

# Toongabbie Public School

Friday 2 March 2018  
Volume 5



## Dates to Remember:

8 Mar—Zone Swimming Carnival  
12 Mar—P & C Meeting  
22 Mar—School Photos  
27 Mar—Parent Teacher Inter-views  
29 Mar—Pedlar's Parade  
30 Mar—Good Friday P H  
2 Apr—Easter Monday P H  
6 Apr—Term 1 Disco  
9 Apr—P & C Meeting  
13 Apr—Last day of Term 1

## P S S A—Summer

### Week 6

**Newcombe Ball @ TPS**  
**Cricket @ Binalong Oval**  
**AFL @ Binalong Oval**  
**T-Ball @ Grantham Res**  
**Softball @ Grantham Res**

## Notes

- 4-6 Orienteering
- P & C Movie Night
- Peter Wynn's Eels 7's Tournament

## Principal's Report - Craig Brown

### STAFF NEWS

Mrs Bownds has been on leave since week 2. She has had a double knee replacement and doing really well. We have missed her enthusiasm and expertise and look forward to welcoming her back sometime around April 13<sup>th</sup>. all going well. I can't wait to see her new mobile self. Mrs Bownds continues to keep in contact with the school and will return as our Assistant Principal responsible for Stage 1 supervision. I would like to thank Mrs Jenny Paton who has been doing a great job as Relieving AP.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM

Our school representatives will be competing this Thursday at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. A full report on how we go should be in our next newsletter. I look forward to watching our students compete. Good luck kids!

### GETTING TO KNOW STAFF: THE OFFICE STAFF

We have a dedicated team who provides the support and communication needed to run a large school. These ladies will in many cases be your first point of contact with the school.

Our **School Administrative Manager** is Mrs Ann Miles. Mrs Miles is responsible for the finance and administration of the school.

Our **School Support Officers** are Mrs Shanti Freeman and Mrs Irene Russell. Mrs Freeman will most likely be the first person you meet. She works behind the front counter, answers the phone and assists parents with their queries. Mrs Russell receipts the payments for excursions and school activities as well as photocopying and assisting where necessary. We also have Mrs Jenny Tucker who is currently working on Friday. Mrs Tucker takes the front counter and is responsible for the publication of our newsletter. This year we have welcomed Mrs Martina Fletcher to our school. Mrs Fletcher is our **Business Manager** and works with administrative staff and senior executive.

### Library Monitors 2018

Congratulations to Maahir Ahmed, Manasvi Boocha, Lauren Brooks, Emil Burki, Angus Cho, Ethan Gale, Keely Gannon, Snehi Nadoda, Mischa Naicker, Ayva Quitto, Kashvi Rajath, Mayuri Raveendranathan and Milaya Sriram Vinaya. These students were presented with their badges at today's assembly. I would like to thank these students for their support. I am confident they will do a great job and make our library a wonderful place for all our students.

### The Selective High School Placement Test

The Selective high School Placement Test is held in NSW test centres on **15 March 2018**. Advice about where students are to go to sit the test has been **emailed** to applicants on **1 March 2018**.

**Harmony Day Wednesday 21 March 2018:** Since 1999, Harmony Day has been an Australian Government initiative. It is managed by the Department of Social Services. Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 March each year and allows schools to celebrate our cohesive, culturally diverse society and promote inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The theme for Harmony Day 2018 is "**Racism. No Way!**" Mrs Neasey, our wonderful EAL/D teacher will be coordinating activities for the students over the next three weeks. Students will be invited to come wearing something orange on the day to highlight the important message behind this day. Simple ways for students to participate are to wear an orange ribbon or bracelet. You can even get some orange crepe paper to tie around your wrist. The object is not to go to any great expense!

### Arrive before 5- to-9 and you'll be on time!

A lot has been written about not getting to school too early, however, there is another side. The first part of the school day is most important and it is essential that students are here on time to get the best from the lessons given. Students who enter rooms after the day's lessons have started disturb other students' work and disrupt class routines.

