Toongabbie Public School

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Dates to Remember:
29th Nov-Yr5 Pendle Hill Experience
29th Nov- Final Disco
29th Nov- EW Excursion Royal
Botanic Gardens
2nd Dec-Sto3 Soccer Gala Day

4th Dec-Special Xmas Party Support Unit 4th Dec-Parent Helper Morning Tea

4th Dec-Police Visit-Con. Redwood 5th Dec-Last Playgroup 9am 5th Dec-Bunnings Family Fun Night-Band

5th Dec 3-6 Choir Visit to Melrose Aged Care

6th Dec-Week8 Buzz Assembly 6th Dec- Healthy Relationships Workshop

9th Dec—Presentation Day 9th Dec-P&C Meeting 7pm

10th Dec-Buzz Morning Tea 11th Dec—Carols Night

11th Dec-Yr 6 Surf School

12th Dec- Sport & Cultural Assembly 13th Dec- Reports go home

16th Dec– Yr 6 Graduation & Farewell

17th Dec– K-6 Party Day 18th Dec– Last Day of term 18th Dec-Toonies Got Talent 18thDec-Red Faces 3-6

NOTES

Pendle Hil HS Experience

PBL Focus

Success

K-2 Believe in Yourself

When you believe in yourself, you have a go at something that might be hard for you to do. You are more likely to be believe in yourself when you have some idea of your strengths. Try to remember when you were successful because you worked hard to learn something new.

3-6 No Effort, no results. Challenge yourself.

No one ever achieved anything important to them without lots of effort, hard work and self discipline. If you have a 'growth mindset', it means you know that you can get smarter and better by talking on challenges, putting in lots of effort and not giving up when it gets difficult. If you have a 'fixed mindset' it means that you think you can't change, grow or get smarter. You can change a fixed mindset to a growth mindset.

Principal's Report - Craig Brown

2020 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Our school is currently looking at class structures for 2020. In order to ensure that the needs of students are met, parents are invited to forward information that you believe should be considered in regards to the formation of classes for next year. Requests can include information regarding medical conditions, requests to have particular children separated and/or any other aspect that you feel may have an impact on your child's learning. Please note that while we take this information into consideration, your requests may not be possible due to other factors. Please email craig.s.brown@det.nsw.edu.au

I also ask at this time that families that are moving let our office know so we can adjust our numbers accordingly. I appreciate the understanding and support of our community. We are always trying to get the best mix for all students and staff.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Schools Spectacular last week. This was a huge commitment by our students and staff. The show was fantastic and our dancers and singers were great. Thank you to Mr Cheikha—Douaihy who gave up many days to drive the bus for our dancers.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Our school's recent application to participate in the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) for 2020-2022 has been approved. The program will provide for a minimum of 400 hours per year to support our students. I would like to acknowledge the effort of Mrs Bownds and our Learning and Support team who put the application forward.

LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS FOR CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS FOR 2020

Congratulations to our new captains and vice-captains for 2020. Our captains will be Jake Pokino and

Tiana Fuller. Our vice-captains will be Charvi Voola and Cooper Fakafanua. Our complete leadership team is completed by Breanna Galea, Lily Briffa, Zoe Diasinos, Thomas Chensee, Isaac Street, Jaynish Kogularajah and Matthew George. Thank you to the Stage 3 team, led by Miss McGoogan for the organisation of these events. I look forward to working with all the leaders in 2020 and would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2019 leaders for their efforts this year.



HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS ELECTIONS

Our school held the elections for the house captains and vice-captains last Friday. Congratulations to the following students who are pictured, except for Zoe and Ibrahim who were absent.

Fitzwilliam Captains- Bradley Cottam, Marlei Quitto Vice Captains- Jash Desai, Jade Phillipson Macarthur Captains- Aiden Falcon, Zoe Lee Vice Captains- Cooper Aggett, Amarariah Regozol Marsden Captains- Brodie Whitelock, Alphonsa John Vice Captains- Ibrahim Ahmed, Nikola Kazanas Wentworth Captains- Logan Carter, Gwyn Vernon Vice Captains- Tharnesh Tharsan, Angela Havea



COMBINED SCRIPTURE SERVICE

On Wednesday the combined scripture service took place

in the hall after recess. The students thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas message that was delivered. The Scripture teachers gave certificates to students who had been active participants in their lessons throughout the year. The Service also recognised the outstanding work of Mrs Judith Bennett who has taught scripture at our school over the past 47 years. Mrs Bennett has served our community tirelessy since 1972 and will retire on Wednesday. Her commitment to ensuring students receive scripture lessons is a model to all of us. On behalf of the school I wish her the very best. Thank you to Mrs Neasey for your assistance with the organisation of our SRE program throughout 2019.

