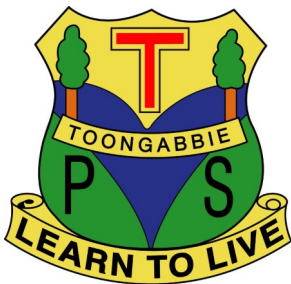


Toongabbie Public School

Principal's Report - Craig Brown

Friday 18th October 2019
Volume 17



Dates to Remember:

23 Oct—Dance Sport Comm
23 Oct—1st Kindy Orientation
24 Oct—Book Character Parade
29 Oct—2nd Kindy Orientation
30-31 Oct—Rugby League Skills
4th Nov—Make up Day Dentist
5th Nov—Stage 3 Market Day
7th Nov—3rd Kindy Orientation
7th Nov—Outdoor Classroom
Day
7th Nov—Music Count Us In
8th Nov—Wk 4 BUZZ Assembly
11th Nov—Remembrance Day
Assembly
15th Nov—Healthy Relationships
Course

NOTES

- * Stage 3 Dance Sport
- * Book Character Parade
- * Year 6 End of Year Activities

PBL Focus

SUCCESS is the theme for
Term 4

Each stage will have a variation
on this theme.

Stage 3- **Think like a winner!**
This means that you challenge
yourself, plan and work hard to
achieve goals.

You also:-

- * persist and don't easily give up
when the going gets tough
- * understand that success is
more about hard work and
sticking to something than
just about ability.
- * know your strengths and
limitations and use that self
knowledge to set challenging
goals.
- * act ethically and honestly when
you try to achieve your goal

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a relaxing break.

We have had some changes to our staff this term. Mrs Mathews is teaching 6D, Ms Mahon will be teaching 3J on Fridays from week two, Mrs Menon is teaching 1C on Wednesdays to provide Mrs Otten with executive release time. Also joining our school community is Pamela, our new crossing supervisor. She takes the place of Tom and we welcome her to the job. We also have Vanessa, our new uniform coordinator working Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.



Work on our synthetic field has taken a little bit longer due to some rain before the end of term and during the holidays. The field is looking good and is expected to be completed next week weather permitting.

This week we had around 12 of our students representing the school and our zone at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival.

On Wednesday I attended the Hills Public Speaking Finals. Vaughan Gannon represented our school in the Stage Two finals. Vaughan spoke incredibly well and represented the school with pride. Several of our students will be competing in the Met South Public Speaking Competition next week. I wish them every success.



Today we held a special band assembly. Students from Year 2—Year 6 were shown the benefits of joining our school bands. Over the coming weeks there will be opportunities for both students and parents to find out more about our band program for next year.



Twelve students from Stage 1 attended their first rehearsal for the School Spectacular today. Over the coming weeks Mrs Paton will work with the students to prepare them for their performance in November. We are also very fortunate to have students involved in the Mass Choir. Mrs Mathews is the coordinator for this program ably assisted by Mr Duraisamy and Mrs Bazouni. We are very pleased to be part of this major arts program.

Planning is now underway for 2020. It is important that if your family will be attending a different school next year that you let your school know as soon as possible. Please contact the school on 9631 3079 and speak to our staff in the office.

Last term students from Year 6 undertook an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. This rebate will be paid directly to the school but it was already taken into account when calculation the cost of the excursion.

I look forward to another successful term

Relieving Deputy Principal's Report - Sue Bownds

Another exciting term has begun and what a busy term it will be! We have various presentations for academic and sporting achievements, Schools Spectacular for choir and dance, Playgroup, Orientation for our new Kindergarten students, Orientation for High Schools, party days, talent shows, excursions, Carols Night, end of year disco and various Year 6 farewell events such as the farewell, graduation, surf school and the famous "Clap Out." I look forward to all of these events. The dates are already set so please try and attend those that you are able to. It is a great time of year, where we celebrate what our students have learnt in 2019.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our Kindergarten Orientation program began last term with a parent information session on Wednesday 25th September. The next three weeks will see our student program, together with school information for parents. The first of these is next week on Wednesday 23rd October where our older students will

show the new Kindergarten students and their families around the school.

