

Toongabbie West Public School

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Newsletter: 8th September 2020 Term 3 Week 8

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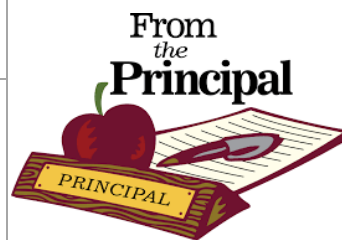
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CALENDAR

22nd September	Book Character Parade
25th September	Last day of Term 3
12th October	School resumes for Term 4

From the Principal's Desk

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



From
the
Principal

COVID 19

Thank you for continuing to be aware of and follow NSW Health advice in regard to COVID and local venues, and if contacted by

NSW Health follow their advice.

At school, we are still asking parents not to be on site, except for the office area.

SCHOOL GROUNDS - ARRIVALS & DISMISSALS

It is very important that parents follow our clear advice not to congregate at school. Teachers supervise students from 8:30am each morning in the classrooms. While normally it is okay for parents to wait for class to start, at the moment parents and other visitors are not permitted into the school grounds of a morning, executive staff are on duty to speak at the school entrances if you need to pass on anything. This decision has been made in line with health and Department of Education advice.

In order to help with this, **it is vital that parents follow the physical distancing requirements.** In the morning, parents are to drop their children at the gate and not enter the school grounds. We have considered applying this same instruction to the afternoon pick-ups, but we have a number of concerns including parents congregating at gates and the safety of children, particularly those in younger grades, leaving the school



grounds unaccompanied. As such, we are relying on our parents to do the right thing. Parents of students know the area to collect their child from. Please do not come on to the school grounds until 2.50pm and please maintain physical distancing while waiting for your children and then leave the school promptly upon collecting them.

We are able to pass on messages or items to your children.

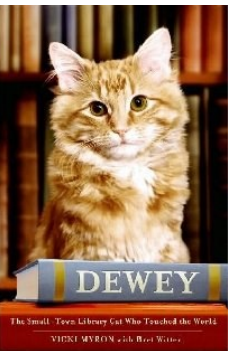
If you need to collect your child for any reason please call the office to inform them of your coming.

Safety for everyone is everyone's concern. If you have any cold like symptoms - coughing, sneezing, runny nose: - please stay at home and consider a test if these continue.

If a student is absent sick for any reason which might be CoVid19 related, then they must get tested, if any child is sent home with a reason which might be CoVid19 related, then they must get tested. Information about any tests should be passed on to school and evidence of a negative provided before a child returns to school.

EVENTS COMING UP

The department will be shortly advising us of any changes to plans for the rest of the year, hopefully good news on the Year 6 farewell, but most probably not good news on the Stage 3 Camp. More information will be sent out as soon as we receive confirmation.



On Tuesday 22nd September we will have our Virtual Character Parade, this will be put up on our website as quickly as possible for parents to watch and enjoy. Please begin to get your wonderful costumes ready.

HALLOWEEN

Normally at this time we would be really busy planning for our awesome Halloween Carnival, alas this year it has become a casualty of the limitations we are living with. BUT - we are planning a special Friday on the 30th October, not a carnival but a time where all students can come dressed to school as a representative of the Halloween celebrations, ghouls, gremlins, and grotties

KINDERGARTEN 2021

Toongabbie West Public School prides itself in delivering quality programs to students in a warm, caring learning environment. Our teachers are professional, caring and committed to teaching students a broad and balanced curriculum across the key learning areas. We pride ourselves on catering for the individual learning needs of all children.

If you have a sibling, or someone you know who has a child who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2021 (turning 5 before 31 July 2021) please start the enrolment process or encourage your neighbour to do so as soon as possible. Applications can be obtained either from the school office or from the school website.

2021-2024 School Planning Cycle

Over the next three terms our school will be writing our new school plan. We are starting with a whole school situational analysis of what we will do well and areas we need to improve in. This plan will drive teacher professional development and programs across the school over the next four years. Students, staff and parents will all have the opportunity to provide feedback on what we are doing well, where we can improve and what they would like to see included in the next school plan. This will begin with the "Tell Them From Me" survey coming up for selected year groups of students and for parents /teachers.

APPROACHING OTHER CHILDREN

NO parent/carer should directly approach another person's child. If you do need to discuss issues concerning your child, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance and then to the Assistant Principal who has direct responsibility for supporting and supervising the classes, students and staff. The school will deal with issues between students in line with the schools policies.

In very rare cases, where people are wishing to express concerns, and do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the *Inclosed Lands Act* to:

- Direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
- Call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
- Withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the principal.
- Seek further legal avenues.

There is also legislation and department policies regarding Child Protection and Parents Code of Conduct issues which have to be obeyed, this is not an option and no parent should approach another student to discuss or intimidate them about an incident at school.

CHECK-IN ASSESSMENT

This year, Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Term 3 and Term 4 2020.

The *check-in assessment* is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3 and Year 5 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The *check-in assessments* can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

CHARACTER PARADE

Toongabbie West Public School is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the Character Parade on **Tuesday 22nd September, Week 10, Term 3**, as part of TWPS Literacy Week. There will be changes this year, due to social distancing restrictions.

Parents and carers are not permitted to attend the parade, however photographs and videos will be available to view on our school website.

Students are encouraged to come to school as a character from any text including picture books, novels, graphic novels, films, TV shows and games. Teachers are planning teaching and learning activities focusing on literacy throughout Week 10. We are all looking forward to a really fun week celebrating literacy in our school.

What: TWPS Character Parade

When: Tuesday 22nd September, Week 10, 2020

What to wear: a character costume



Toongabbie West Public School

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

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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:

Character Parade



**Tuesday
22 September
2020**



**Our
students
will be
parading
around the
school.**

- ◆ As part of our school's literacy celebration we will be holding a character parade.
- ◆ Students may come to school dressed as a character from either print or visual texts.
- ◆ Unfortunately the parade this year is only for the students at our school.
- ◆ Videos of the parade will be posted on our website.



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