

Toongabbie Public School

Friday 29th March, 2019
Volume 5



Dates to Remember:

29 March—Family Movie Night
4 April—Pedlars Parade
5 April—Citizenship Assembly
5 April—P & C Disco
8 April—Big Vegie Crunch
8 April—P & C Meeting
9 April—Kindy Excursion to
Riverside Theatre
10 April—Cross Country
11 April—Anti Bullying Incursion
12 April—ANZAC Assembly
12 April—Last Day of Term
29 April—Pupil Free Day
30 April—Students Return

PSSA

More information to follow.

NOTES

- * Pedlar's Parade
- * Naplan Online
- * Tell Them From Me Survey

PBL Focus

It's Important to be Friendly

Being friendly means being kind and welcoming to others, and including others even if they are not your friends or they are people who are hard for you to like. This means:

- Making decisions that are fair to everyone.
- looking into their eyes and smiling
- listening and encouraging each other
- letting everyone have a say
- doing your share of the work

Principal's Report - Craig Brown

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a few staffing changes since our last newsletter. Mr Francis, our Deputy Principal, is currently acting as the Principal of Toongabbie East Public School until the end of this term. Mr Sanders and Mrs Bownds are sharing the responsibility of the Deputy Principal's role but will still be supervising their respective stages. Mr Tuck is relieving as Assistant Principal until the end of term and will have additional responsibilities for technology and student wellbeing. In addition to these changes, Miss Tulich, the wonderful teacher of KT was appointed as a permanent teacher to Chatswood Public School starting term 2. The parents of KT have been notified and I am working through the staffing changes with the executive at present. I will provide information when things are finalised. We are currently in the process of employing an Assistant Principal to replace Mrs Sullivan who recently retired.

A huge thank you to our wonderful group of band parents who ran the 'Democracy Sausage Sizzle' on Saturday. The event was very successful and showed how our community can get behind a cause and have fun doing it. I believe just over \$2000 was raised. This money will go towards supporting our school band program and keeping costs down for parents. The committee will be hosting the next BBQ when we find out the date for the Federal Election. Thank you to all those who voted at our school and supported this event.

This week we are painting the old computer room and Bicentennial Room. The P&C have donated funds to support the development of a Technology Hub in our school. We are engaging an expert in coding and robotics for next term to work with our teachers and students. All students will get five sessions in this new learning space as we aim to develop their technology skills.

I hope our runners are busy training up for the School Cross Country. This takes place on April 10 and is always a great day. Mr Howe is in charge of this event and will also manage the zone carnival. He is experienced and will put on a wonderful event for our students. We know that all students are not runners and encourage everyone to participate by either running to their potential and cheering on their house.

Stage 1 have been off to the Field of Mars Study Centre this week. Sounds like another planet, however, it is just down the road at Ryde and looks at environmental issues. It was great to see the students get on the bus so excited and return with lots of interesting stories. Teachers praised the behaviour of our students and their fitness when completing the long trek.

Students from Years 3 and 5 are completing 'NAPLAN Online' practice at the moment. The official NAPLAN Online testing will be completed in Week 3 next term. The dates are May 14-24. I would like to thank Mr Tuck who is looking after the technology involved with supporting this program.

Tonight is Movie Night at Toongabbie Public School and I hope to see you all there for 'The Incredibles 2' We have the Pedlar's Parade on Thursday morning and the End of Term Disco on Friday Night. It looks like another busy week as we come to the last 10 days of term.

I will ask the teachers to follow up on any outstanding absent notes and remind parents of how important good attendance is to achieve the best possible results. Finally a big thank you to our students for looking so good last Thursday on School Photo Day. I have seen the proofs and our students look smart!

Have a great weekend

Craig Brown,
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report - Peter Sanders

NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

This week most year 3 and 5 students will have had the opportunity to participate in a practice test for NAPLAN online. If they have not, it will be in the upcoming week. Between Monday 13 May and Friday 24 May our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>.

VISITORS—Sign In/Sign Out

Department of Education requires all visitors to the school to present to the office on arrival and sign in and once completing the visit you need to sign out. This assists in the case of an emergency and for the school to know who is on site. This includes parents attending meetings, assisting in class-rooms and visiting the office.