They will have a passport that has been arranged by Mrs Otten and will visit various places in the school to get a stamp. This will be a great introduction to Toongabbie Public School. The morning will end with morning tea supplied by the current Kindergarten students. Mrs Otten is organising it so please see her if you have any questions. A note about

morning tea went home to Kindergarten students this week so please check your children's bags. It would be appreciated if it could be brought to the library and already plated on a paper plate, instead of containers which would need to be returned.

Our other 2 sessions are in Week 3 (Tuesday) and Week 4 (Thursday). Both of these sessions involve leaving your child in the Kindergarten rooms and parents going to the hall. We now have 60 students enrolled for next year in 2020. All students not attending school are welcome to join our Playgroup every Thursday from 9-10.20am. However, no Playgroup next week due to the Book Character Parade. I encourage all our Pre-Schoolers to dress up next week and we will have a parade at the end of all the children who do not go to school.



RUGBY LEAGUE SKILLS K-6 PROGRAM

Mrs Arico has arranged a 2 day rugby league skills program for all K-6 students on Wednesday and Thursday in Week 3. Further details are later in this newsletter. It is for girls and boys and will be in addition to their normal sport lesson that week. It is for one week only.

The days allocated are 30th and 31st October. All K-2 classes will have their session on **Wednesday 30th October** and all 3-6 classes will have their session on **Thursday 31st October**. Please remind your child to wear their **sports uniform, including their hat** on their allocated day. This program is **free**.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH OPERATIONAL DIRECTORATE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

We have one student from each stage representing our school in this competition on Tuesday 22nd October at our school. Mrs Bazouni is organising it and students will give a prepared and an impromptu speech. The students competing are Samuel Perry for ES1, Oliver Lee for Stage 1, Vaughn Gannon for Stage 2 and Noah Anish representing Stage 3. Best wishes to them all and huge congratulations for representing your stages. In addition to the students involved, the school leaders and captains will be compering and time keeping whilst some of our classes will be the audience. Please send these students in full summer uniform on Tuesday.



MOBILE DENTISTRY SERVICES

In August we had the mobile dentistry services visit from People's Health, where lots of our students were able to receive treatment. There are 7 students who were not able to have their treatment concluded and this will now be done on Monday 4th November. They will use Mrs Neasey's room, near KT classroom. Next year I have booked their services from 11th-15th May for both dentistry and eye checks. More details next year.

POLICE YOUTH LIAISON FROM PARRAMATTA POLICE STATION

Constable Kellie Redwood is the police officer who is working with our school on various programs. Please find attached a flyer for a course we will be holding on Friday 15th November from 5.30-7.30pm. It is for Fathers, step-fathers and father figures in our children's lives and is called "Healthy Relationships." Please email me on

sue.bownds@det.nsw.edu.au if you would like to be included. It will be held in the staffroom and a flyer can be found later in the newsletter with more information. Both the children and the fathers attend so you are welcome to bring all children to this event. Food and refreshments will be provided and a team of police officers will organise the activities. Constable Redwood will also visit our school one day in November and December to assist in our school based programs and to promote healthy relationships between the police and the children. I would like to thank her for her ongoing assistance with TPS. There are only 2 schools in our region in this pilot program and I am delighted that we are one of them.

MUSIC AT BELL TIME / COUNT US IN

As you may have heard, we have introduced music at bell times. This occurs in the morning, recess and lunch time and occurs 2 minutes before the bell. It is used to tell the students to move to lines and that the bell is about to ring. We have had the song "Happy" for the past few weeks and will now move to "We Are" which is the new song the students are learning for the Count Us In Music program. The whole school will come together on Thursday 7th November in the hall at 12.30pm to sing this song. This will be at exactly the same time as it is sung all around Australia by the many schools participating. Please talk to your children about the purpose of this music so that they move to their areas by the bell times.

