

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.

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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,
please email toongabwst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and include your child's name and class.

CALENDAR

19 Feb	Mufti Day, \$2 gold coin donation
25 Feb	Meet the Teacher
26 Feb	Swim Carnival
28 Feb	Summer PSSA starts
5 Mar	Zone Swim Carnival
19 Mar	Regional Swim Carnival
25 Mar	School Photos Day
3 Apr	Summer PSSA ends
9 Apr	Last day of Term 1

From the Principal's Desk

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Firstly may I welcome back to the school all students, staff, parents and friends of the school. 2020 has begun with the feeling that the holidays did not happen, with both the start of the new decade and 2010 I would like to say that I am pleased to be back at Toongabbie West. It is with pleasure that I greet all parents, student's staff and the community which supports our great school here at Toongabbie West. We have many challenges ahead of us and also many celebrations to share and opportunities of which to take advantage. Students at Toongabbie West Public School are the purpose for our time and efforts here, we must all work together to ensure that every opportunity is taken to strive for the best teaching and learning at the school. This includes parents / carers who were after all the first 'teachers' our students had for the initial years of their lives. The staff at Toongabbie West have been working hard to get classrooms and programs ready, it is an exciting time and the effort we all put in reflects on the outcomes which the students achieve.

NOTE:

When filling out permission notes and envelopes, please remember to write your child's full name, class and reason for payment.

Thank you.





The last decade saw a large number of changes here at school, a few are:

The Time Capsule opening and celebrating 50 years of our wonderful school, demountables arriving because more children and parents are choosing to come to our school, the netball/multi-purpose court being installed after a number of years hard work fundraising, Tassies Retreat being competed, the Friendship garden being constructed, our great new mural to provide some great visual vistas and the Library being refurbished and expanded to provide more room for students to engage in both technology and the use of books. Interactive boards being installed into every classroom to enhance learning visuals and interrogative experiences, computers and iPads in every class. The list seems to go on and on, but every new development is for the benefit of teaching and learning at our school, they are all related to fundraising by the school and also our wonderful P&C parents through their efforts. We really are a great community who see success and confidence including fun as the end outcome of all the great developments. WELL DONE.

We are planning more for this term, watch this space or other spaces for new resources, information and pictures.

It was with absolute horror and amazement that I watched the bushfires burning our great country, the heartbreak and sorrow of the people in the



towns devastated brought tears to my eyes, with their plight and needs in mind, it has been decided that we will fundraise to assist schools who lost everything, also to support the wildlife who have been so badly hurt. On Wednesday 19 February we will be holding an 'Aussie for a day' mufti day. Students should wear the Australian or similar colours and bring to school a \$2 Gold Coin donation to help. There will also be a disco at a later date, to assist with this great cause as well.

It seems to be a year of challenges with the Coronavirus also impacting on all countries around the world, hopefully it will decrease in the impact it is having on communities soon. In the meantime please be aware that regular updates from the NSW Dept of Education or the Health Dept will be sent home as we receive them. With the start of the new school year, there are a few areas I would like to talk about in order to assist in a safe and learning focused approach to school. The start of the day is most important and it is essential that students settle down quickly and on time to get the best from lessons given. As well, students entering rooms after the day's lessons have started disturb other student's work and disrupt class routines. I realise, that on some occasions, events occur beyond our control causing lateness but I would appreciate your efforts in ensuring that students are at school by 8.55am each day, ready to assemble or go into class to start their learning.

Sometimes it becomes necessary for a change to be made to the travel or pick up arrangements for your child / children after school. Please advise the office prior to the end of school, to ensure the safety of any children concerned.

Safety at school is critical but no more than when students are travelling to and from school, or even just out for a walk. I try and speak to parents who are allowing their children to cross at unsafe points on the way to school. But, also not to wait at the Derbyshire Rd park for parents to collect them after school, it has been an area where a number of children have been hurt in accidents because of being unsupervised. It is vital that children are taught the appropriate and correct ways to cross the road, there are too many occasions where parents forget their child is fragile and cars are not.....





LISTENING Campaign Article 1

"Having emotional skills is as important as learning to read and write."
And yet sometimes life can get busy and we don't make the time.

So make the time to join our school in the Family Connect challenge this year as we invite all our teachers and families to set our students up for success and protect their positive mental health. Each term we will introduce a new skill. It will be focused on in the classroom, plus we give you the opportunity to practice it as a family at home



Friendly Parenting Tips

Tip # 1

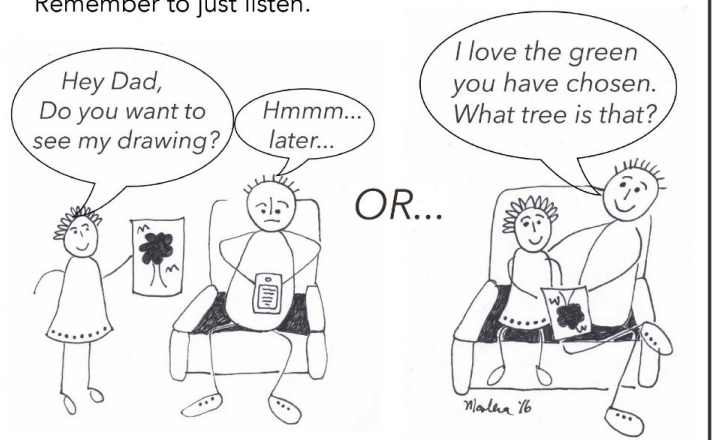
Spend regular one-on-one time with your child/ren, preferably with your mobile phone off.

Why is this good for your child?

It is a great way to increase your connection and make them feel an important part of the family. Children love to feel special.

Try this...

When you're in the car, turn off the radio and talk or sing a song. Start by sharing a story from your day, then ask them to share a story from their day. Remember to just listen.



Nutrition Snippet

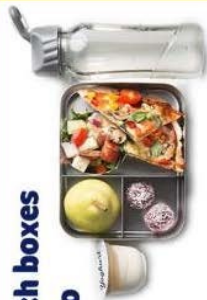


The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.



We are very excited to bring you our new look [healthy lunch box website](http://healthy.lunchbox.com.au) that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as **easy to freeze and quick and easy** recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

You can sign up to the [Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter](http://healthy.lunchbox.com.au) for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](http://healthy.lunchbox.com.au)

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'MEET THE TEACHER' INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tuesday 25 February 2020

We would love you to join us for our 'Meet the Teacher' information sessions.

A variety of general topics will be covered in the sessions, as well as information specific to each stage. Each session will run for approximately 30 minutes.

There will be Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (3-way conferences) on **Tuesday 31 March 2020**, where students' individual progress will be discussed with their teacher during appointed times. More information will be provided later in the term.

Kindergarten: KB, KL, K/1H (Kinder only)	4:00pm in KL's room
Hearing Support: HR, HG, HM	4:00pm in HM's room
Stage 1: K/1H (Yr 1 only), 1/2A, 1/2E, 1/2H, 1/2S	4:30pm in the Library
Stage 2: 3/4K, 3/4Z, 4/5B (Yr 4 only)	5:00pm in 3/4K's room
Stage 3: 4/5B (Yr 5 only), 5/6T, 5/6S	5:30pm in 5/6S's room

This evening is just for adults. If you can organise a babysitter, you will be better able to relax and absorb the information about our school and your child's class.

We hope to see you there.

Mr Firth
Principal