

# 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: 2 July 2019 Term 2 Week 10

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### CALENDAR

21 June	PSSA
3 July	Athletics Carnival POSTPONED
4 July	Fun day
5 July	Last day of Term 2
23 July	Students return

**Athletics Carnival  
POSTPONED** due to unforeseen circumstances



### From the Principal's Desk

#### DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

It is almost holiday time, please be careful if you are travelling, just staying at home for a break or being active outside. Have a great time relaxing or enjoying whatever you choose to do. Be safe and come back to school ready for a new term and ready to get straight back to learning.

Next term we will celebrate NAIDOC with activities and a performer to showcase the wonderful talents on show for NAIDOC. To anyone going to an event to celebrate this in the holidays, enjoy it, value the experience. This land of ours is full of wonderful people and their history is an important part of our lives.

Term three brings camps and excursions for stages 2 and 3. Final payments should have been made for these. We have students on a waiting list who have made full payments and are happy to fill any vacancy.

I have noticed in the K-2 Quad parents moving down towards the classrooms before 3pm. I would ask parents/carers collecting children to remain by the library seats and let the students not be distracted and possibly miss important information given by their teacher in the last minutes of the day. It might be they miss something because they are looking for you and next day they haven't come in the right clothes or with items needed for the day. It would be an unhappy child who misses out because they are distracted at this time.

Every morning it seems to be colder than the day before, as the cold weather sets in after the rainy days just gone by. These rainy days have

caused a problem at Pendle Hill H.S where damage has been done by a truck to their oval and made it unsuitable this week for our athletics carnival to proceed. The new day or organisation information will come home as soon as possible.

Children are a wonderful gift and we have to look after, guide and mentor their growth, learning and provide guidance for their future. Many articles in the news talk about letting "children being children - let them discover boundaries by themselves and taking risks to learn from". All children will need to learn what failure feels like, coping with it and bouncing back stronger and able to deal with life is a growing up process. When does this resilience start? Very early, children learn to crawl, learn to walk with some help from family but mostly on their own. Falling down just makes them get back up and be more determined to succeed. That is what failure should be, a learning to be more determined to succeed. As they go through life it doesn't change, experience is a vital tool to give them the ability to cope and understand life. The same applies to friendship groups, as children grow up they develop friendships which are based upon common interests, experiences and like-minded acquaintances. However, some children will need some guidance in relation to this process, at school our PBL rules give them boundaries and attitudes to use to play and learn from. This growing up is a child's role, to learn, experience and develop personal friendship traits and understanding. Only then will they be ready to face the challenges of life on their own making good decisions to be secure and happy in their relationships with other people.

At school we have children developing and gaining the ability to be a good friend, reliable and trustworthy towards everyone and happy in life. Our rules help and guide their pathways to take along this journey.

Please let them enjoy this experience on their own and thus learn from their mistakes, their successes and good friendships made to help them be the best and happiest person they can be.

### **WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM**

With cold weather upon us, we are intent on ensuring that our students are comfortable and warm, whilst continuing to wear full winter school uniform. This is a key factor in ensuring ongoing success and consistency at our school. It assists us to prepare our students to behave and perform at their best and serves as a crucial preparation for future settings, such as high school, where uniform requirements are extremely rigid. We very much appreciate your support in this area.

There are a large number of students who come looking for a hat because they have forgotten theirs or misplaced it. With the policy of "no hat - no play" they will have to remain in shady areas undercover during recess and lunch. In the mornings please remind them that they need to bring their school hat to school. Also attendance on excursions and sport are dependent on their having a hat!

### **COLOUR FUN RUN**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to all of our wonderful students who participated in the Colour Fun Run, contributing so significantly is really impressive and a timely reminder to us all of the wonderful spirit and sense of involvement we have here at school. On behalf of everyone at Toongabbie West P.S, **Congratulations, we are so proud of you.** Mrs Kazanas is totalling the contributions and will announce the total after the holidays.

## WONDERFUL WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

mathsstarters.net

No username or password needed.

A variety of number activities such as:

Number of the day: 10 questions based on a daily number

Bingo: Choose different number operations and play Bingo

Quick Quiz: Choose a topic and take the quiz

'Wonderful Website of the Week'.

This will equip you with a list of great websites that your child can use when they are using computer technology at home. Please always remember to talk to your children about responsible and safe use of the internet, and to avoid any social media until they can do so responsibly and with adult supervision at all times.

## Woolworths Earn and Learn

The Woolworth Earn and Learn program has now ended. I would like to say a very big thank you to all students, parents

and families who took the time to earn as many stickers as they could. Also to the P & C parents who assisted with placing boxes at

various Woolworths, collecting stickers and putting them on the charts, thank you for all your help, it is much appreciated.

If you have any stickers or charts at home could you please bring them in and place them in the green box in front office. It is now time to start counting all the sticker charts we have earned and get some amazing resources to use in the school.

Thankyou

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Principals Award:

Jaden, Danial, Avi, Shyla and Aylisha all from 3/4B.