Ride 2 School Day 2019

Last Friday we once again celebrated Ride 2 School Day, and this year it was bigger and better than ever before. Mrs Matthews put in an incredible amount of work and planning again – which resulted in five police officers from NSW Police Transport Command visiting with us, Lisa and Charlene representing Parramatta Council, as well as some fantastic prizes donated from Trek Bicycles at Rouse Hill. Staff cooked a sausage sizzle breakfast, and students, parents and grandparents had the opportunity to enjoy riding their bikes and scooters. Photos and videos were posted on our Facebook page.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR BUZZ AWARD WINNERS for Week 8

K-6B – Benjamin KANG

K-6M – Faizaan MOHAMMED

K-6P - Damon BAILEY

KC - Razi MOHAMMED, Krishnaan SRIRAM, Matilda WHITELOCK

KE - Cody WRIGHT, Hailey SEPPING, Vaishini PRAGASH

KS - Annabelle CLIFTON, Charlie PUCKEY, Luca SCAGLIONE

KT - Samuel PERRY, Queena QUAN, Lilanittaya EDMUNDS

1/2P – Ridwan AHMED, Saraniya PRABAHARAN, Preyam KADIKATLA,

1A - Halle STEEP, Nicholas GILLET, Peyton CARTER

1C - Mithil Ajit SHAH, Daniel MINOR, Liam GIDDEY

1O – Haris SIVASATHEESAN, Elise BOLLARD, Matthew HANDS

1S - Betheny MASSEY, Harnoor Kaur PANDHER, Dean FREEBURGER

2B - Nicholas SELMAN, Nawal KANBOUR, Brennan RIDGE

2H - Smaira NARULA, Christopher TEOH, Lilit MCKENNA

2K - Zoe TATTAM, Isabella JAMES, Chamaya SENEVIRATHNA

3J - Chloe BAEK, Ethan BARR, Ebony TAI

3R - Jessica WELLS, Michael HAVEA, Mariam AHMED

3S - Hannah CHENSEE, Jashan PELIA, Julie CHEIKHA DOUAIHY

4A - Cheryl LIU, Simra NASIR, Quinn MASSEY

4M – Hannah SHAMUVEL, Dean GRANT, Kori-Maree BURGESS

4S - Rachel MINOR, April OLDFIELD, Liam VELLA

5C - Savar SINGH SHARMA, Himaya SENEVIRATHNA, Breanna GALEA

5H - Alwyn PATEL, Jeron JOSEPH, Ceyda DEMIRYUREK5H

5M - Nideesh ARUN SACHIDANANDAN, Kaeshia SUTHAKARAN,

Alphonsa JOHN

6C - JD MORRIS-LIN, Jacob ABOU-TOUMA, Jenifer HOBBS

6D - Sarim NASIR, Charlie WELLS, Eloise LANGER

6T - Ashleigh KEATS, Sharon SEBASTIAN, Noah ANISH

Have a great weekend,

**Peter Sanders,
Assistant Principal**



Reminders From the Office—Freya Ingold - Administrative Manager

Parents please note that we have had a change regarding the procedure for money collection. All money and permission notes are to be given to your child's teacher who then sends it to the office in a blue satchel for processing.

Please ensure that Parent Online Payment (POP) are finalised three business days prior to excursion. This ensures the payment can be processed before the day of the excursion. If you are unsure of how POP works, please pop into the office and we can show you how it operates. It is very easy and convenient for parents/caregivers.

P&C and Parent Auxiliary

TOONGABBIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Please be advised that the next P&C General Meeting will be held on Monday 8th April at 7:30pm in the school staffroom. All members of the TPS Community are encouraged to attend these meetings as they are an invaluable source of information regarding what is happening at our school. There is no obligation when you attend these meetings to commit to any additional activities. It would be great to see more of our parents and citizens attending and having a voice at these meetings.

PARENT AUXILIARY

Anyone who would like to assist with some final Pedlars' Parade preparation and attend a short Parent Auxiliary meeting is invited to attend in the BASC building on Tuesday 2nd April from 9am.

Pedlars Parade 2019 INFORMATION

For those who are still confused about what is required for the Pedlars' Parade, members of the Parent Auxiliary will be available from 8:30am on Monday morning outside the Canteen with sample Pedlars' Parade boxes to answer any questions that you may have.

The 2019 Pedlars Parade will be held on Thursday 4th April. All details were on the note that was sent home in recent weeks. Please ensure that your raffle tickets and money for the Easter Draw is returned to school by Wednesday morning. This money should be sent to your child's classroom teacher in the mornings to send to the office.

We are seeking donations of baked goods from all grades for the cake stall that will be held on the Pedlars' Parade day. These items can be brought directly to the Parent Auxiliary who will be set up outside the canteen on Thursday morning.

A reminder that it is MUFTI for all students on this day. As years 3-6 do not participate in the parade they are asked for a gold coin for the privilege. As K-2 students bring a Pedlars' Parade box to parade with, they are not required to pay the gold coin for mufti.

Lucky Dips will be available for all students to purchase for \$2 each after the parade and at recess.



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We are seeking donations of Easter eggs and any other new items that would be suitable for prizes for our Easter Draw. Each year thanks to the generosity of our TPS families we have been able offer over 40+ prizes in this raffle.

There are some great specials in Easter goods in the supermarket at the moment. Please consider purchasing something extra with your shopping over the weekend to bring in as a contribution for this raffle.

