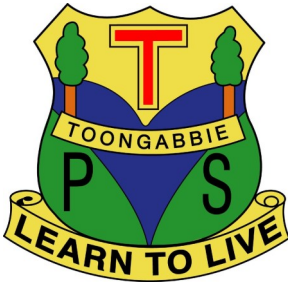


Toongabbie Public School

Principal's Report - Craig Brown

Friday 20th September, 2019
Volume 16



Dates to Remember:

23rd Sept—Public Speaking
25th Sept—K-2 Athletics
Carnival
25th Sept—2020 Kindergarten
Information Night
27th Sept—End of Term 3
14th Oct—First day of Term 4
16th Oct—Public Speaking Final
17th Oct—Sydney West
Athletics

NOTES

* K-2 Athletics Carnival

PBL Focus Being Safe

K-2 What is cyberbullying?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XuUwUb71NKM>

Little Bird is on her way home so she can talk to Grandma on the internet. Along the way she stops off to visit several friends and answer some of the questions about how to stay safe on the internet.

3-6 Lessons on this topic teach students about the effects of digital drama, cyberbullying, and hate speech towards themselves and the larger community. Students explore how individual actions -- negative and positive, intentional and unintentional -- can affect their peers and others. They're encouraged to take the active role of upstander and build positive, supportive online communities, and they will learn how to cultivate empathy, compassion, and courage to combat negative interactions online.

We have one week left of term 3. Work has started on our new synthetic turf field. We hope to have it ready for students for day one next term. In the meantime we will need to be extra considerate of playing spaces. Our evacuation procedures for students in Blocks L, M and N will be via the pedestrian gate 2. We will walk around to Binalong Oval if required.



This week our parents of our Year 3 and 5 students received the 2019 NAPLAN results. Parents are welcome to make an appointment with their child's teacher if they have any questions. The school will be working over the coming weeks to look at how we can use this information to meet our students' individual needs and improve our practices.

Our Year 6 students will be returning this evening from a three day excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. The reports from teachers have been positive and the experience of visiting our nation's capital will help bring lots of their prior learning together. Thank you to our staff that have given up their precious family time to look after the students. I know the teachers really enjoy getting to know our students in a different setting.

The last day of term 3 is Friday September 27. It has been a great term with lots of achievements. I am looking forward to our Buzz Morning Tea on Tuesday and Citizenship ceremony on Friday. We will use this assembly to farewell two important members of our school community who will not be returning for term 4. Mrs Church is taking leave with a view to exploring a different role in education. She has been a tremendous teacher and has been instrumental in many of our school programs. She has been involved in band, Premier's Sporting Challenge, sport and our successful 'Live Life Well' program. She is an outstanding teacher and will be missed. We are working on a replacement teacher for 6C and will let the parents know next week. On a similar note we are losing our much loved crossing supervisor, Tom, after twelve years of service. Tom has always been a reliable and safe pair of hands for this very important job. I wish him all the best on his retirement on behalf of the school community.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to working with you and your children again in Term Four. School resumes for staff and students on **Monday 14 October.**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

With the school holidays already here, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments. To help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.
If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads.
If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.
- It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.
It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!
- Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.
Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.
- Talk to your child about being a safe road user.
Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.
- Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them. Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about. Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

Have a safe holiday break!

STUDENTS GOING TO OTHER SCHOOLS

If your child is leaving our school at the end of term, please notify the office in writing stating date and new school they will be attending.

STEWART HOUSE USED CLOTHING BAGS

Stewart House used clothing bags will be sent home on Monday. If you have pre loved clothing, please fill the bag and return it outside the Bicentennial Room verandah before 15 October.

Relieving Deputy Principal's Report - Sue Bownds

This is the last newsletter for this term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday. Our next newsletter will be at the end of Week 1 next term. Please check Facebook or the school APP for any messages in between. The students have worked very hard this term and I congratulate them on their many achievements in so many different areas.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:

A reminder that if you have not enrolled your child for Kindy 2020, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our parent information session is on Wednesday 25th September starting at 5.30pm. It will be completed by 7pm. This is a parent session so try not to bring your children if possible. Mrs Otten who is our Assistant Principal for Kindergarten is organising the night. Tea and coffee will be provided. Some of our Kindergarten staff, Mr Brown and I will also be attending. We look forward to seeing you there.



