

Toongabbie Public School

Principal's Report - Craig Brown

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Dates to Remember:

30th July—Parent Teacher Interviews
5th-9th August—Education Week
5th August—Athletics Carnival
6th—15th August—Dental Visit
12th August—P & C Meeting

NOTES

- * Author Visit Incursion
- * School Bytes Information

PBL Focus

Term 3 -Being Safe-
What is Bullying?

Bullying is when someone:

- * teases someone else in a mean and unkind way more than once
- * says, writes or does mean things that hurt another's body, their things or their feelings
- * tries to stop them from joining in and being liked

Bullying is very serious and never OK. Action needs to be taken quickly to stop it. Bullying is everyone's problem. We all need to make sure that nobody is being bullied. We must work together to stop bullying and to help the person being bullied. Some of the things we will look at over the coming weeks are; how 'put downs' are not OK, how thinking for yourself is important by not taking part in bullying and how students who bully others also need our help.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust you and your family had a safe and enjoyable holiday. This term we look forward to a number of exciting events that will complement the quality teaching/learning taking place in our classrooms. These include Education Week Open Day, camps, The Hills Performing Arts Festival, School Spectacular rehearsals, Public Speaking competitions, gymnastics, orienteering, debating, band and sports carnivals to name but a few. Information on all these events will be provided through the newsletter each fortnight.

During our break work has been completed to enhance some of our learning spaces. We have had Blocks B and L painted and are ready to have our playing field transformed with synthetic turf in the area between the hall and the basketball court.

I would like to wish Mrs Maxelle Matthews all the best. Our wonderful literacy teacher will be leaving us next week to work in an area where she can share her expertise with teachers all along the east coast of Australia. Mrs Matthews has worked with us for three years and had a tremendous impact on students who needed specific help with reading. Our other Mrs Matthews, Mrs Kiriilly Matthews will extend her hours to ensure that we continue to provide the very best teaching for our students.

School Bytes

Starting this term, we will be sending student statements of account and payment reminders directly to parents via email using a system called School Bytes. These statements include a link to make secure payment online through Westpac Parent Online Payment (POP) system. Visa and MasterCard credit and debit cards are accepted. A note explaining the new process has been sent out today.

School Carparks

Please do not use the staff carparks to drop off and pick up your child. The danger to students from parents doing this is considerable. These areas are for us all to use, however we need to be safe and appropriate. Parents are also asked not to use the carpark gates for pedestrian access. It again, adds an unnecessary danger. Safety of students must take priority over convenience.

School Interviews

Teachers are looking forward to touching base with you next week to discuss your child's learning progressions and Semester 2 learning goals. Interview appointments have now closed. If you need to see your child's teacher and have not made an appointment, please contact the office to arrange an alternative time. Please remember that we are inviting students to be part of the interview process this time. We have 391 interviews booked for next week.

Education Week

We will be holding our Open Day on Monday August 5. We have our Athletics carnival in the morning and hope parents can join us for this and to visit classrooms in the afternoon. More information will be available next week and on our Facebook page.

Camp

We have our Year 4, 5 and 6 students attending camp this term. This opportunity allows students to develop independent and leadership skills, confidence and self esteem, social skills and making friends, as well as engage in various learning environments. We wish all the students and staff the best as they embark on their learning adventure. Payments for the camps are due two weeks prior to them taking place. Please see me if you are needing financial assistance. We would like all our students to have this experience.

Starting Kindergarten in 2020

If you have a child starting school next year, it is important to enrol your child to ensure that you receive the required information about orientation days. Please contact the office staff to get an enrolment application. Please remember your birth certificate, up to date immunisation form from Medicare and proof of your residential address. Please share this information with neighbours who may have children starting next year.

Relieving Deputy Principal's Report - Sue Bownds

Welcome back to all our students, parents, caregivers and staff. I hope you had a great holiday and that you are ready for the busy term ahead. Our staff returned to school on Monday for Staff Development Day where we were learning about the new Learning Progressions. Every week on a Tuesday afternoon, our staff participate and lead sessions of professional development to keep up to date with current educational practices and to upskill our staff in various areas. Each stage team also held meetings to plan for the term ahead.

