

# 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: 29th July 2020 Term 3 Week 2

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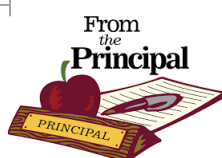
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## CALENDAR

4th July	3-6 Cross Country Carnival Closed event due to COVID-19
1st September	School Photos Day
5th November	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation day
12th November	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation day
19th November	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation day
26th November	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation day
3rd December	Kindergarten 2021 Parent Orientation night

## From the Principal's Desk

### DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



From the Principal

Welcome back to a very different school term again, whilst I think there was an increasing sense of optimism in our community with reference to the pandemic as Term 2 came to an end, recent events in Melbourne and the development of COVID-19 clusters in Sydney have had a sobering effect. The situation is fragile and high-level restrictions may return. This level of uneasy concern and caution is likely to be our experience for months and perhaps years to come. Whilst we can be very thankful that we are not experiencing the full weight of the pandemic, it will be a burden for us.

There is always some good news and I would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Kattic and welcome their new baby daughter, a silver lining in this sometimes dismal news time.

### ARRIVING AND LEAVING SCHOOL

The school will continue to operate under the same conditions as we had in place at the end of last term. All entry to the school will be limited to students, staff and essential services. The gates are reopened and students are able to use them as they move straight to their classrooms in the mornings.

Parents are requested to not move onto the school grounds unless really necessary, and to go straight to the office and not to go to the class or a teacher.

To minimise congestion each afternoon, we will continue with the established afternoon pick up sequence. Remember social distancing and all the rules which we have been following around school for what seems so long, but they are vital to follow in order to avoid our school community becoming a news item.

At this stage, we will not be starting our Monday morning assemblies, nor the usual whole school assembly. This will be reviewed as new advices are given to us from the state government and changes made if needed.

## STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

-Student School banking will be processed this term.

Students can place their bank book in the office letter box each Tuesday morning.

The students will continue to be instructed and reminded to practice good hygiene, to maintain physical distance where possible and practical, and to be conscious of the need for responsible behaviour. Parental reinforcement of these messages will be invaluable, as will ensuring that your child does not attend school if they are unwell. I have noticed a few children are having more days off than normal, this is to be avoided (unless they are unwell), Home School Liaison staff will be following up on students not attending school.

### EDUCATION WEEK

Education week is usually a time where we have a lot of interaction with parents and families. With the restrictions placed upon us at the moment, classes are putting together snapshot media clips which will be put on our website for viewing. There will be celebrations later in the term about book week and Literacy and Numeracy week, hopefully by then we will have a different arrangement for parent interactions and allowable presence at school.

### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The school executive team have recently commenced planning for our 2021 - 2024 school plan, now called, 'School Excellence in Action'. Only initial steps have so far been taken and down the track we will be looking for input from the entire school staff and community.

As a part of this it is vital that we have an idea of numbers for 2021.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 are now due. If you have a child or know of someone with a child starting school next year, please complete an enrolment form and return to the school office as soon as convenient. If your child is not returning please inform us of this as well. Classes for 2021 numbers are needed to allocate students to determine staffing needs.

### DYMOCKS BOOKS

At Toongabbie West Public School, we know that books can change lives. Our school library is a really important part of our community.

The Parramatta and Warringah Mall Dymocks shops raised \$2,115 to provide the initial funding. Dymocks Children's Charities matched that amount to provide us with a Library Regeneration program to the value of \$4,230.

Our school selected books from a catalogue of quality titles to make sure we receive the books best suited to the needs of the students of Toonie West.

We would like to say thank you to Perry and Shylee and the staff of Parramatta and Warringah Mall Dymocks shops for their support. Thank you to Dymocks Children's Charity for their generous program. Their mission is to promote a love of reading and improve literacy outcomes for all Australian children. We love our new books, thank you Dymocks!



### CLASS LIBRARY LESSONS FOR TERM 3

Please remember to bring your library books back on your allocated day.

Monday- HG, 5/6S, K/1H.

Tuesday- 1/2A, KB, 5/6T, 1/2S.

Wednesday- 1/2H, KL, 4/5B.

Thursday- HM, 3/4K.

Friday- 1/2E, 3/4Z.

### CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The annual cross-country carnival for our students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year.

On the day, we will be selling packets of chips and poppers to raise funds for our school sporting activities this year.

A packet of chips and a popper will be \$2.00.

**Please bring money on the day.**



# Get involved in the School Banking program.

Toongabbie West Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help young Australians practice good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking will earn an exciting reward everytime they reach 10 deposits.

The rewards available during 2020 are:

- Terry Denton's Activity Book
- Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)
- Treetop Stationery Set
- Treetop Handball
- Tomato Seed Kit
- Magic Mist Drink Bottle
- Emoji Wallet
- Snakes & Ladders Game



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

## Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

### 1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](https://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

### 2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

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**Notification of Absence by Parent/Carer**

Name of Student:

Class:

Date/s of Absence:

Reason for Absence:

☐ Sickness

☐ Family reasons

☐ Other reasons (Please State)

Signed/Notified by:

Date:

**Enrolling Students for 2021**

Please return to the school office if you are planning on enrolling a student in Kindergarten in 2021 and have not yet contacted the office.

OR please pass on this information if you know of someone who has a child of the appropriate age and is interested in enrolling them at this school.

Children must have turned 5 years old by 31 July 2021 in order to be eligible to commence school in January 2021.

Child's Name:

Date of Birth:

Parent's Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Other Information:

**Students not returning in 2021**

Please return this slip if your child is **not returning at all** to Toongabbie West Public School (not including Year 6 students) 2021

My child .....

of class ..... will  
not be returning to Toongabbie West Public School in 2021.

Because .....

Signed: Parent/Guardian .....

Date: .....

**Students returning late in 2021**

Please return if your child is returning to Toongabbie West Public School **after the commencement of Term 1.**

My child .....

of class ..... will  
be returning late to Toongabbie West Public School on (date): .....

Because .....

Signed: Parent/Guardian .....

Date: .....