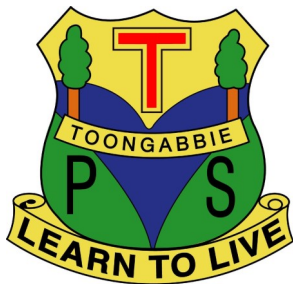


# Toongabbie Public School

Friday 1st November, 2019  
Volume 18



## Dates to Remember:

4th Nov—Make up Day Dentist  
4th 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  
22nd Nov—School Spectacular Performance  
27th Nov—Combined Scripture Assembly

## NOTES

- \* Stage 3 Raging Waters
- \* Yr 6 Surf School

## PBL Focus SUCCESS

### *Always look for and use your strengths.*

The things you are best at, are called your 'strengths'. Everyone has different strengths and no one is good at everything. Usually you really like doing the things you are best at, however, you can still improve in things that are not your strengths through hard work.

### *There are two kinds of strengths.*

**Character strengths** are the ways in which you behave, such as being kind.

**Ability strengths** are things you are good at, such as reading, maths, art or sport.

### *Use your strengths to help others.*

When you use your ability and character strengths to help others, then you are helping to make both yourself and other people happy.

## Principal's Report - Craig Brown

Today we welcome the last month of spring and the first day of November. The year has flown by at TPS and our busy schedule for the end of the year has already started. Our school is looking amazing at the moment. This week, after a year of planning, budgeting and organising, we unveiled our field by taking down the fencing and revealing this fabulous new play area. Many will remember the dust and failed attempts at grass, but this is all a distant memory now. This initiative has been welcomed by our staff, parents and the students. The changes saw the fence and garden removed near the hall and the synthetic surface continue down to the COLA outside the hall. We now have one large playing area, or three smaller fields, all with goal areas. This photo was taken with a drone by Miss McGoogan and will now be used to showcase this wonderful new sporting and play area. It has already become a very popular playground for all of our students.



## PREMIER AND LOCAL MEMBER VISIT ON WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:

I received information from our local member, Mark Taylor MP that he would be visiting our school this week on Wednesday. In addition, he would be bringing a very special visitor to TPS, the Premier of NSW Mrs Gladys Berejiklian. They requested seeing a maths lesson, listening to our Concert Band and looking at our new field as they had an announcement to make. The visit began by one of our Kindergarten students, Ben Richardson from KE, presenting the Premier with a book he had written. She was extremely impressed as I was with the confident way Ben spoke to the all of the visitors. He was an outstanding representative of our school and his photos are now on various pages and websites. In addition to Ben, our captains Ruby and Jacob accompanied the Premier during the visit, looking very smart in their red sports uniforms and demonstrating why they were elected to these positions. In 4M we saw some amazing mathematicians who were able to answer the Premier's difficult questions with ease. Miss Mehmet and I were very impressed with their answers and with the Premier's ability to connect with all the students. Mr Taylor and Mrs Berejiklian then moved to the hall to watch and listen to our amazing Concert Band, led by Mr Davison who was able to also make the trip to Toongabbie to conduct the band. They played two pieces and the Premier called for an encore as she loved it so much, revealing that she used to play in her school band. From there they walked out to our new field area.



Also in attendance was our Director of Educational Leadership for the Girraween network, Mrs Joanna French, our band coordinator Mrs Vanessa Wegener and treasurer Mrs Megan Ridge and some of our staff. As an interesting fact, Mrs Paton's mother had taught the Premier's sister at North Ryde Public School where the Premier had also attended. The Premier connected with everyone she met, even putting her head through the window into 6D classroom!

The group then walked outside to our fabulous new field where various classes were having rugby league skills lessons, showcasing our new play area. We will have many uses for this field from movie nights, sporting events to various family functions and I look forward to hosting them over the years to come. Mr Taylor MP made the announcement that the P & C had written to him regarding a grant for sporting equipment to enhance our new field. This grant is for \$2500 and I would like to thank the P & C, Mark Taylor MP and the Premier for this generous donation. It was certainly a big week for TPS and the unveiling of our excellent new sporting facility. When you are at school, please walk over and have a look.