K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEXT WEEK:

The carnival will be held on Binalong Oval (behind the school) on Wednesday 25th September 2019. A note went home this week with more details. It will start at 9.30am and be completed hopefully by recess. Students will go to their classrooms at 9am to mark the roll and eat Crunch and Sip before coming out to the oval. They will rotate around three activities (running races and two sets of novelty activities) in their year groups. Each rotation will be around 30 minutes. Only heats will be held in running and not finals. The carnival will be completed around 11:10am in time for recess. Please feel free to join us for this morning and recess. A normal school day will resume from 11:40am after recess. It is also suggested that you bring a rug and fold-up chairs to sit on as there is limited seating on the oval. If wet, the carnival will be postponed to Term 4.

Thank you to Mrs Sim, Miss Page and Miss Lamas for organising this event for K-2 and to all the K-2 teachers for helping. We hope your children will have a great day. The canteen will be open for parents and visitors only

BUZZ ASSEMBLY WEEK 8:

Congratulations to all winners of the Buzz Awards last week. Photos and names have been printed in this newsletter and photos were on Facebook. If your child has 3,6,9 etc. buzz awards, they need to bring them to the office by Monday morning to be eligible for the Buzz Morning Tea to be held on Tuesday. The letters will go home on Tuesday but the awards must be brought into the office beforehand. These students consistently follow the expectations of the school and are safe, responsible, respectful learners.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER PHOTO SHOOT:

On Monday 9th November, the School Photographer who takes our normal school photos came to take photos of some of our K-2 students and leaders to use for our website, Kindergarten Orientation, newsletters and other promotional things. They took photos of our students in class, the playground, reading with Mr Brown and with some teachers. The photos are fabulous and a small selection is included here with more to follow.



COLOUR EXPLOSION:

This fun event was held on Friday 13th September from 1pm. The students and staff had a fabulous day as you can see from the photos. The P & C will have a report later in the newsletter but I would like to congratulate our families on their generosity. We will be using the money to upgrade our Aus Play equipment in the grass playground as well as upgrading the surface underneath to suitable softfall. Thank you again to our hard working P & C for your efforts for our school. Everyone had a wonderful day and the weather was fabulous.



SUMMER UNIFORM:

A reminder to parents that students should return after the holidays wearing summer uniform. The weather should be warmer but you may need to put a jacket in your child's bag each day just in case it is cooler. Also remember that all students at recess and lunch must have a school hat everyday and it is a good idea to apply sunscreen every morning in the warmer months. Here is a photo of some of our Kindy students wearing their summer uniforms. Also remember that girls should wear red or white ribbons or bows to match their uniforms.



HILLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION FINAL:

Over the past few weeks, Stages 1,2 and 3 have been listening and preparing lots of speeches. This is the second year that all 3 stages have participated in this competition. Each stage held a final to select 2 students to represent their stage and TPS at the final to be held on Monday at our school. The quality of the prepared and impromptu speeches was very high. Each student must do both speeches. For the prepared speech they will give the speech they did at school and for the impromptu they have 5 minutes at school to plan a speech on a set topic. Good luck to all our students for Monday as they compete against Pendle Hill PS, Ringrose PS, Wentworthville and Darcy Rd PS. Stage 1 have a 2 minute speech, Stage 2 have a 3 minute speech and Stage 3 have a 4 minute speech.

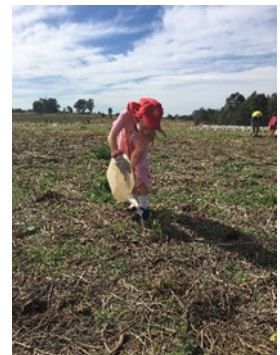
Our Stage Representatives and their prepared speech topics are:

Stage 3: Noah Anish – Technology is about to, Lily Briffa – The greatest invention of all time
Stage 2: Vaughn Gannon – The older I get the better, Nikola Terzis – An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
Stage 1: Haadi Shahu – My hero, Oliver Lee – What makes a good friend?

I would like to wish all these students good luck for Monday and also to thank Mr Howe who has coordinated this event at our school. The grand final will be held at Hambleton Public School.