BAND ASSEMBLY

Our Concert Band played today for the students in Years 2-6. The purpose of this concert was to show the Year 2 students what happens in band and what instruments they can learn to play. If you are interested in your child joining the band next year, please contact Mr Tuck or Mrs Wegener with any questions. Details shortly about the parent meeting to come and students interested will be tested to see what instrument they would be best suited to. Well done to all our students who performed so beautifully.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

We have received a great response to our survey this year with many more responses than last year. Thank you to all the parents who have responded. However, there is still time for you to add your ideas and thoughts. The survey closes on Friday 25th October, next Friday. Schools will not be able to identify individual parents from their responses and is run by an independent company. Thanks to Mr Sanders who has distributed this information. Thank you in advance for helping us work towards the best outcomes for TPS. The link to the survey is:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tpssurvey2019>

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY – Thursday 7th November

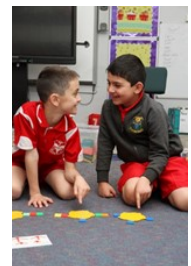
This year our school will be participating in Outdoor Classroom Day. Years 3-6 will have their lessons outside from 9-12 and K-2 classes will be outside from 12-3pm. Our RFF and library lessons will also be outside on this day. For the other half of the day, there will be minimal device use and we will try to limit technology and power. You may want to look at this on the website and the teachers will be teaching some of these lessons during the day. It is also planned to use various plastic bottle tops to create a mural so if you could please collect these and send them in to your child's teacher or there will be a container in my office. This includes all plastic bottle tops of any colour. This day is being organised by Mrs Matthews, Mr Carruthers and Mrs Osland with further details to follow. TPS has signed up to participate and you may want to click on this link to find out more:

<https://outdoorclassroomday.com.au/about/>

Parents can talk to their children about the importance of outdoor learning and playing outside. It would be great if you could encourage them to look forward to the day. You may also like to spend more time outdoors on this day with your children by playing after school or going to the park.

MATHS RESOURCES

Over the holidays Mrs Otten and Mrs Bazouni, together with numerous staff came in for several days to organise all of our maths resources. They have now had a stock take, placed equipment into tubs and planned an area at the back of the library to keep them in. As a result, they will order many new resources that are needed for your children. I would like to say thank you to all the staff who planned this mammoth project and look forward to seeing the students using the new and old resources during their maths lessons.



GIRLS SPORTING GROUPS AT LUNCH TIME

Next week we will be starting our girls' sporting groups at lunch and recess times. Thank you to Miss Costello for organising it and to all the teachers who are taking groups in their break times. These groups will be led by teachers who have an interest and skill in these areas to assist our girls to improve their skills in team game sports. It is also an opportunity for some of our girls to join in a game with other students and therefore expand their friendship groups. Each day the teachers will advise the students where to meet so that they can join in if they wish. Sports are as follows:

Monday recess: Basketball with Miss Costello and Miss Hiron; Tuesday lunch: Soccer with Mr Tucker, Wednesday recess: Netball with Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Starzynski; Thursday lunch: Cricket with Mr Duraisamy. I am sure that our students will really enjoy this new initiative.

Library News—Renata Redman TL

Book Character Parade and Book Fair

Hoping you can join us next Thursday (**24th October**), for our annual Book Character Parade and Book Fair. The Parade will commence at 9.30am on the synthetic grass area, outside the Library. We invite you to join us for the Parade, have morning tea and visit the Book Fair in the Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to complete some Christmas shopping or donate a book to the Library, with all sales benefitting our school.

You are also welcome to **preview and order** books on Monday and Tuesday at 8.30am and 3pm, and Wednesday at 8.30am. Payment may be made using cheque, credit card or EFTPOS options.

Any books which sell out on the day will be reordered and delivered the following week.

Enjoy this fabulous morning and thank you for your support.