### **UNIFORM:**

As the weather is getting warmer, I would like to remind our students and parents to make sure your child has a hat every day at school, preferably a school hat. Our students must wear a hat at recess and lunch and in the morning this is optional. Students who do not have a hat must play under the COLA areas to protect them. I am also seeking parent assistance to make sure that your students are wearing their uniform every day. The P & C is selling sunglasses in the canteen each day for \$10 if you would like to purchase them. Students are allowed to wear them if they choose.



## **Relieving Deputy Principal's Report - Sue Bownds**

What a busy week it was this week at TPS. We had the Premier, Mark Taylor MP and our Director visit on Wednesday, Play group, Orientation and two assemblies. As well, Stage 3 are getting ready for Market Day on Monday. As everyone knows, this is my favourite day of the year. Please send in your money to buy tokens which are 50c each. The students do not use money on the day but can buy more tokens during the Market Day from the teachers. Stage 3 have been busy planning some exciting stalls and games for all the students and you will note the many posters and signs advertising their activities. It would be impossible to miss them. Parents and family members are invited from 11.40-1.40pm to join in the fun. A normal school day will occur after Market Day. We are also still accepting things for the white elephant stall so I may need to do a garage clean-up this weekend. Please bring any goods for this stall to the Bicentennial Room. Suggestions are toys, books, kitchen things and any household things that would be saleable. All classes will be outside during the middle session of our day so students should bring a hat. It is mufti for all students on Monday. However, the students need to wear suitable clothes that cover their shoulders, closed shoes etc. Shorts and T-shirts would be perfect. I look forward to seeing you there if you can make it. Please tell your neighbours and especially those students coming to Kindergarten next year, that they are all welcome. Apart from the fun stalls, there will be food to buy as well.

### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:**

We again welcomed our Kindergarten 2020 students to school on Wednesday morning for their second session of Orientation. Mrs Otten, our Assistant Principal looking after ES1 has been planning these, together with the Kindy team of teachers for this year. This week, the students all went to the Kindy rooms while the parents went to the hall. We had speakers from the P & C, School banking, Uniform Shop, Canteen

and Before and After School care. I was delighted to welcome everyone to the school and Mrs Otten was able to explain in more detail some of the things for 2020 including parents booking their Best Start interviews on line this year which is a wonderful initiative. Mrs Otten will be running the third session next week on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Mr Brown will formally welcome parents to the school. In this session you will learn more about the curriculum and also receive your package regarding everything you need to know for next year. If you are not able to attend, please send another family member on the day or collect your library bag with everything in it from the school office. The same arrangements apply as for this

week. Please take your children to the Kindergarten rooms at 9.15am and collect them after the hall at approximately 10.30am. Morning tea will be provided at the canteen after the hall presentation with Mrs Otten. Please join us for a cup of tea afterwards. You may like to buy your uniforms at this time too as they will be open.

### **OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY – THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:**

This is a new venture for TPS and will be a great day. 7<sup>th</sup> November will certainly be busy – orientation day, outdoor classroom and Count Us In music day! What a great day this will be. The teachers are planning outdoor lessons for half of this day with their classes. 9-12 will be outside for 3-6 classes and K-2 will go outside after the Count Us In song after lunch time. There are lots of lesson ideas on the website that you may want to look at. It may be an outdoor art lesson, reading outside or sport. We will also try to limit the use of devices on this day as well as lights to combine it with many other things happening at the moment. Please remember to put sunscreen on your children every day but especially on this day. They will definitely need a hat.

### **PLAYGROUP**

Our Playgroup continued this week but will not be on next week 7<sup>th</sup> November due to Kindergarten Orientation. Many of the girls and boys who regularly attend will be at Orientation. This week we had a dress up activity, painting, craft and read the story of Meg and Mog as it was Halloween. Playgroup will continue on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 9-10.15am.