TREE PLANTING BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL WARRIORS:

Last week our environmental warriors went with Mrs Osland and Mrs Matthews to The Dairy at Abbotsbury to help Greening Australia bring back the bush to Western Sydney Parklands. Our students planted 700 plants including grasses, shrubs and eucalypts to restore the area for native animals, birds and insects to inhabit. The students learnt how to plant and the importance of watering their plants. A bus was provided and our warriors had a great time. This area is open to the public if you would like to visit.



Library News—Renata Redman TL

Book Character Parade and Book Fair

Hoping you can join us on **Thursday 24th October** (Term 4, Week 2) for our annual Book Parade and Book Fair. We encourage all students to dress up as a favourite book character but please do not go to any great expense. Our Parade will commence at 9.30am and be followed by our Book Fair in the hall.

Morning tea will be available from the canteen between 10.30am and 11am.

This is an excellent opportunity to complete some Christmas shopping, or donate a book to the Library, with all sales benefitting our school.

We would be extremely grateful for any parents who would be able to assist at the Book Fair on the day. If you are able to assist, please contact the office.

Book Week Colouring Competitions

Thank you to all students who participated in our recent Book Week colouring competitions. Congratulations to our winners: Amber Su, Saraniya Prabakaran, Haadi Shahu, Reina Park, Keira Chapple, Hannah Elkin, Leanne Cho, Rachel McNeilly, Liam Poulter and Justin Baek.

P&C and Parent Auxiliary

The P&C would like to wish all our TPS families a safe and relaxing holidays and remind you that the next P&C General Meeting will be held on the first day back at school which is Monday 14th October at 7pm in the staff room. 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 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

Our Run4Fun Colour Explosion was held last Friday 13th September and as you can see from the photos of the event it was a fantastic day and all involved had a great time.



The P&C would like to Thank all the families and friends who have supported our school by coming along to the Colour Explosion and most importantly donating to this fundraiser.

A special thanks to those parents and friends who were able to volunteer last Friday. These events would not be possible without the support and assistance of people within our community. Your time and efforts to assist on the day were very much appreciated.

At the time of sending this newsletter the fundraising total stands at \$12,700.

You only have until midnight tonight to finalize the fundraising for your child and make sure they qualify for some of the fantastic prizes that are on offer. Your child needs to be registered at www.myprofilepage.com.au and have fund-raised just \$10 to be eligible for a prize, so if you are one of the few who have left this to the last minute, jump online now before it is too late.

Now the exciting part - ordering your prizes. This needs to be completed after the fundraising period concludes so please log back on from Monday but before Friday 27th September to complete the prize order. You can mix and match your prizes if you raised \$20 or more. Please refer to page eight (8) of your Sponsorship Booklet for more details. We are looking forward to seeing these funds be used towards the update of the Ausplay area in the playground with work on this project commencing 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. Interviews for this position will be conducted before the end of term.

Uniform Shop

Please note that the uniform shop will be closed on Monday 23rd September but will be open as normal on Tuesday 24th.

P&C Canteen — Rhonda Fogg, Canteen Manager

A reminder to all parents to ensure that they are using the latest pricing when sending lunch orders and money to be placed over the counter.

The Term 4 Canteen Volunteer roster has not been completed, so if our wonderful canteen helpers would like to call in to the canteen to see what date you are on next term, or just message Rhonda and she can let you know.

We do have several vacancies on the roster. If you would like to help out in the canteen next term please let us know. Volunteers are an essential part of the TPS Canteen. Without your assistance, we will potentially be required to close the canteen during breaks to allow for the preparation of the fresh food.

Volunteering is a fun way to see your child in their school environment. If you are unable to give a whole day, even just an hour or 2 once a month or whenever you are free is of great help to us. Please consider spending some time in the TPS Canteen.

THANK YOU MICHELLE

As you may know my assistant Michelle is leaving at the end of this term. I am very sad to see her go, I have worked with Michelle for over a year now, when i came to the Canteen she made me feel very welcomed. I will miss her working with me as we did work very well together, I know the children and parents will miss her as well. I wish her well on her new adventure.

