

# Toongabbie West Public School

## Building Educational Success Together

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### Newsletter: 5 February 2019 Term 1 Week 2

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## CALENDAR

12 Feb	Meet the teacher
19 Feb	P&C AGM
27 Feb	Swim carnival
7 Mar	Zone Swim carnival
12 Mar	P&C Meeting
12 Mar	Regional Swim carnival
19 Mar	Cross country carnival
2 Apr	Parent/ Teacher interviews
3 Apr	School photos
9 Apr	P&C Meeting
12 Apr	Last day of term

## From the Principal's Desk

### DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break enjoying time spent with family and friends. We are all very excited about the new plans, activities and programs for Toongabbie West in 2019 and are looking forward to working with our parents and families to continue to develop the 'whole child'.

Life is a journey,  
which paths we take.  
What we look back on,  
and what we look  
forward to, is up to us.

We determine our destination.

What kind of road  
we will take to get there,  
and how happy we are  
when we arrive.

As I've said many times, Toongabbie West is a wonderful school with dedicated teachers and staff and happy and hardworking students who love coming to school. The journey they take depends on them, their support from family and the effort and the attitude they bring to school each day. I want every child to perform to the best of their ability, no matter what that ability is; academic, sporting or creative. Toongabbie West will give them the building material to build with. How long the road they build will depend on them.

We welcome back all our families, and extend a special welcome to all new students at Toongabbie West, including those who will be learning English as their second language while they are here. I expect a settled, productive year in 2019. It is really good to see all of our students return this week and the smiles on the faces of our new Kindergarten children is a pleasure to see and indicates that they are enjoying their new role in big school.

### Staffing and student numbers

The increasing numbers at Toongabbie West means that we have begun 2019 with 12 mainstream classes ( one more than 2018 ) and 3 Hearing Support classes. This is a tribute to the excellent reputation we have and truly reflects our focus on academic excellence, equity, values and innovation.

With a new year brings new challenges, staff changes and setting learning targets for 2019. To support our school, there are many ways you can help, joining the P&C, assisting if possible in many roles around the school, especially in the canteen if you have some time to spare. The resources which the school uses cost a



large part of our school funding. Parental support and help make a large difference and I would ask and encourage you to help us to provide many of the extra learning resources to assist in the classroom to enhance every child's learning by assisting with or joining in any fundraising at school.

Until the end of this week as we see new enrolments arrive and discover some students have moved, we will be unable to confirm classes for 2019, until then the classes will be temporary due to changes in numbers and class changes brought about as a result of number fluctuations. The placement of students into classes has been a major undertaking our teachers completed late last year and again double checked this year. Careful consideration was given to academic success, behavioural concerns and requests.

Over the years, I have seen many parents express concern over their child's ability to establish friendships in their new class groups. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to develop their resiliency and risk taking skills within a safe environment.

It is normal for a child to express sadness at not being in the same class as their old "best" friend, but encourage them to maintain that friendship in the playground and after school whilst establishing some new relationships. Talk to your child about ways to make new friends at school.

Toongabbie West in 2019 will seek to extend the hard work and continue to see our school continue to grow in quality of educational achievements and also in the good reputation it is further developing in the local area. I was extremely proud to see so many students in full school uniform in 2018, the impression this gives visitors gains wonderful compliments and allows our students to say they represent a "Great School". Please continue to support our school. Thank you to all those parents last year who chose to send their children to school appropriately dressed.

As we go through the year there will be many challenges facing us, changes will happen, government policies will become fact and staff and parents will have to come to terms with their implications. As I get information about these changes I will pass them on to our school community to keep you informed and able to understand why and how these changes are happening and the impact they will have on our school.

#### **SCHOOL CAR PARK**

**The boom gate is now in operation, only authorised vehicles are allowed access from 7.30am to 3.30pm. The safety of students is our priority and car parks, moving vehicles and children are not a good mix. Please do not try and follow in a car which has access, the boom gate may come down and any damages are at your risk, as well as repairs to the barrier itself.**

One of my first priorities this year is to continue to incorporate technology throughout our school. Robotics and coding technology aspects are now a part of the school curriculum. Mr Thomas and Ms Katz will continue to challenge students to learn this new knowledge.

With camps in 2019 I would ask parents to start paying them off in order to avoid a large bill the week or so before the final payment date, please send in any payments to the office.

Our Swimming Carnival is coming up shortly, letters will come home and need to be returned as soon as possible, our apologies for the short notice but the time frame of Zone Carnivals always makes this a

short notice activity.

Ms Katz is arranging for a note to go home to those students who are able to swim 50 metres and wish to swim in the carnival. Only swimmers who are competent swimmers will be eligible to enter. All students attending need to have a signed permission note and payment.

**PSSA** will begin again this term and trials will start shortly. Any information needed can be obtained from Mr Kattic. Watch out for letters coming home.

Later in the term notes will be coming home regarding the Swim School dates and information for students who either cannot swim and would like to learn ( a really important skill especially with the number of drownings occurring this last year ) or children who would like to improve their swimming skills.