### **COUNT US IN MUSIC:**

Next Thursday our whole school will go to the hall at 12.30pm to sing "We Are" which is the Count Us In Song for 2019. You may have noticed that this song is playing over our speaker system before the bells each day. At 12.30, many of the schools from around Australia will sing this inspiring song together. We look forward to participating and thank our choir and classroom teachers for helping us to learn both the words and actions.

### **MARKET DAY – MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:**

Stage 3 have organised a wonderful Market Day for the students in K-4 at our school. The students have planned their stalls and put up advertising around the school. All students are invited to wear mufti clothes on this day. Tokens are 50c and can be pre-ordered on Monday morning or bought during the day. There will be teachers selling the tokens on the day. Everyone is invited to attend. A reminder note also went home today. Most students bring between \$5-\$10 and some bring more, it is up to the families to decide. This day is a major fundraising event for Stage 3 and I thank Mr Carruthers and the Stage 3 teachers, students and parents for all working together to give our students such a great learning experience. A reminder note went home on Friday.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMI-FINAL:**



Recently Mrs Bazouni hosted a semi final of the South Western Districts Public Speaking. TPS had one student in each stage. ES1 was Samuel Perry, Stage 1 was Oliver Lee, Stage 2 was Vaughn Gannon and Stage 3 was Noah Anish. Congratulations to Oliver Lee who won the semi-final and will now progress to the final at Hambledon Public School and to Noah and Vaughn who were both highly commended. All 4 students tried their best and we were very proud of them. A picture of Oliver Lee is below with the adjudicators. We wish him all the best for the final and thank Mrs Bazouni for her excellent organisation of this competition. Oliver is in 1/2P.



### **ITEMS IN ASSEMBLY WEEK 3:**

This week there were items from KE and 4S. KE did a lovely song about a rainbow and 4S presented a great digital presentation rap. Well done to both classes and thank you to the teachers who organised them.



### **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:**

Many thanks to the P & C for the lovely breakfast they gave all the staff to celebrate World Teachers' Day last Friday. It was a lovely start to the day and on behalf of the staff I would like to thank everyone concerned.

### **BOOK CHARACTER PARADE AND BOOK FAIR:**



What a fabulous day we had for Book Character Parade on Thursday last week. All of our staff and students dressed up as their favourite character. There were some amazing costumes and thank you to all the parents who invented some truly memorable costumes. Unfortunately, my Cranky Bear costume was so hot but looked fabulous for the 10 minutes I wore it for. Thank you to Mrs Redman who coordinated the day and to her many helpers – Mrs Gersbach and Mrs Matthews for their work on the microphone, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Ridge and Mrs Miles for helping in the hall with the book sales. Well done everyone and we can now think about next year! More photos in a collage later in the newsletter.



### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

This week all classes enjoyed a Rugby League Skills lesson. Lots of photos are on Facebook but if your children would like to continue these classes, they received a leaflet with details. It looked great on our new field. Thanks to Mrs Arico for organising this event.

Another fortnight of great times at TPS.

## Library News—Renata Redman TL

### **Book Character Parade and Book Fair**

What a fabulous day! Thank you to parents/carers, teachers and students for supporting and embracing this event. Everyone looked magnificent. Thank you to the following students, ex-students and families who donated a book to the Library: Patrick and Cameron Baker, Elise Bollard, Ashleigh and William Burke, Daniel Burki, Madison and Jack Gale, Lachlan Garde, Rebecca Hogan, Mitchell and Isabella Kennedy, Hayden Linnell, Liam Poulter, Brennan Ridge, Emily Roberts, Rohan Torsvik Kane, Chloe and Oliver Wullemin, Braden Zhou and Saara and Kapilan Kuruparan. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Ann Miles and Megan Ridge for their assistance on the day. Thank you and well done to all.

## P&C, Parent Auxiliary and Canteen

The next P&C general meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. We will be planning our 2020 P&C events calendar at this meeting so any suggestions as to events, or things you would like to see the P&C do next year can be emailed through to the P&C email address prior to this meeting.