END OF TERM

Please note that on the last Friday of term, the canteen will not be open for over the counter service at lunch time. Lunch orders will still be available as normal.

Please also be aware that as we approach the end of term some menu items may be out of stock. Flexischools will be updated daily as items become unavailable.

FRESH FOR KIDS PROMOTION

THIS PROMOTION CONCLUDES AT THE END OF THIS TERM SO PLEASE ENSURE ALL ENTRY FORMS ARE COMPLETED AND RETURNED ASAP.

The Sydney Markets Eat Fresh and WIN Promotion is now underway, and the kids are really enjoying the opportunity to get the prizes!

Each time your child orders a meal from the canteen that contains FRESH PRODUCE, they will receive a sticker. For every TWO stickers that are collected and returned on an entry form (available from the canteen) they will receive a Stamper Pen. There are 6 different colors to collect.

The entry form will then be sent off to Sydney markets at the end of the campaign where your child will enter the draw for some fantastic prizes. There is also a prize for the school with the most entries, so let's get Toongabbie kids eating healthy foods from our canteen!



BUZZ AWARD WINNERS—WEEK 8 TERM 3

Jonah SCHWALGER K-6M, Antony ZAITER K-6P, Krishna SRIRAM, Kai FOSTER, Olivia-Jane COOPER KC, Sophie AGGETT, Harper QUITTO, Ben RICHARDSON KE, Ranveer KRISHNA, Amber SU, Chloe HE KS, Joanna JAMES, Jacob BOTTRILL, Romesh KATYURA KT, Zahra ATCHA, Jack McFADGEN, Karlee PHILLIPSON 1A, Jainee DESANI, Daniel MINOR, Aahana NARAYAN 1C, Paige ROBINSON, Emerson POTTS, Lucy PRENTICE 1O, Hajin LEE, Eva MEDVED, Amelia ALLEN 1/2P, Oliver WUILLEMIN, William VERNON, Emily ROBERTS 2B, Sarah HALL, Emir YUCEBASOGLU, Scarlett STRONG 2H, Isabella JAMES, Chamaya SEN-EVIRATHNA, Zoe TATTAM 2K, Thea PANCHAL, Anya PATEL, Fergus CHO 3J, Mariam AHMED, Dylan TANG, Eric WANG 3R, Lilly WILLIAMSON, Sia KAZANAS, Chaise BLACK-KOCBEK 3S, Meeraja MATHIYALAGAN, Nishi DUDHAT, Somesh KATYURA 4A, Lexi DIASINOS, Tyler PHABMIXAY, Sarah BRIDGER 4M, Nikola TERZIS, Kingston MALU, Jasmin BATTISTELLA 4S, Ananya KRISHNAN, Jordy GREGORY, Deniz GURSOY 5C, Cooper AGGETT, Lachlan MITCHELL-BAINES, Jade PHILLIPSON 5H, Alphonsa JOHN, Kaeshia SUTHAKARAN, Angad PELIA 5M, Daniel BUTTIGIEG, Abbie NEAL, Jenifer HOBBS 6C, Brodin Johnson-Gustowski, Aarushi Patel, Harrison MASSEY 6D, Quinn MURRAY, Rachel MCNEILLY, Desirah ROBERT 6T.



What's Happening at TPS

SUPPORT UNIT

Our students had a blast at the Colour Explosion last Friday! They were so excited all day and couldn't wait to start wearing their new sunglasses.

This term the boys have been working hard during gross motor and Buddies with 5C in preparation for the K-2 Athletics Carnival. Their fundamental movement skills have grown immensely and we can't wait to see their hard work be put into practise at the carnival.



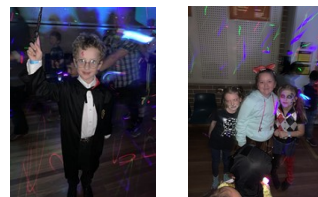
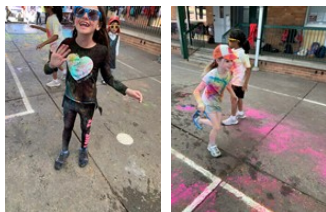
EARLY STAGE ONE

Early Stage One have been working very hard over the past few weeks. In Visual Arts, we have been looking at unit of work called 'Bush Medicine'. Through a range of activities, students explored the shapes, colours and appearance of leaves from local native trees. The artworks were developed over a series of lessons, where we focused on the skills of blending through painting activities, mark making and collage. Here are some examples of the finished product.