World Book Online

Just a termly reminder, to encourage students to use, and become familiar with, World Book Online. This brilliant educational and recreational resource can be accessed from home using the **Log-in Id: toony** and **Password: learn**. World Book Online includes excellent information, maps, images, videos, timelines, stories, colouring, games etc. Please visit: <https://www.worldbook.com.au/student>

P&C and Parent Auxiliary

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 11th November at 7pm in the staff room.

If you would like to add any items to the agenda for this meeting, please email toongabbiepublicschool-pandc@gmail.com All members of the TPS community are welcome to email any feedback or suggestions to the P&C to be tabled at P&C meetings if you are not able to attend in person.

2019 Run4Fun COLOUR EXPLOSION

Final fundraising figure for the Colour Explosion have not as yet been confirmed but as soon as it is, you will be notified.

The prizes should be arriving shortly. They will be sorted and distributed as soon as possible.

POSITION VACANT - CANTEEN ASSISTANT

As a result of Michelle leaving, we will have a position vacant for a casual Canteen Assistant for 6 hours per week. These hours are flexible and can change with the needs of the business so our applicant will need to be flexible with their availability. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested in applying for this position, please send an expression of interest to the P&C email (toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com) along with a resume.

FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

The family photo fundraiser will be held on Saturday 23rd November, 2019 in the school hall. Appointment by booking only and this will be done online. More information on the online booking process will be sent out next week along with additional information regarding viewing and collections of the photos.

From Monday 21st October, 2019 you can make an online payment of \$15 through Flexischools. Upon payment confirmation, you will be given a code to be used when making an online booking.

P&C Canteen — Rhonda Fogg, Canteen Manager

Welcome back to Term 4. The canteen volunteer roster for this term is on display in the canteen. Please contact me if you have any questions. If anyone is interested in helping out just 1 day per month or even just a few hours each month, please let me know. We are always looking for helpers.

Manager's Special for Week 2 and 3 will be Chicken Pasta Salad for \$5.

Sushi Friday is back on this term. Orders must be placed before noon on Thursday via flexischool or over the counter.

Chill J drinks are out of stock on some of their flavours. We are hoping they will be re-stocked soon.

Please remember that the canteen is unable to change large notes.

What's Happening at TPS

SUPPORT UNIT

Welcome back to Term 4! We have had a great start and have been busy this week learning about fairy tales and The Three Little Pigs. Students have been working hard making pig houses made of straw, sticks and bricks.



Just a reminder to parents that Gymnastics has finished and sport will now be on a Thursday. We are looking forward to a very busy term ahead!

EARLY STAGE ONE

It is hard to believe that we are already in term 4, how the year has flown by! Last term Kindergarten and our favourite teddy bears went on a bush adventure for our Science unit. Throughout the term we investigated what kinds of healthy snacks we could make that would stay fresh and give us energy on our walk. We also explored ideas about the type of clothing we would need if it rained and how we could make a bridge for our teddies to cross a river, a tent for shelter and a zip line as transport to get down a valley. On the last day of term, we took our teddies on a bush adventure around the school. The children delighted in showing their teddies the school and enjoyed a thirst quenching ice block.



STAGE ONE—K-2 Athletics Carnival

On the last Wednesday of last term we went to the oval to do our athletics carnival. First I did the long obstacle course. I jumped in the hoops and I ran like a snake through the ladders. Then I played bib grab. I ran in the circle but people grabbed the bib. Next I played sack races. I raced and I went first. Last I went in the egg and spoon races. After I went to the running races. I had to run to the end. I had a fun, exciting and happy day.

By Betheny

Last term we had our athletics carnival. We had the athletics carnival on the oval. First we had activities. In the first activity I was in the in and out game. When I was in the in and out game I had to get the ball out of the cone and when everyone in my group was finished I had to put the ball back in the cone. Then we went to bib grab. In bib grab you have to wear a bib and try to grab a bib from someone else. Next we went to the long obstacle course. Then we finally had the running races. We had to run in between the cones and when we finished we got a number on our t-shirt. We had so much fun.

