy, but ended up turning into a fantastic sunny day for all the students and parents to enjoy. The students matched the great weather with their determination and pride. They put in a great effort across all events and age groups, and displayed the Toony West spirit that so often shines bright at events such as this.

Standout performances on the day included:

- Jayde: 1st junior girls shot put
- Mia: 3rd 12yr girls 100m
- Jack: 5th junior boys long jump
- Jacob: 6th 9yr boys 100m

Goodluck to Mia, Jayde, Mallak, Ahmad, Mustapha, Sasha and Kulraj, who have made it through to the Regional Athletics Carnival taking place next week. The whole Toongabbie West school community is supporting you.

### **CELEBRATING THE ARTS PERFORMANCE**

On Tuesday 4 September we went to Riverside Theatre to celebrate the arts by dancing to a song called 'This is Me' and we set fire to the stage. The combined choir sang five different songs, including *My Island Home* and *Thank You for the Music*. It was an exhilarating night because we had a chance to show off our skills and talent to a huge audience. We have been attending this event for three years. Since this is our last year, 2018 CTA means a lot to us.

By Surabhi and Savannah

Celebrating the Arts was performed on the 4 September. It was fantastic! The choir was singing and the dancers were dancing, everyone looked Amazing! In the evening we had our performance and I loved seeing all the other schools in their spectacular costumes. My favourite choir song was 'Thank you for the music' by Abba and my favourite dance was the high school contemporary 'Rise up'. The 3-6 dance group danced to the song 'This is me'. All thanks to the teachers who helped choreograph our dance and to Ms Katz who taught us the choir songs. I had the most exciting day!

By Elise

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 the CTA group performed at Riverside Theatre Parramatta. We danced and sung in the combined choir. My favourite song that we sung was 'Thank you for the Music'. The 3-6 dance group performed 'This is me' from the *Greatest Showman*. Mr Lavercombe, Miss Lohan and Miss Stanford helped with hair and makeup. They also helped prepare our beautiful costumes. Ms Katz prepared us for choir. I loved watching the girls high school jazz troupe. I also liked the year 11 hip hop trio. It was an amazing night and an awesome experience.

By Stephanie

### **PBL NEWS**

In Weeks 8 and 9 our school PBL focus is Be Respectful, with a specific emphasis on 'treat others the way you want to be treated'. Teachers will discuss in the classroom how students can be respectful in different contexts both at home and school. This includes, listening and following teacher instructions, speaking politely to others, apologising when you have done the wrong thing, taking responsibility for your actions and if you have borrowed an item from someone, use it with respect and return it when finished. Students need to learn how to be respectful towards others in different ways in order to receive it.

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their award.

**Principal's Award:** Anukshana and Natasha 3/4S. Edyn, Cooper, Niyati, Christian, Jake and Anshita 5/6S.





**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: .....



You are invited to:  
**Toongabbie West Public School's  
Open Day**

**Friday 14 September 2018**

**Events:**

<b>8am-8:55am</b>	<b>Book Fair in the library</b> All welcome to purchase books
<b>12:00-1:20pm</b>	<b>Open Classrooms</b> You are welcome to visit any of our classrooms.
<b>1:20-1:50pm</b>	<b>Book Fair in the library</b>
	<b>Recess (2<sup>nd</sup> break)</b> Join our students in the playground for afternoon tea. Visit Tassie's Retreat. The canteen will be open for sales to students and visitors. Our P&C are providing, in the hall, free tea & coffee for adults.
<b>1:20-1:50pm</b>	
<b>2pm-3pm</b>	<b>Character Parade in the hall.</b>
<b>3pm-4pm</b>	<b>Book Fair in the library</b>