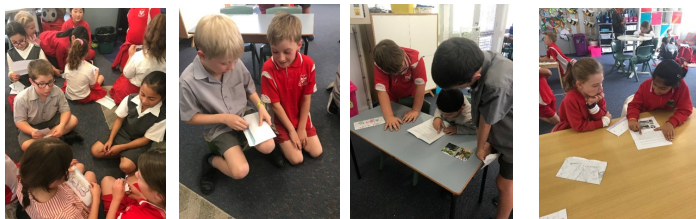
STAGE ONE

Stage 1 students have had a very eventful two weeks at Toongabbie Public School. It was great to see so many Stage 1 families at our Term 3 disco. Your costumes and dance skills were fantastic! Last week, we held our Stage 1 Public Speaking Final as part of the Hills Public Speaking Competition. We would like to congratulate Haadi Shahu (2K) and Oliver Lee (1/2P) in making it through to the next level. Well done to all our students who participated this year. It was also great to see all our Stage 1 students participating in the 'Colour Explosion' last week. It has been a term full of enriched learning and many fun activities. We wish you all a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing you back in Term 4.



STAGE TWO

Last week, 4A wrote their letters to their buddy class persuading them to go to Year 4 camp. In the afternoon, 4A delivered their letters to 2B and their buddies read all about the activities, food and cabins at Year 4 camp. We would also like to congratulate Nikola and Vaughn for representing Stage Two at the Hills Public Speaking Semi-Finals.



STAGE THREE

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last week, 13 talented and brave students participated in the Stage 3 final of the Hills Public Speaking Competition. All of the students conducted themselves professionally, presenting both a 4 minute prepared speech and 2 minute impromptu speech. Congratulations to Noah Anish and Lily Briffa who will now represent Toongabbie Public School at the Hills Public Speaking Semi-Final against finalists from a range of other schools.

This will take place next Monday from 9am at Toongabbie Public School.

YEAR 6 CAMP – Do you want to build a snowman?

This week, 63 Year 6 students departed for an amazing trip to Canberra and the snow. The students had the opportunity to tour Parliament House, learn all about the Snowy River Hydro Scheme, The Australian War Memorial, Questacon and have snowball fights at Perisher! Thank you to Mr Carruthers, Mrs Church, Mr Tuck and Mrs Matthews for accompanying Year 6. I'm sure there will be lots of photos and exciting stories to share on Friday night!

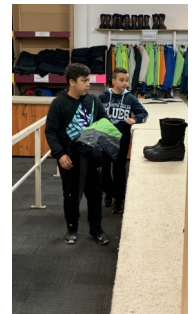
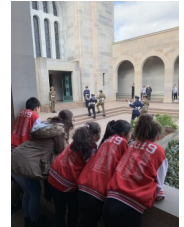
SCIENCE FAIR

The very busy term continues, as Stage 3 students run their Science Fair next Thursday. As a part of the science unit, Year 5 and 6 students have been learning about electricity and how to create a series and parallel circuit. They have used this knowledge to construct their own electrical project, which will go on display at the Science Fair. Students from Kindy-Year 4 will have the opportunity to come and view these projects, as the Stage 3 students discuss and explain how their project works. We are very excited to see what our students have created!

Colour Explosion Photo Gallery



Year Six Canberra/Snow Photo Gallery





Northmead

Creative and Performing Arts High School

Audition Information for Parents and Students

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

Auditions will be held Monday 21st – Friday 25th October 2019

AUDITIONS YEAR 7 - 11 FOR PLACEMENT IN 2020

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Auditions will be held for Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts on:

Monday 21st - Friday 25th October 2019.

The cost of auditions is \$50.00.

Applications close and forms need to be submitted to NCAPAHS Monday 14th October 2019

Please register your interest via our school website or contact Mrs Stepic: on 9630 4116

Email: june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au

Audition Application forms can also be downloaded from our school website.

Mrs Fiona Clifton – Relieving Principal

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Enrolments: Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

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