

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: 22 October 2019 Term 4 Week 2

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

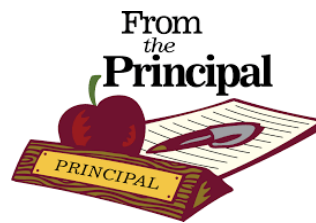
If you would like to receive a newsletter electronically,
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CALENDAR

Saturday 26 Oct	Halloween Carnival
7 Nov	Kindergarten 2020 Orientation
14 Nov	Kindergarten 2020 Orientation
21 Nov	Kindergarten 2020 Orientation
26 Nov	Yr 6 Gala day
28 Nov	Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

From the Principal's Desk

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



We are already into the second week of a very busy term. This weekend we have our Halloween carnival from 3pm to 8pm. The P&C committee have been busy for weeks preparing for the carnival and if you go past the school you can see that the decorations are already going up. Thank you to the people who have also volunteered to help on the day and for the donations we have received. I have checked the weather report and a lovely spring day has been predicted. Hopefully everyone is ready and excited. There will be rides and activities, 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 at our school on the day. Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see you there on the day. As well as the Halloween carnival to keep us busy, the teachers will have reports to write, assessments to administer, CAPA shows, sporting activities as well as all the regular lessons to complete. There will also be our Kindergarten Transition to School program for our new students for 2020 and visits to the high school for our students moving from Year 6 to Year 7, just to name a few of the things to keep us all busy.

APPLICATIONS FOR SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT FOR YEAR 7 IN 2021

Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2021 open on 8 October 2019 and close on 11 November 2019. Applications can be downloaded from the High Performing Students Team website at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. Parents without internet access or who cannot use a computer can apply at a public library. Our school is also happy to assist parents without internet access.

WAKAKIRRI NEWS

We have had an amazing Wakakirri journey this year. Out of all schools that performed nationwide, we won Best Drama Story for 2019 and were one of 43 nominated for a National Story Award. What a fantastic year it has been! I'd like to acknowledge the hard work and effort that all our students made. They gave an emotive performance which had the audience in tears. We are so proud of our students who performed above and beyond. I'd also like to acknowledge all the parents who helped make costumes and props this year. We would not have been able to do it without you all. Also to the parents for transporting their children to performances and supporting us in the audience. The Wakakirri team love performing for their parents and families.



Finally, a big thank you to all staff involved. Your hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed and it has been an amazing having you all on the team. Our Wakakirri team will be performing one last time at the evening performance later this term. We look forward to performing for our final time this year for our school community.

PBL

In Weeks 2 and 3, our school focus is Be Respectful, with a specific emphasis on speaking politely. Teachers are giving lessons in the classroom reminding students of this expectation and what it looks like in different contexts. For example, students will be reminded to use appropriate and polite language when speaking to others, this includes: all teachers, other students, parents and other community members. When students use their


manners and speak politely, it makes others feel appreciated and respected.

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

TALKING COUNTS

Most words in a child's vocabulary come from everyday encounters with language. Children pick up language from books, media, and conversations with the people in their lives. You can increase your child's vocabulary and background knowledge – two important pieces of the reading puzzle – by having conversations with them. Giving children a rich language environment is one of the best ways to build a foundation for reading success.

Find out more: <https://www.readingrockets.org/article/talking-counts>



Teach Your Kids Online Safety

S Personal information is a **secret**

M Never **meet** anyone from the internet without a parent or carer

A Never **accept** messages, emails or requests from unknown people

R Remember **reality** Not everyone tells the truth on the internet. Some people lie about who they are.

T If anything or anyone online is worrying you **TELL** a parent or carer.

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KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



- ◆ Thursday 7 November 2019
 - ◆ Thursday 14 November 2019
 - ◆ Thursday 21 November 2019
 - ◆ Thursday 28 November 2019
- Time: 9:15am to 10:45am**

Parent Meeting:

Thursday 5 December 2019
at 6:30pm

School Contact:
Phone 9631 3610



The simplest way

... to swap ham out of the lunch box.

We know that ham is a lunch box staple for many families, however, Cancer Council recommends that we limit or avoid processed meats such as ham, salami and bacon, because of their link with increasing the risk of bowel and stomach cancer.



One way to help your family limit their intake of processed meats is to keep them out of the lunch box. Better choices include:

- BBQ chicken with skin removed
- Canned tuna or salmon
- Boiled eggs
- Hummus
- Cheese
- Leftover home-cooked meat
- Home cooked rissoles

For more ideas visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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Maths Corner

Let's face it: kids don't just learn at school. The more they practice maths skills, the better they will achieve in class. Here are some simple tips for helping your child become a Maths Master!

Understanding Shape

You can develop your child's understanding about shape by:

- Looking at the shape of objects in the home or in the garden. Look for different sized shapes and shapes in different positions.
- Playing stacking with your child. Stack all sorts of things you find, especially cans, unopened boxes of cereal and toys.
- Reading books with your child and talking about the shapes you can see within the pictures, e.g. The roof on the house is a triangle.
- Drawing shapes in sand, dirt or on paper. Talk to your child about the shapes using words like edge, curved line, straight line, square, corners.

- Drawing dots on a page and asking your child to join them. This can be extra fun if you trace over a shape in a magazine by using dots. For example, you could create the outline of a car or a tree.

- Using a small packet of toothpicks to create shapes and make pictures of objects, such as a house, tent, truck or wheelbarrow.



Toongabbie West Public School Calendar

Term 4 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
2	21 October	22	23	24	25	26/27 Halloween Carnival 
3	28	29	30	31	1 November PSSA	2/3
4	4	5	6 Lift Off Yr4	7 Kinder Orientation	8 PSSA	9/10
5	11	12	13	14 Kinder Orientation	15 PSSA	16/17
6	18	19	20 Captain's Speeches	21 Kinder Orientation	22 PSSA	23/24
7	25	26 Year 6 Gala day	27 Evening Performance	28 Kinder Orientation	29	30/1 Dec
8	2	3	4	5 Kinder Orientation Parents Meeting	6	7/8
9	9	10 Performance Showcase	11 Year 6 Farewell	12 Presentation Day	13	14/15 Holidays
10	16 Fun Day 	17	18 Last day for Students	19 SDD	20 SDD	21/22 Holidays 