Any items that you would like to add to the agenda for this meeting will need to be received ASAP via email to [toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com](mailto:toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. All members of the TPS community are welcome to email any feedback or suggestions to the P&C to be tabled at the meetings, if you are not able to attend in person.

### **2019 Run4Fun COLOUR EXPLOSION FUNDS RAISED AND PRIZE UPDATE**

The P&C would like to say a big Thank you to all families, friends and relatives that sponsored students in the 2019 Run4Fun Colour Explosion and showed their support for the P&C and Toongabbie Public School.

We are pleased to announce that the total funds raised for the 2019 Colour Explosion event is \$13,306. This money will be used by the school to refresh the Ausplay equipment in the school playground.

Our highest fundraising class was KS who will be treated to a pizza lunch party as their reward.

The incentive prizes for the students have been ordered and unfortunately have been delayed as they are awaiting stock of some items. We are hoping that the prizes will be received early next week and will be distributed as soon as possible to the students. We apologise for the delay in getting these to the children.

### **P&C DISCO Term 4 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

The last disco for 2019 will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. K-2 @ 5:30-7pm & 3-6 @ 7:30-9pm

The theme chosen by the students in the SRC is CHRISTMAS (dressing up in the theme is OPTIONAL)

Tickets are \$5 per student and include a popper and a packet of chips.

Our Dinner at the Disco BBQ will also be available and will be served between the two disco sessions at 7-730pm.

There will be Beef, Chicken and Vegetarian Sausage sandwiches as well as Steak Sandwiches available. Please note that all BBQ food MUST be pre-ordered.

Tickets for this event and the Dinner at the Disco vouchers are available now on Flexischools.

### **P&C CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING NIGHT – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

The P&C will be holding the first TPS Gingerbread Decorating Evening on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

Save the date for this fantastic new community event. All TPS families and friends are welcome at this event.

A note with further details about this event will go home early next week and bookings can be made on Flexischools from next week.

### **FAMILY PHOTO DAY**

Bookings are now live on flexischools. Upon payment you will be sent an email providing you with a link and code to book your session time. Payments can also be made at the office if you do not have a flexischool account.

### **CANTEEN NEWS**

The next Manager's special will run from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November and will be:

Beef Nachos or Bean Nachos (Served with sour cream and guacamole) \$5.00

### **VOLUNTEERS**

To be able to offer fresh and healthy food options in our school canteen, we are reliant on parent and grandparent volunteers to assist us with basic food preparation and over the counter service during the breaks. We are still in need of a few helpers for the remainder of the term.

If you can spare a day, or even an hour or two to assist in our canteen we would love to hear from you. Unfortunately, if we are unable to fill our volunteer roster, we may be forced to close the canteen for recess service on some days to ensure that our lunch orders are able to be completed for students.

If you are able to assist, pop by the canteen and talk to Rhonda or call on 9631 3079 and select option 1.

## What's Happening at TPS

### **SUPPORT UNIT**

Our support classes have had a wonderful start to Term 4 with lots of exciting events and learning experiences. The book character parade was a great success last week and I was impressed with the range of fantastic costumes. Students participated enthusiastically in our rugby league program on Wednesday. Despite the very hot weather, we still had lots of fun practising our passing and running skills. Stage 1 sport is happening on Thursdays this term and we have been working on our Zumba skills with Miss Hiron. We will showcase some of our dance moves for parents later in the term.

All students in K6B, K6M and K6P have been invited to attend the Special Children's Christmas Party on 4th December at Rosehill Racecourse. More details will be sent home shortly but this promises to be a fun filled day for all. Thank you to Mrs Negus for doing such a great job as relieving Assistant Principal during my recent leave.



### **EARLY STAGE ONE**

Kindergarten have had a busy and exciting start to Term 4! We loved learning some Rugby League skills and had a fabulous time dressing up at the Book Character Parade. Kindergarten is also having their turn to perform and run the K-2 Assemblies. KT are having a great time watching our friends perform their items and are looking forward to perform our own!