### **Student Attendance**

Student attendance and punctuality is important and helps to ensure students continue to learn as best they can. In line with our own school targets for school attendance:

Parents will be involved in the following ways:

When a student is absent for three consecutive days and the school has not been contacted, the classroom teacher will phone parent/carer to determine the reason for the absence.

If an absence remains unexplained 5 school days after the child has returned to school, the classroom teacher will send home a request that the absence/s be explained.

We seek your assistance in improving attendance outcomes for our students and with them, learning outcomes.

### **Exemption from Attendance**

In the case of students of compulsory school age, applications for student leave in excess of fifteen days in a twelve month period must be considered as applications for exemption from school attendance. Parents must make written application, via the school.

### **New School Fence**

Over the coming weeks work will commence on our new security fence. A temporary fence will be set up. Work is expected to take a few weeks. We will talk to students about safe pedestrian behaviour during this time but please discuss with your child the importance of slowing down and taking note of the changing environment during this time. Emphasise and model the safest place to cross the busy roads around our school are at the lights and the crossing.

Please talk about being careful around the IGA carpark as I have noticed an increase in traffic since returning to school this year.

## **Deputy Principal's Report - Bruce Francis**

### **BUZZ Award Winners**

Betheny MASSEY, Kavish PATEL, Kalolaine FAKAFANUA KD, Rohan TORSVIK KANE, Jack GALE, Ashleigh BURKE KE, Annalie DABINETT, Ajitesh SANGER, James HIGGINS KJ, Emmett PARSONS, Dominic KOZAKIEWICZ, Adelyn KARI KR, Saraniya PRABAHARAN, Daniel MINOR, Halle STEEP KS, Lucy SAVAGE, Joden KOGULARAJAH, Elyza VANDENBOVENKAMP 1-2P, Finn COLVILLE, Oliver LEE, Aanya NARAYAN 1G, Swara DUDHAT, Aashi PATEL, Smaira NARULA 1K, Arjay PATEL, Rebecca HOGAN, Zoe TATTAM 1S, Haley PHILLIPSON, Lilly WILLIAMSON, Jashan PELIA 2H, Charlie ATKINSON, Ruby KIM, Michael HAVEA 2O, Kavya NADODA, Fergus CHO, Shangari PRABAHARAN 2S, Blake COTTAM, Jasmine HEAD, Peter PEI 3J, Jordan JOSEPH, Sahana PATEL, Mia DUCKMANTON 3K, Samantha PRENTICE, Chloe WUILLEMIN, Liam VELLA 3T, Hannah ELKIN, Jeron JOSEPH, Rose MORRIS 4M, Eloise WEGENER, Ragavee CHARANGAN, Alwyn PATEL 4P, Zoe LEE, Amariah REGOZO, Katrina DOAN 4S, Joseph CHEIKHA-DOUAIHY, Jonathan SARAYAR, Haneka KUMARATHAS 5H, Abbie NEAL, Charlie DIASINOS, Violet WOBCKE 5M, Leanne CHO, JD MORRIS-LIN, Jenesis SABINE 5W, Jonathan WANG, Annabelle THOMSON, Athira VARUGHES 6C, Mischa NAICKER, Maahir AHMED, Madeleine BROWN 6D, Emilia GIOIELLO, Mackayla DIASINOS, Ethan GALE 6M

### **Going on a family holiday**

It is always preferred that families take their holidays during the designated vacation dates. If this can not happen, schools may record leave for students who have provided an explanation of the absence as being due to travel in Australia and overseas which has been accepted by the principal. The 'L' code will be used. 'L' standing for leave.

An Application for Extended Leave – Travel should be completed by the parent and provided to the principal in cases of extended absence due to travel with family such as family holiday. Leave is included as absence for statistical purposes.

Exemptions cannot be granted retrospectively.