Absences

I have included some information in this newsletter regarding absences and have also spoken with the staff today about some changes in this area. Following an absence from school, it is important that parents/carers ensure that within 7 days, they must provide either a **written or verbal explanation to the school**. This is a change to our previous practice as you may now give a verbal reason to the teacher, supervisor or office staff. Please note that this verbal reason must not be given by the child. We encourage you to continue either writing notes, using the school app or sending emails but you now have the option of calling the school office or talking to the teacher directly. The staff will then note the reason on the roll. If your child is away for more than two days, either the teacher or another member of staff may call you to enquire about the child. I hope that this will help you to make this process easier.

100 Days of Kindergarten

On Wednesday, Kindergarten celebrated 100 days at school with a fun day full of activities as a grade. Their teachers and Assistant Principal all dressed up to add to the occasion. The students also dressed as people who were 100 years old. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who went to so much trouble. The students had lessons all day centred around the number 100 from maths to making structures with 100 blocks. Further information will follow in the ES1 section of our newsletter. We have celebrated 100 days of Kindergarten for some time but this is the first time the children have dressed up. Thank you to Miss Cox for organising the day and our other wonderful teachers Mrs Sim, Mrs Metcalfe, Miss Stefanel, Miss Jenkins for their support. Mrs Otten also dressed up for the occasion and joined in the afternoon's activities.



National Tree Day

Today was National Tree Day and we were fortunate enough to have 50 shrubs and plants donated by Parramatta Council to our school. Each class planted one or two in our school grounds and will now look after it during the year. Thank you to Parramatta Council for this generous gift. You may like to plant something at your house or cultivate something in a pot to celebrate this day over the weekend. Thanks to our environmental committee of Mrs Matthews, Mr Carruthers and Mrs Osland for organising this. Our environmental programs continue to grow and we thank you for your support in this area. Photos are of 1C enjoying their planting experience.



Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. Please come to the office to collect the enrolment form. It would be appreciated if you could ask your neighbours or family members as well, as this helps us to plan for next year. Our Orientation sessions are in Term 4, but a parent will be held on Wednesday 25th September at 5.30-7pm for all interested families. We look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Otten who is supervising Kindergarten will be organising these activities.

Head Lice

Now that the weather is starting to get warmer, we have had several confirmed cases of head lice in our school. Please check your child's head for evidence and treat accordingly. A chemist will be able to assist you with a treatment. Notes are sent home to the whole class if there is a child with head lice.

Cares

Our Year 4 students participated in the CARES program this term and at the end of last term. A report will be later in the newsletter. Our students learnt how to ride safely in various situations including how to correctly wear a helmet and use other safety equipment. These students are now able to ride to school. Thank you to their teachers Mr Sanders, Miss Mehmet, Mrs Arico and Mr McMurtry who accompanied them. They had a great time and this is a very valuable program.



Dentist

The Australian government has an initiative for school children to have access to CDBS (Child Dental Benefits Schedule) through Medicare. Peoples Healthcare Services Australia has partnered with us to bring its fully equipped Mobile Dental Clinic and AHPRA registered dental practitioners to our school to conduct dental check-ups during August. The dental treatment and preventative oral health care program is free of charge for eligible families and provides benefits to children for basic dental services that includes:

- Dental examination
- Dental X-rays
- Fillings & sealants
- Fluoride treatment
- Preventive Oral Care, such as oral hygiene assistance and cleaning of teeth

If you would like your child to undertake this service at our school, please sign and return the consent form to the school office by the end of next week. Additional forms are available from the office. You may also go online and complete the form as well. Details are:

<https://www.peopleshealthcare.com.au/parental-consent-form-schools/>

This is a great opportunity to have free dental treatment at school. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Camps

As you know we have Year 4 camp to Stanwell Tops, Year 5 camp to the Central Coast for the Great Aussie Bush Camp and Year 6 camp to Canberra and the snow this term. Please organise your permission notes and medical forms for these camps as soon as possible. The office is happy to accept full payments or part payments depending on what works best for you. Dates and costs have been advised in your notes. Please talk to your child's teacher or Assistant Principal if you have any questions or concerns. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I thank the teachers concerned for everything they are doing to plan great activities for the students.