#### **CANTEEN**

There will be NO canteen operating due to the canteen renovations which are almost complete, but final touches and then cleaned ready for opening. Hopefully in the next week or so.

The Toongabbie West canteen runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday: with the menu options designed to be healthy and fun for our kids.

The canteen is run completely by volunteers and any profits go back into the school. Without volunteers to work on the canteen we won't be able to open.

Volunteering in the canteen is a fun way to be involved at school for your child. All new volunteers are trained by an experienced volunteer and it's a great way for your children to see you involved with school.

If you can volunteer or have any questions please contact the office and your details will be passed on to the canteen coordinators.

#### **PBL NEWS**

Toongabbie West PS and the Positive Behaviour for Learning committee are excited to begin a new year building on the fantastic work we accomplished last year. For weeks 1 and 2 in Term 1, TWPS will be focussing on **Being Resilient** with a specific emphasis on 'be flexible with change'. Teachers are giving lessons in the classroom reminding students of this expectation and what it looks like in different contexts. For example, students are learning to be flexible and cope with all the changes happening with the new year. This year, we will continue to feature information and PBL award winners in our display case located between the office and library and in the school newsletter. Be sure to take a look!

#### **SEVEN HILLS / WENTWORTHVILLE PSSA ZONE TRIALS**

On Friday 15 and 22 February 2019 our Zone will be holding Zone Representative trials for a number of sports. These trials are held to select teams to represent our Zone at the Sydney West PSSA Championships. Children can trial for multiple sports on the same day if chosen.

List of sports and coaches:

##### **Week 3 - Friday 15 February**

Rugby League (11yrs & Opens) Scott Laidlaw (Beresford Rd) 9.30 - 11.30am

Netball Lucy Allen (Kings Langley) 9.30 - 11.30am

Touch Football - Girls TBC 10.30 - 11.30am

Touch Football - Boys Anthony Moyes (CCPS) 10.30 - 11.30am

Soccer - Boys Pablo Gonzales (Lynwood Park) 10.30 - 12.00pm



Soccer - Girls Michael Howe (Toongabbie) 9.30 - 11.00am

#### **Week 4 - Friday 22 February**

AFL Jo Lobb (Beresford Rd) 9.30 - 11.00am

Basketball - Girls - Mary Costello / Cameron Duraisamy (Toongabbie) 10.00 - 12.00pm

Basketball - Boys - David Hayman (Kings Langley) 10 - 12.00pm

Softball - Girls Sarah Wickens (CPPS) 9.30 - 11.00am

Softball - Boys Matthew McDonald (Vardys Rd) 9.30am - 11.00am

Cricket - Boys Cathy Ryan (Lalor Park) 9.30 - 11.30am

Venue: Binalong Oval / Toongabbie Public School

Basketball to meet at Binalong Reserve before heading to Toongabbie Public School

Tennis - Toby Hynes (Quakers Hill PS) has distributed Info. Date is Wednesday 27 February from 8.30am - 12.00pm. Venue - Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope Gardens. \$5.00 per student.

It is our Zone's policy that we only send children who are talented athletes in these sports.

Throughout the year, there will be an opportunity to trial for various sports e.g. golf, tennis, hockey, rugby union etc. If your child is talented at one of the above sports, please contact the Sports Coordinator (Mr Kattic) for further details and to receive a permission note. Please be aware that this note will need to be returned to the school before the day of the trial and signed by the Sports Coordinator or Principal, so that your child is able to attend the trial.



## **Tuesday: Toongabbie West Public-School**

Time: 5.20pm - 6.20pm or 6.30pm - 7.30pm



**Weeknight Classes** run Monday through Thursday for a 1hr period. In this time students, will undertake a variety of form techniques, stretches, punching and kicking techniques all in a safe and empowering atmosphere.

**Saturday Mornings** have two classes, the first is available to all students while the second is an advanced class for Brown Belts and above.

**Morgan Products** We also supply boxing, fitness and training equipment from gloves and bags to complete boxing rings and everything in-between.

**Facebook and Instagram**, we are on Facebook, Instagram and host our own YouTube channel all under the name **Power with Purpose**. You will find information about the club and Taekwondo in general, from club photographs, videos and inspirational talks from us and other talented martial artists.

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# Toongabbie West Public School P&C

Term 1, Week 2, 2019

## CANTEEN CLOSED

### Until further notice due to renovations

We are excited by all the works being completed to expand our canteen. Unfortunately renovations have taken a little longer than expected.

We look forward to your orders in 2019 once we reopen.

In the meantime, if you are not already, while you wait for us to reopen, you can make sure you are registered for our online ordering at [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)



Can you help us? We are looking for a local accountant. If you know of anyone can you please pass their details onto the P&C, as soon as possible?

[twpandc@gmail.com](mailto:twpandc@gmail.com)

## P&C Calendar

P&CAGM Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Tuesday 19 February, 7pm, School Library

P&C Meeting Tuesday 12 March, 7pm, School Library

P&C Meeting Tuesday 9 April, 7pm, School Library



## UNIFORM SHOP

*Open Thursday 8.45am – 9.15am*

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