### **Protecting our Children from the risk of Depression and Anxiety**

Evidence indicates that parents can play a major role in building their child's resilience against problems with mood and anxiety.

Dr Marie Yap, a Senior Research Fellow and Psychologist from Monash University is evaluating a new online parenting program designed to empower parents with strategies to parent with confidence and stay connected with their pre-teen child.

To find out more, or to register to participate in the study, please go to [www.parentingresilientkids.com](http://www.parentingresilientkids.com)

## P&C and Parent Auxiliary

### **P&C DATES 2108**

09-Mar - Outdoor Family Movie Night

12-Mar – P&C General Meeting

29-Mar - Pedlars' Parade

06-Apr – Term 1 Disco

### **TPS P&C ASSOCIATION**

The next P&C General Meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. All members of the school community are welcome to attend and new members are always welcome. There are no obligations placed on attendees, but this is a great forum for parents and carers to get involved in the school and stay informed.

Any items that you would like to see added to the agenda for this meeting need to be received by 5pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please email [toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com](mailto:toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com)

### **P&C EVENT – FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018 OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

#### **ONLY 7 DAYS TO GO! DON'T MISS IT!**

Preferred ticket sales method is via Flexischools.com.au

However, cash payment CORRECT MONEY in an envelope can be taken to the CANTEEN.

Tickets will be \$5 per person, capped at \$20 per immediate family.

A Value Meal Deal is available which includes a sausage sandwich, a drink, pop corn and a Streets Cornetto for just \$6 per person. To get this fantastic deal though you must pre-order. Items will be available for sale separately on the night.

The movie was chosen by a vote from the TPS students. This event is a great family night out and a fantastic way to get to know other TPS families.

Bring the picnic rug and relax on the grass outside the hall while the enjoying a movie in the open air on the giant inflatable screen.

In the event of bad weather, a notification will be sent out via the Skoolbag app to advise if this event will be postponed.

#### **PEDLARS' PARADE 2018**

The Pedlars' Parade will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 9:30am for all K-2 students. Parents, carers and Grandparents are welcome to attend.

Notes will go home next week to give more information to our new families and reminders to those who have participated before.

By now you should have thought about a them for your Pedlars' Parade Tray and may have already started purchasing items to fill it.

#### **EASTER RAFFLE – DONATIONS REQUIRED**

We are seeking donations of items for our annual Easter raffle.

We are in need of Easter Eggs in any shape or size, Easter gifts, baskets, books, etc, or ny other items that you feel might be suitable either on their own or paired with other donations for prizes.

There are some great specials available at the supermarkets at the moment so please consider buying an extra Easter items to donate to this raffle.

Any business that would like to support TPS by donating something for the raffle please contact Brooke Arslan on 0405 356 210 or email [toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com](mailto:toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com)

All donations can be left at the school office by 23/3.



## Canteen News - Frances Pellegrino

### SUSHI TUESDAYS

GOOD NEWS! Sushi numbers are increasing so we are pleased to continue to offer this service for March. To order Sushi for next week – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, go to [www.Flexischool.com.au](http://www.Flexischool.com.au) and place your order by noon on Monday.

We need to maintain a minimum number of orders for this to continue so please remember to order.

### URGENT

Thankyou to the several new canteen volunteers that have put their names down to assist in the canteen. We are however still in need of several more helpers.

Unfortunately, if we are unable to fill volunteer spaces we may need to look at closing the over the counter service at recess and lunch until we are able to fill these vacancies in the volunteer roster. If you are able to spare a few hours once a month, please consider assisting in the school canteen.

It is a fun day and your kids will love seeing you there at recess and lunch.

Please contact Frances in the canteen if you are interested in helping out.