Library News—Renata Redman TL

Author Visit – Years 3, 4 & 6

To celebrate Children's Book Week, award-winning children's author, Mark Greenwood, will be visiting on Thursday 22nd August. Mark is the author of the acclaimed 'History Mystery' series and numerous historical picture books. Students in Years 3, 4 and 6 enjoyed studying Mark's books in Term 2 and we are very much looking forward to Mark's presentation. Notes for this visit will issue shortly. It would be greatly appreciated if payment and permission slips could be returned promptly.

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club brochures will be distributed next week. Please place orders online, using Scholastic's LOOP system, by **Friday 9th August**.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's PRC concludes on **Friday 30th August** and students must have their reading records logged by this date. K-2 students complete the Challenge with their class teacher. The Challenge is optional for students in Years 3 to 6. Congratulations and well done to our recent 'finishers': Marie Abi Tamir, Cooper Aggett, Sahana Arudselvan, Patrick Baker, Krish and Yash Boocha, Daniel Burki, Ceyda Demiryurek, Reina Park, Aarushi Patel, Kaeshia Suthakaran and Anneliese Treasure. For further information and to log reading records, please visit: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

World Book Online

Just a termly reminder to please 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.

P&C and Parent Auxiliary

Toongabbie Public School P and C

Please consider coming along to the next P&C General Meeting that will be held on Monday 12 August at 7pm. If you would like anything to be added to the agenda for this meeting, please email to toongabbiepublicschool-pandc@gmail.com.

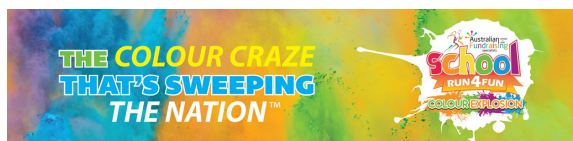
Parent Auxiliary

The next Parent Auxiliary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 June at 9am, in the Before & After School building. Parents are welcome to bring toddlers along with them to these meetings. Please consider coming along to this meeting, especially if you are unable to attend P&C evening meetings. This meeting will focus on preparations for the upcoming Fathers Day Stall.

The Parent Auxiliary is a P&C Sub-committee and is a great way to stay up to date on school events and news for those not able to make it the evening P&C Meetings.

Colour Explosion Fun Run

Save the date – Friday 13 September. More information to follow.



P&C Canteen — Rhonda Fogg, Canteen Manager

Managers Special – Week 1 & 2	Creamy Chicken Pasta	\$4.50
Mangers Special – Week 3 & 4	Beef Meat Ball Sub with Cheese	\$5.00

Term 3 - Menu Changes

As we work toward adjusting our menu to comply with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Guidelines please be aware that there will be several changes happening over the coming months.

Products no longer available from Term 3

- Hot Popcorn
- JJ's (All flavours)
- Jelly Cups
- Jelly & Custard Cups
- Zing Snappers
- Paddle Pops
- Callipo's
- Spinach & Ricotta Rolls
- Chicken Nibbles
- Fantastic Noodles
- Chicken Burgers
- Red Rock Deli (Honey Soy Chicken)

New Products Available in Term 3:

• Grilled Chicken Breast Burger (with lettuce and Mayo)	\$4.50
• Mamee Noodle Cups (Beef or Chicken only)	\$3.00
• Large Custard Cup with Fruit	\$1.50
• Koala Air Popped Popcorn	\$1.50
• Ham & Cheese Roll	\$2.00
• Cheese Roll	\$2.00

Breakfast

There will now be a range of Breakfast items available of a morning ranging from 50c - \$2. Some of these items will be available to be ordered before 8am for service at 8:30am.

Recess Items

There will be a variety of new and improved recess options that will vary each day and week. These items will be in line with the Healthy School Canteen guidelines and range in price from 50c - \$2.

Friday Lunch Orders - PSSA Alerts

If your child participates in PSSA, please ensure that this is marked on their lunch orders on a Friday as these orders are required to be prepared earlier so that the children can take their lunch with them to their sport.

If you are ordering on Flexischools, please check the ALERTS and mark your child as PSSA.

This needs to be completed in the order WITH the food order not separately. So make sure this appears at the checkout when completing the order.

Flexischool App

Make sure you have downloaded the Flexischools APP on your mobile device to stay up to date with all the latest items available in the canteen. This system is updated daily with any items that become available or are out of stock.

