

Toongabbie West Public School

Building Educational Success Together

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CALENDAR

7 May	Mother's Day mufti
9 May	Mother's Day stall
14 May	P&C Meeting
14-23 May	NAPLAN
20-31 May	Swim Scheme
4 June	Kindergarten excursion
10 June	Queen's Birthday
18 June	Stage 1 excursion
26 June	Athletics Carnival
5 July	Last day of Term 2

From the Principal's Desk

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Welcome back to Term 2. 2019 seems to be getting very busy, CAPA rehearsals and training is happening. The robotics club and other lunch clubs have started and students are involved and enjoying themselves. Another great term at Toongabbie West, the demountable is installed, students are in and all is going well; the library has new carpet and a new paint finish and looks really good. Now we have resuming our popular Homework Club for students who find it difficult to access computer time at home. At the club they can get support and time to make up for this. Mrs Sant is sending a note home for registering interest for this.

Sometimes I feel we are in a continuous never ending building program, this week will see fencing erected around the area where our new multi-purpose court is being installed. Bobcats and concrete trucks will be working over the next week or so. Hopefully it will be a short construction period and then our students will be able to use the area for Netball and Newcombe ball, training and games as well as an extra hard court area for recess, lunch and an extra orange light area.

Walking to school and keeping fit is something authorities are recommending to everyone. Miss Stanford is going to talk to the K to 2 classes and give everyone a sticker. If you don't walk to school with your child, please consider doing it at least one or two days a week, if you need your car to go on to work or for other good reasons, please park safely a little way from school, walk your child/ren to school to encourage them and start learning good habits about physical exercise and wellbeing. A timely reminder as you do this is to make sure you follow good road safety rules, using crossings and not crossing where cars are parked, use this as an opportunity to teach good road safety rules just in case one day you aren't there. Know they do it properly because you do it all the time.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Our numbers are steadily increasing and if you have children to enrol for 2020 please see the office and let them know, the projected school enrolments have to be sent in for planning purposes in August for 2020.



SRC NEWS

We are half way through our Silver Coin Challenge to help buy our new buddy bench and what a wonderful response we have had to this SRC initiative. There is still plenty of time to bring in your silver coins, with parents' permission, to add to our Class Money Boxes. We are looking at starting our friendship/buddy bench area soon with temporary tables and chairs. It will be an area where students will be able to go and be supported in finding a friend or groups to join with and will be available for the whole of lunch and recess.



3/4B

3/4B is a class full of enthusiasm and potential. The class is comprised of students with a range of abilities and skill sets. A typical day sees students participate in mixed ability groups and learning centres, providing them with many opportunities for social learning and development. I rarely find myself having to motivate students to share their knowledge and insights. In Term 1, the class studied the geography unit 'Where is Australia?' How interesting it was hearing the stories from the students about their travels to our Asian and Pacific regional neighbours! Term 2 will be a busy term with the upcoming NAPLAN tests and the many sporting events. I look forward to seeing what my students will achieve.

Mr B Kattic

3/4Z

3/4Z have had a busy start to the year! With 29 children there's not a moment to spare. We have gym on Monday and Mr Lavercombe has been working with us on different moves and gymnastics positions. On Thursday we have Mr

Thomas for science and library. Although we haven't been to the library in Term 1, we look forward to going to the newly refurbished library in Term 2! In Term 1, we also had the swimming carnival and cross country. We all had a go in the cross country and did our best. In class we have been busy with maths groups, HSIE, reading groups, text type writing, school magazine work, PDHPE, spelling...the list goes on!! Term 2 is looking just as busy!
Mrs Zabolotny and 3/4Z



EASTER HAT PARADE

Last week of Term 1, we had our Easter Hat Parade at our school. All the students from K-2 made and decorated their hats in class and students from 3-6 had created their own hats at home. There was such a variety of fabulous hats and the children did a marvellous job in singing and parading their beautiful hats. We had loads of fun on the day. A big thank you for all the families who generously donated Easter eggs for the Easter raffle and a very big thank you to our hardworking and dedicated P&C members for making chocolate hampers. The raffle went really well where so many students, visitors and staff won loads of chocolates.

While we were parading, the Easter bunny left delicious chocolate Easter eggs for K-2 children to enjoy. It was great to see our whole school community celebrating together and having fun. What a fabulous day!

Ms Bala



ANZAC DAY

On the 9 April I was privileged to attend the Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration Service in Hyde Park with our School Captains and Vice-Captains. Our Captains and Vice-Captains represented our school with respect and honour as they lay flowers on the steps of the memorial. A big thank you to Mr Ron Brown, who chaperoned us on behalf of the Parramatta Returned and Services League.



PBL

In Weeks 1 and 2 our new school focus is Be Safe, with a specific emphasis on 'move sensibly around the school'. Teachers are giving lessons in the classroom reminding students of this expectation and what it looks like in different contexts. For example, walk safely on the concrete, move to the left to allow others to pass you on the footpath and walk quietly in two lines so that we do not disturb the learning of other classes. Students need to follow these rules to ensure that they are being safe while moving throughout the school.

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





WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

This year we are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned. You are able to collect stickers at Woolworths from Wednesday, 1 May until 25 June, 2019. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to place on a special sticker card (available from the office). Once the sticker chart is completed, simply bring it to school and deposit it in the drop box that will be located in the front office or our schools drop box at Woolworths in Toongabbie Shopping Centre. Please remember to write our school name on the sticker sheet.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of educational resources, games and activities that will be used for our school. We are grateful for your support.

If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
Happy shopping!





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!

Thinking about time

As a parent, you can develop understanding about time by:

- Looking at parking signs and discussing the time restrictions when parking the car.
- Looking at a calendar together and marking important dates. Talk about how many days until each event.
- Using a watch with a second hand, time your child running, skipping or swimming. Count how many steps, skips, or strokes one child does in a minute. Discuss how many steps or skips could happen in three minutes.
- Having your child help set a kitchen timer or an alarm clock.
- Asking your child to make a label with the 'use by' date for meat or cooked foods that are to be frozen.



Come and try SCOUTS

at a group near you!

Scouts believe encouraging young people to **'Be Prepared'** is **more important today than ever before!**

What should you 'Be Prepared' for?
Fun, adventure, teamwork, helping other people, leadership, making friends, caring for the environment and being a positive influence in your community.

FRIENDSHIPS LEADERSHIP TEAMWORK RESILIENCE ADVENTURE

SCOUT GROUPS NEAR YOU ARE NOW ACCEPTING...

	Joey Scouts	5*-8 yrs		Cub Scouts	8-11 yrs		Scouts	11-14 yrs		Venturer Scouts	14-17 yrs		Rover Scouts	18-25 yrs		Leaders	18+ yrs		Fellowship	18+ yrs
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* 5 YEAR OLDS MUST BE ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to add variety to the lunch box

Does your child get bored with their lunchbox?

Making a few small changes can keep it interesting. Try these quick tips to add variety



- **Mix up the breads** - instead of sandwich bread try: rolls, wraps or pita pockets.
- **Fruit** provides endless possibilities for variety, pack: different coloured, fresh, whole, diced, sliced, canned or dried fruit.
- Use our **interactive lunch box builder** and get your children to choose what they would like packed in the lunch box.
- Try some new **sandwich filling ideas** - visit our website for quick, easy and tasty filling combinations.
- Check out our website for new **healthy snack ideas**.
- Cook extra for dinner and pack leftovers for lunch.

For more tips, recipes and ideas visit our **website**.

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