## Library News—Renata Redman

### World Book Online

With the commencement of the school year, please encourage students to use, and become familiar with, World Book Online. This excellent educational and recreational resource can be accessed from home using the **Log-in: toony** and **Password: learn**. World Book Online includes appropriate information, maps, images, videos, timelines, stories, colouring, games etc. Please visit: <http://www.tst.worldbookonline.com>

### Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's Challenge commences on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March and concludes on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Children in K-2 complete the Challenge with their class teacher. The Challenge is optional for students in Years 3 to 6. For further information, book lists and to log reading records, please visit: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

## P & C BAND

School Hall Room Changeover. Parent help needed.

On Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> we will be changing storage rooms in the hall for band equipment. We desperately need parents to assist by emptying out the shelves, sorting, tidying and then moving all our equipment into their new home. If you are available from 9am or from 1pm for just a few hours, please let us know or drop in to help.

Preparations for the upcoming band camp are in full swing. Notes for this activity over the weekend of June 1- June 3 have been sent out. Please return permission slips with your expression of interest and non-refundable deposit payment details before March 9. This is a fabulous weekend where the children's instrument skills show incredible improvement.

Invoices for Term 1 fees have now been issued with payments due by March 16. Please email the band committee if you have any queries regarding payments.

Do you know if your child makes it to their early morning Tutorial safely?

We can't stress highly enough the importance of walking your child to their early morning Tutorial room. Remember school grounds are not officially open and staff are not on duty. Please, accompany your child to their Tutorial before continuing on with your day. It's just a few minutes of your time for everyone's peace of mind.

Stay up to date with Band announcements via our new Facebook Group - Toonie Band (TPS). Check your supplied email addresses regularly for important correspondence and email us at [toongabbiepsband@gmail.com](mailto:toongabbiepsband@gmail.com)



## WHATS HAPPENING @ TPS

This week, stage 3 students participated in CPR lessons. They learned DRSABCD and demonstrated the practical applications of this. There was a lot of interest demonstrated by the students as the presenter from CPR HELP guided them through the process. Students placed their peers in the recovery position and used manikins to perform the correct procedure for CPR. In the case that a situation occurs, we now have nearly 200 members of our school who know what to do in an emergency.

Tristan Carruthers



### SRC Leaders for 2018

K-6B Liam Poulter, 2H- Taliah Higson & Kingsley Ng, 2S- Sia Kazanas & Jakob Gregory, 20- Ethan Barr & Ruby Kim, 1/2P- Hannah Chensee & Samuel Job, 3K – Sarah Bridger & Tyler Phabmixay, 3T- Chloe Wullemin & Joshua Matthews, 3J- Toby McFadgen & Ava Bencic, 4P- Jake Pokino & Angela Havea, 4M- Marlei Quitto & Jordy Gregory, 4S SRC - Meiah Vandenbovenkamp & Isaac Street, 5H- Kate Blanning & Joseph Cheika-Douaihy, 5W- Liam Grant & Diya Anoop, 5M- Sharon Sebastian & Noah Anish



## Community News

### **Understanding Anxiety for Students with Learning Challenges**

**Presenter:** Dr Maria Milic (Clinical Psychologist)  
**Date:** Tuesday 27th March 2018  
**Venue:** Castle Hill RSL  
**Time:** 10am—12.30pm

This seminar for teachers and parents is being held by the Learning Difficulties Coalition of NSW Inc. For further details about this seminar, including cost, please see our website [www ldc.org.au](http://www ldc.org.au) or phone the office on 9806 9960

An advertisement for the United Toongabbie Service Centre. It features a silver sports car (a Lotus Evija) in the center. The text includes the business name 'United Toongabbie', the mechanic's name 'Mario Mechanic', and the license number 'Licence No. 38531'. It also lists services: 'Identity Check', 'Design Check', 'Defect Notice', 'Clearance', and 'Vehicle Safety Check'. The contact information at the bottom includes the phone number '(02) 9631 1179', the mobile number '0401 937 388', the email 'unitedtoongabbie@gmail.com', and the address '5 Picasso Crescent, Old Toongabbie NSW 2146'. The business is also identified as a 'European Car Specialist'.