Please be sure to also check on Flexischools regularly for specials and other items that may be available.

There are also new and exciting freshly prepared treats appearing at times on the canteen counter at recess, for example this week there was Canteen made Banana Cake and Fruit sticks for sale and Pumpkin soup was freshly made on site and available to order for lunch or recess.

Sushi

We are unable to offer SUSHI FRIDAY in Term 3. This service will resume in Term 4

Cash Sales

Please be aware that the canteen does not have change in the mornings for large notes. Please try to have smaller notes or coins for over the counter orders. The canteen is also not able to provide change.

Volunteers

We are still in need of some new canteen volunteers to fill some gaps on our volunteer roster. If you are interested in assisting in the canteen, please contact Rhonda in the canteen.

Existing volunteers should check the roster to ensure that days scheduled for this term are still suitable for your availability. Thankyou in advance for your continued support and time spent in the Canteen.

What's Happening at TPS

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Thank you to those families who have supported our Stage 3 Billy G's Gourmet Cookie & Biscuit Dough Fundraiser. We are thrilled to announce that the fundraiser has been a huge success! All funds raised will be contributed towards the gift presented to the school by Year 6 at the end of the year.

For those who have ordered, delivery of your order to our school will be on **Tuesday 30th July, 2019**, where it will be packed and ready to pick up at **3:00pm** from **5M's classroom**. Please note this date is also Parent Teacher Interviews, patience may be needed if there is an interview in progress.

Upon pick up, you will be asked to record your name and sign for your order to minimize any confusion.

If you cannot pick up your order on the afternoon of Tuesday 30th July, please respond to the email sent on Tuesday 23rd July, and advise the name of your child and their class, and it will be delivered to their classroom, before 3pm, to take home.

Safe storage of cookie dough

- After delivery, the cookie dough can be stored without refrigeration for up to 7 hours
- The tubs can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 4 weeks or in the freezer until you are ready to bake

The cookie dough can be refrozen

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Peita McGoogan
Organising Teacher

Prayer Group

The prayer group will meet week 3 Friday 9 August from 9-9.30am in the before and after school care room located at the end of the Kindergarten rooms.

All are welcome to come and join in, even if just to listen.

What's Happening at TPS

Support Classes

Welcome to Term 3. It is shaping up to be a very busy term for our support classes.

We will be learning about water through our science unit *Water Works*.

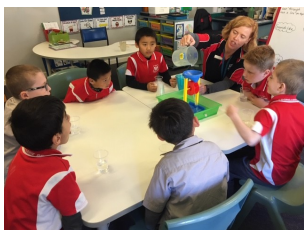
This unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of, and appreciation for this precious natural resource. Students will explore how water is used, where water comes from and how to use it responsibly. This week K-6B have been using their senses to describe how water looks, feels, sounds, smells and tastes.

This term we will be combining parent teacher interviews with our annual review meetings for all students. Dates are as follows:

Miss McLennan K-6M	Tuesday 30th July and Thursday 1st August
Miss Park K-6P	Tuesday 6th August and Wednesday 7th August
Mrs Burnett K-6B	Thursday 15th August and Tuesday 20th August

Please speak to class teachers to arrange an alternative date if required.

All students from our support classes have been invited to participate In the Northcott Junior Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 4th September. This is a great opportunity for students from support units across Greater Sydney to come together to compete in races, obstacle courses and field events. More details coming soon.



Early Stage One—100 Days of Kindergarten

On Wednesday 24 July Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of school.

The importance of celebrating 100 days of Kindergarten

One hundred days is a milestone for our young students who have engaged in not only 100 days of academic learning but have also worked hard at gaining an understanding of new routines and forming potentially lifelong friendships. Parents the world over rejoice in their children's achievement of early milestones, first smile, first tooth, first steps, first word. This level of enthusiasm for our children's development should be continued throughout their school life. Whether it be your child's first day at school, their high school graduation or their first performance on stage in front of an audience, all of these milestones (big and small) demonstrate your child's growth and should be acknowledged and celebrated. The importance of celebrating education milestones are many.