In Week 10, our new school focus is Be Safe, with a specific emphasis on 'be in the right place at the right time'. Teachers are giving lessons in the classroom reminding students of this expectation. Teachers need to be able to locate students in case of an emergency, to ensure their safety or to relay messages and information. Students need to show the correct behaviour while moving throughout the school to ensure they move around the school in a safe and timely manner.

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





On Tuesday 18 June 2019, Stage 1 went on their excursion to Taronga Zoo Sydney. We were very lucky it did not rain and the students had a fabulous day. The kids enjoyed the bus ride asking when we are arriving many times. When we got there we split into our groups and had our crunch 'n' sip. The students were able to see many zoo animals including the tigers, elephants, giraffes and gorillas. Some students even got to pat the goats and chickens. After seeing some of the animals, students went to have lunch whilst watching the Seal Show and they were so fascinated by some of the tricks. Other students watched the Bird Show instead. The best part of the trip was our education workshop on the Dreaming. A lovely instructor led us through some dreamtime stories about Tiddalick the Frog and the Rainbow Serpent. After listening to the stories and

learning more about the Aboriginal culture and tradition, the students had the opportunity to look at the frog and even pat the blue tongue lizard and snake. It was really good to see the students get out of their comfort zones to touch these lovely reptiles. It was then time to leave, and by this time of the day the students were exhausted and tired from the days walking. What a fabulous day of learning and fun!



# The simplest way

## ... to make rainbow sushi.

### Ingredients (serves 4)

- 1 ½ cups sushi rice
- 4 tbsp sushi vinegar
- 185g can of tuna, drained
- 1 tbsp mayonnaise
- 4 nori sheets (dried seaweed)
- Veg cut into thin strips
  - ½ carrot, ¼ capsicum, ½ raw, peeled beetroot, 5cm cucumber, ½ avocado



### Method

Cook rice according to packet instructions. Fluff the rice with a fork and pour over the sushi vinegar. Stir well to combine. Spread the rice on a baking tray to cool. Mix the tuna and mayo together.

Lay a nori sheet on a bamboo sushi mat, shiny side down. With wet fingers, spread ¼ of the rice over ¾ of the sheet, leaving a ¼ of the sheet clear at the end furthest away from you. Place the tuna and veg across the rice. Using the bamboo mat, roll the sushi away from you stopping where the rice ends. Brush some water along the rice free nori and finish rolling, pressing gently to seal. Repeat with the rest of the sheets. Dip a sharp knife in water and cut the sushi into pieces.

[healthy lunchbox.com.au](http://healthy lunchbox.com.au)



# Toongabbie West Public School P&C

## Canteen

### NEW MENU STARTING IN TERM 3

Canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We will be open between 8:30 -8:45 Monday to Friday Mornings for Morning Snack.

Please note for terms 2 and 3 Canteen is open for 1<sup>st</sup> break (lunch) and closed for 2<sup>nd</sup> break (recess).

## FUNDRAISER

Order forms will be coming home soon for a new fundraiser where you are able to purchase reusable lunch order bags for use at the canteen.

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order.

## Halloween Carnival

Preparation for this year's Halloween Carnival is well underway. Stay tuned for further information coming home soon.

**Do you work for a company that would like to donate products, vouchers or would be interested in sponsorship?** Please email [twps HalloweenCarnival@gmail.com](mailto:twps HalloweenCarnival@gmail.com)

Every donation helps our school

## Calendar

Tuesday 2 July P&C Meeting

Thursday 22 August – Mufti Father's Day

Thursday 5 September – Father's Day Stall

Saturday 26 October – Halloween Carnival

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## Information for parents and carers

### ACARA Item Trial – testing NAPLAN questions

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for developing the questions ('items') for the National Assessment Program, which includes NAPLAN.

Your child's school has been selected to participate in this year's Item Trial.

#### What is an 'Item Trial'?

The point of the Item Trial is to evaluate *potential* questions (which we call 'items') for use in future NAPLAN tests.

#### About the Item Trial

- Schools are carefully selected to ensure that a range of student backgrounds and abilities is represented.
- The Item Trial is being held in approximately 440 schools across Australia between **Monday 29 July** and **Friday 16 August 2019**.
- The Item Trial is about testing the **questions**, not about testing your child, or their ability. No information that identifies your child will be collected and your child's results are not reported.
- Your child will sit two Item Trial tests. These will be, for example, a Reading and a Numeracy test; a Reading and a Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) test; a Numeracy and a Conventions of Language test; or two Writing tests.
- The tests will be administered at the school by trained test supervisors. Where tests are online, your child will use the device that they use for everyday classroom activities, such as a desk-based computer, a laptop, or a tablet.
- All selected students are expected to participate in the Item Trial, unless they have been exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests. If you have questions about your child's participation, please raise these with your school.

ACARA appreciates the participation of your child in the Item Trial. Your child's involvement and the results from the trial will help ACARA ensure that NAPLAN tests are valid, reliable and fair for all students.

Further information about NAPLAN is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)