By Rishi



STAGE TWO—4S

This term 4S have begun learning about poetry and poetic devices with our brilliant student teacher, Miss Cox. We have also been turning our alliterative rhymes into a hip hop song for our assembly item later this term. We have had to learn about rhythm, keeping in time with the beat and how we can use our own voice as an expressive instrument.



What's Happening at TPS

STAGE THREE

Welcome to an extremely busy time of the year for Stage 3. Some of the things on our agenda this term include:

- **Dance Sport** - Starting week 2, each Wednesday. This activity is an integral part of our PD,H,PE program, and provides the dances for the Year 6 Farewell. This eight week program allows students to build their confidence within their own physical abilities and improves hand-foot coordination.
- **Market Day** - Tuesday 5th November (week 4). This annual event allows students to create their own stall to share with the rest of the school. By doing so, leadership and teamwork skills are enhanced, whilst all raising money for the school. More information to come.
- **Junior Big Day In excursion** - Thursday 31st October. 10 students from each stage 3 class have been invited to participate in the Big Day In excursion. It sees students attend Hilltop Road Public School and participate in a range of different activities which explore ICT. Don't forget to get your payments in.
- **Year 5 Leadership Elections for 2020** - Leadership Information Packages and Forms were handed out at the end of last term. If your child is in year 5, and would like to run for a leadership position in 2020, please see Miss McGoogan for the information. Leadership nomination forms need to be in by Friday 25th October (week 2). Round 1 speeches will take place Thursday 14th November in front of stage 3 students. Parents welcome.
- **High School Orientation Days** - Dates vary, see information provided by your child's high school.
- **Year 6 Graduation** - Monday 16th December 2019.
- **Year 6 Farewell** - Monday 16th December 2019.
- **Party Day at Raging Waters** -Tuesday 17th December 2019.
- **Clap Out** -Wednesday 18th December.

We wish everyone a happy and successful term 4.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR—Mrs J Paton

Rehearsals for the 2019 Schools Spectacular have finally begun!!!

Today, twelve dancers from Year 1 and Year 2 joined with students from other NSW schools at the Genea Netball Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, to begin the process of learning and practising their dance, ready to perform four shows on Friday 22 November and Saturday 23 November 2019. The Schools Spectacular is an amazing collaboration of dance, music and song, and involves approximately 5000 students from across NSW. Our school is thrilled to, once again, be part of this. We are very honoured to be one of only nine K-2 school groups chosen! Our delightful dancers are: Lara Abi Tamir, Amelia Allen, Sarah Hall, Rebecca Hogan, Mika Hutovic, Nawal Kanbour, Carys Malu, Eva Medved, Aanya Narayan, Brennan Ridge, Archie Terzis and Amelia Van Waard. This year's theme is 'STARS' and our segment is titled 'Make a Wish'. Over the next 5 weeks, students will be involved in several full-day rehearsals at Homebush and many lunchtime practices at school.



SCHOOL SPECTACULAR COMBINED CHOIR - Mrs Matthews, Mrs Bazouni and Mr Duraisamy

Congratulations to the students involved in the Schools Spectacular Combined Choir.

Abbie Neal, Tiana Fuller, Breanna Galea, Anneleise Treasure, Sidney Jahshan, Amelia Walker, Sarah Job, Nikola Kazanas, Nikola Terzis, Marie Abi Tamir, Sarah Bridger, Sophie Allen, Ruby Kulani, Cheryl Liu, Emily Falcon, Pragnya Marrapu, Chenaya Wickramasinghe, Daniel Burki and Saisha Mehta.

Our first rehearsal is Thursday 31st October. T-shirts went home yesterday. A parent meeting is scheduled for Friday 25th at 8:30am in 6D. The excitement is building!

What's Happening at TPS

RUGBY LEAGUE SKILLS PROGRAM

The NRL will be running a **free**, in-school, rugby league skills session to all students across K-6. Students will experience a fun, action packed session, where they will gain an understanding of basic Rugby League skills and develop their fundamental movement skills. This activity is **non-contact**.