### **STAGE ONE**

This week TPS were lucky enough to attend a Rugby League Skills session by James and Jackson from League Stars. Students got to learn some new rugby league skills including attack and defence, scoring a try, dummy pass and side step.

They got to practise new skills while playing some games.

Here is what 1A had to say about the session...

"My favourite thing we did was Buzzy Bee because I liked being nice and letting people go by giving them a high five. James had very big muscles. It looked like he could carry a house." ~ by Zahra

"When we tried to score I only got tipped once so I tried harder each time and I got better and better every time" ~ by Nicholas

"My favourite thing we did was side steps. Side steps are when you go left and then right, and my second favourite was dummy passing which is fake passing" ~ by Isabella

"The man was funny being a ballerina." ~ by Kavilaash

"We did Buzzy Bee and fake passing. The ball was weird..." ~ by Peyton



### **STAGE TWO—3J**

It has been a very busy fortnight for 3J. Last Thursday was the Book Character Parade where the kids all looked amazing in their costumes. It was closely followed by our class item which was an Aladdin theme focusing on friendship. We were also able to utilise some of the technology in the school by producing voice recordings to accompany our mindfulness presentation. The students participated in the Rugby League workshop today on our fabulous new field.



### **STAGE THREE**

Stage Three have been busily preparing their stalls for Market Day! The annual event is a staple of the TPS calendar, and will kick off on Monday 4th November at 11:40am. Students have designed a range of stalls to excite and delight you, including food stalls, escape rooms, haunted houses and much more! The ever-popular White Elephant and Teacher Nacho stalls will also run, so make sure to drop by and say hello to our hard-working staff! Our Market Day is one of the students favourite days of the year and assists us to raise much needed funds for our school. We hope you can join us for all the FUN!



# 2019 Book Character Parade





## VIP VISIT



## What's Happening at TPS

### SRC REPORT

This term, the SRC are collecting new school supplies for refugee students at Fairfield Public School. A refugee is someone who has to flee their country because of war, conflict or famine. When they come to Australia they have nothing with them. No clothes, no toys, no technologies and no school supplies. They really need our help.

At Toongabbie, we believe we should help refugee children because they have the right to a good education like every other child around the world. Could you imagine being a refugee like them? Imagine coming to school with no backpack, no pencil case, no hat and no water bottle. So what can we do to help?

You can bring in new school supplies to donate to these refugee children. They might need things like a pencil case, lead pencils, coloured pencils, rubbers, textas, rulers, highlighters, scissors, glue and a sharpener.

Bring your donations to your teacher and the SRC leaders will come around and collect them each week. We will make a special pack for each refugee child with a variety of school supplies.

Please make sure that all items are new and not things that you have used before. Thank you for your support in this great cause.

# PLAY LEAGUE STARS:

**WHEN:** 5/11/2019 - 17/12/2019

**TIME:** Tuesdays 7:50am - 8:50am

**WHERE:** Binalong Park  
197 Binalong Rd  
Old Toongabbie NSW 2146







# 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 15<sup>th</sup> November,  
2019

Where: Toongabbie Public  
School

RSVP: Sue Bownds

(Relieving Deputy Principal)

[sue.bownds@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sue.bownds@det.nsw.edu.au)



Free BBQ



Live music



Sports



Sensory activities



Vision board



## Picnic in the Park 2019

Join us in celebrating International Day of People with Disability.

Date: **Wednesday, 4th December, 2019**

Time: **10am - 1pm**

Location: **Blacktown Showground,  
Entry via Richmond Road**

We recognise the achievements and contributions of people with disability through a fun filled event with live entertainment and activities like art in the park, silent disco and much, much more!

For information and to RSVP, contact Customer Connections on 1300 372 121 or email [customerconnections@dsa.org.au](mailto:customerconnections@dsa.org.au)



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