Here are some accounts by Kindergarten students of their day:

My favourite part was going to different classes. I like eating the gummy bears. By Lilanittaya KT

My favourite part was eating the ice cream and gummy bears. I also liked dressing up and going to different classrooms. By Edmund KT

We coloured our hair grey and had walking sticks. It was very funny. We had ice-cream and gummy bears. We did activities, all of the best ones. We played a lot. It was the best! I liked the paddle pop stick activity. By Harper KE

I had a walking stick and beard and a hat that had black and white stripes. I had some glasses and we had ice-cream. We had lollies.

By Ben KE

My favourite part was going to different classes because there were different activities. By Caroline KS

My favourite part was the centipede racing because I could blow it really fast. By Luca KS

First, I dressed up as a grandma. Second, we did art and I liked it. Third, we did centipede races. Fourth we did exercise and maths. My favourite part was eating icecream. By Annice KS

Yesterday I dressed up as a grandma and I did art. At the end of the day I ate ice cream and gummy bears. By Milly KS



100 Days of Kindergarten Photo Gallery



What's Happening at TPS

Stage One

Welcome back to all our students and families!

Stage One have an exciting term coming up with a number of different events and programs.

In English, students are exploring how to justify opinions and evaluating ideas with evidence of persuasion, with lots of exciting themed activities in reading, writing, comprehension, and grammar lessons.

In maths, students will continue to participate in TEN activities, and a sequence of topics including addition and subtraction, patterns and algebra, mass, time and position.

In Science, students are exploring the topic 'Water works' where students will explore and develop an appreciation for this natural resource. Topic Talks will also link in with this theme.

In Geography, students are investigating 'People and Places' both locally and globally.

In creative arts, students are exploring the art of music.

Our long awaited gymnastics program commences this Term, with lessons held in the hall weekly. PE activities around teamwork and fundamental movement skills will continue in class. Students are looking forward to demonstrating these skills during the K-2 sports carnival in Week 10.

Child Protection lessons are also being conducted weekly where students learn to understand feelings and how to keep themselves safe.

This Friday is National Tree Day and students are busy preparing to plant a number of trees in the school grounds. This allows students to understand the value trees have to our environment and the impact of overusing this natural resource.

A very exciting term ahead!



Stage Two—Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES) Program

Ding, ding, ding went the bicycle bells at CARES. Year 4 students were buzzing with excitement at the centre in Prospect where we learnt about bike safety and practised riding on a road with REAL traffic lights and a REAL roundabout. Constables Raney and Carmen taught us the rules of the road and how to follow signs such as the 'stop' and 'give way' signs. After learning how to check our helmets and bicycles, we completed a skills course where we carefully weaved between poles, used hand signals, did an emergency stop and had a 'slow race' (that's opposite to a real race so the person who comes last is the winner). The best part of the day was riding on the road with our bike licence, but just like a real licence we would get demerit points if we didn't follow the road rules! We had a great day and learned how to be safe on our bikes.

By Lexi Diasinos and Vaughn Gannon



Stage Three

Already we are staring down the barrel at a massive term to come. With a range of activities already planned, we will be waiting for the many incidental events that will undoubtedly fill our days.

This term we will be following tradition for Stage 3 homework, by providing students with three assignments to complete. This aims to provide students with the opportunity to manage their own time to complete tasks by a due date. The first of these has gone home already. This is the Hills Public Speaking Competition speech. Teachers will explain the expectations of the delivery within their own classes but the students will need to be prepared to deliver their speech at the beginning of Week 6.

There will be an assignment based broadly on our English unit this term, 'beliefs'.

The other assignment will be based on our electricity unit in science. A note will go home shortly about purchasing an electric circuit kit to assist with the teaching and learning sequence of this unit.

We have Year 5 heading to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Week 5 and Year 6 will travel to the nation's capital in Week 9.

With many other events and activities not mentioned, you can see that there is already a lot to fill our time in the upcoming weeks.



FREE KID'S DENTAL CARE

— CLAIM BENEFITS UP TO \$1000 —



Your child may be eligible for Child Dental Benefits Schedule from the Australian Government. We call it Healthy Smiles for Children at School Program. Eligible Children aged between 2-17 years receives up to \$1000 for oral health care over a period of 2 years. The treatments include:

- Dental Examinations
- X- rays
- Cleaning
- Fluoride treatment
- Fissure sealing
- Fillings

** Conditions Apply: For more information and to find about eligibility criteria please contact mobile clinic at your school*

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