These items are required to be left at the school office by Tuesday 4th

April to enable us enough time to prepare the items for prizes for the raffle. We thank you in advance for these donations.

TERM 1 DISCO

The first Disco for 2019 will be held on Friday 5th April. The theme for this disco was chosen by the SRC members and will be NEON. If children wish to dress according to the theme, they are more than welcome, however this is not compulsory.

Tickets are on sale on Flexischools or you can take your money in a labelled envelope to the canteen by Friday Morning. Student Leaders will also be selling tickets on Thursday and Friday at recess.

Please note that Dinner at the Disco must be pre-ordered.

Don't forget that you are also able to take advantage of our 2019 VIP offer. Pay \$15 and get VIP entry to all 2019 Disco's (SAVE \$5 - Pass not transferable). This offer is only available until Friday 5th April.

ANNUAL OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT –FRIDAY 29th MARCH from 7pm

We have over 75 families joining us tonight for our 3rd Outdoor Family Movie Night.

Wristbands and food vouchers for those who have pre-ordered will be sent home with the children this afternoon, if you haven't got tickets already and would still like to attend, you are able to purchase tickets when you arrive, however there will only be very limited quantities of food available for sale at the event.

P&C Canteen — Rhonda Fogg, Canteen Manager.

P&C CANTEEN NEWS – Rhonda Fogg

A reminder that the new canteen price list will come into effect on Monday 1st April.

There will be no Managers Special until we return in Term 2 however we will have POTATO BAKE available from Monday while stock lasts. This will be a Vegetarian dish.

Potato Bake will be \$4.00 and can be ordered on Flexischools or over the counter.

There will also be HOT CROSS BUNS available for \$1 each.

There are some vacancies in our Canteen roster for Term 2 due to some of our regular volunteers gaining employment. If you are available for a few hours or a full day once a month, we would love to have you come and experience the joys of being a TPS Canteen volunteer. Please see Rhonda in the canteen if you are interested.

What's Happening at TPS

Get ready for The Big Vegie Crunch!

On Monday 8th April our school will be participating in "The Big Vegie Crunch". Hundreds of schools around NSW will be participating in this event on Thursday 4th April, but since we have our Pedlar's Parade on this day, we will be holding the activity on **Monday 8th April**.

During our normal crunch and sip time, TPS students will be crunching on vegetables that have been very kindly donated by Old Toongabbie IGA.



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What's Happening at TPS

STAGE 1 FIELD OF MARS EXCURSION

When we hopped on the bus we didn't need any permission notes to give to the bus driver. We just got on and we sat there.

We saw spikey flowers and it poked me! It was moving up and down and it kept poking me. Then we walked on a bridge. I didn't know if there were crocodiles or sharks in the water. Past the bridge the rocks were slippery. I didn't hold anything at all. There was sand on the rocks it made it slippery. I wasn't falling I was jumping from rock to rock.

We made stick insects and we used sticks to make them. We found some eggs they were hiding somewhere but I found lots of eggs in the glass on the table.

By James Liang 10 and edited by 10



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TPS

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR 2019

Toongabbie P.S. is once again auditioning to be in the K-2 combined dance section at the Schools Spectacular. Thank you to the many students who auditioned to be selected in our group of 12 students. Congratulations to the following students who will be filming their audition dance next Monday:

Lara Abi Tamir 1/2P, Amelia Allen 1/2P, Sarah Hall 2H, Rebecca Hogan 1/2P, Mika Hutovic 2K, Nawal Kanbour 2B, Carys Malu 1S, Aanya Narayan 1/2P, Brennan Ridge 2B, Archie Terzis 2B, Eliza Vandenbovenkamp 2B and Amelia Van Ward 1/2P.

We will find out in late May if we have been successful!

Mrs Paton and Miss Tulich

SRC REPORT

This term the SRC are running a Loose Change Donation Drive to raise money for schools in Northern Queensland who were affected by the floods earlier this year. We would really love for you to donate any 5, 10, 20 or 50 cent coins to help provide teaching and classroom resources for these schools.

Written by Charvi Voola (5H) – SRC Leader



COMMUNITY NEWS

Hindu Scripture Teachers Needed

if there are any parents or community members who would be interested and willing to teach Hindu scripture at our school on Wednesdays, please give your name and contact number to the office and it will be passed on to the trainers.

*The community is
invited to a
Retirement Celebration
in honour of*

Ann Miles

for her 40+ years of service to
Toongabbie Public School

DATE	Saturday 27th April, 2019
TIME	12:30pm - 4:00pm <i>Formalities at 2pm</i>
WHERE	TPS School HALL
BRING	Plate of food to share OR your own picnic lunch
RSVP	Alissa - 0431216485 Deneille - 0433223502

Please share with others who may be interested



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