All K-2 classes will have their session on **Wednesday 30th October** and all 3-6 classes will have their session on **Thursday 31st October**. Please remind your child to wear their **sports uniform** on their allocated day.

For any students interested in extending their rugby league skills, there will be a before-school program run completely by the NRL on Binalong Oval. More information regarding this will be sent out shortly. A timetable will be posted at school but each class will have a 30 minute session with a trainer and their teacher. Hats are very important on sport days so please remember to send one, especially as the weather becomes warmer. Normal sport days for all grades will still happen. Thank you to Mrs Arico for arranging this program for us. We feel sure your children will enjoy it.

Parent Information Night.



Toongabbie PS has a proud & strong history of music education through their band program. In fact, the band is 25 years old this year!

Recently, your child attended the schools Band Demo session. In that session, they were introduced to the instruments available to learn within the Band Program.

On Wednesday 23rd of November at 7:30pm, we will be holding a Parent Information meeting for parents interested in finding out more about the Toongabbie PS Band Program. The meeting will take place in the School Hall and you will get to hear & understand more about the instruments available and gain a full understanding of the program.

We look forward to meeting you on the night!

Yours sincerely,
Martin Davison
School Bands Australia



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Round 6 – Week 2, Term 4 Wentworthville Summer PSSA Sport

Newcombe Ball	Cricket	AFL	T-Ball	Soft-ball
Beresford Rd v Westmead @ Beresford Rd PS	Beresford Rd v Westmead @ Daniel St	Beresford Rd v Pendle Hill @ Binalong Oval	Beresford Rd v Girra Yellow @ Darling St	Beresford Rd v Girra Green @ Darling St
Darcy Yellow v Wenty Black @ Wentworthville PS	Darcy Yellow v Wentworthville @ Best Road Oval	Darcy Rd v Metella Rd @ Binalong Oval	Darcy Rd v Metella Rd @ Grantham Reserve	Darcy Rd v Westmead @ Grantham Reserve
Girra Green v Toony West @ Toongabbie West PS	Girraween A v Warriors @ Bathurst St	Girraween v Toony White @ Binalong Oval	Girra Greens v Warriors @ Darling St	Metella Rd v Toony West @ Grantham Reserve
Metella Rd v Toongabbie @ Toongabbie PS	Metella Rd v Toongabbie @ Binalong Oval	Toony Reds v Westmead @ Binalong Oval	Toongabbie v Westmead @ Grantham Reserve	Girra Yellow v Toongabbie @ Darling St
Girra Yellow v Wenty White @ Girraween PS	Girra Green v Girra Yellow @ Harold Read Reserve	The Meadows v Wentworthville @ Binalong Oval	Toony West v Wentworthville @ Grantham Reserve	
Warriors v Darcy White @ Darcy Rd PS	Wanderers v Darcy White @ Pendle Hill Park			
BYE – Pendle Hill	BYE – Pendle Hill			



Parramatta Police

presenting a

‘Healthy Relationship’

Workshop

This is your invitation:

If you are a dad or a father figure, please come along with your children and join Parramatta Police and your school community for a night of fun and information. The night will be filled with informative and fun activities and food will be supplied. This will be held at Toongabbie Public School and we encourage you to come and be a part of this community awareness night.

This night is to promote the following:

- Healthy Relationships between children and their dads or any father figure in a child’s life.
- Discussing stereotypes (roles within the family and how they have changed)
- Identifying & understanding conflicts within the family unit
- Discussing and understanding different cultures
- Police and community interactions

Facilitators:

Parramatta Police
Youth Liaison Officer
& other police officers,
Multicultural Liaison
Officers.



Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Date: Friday 15th November,
2019

Where: Toongabbie Public
School

RSVP: Sue Bownds

(Relieving Deputy Principal)

sue.bownds@det.nsw.edu.au