HELPERS MORNING TEA

Our annual Helpers Morning Tea will be held next week on Wednesday 4th December at 11.00am in the staffroom. Notes have been sent home but if you have helped in any way during the year, please join us. This is also the last Scripture for the year and all of the Scripture teachers will be there. Thank you again to all of the parents, grandparents and family members who have contributed in so many ways. Toongabbie is a wonderful school and it is our way of saying thank you to you all for the many hours you spend at school to help the staff and the students

Relieving Deputy Principal's Report - Sue Bownds

We have had a few spectacular weeks at TPS. It is now the end of Week 7 and on the weekend we will see the beginning of December. Unfortunately due to the air quality, wind and rain we have had quite a few days inside. The welfare of our students is always the highest priority. Now only two and a half weeks to go until the end of the school year. So many exciting things for our students to look forward to while we start to plan for the year ahead in 2020.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Fabulous work from our 3-6 choir and our dance group who performed last week at Schools Spectacular at Qudos Arena in Homebush. The dress rehearsal was on Thursday and two performances each day on Friday and Saturday. Congratulations to all students who performed beautifully. Thank you to all the parents for making this happen and to the organising teachers – Mrs Paton, Mrs Redman for dance and Mrs Matthews, Mrs Bazouni and Mr Duraisamy for choir.







LEADERSHIP AT TPS

At TPS we offer many chances at leadership from SRC leaders to Environmental Warriors, Library monitors, House Captains and School leaders including the captains and vice-captains. Over the past few weeks, stage 3 have been involved in selecting the school leaders and house captains. Yesterday the students in Years 2-5 voted for our captains and vice-captains. Thank you to all our students who nominated or gave speeches and congratulations to those elected. Mr Brown has given more detail in his rep[ort.

PLAYGROUP

Our Playgroup has been a big success this year and I thank the many families who have come along to share in the fun. Next week, Thursday 5th December will be the last Playgroup for the year as the Sport and Cultural Assembly is on the 12th. Please come and join us if you have pre-school aged children in the Before and After School Care Building at 9am. We will have a small party on this day and look forward to recommencing Playgroup in 2020.







ENVIRONMENTAL WARRIORS EXCURSION TO THE BOTANIC GARDENS

Our environmental warriors went on an excursion today to the Royal Botanic Gardens. They were accompanied by

Mrs Matthews, Mr Carruthers, Mrs Osland and Mrs Williams. This was a Sustainability Superheroes Workshop. This excursion included the environmental warriors and one extra student from each class. The EW's have worked hard all year growing, maintaining, developing and harvest-

ing our vegetable garden. We hope that the skills the students learnt this year can be used in your home gardens. The Environmental Warrior program will continue in 2020 and elections for these students will be held in the new year.







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ENVIRONMENTAL WARRIORS COOKING SESSION

This event was organised by Mrs Matthews and held this week. The wonderful smells coming from the staffroom made all the teachers hungry. They used the harvested potatoes, rosemary and garlic all from our school gardens. This was then shared to all the classes to try some. It is great to see our garden being used in so many activities. Stages 1,2 and 3 all had turns.









DISCO

Today the last disco of the year was held. It was a Christmas theme and these events are always enjoyed by our students. Thank you to the many staff who stayed to help and to the P & C who run it. The barbeque is a great addition and teachers and families look forward to it. I look forward to next year's discos, so please let the P & C know if you have any ideas for dress or a theme. Photos will be in the next newsletter as it was on tonight.

WEEK 8 BUZZ ASSEMBLY

Next week is our last Buzz Assembly for the year and we will again present awards to each class. In Week 9 we will have the Buzz Morning Tea for the term where we celebrate those students who have 3.6,9 or 12 buzz awards. These students consistently follow the expectations of the school and should be congratulated on these achievements. The PBL team will be organising this morning tea and I look forward to joining the students there where they will also receive a certificate.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP WITH PARRAMATTA POLICE

This workshop will be held at our school next Friday night 6th December at 5.30pm. It will be run by Parramatta Police and other community members. We have a quite a few acceptances but there is still room for more. Please reply by email or call the school if you would like to reserve your place. The night will promote the following:

Healthy relationships between children and their dads (or father figure)

Discussing stereotypes and roles in families and how they have changed.

Identifying and understanding conflicts within the family unit

Discussing and understanding different cultures

Police and community interactions

There will be informative and fun activities and some snacks supplied. It will be held in the staffroom from 5.30-7.30pm. It will be run by the Parramatta Youth Liaison Officer and other staff members. I will be there to assist so please email me if you would like to attend on sue.bownds@det.nsw.edu.au

I look forward to seeing you there.

LETTERS FOR PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS FOR K-6 STUDENTS

Letters were sent home with the students this week for students receiving a Presentation Day Award. Please send the slip at the bottom back ito your child's teacher so they know you have received it. The 3-6 Presentation Day is at 9.25am and the K-2 is at 11.40am after recess. Tea and coffee will be provided at recess for parents and family members who would like to stay or come early.

RED FACES FOR 3-6

Auditions are being held for Red Faces by Miss Mehmet and Mrs Arico. This will be held on 18th December between recess and lunch. If your child is interested in performing, please tell them to contact these teachers.

K-2 TOONIE'S GOT TALENT

'Toonie's Got Talent' is held at the end of each year. This is an opportunity for students to showcase any talent that they may have, e.g. dancing, singing, magic tricks, joke telling etc.. Students may perform individually or as part of a group. All K-2 students are welcome to audition for teachers, and if successful, will receive a note to let parents know when they are performing. Two assemblies will be held in Week 9, with the grand final being held on the last day of school. K-2 teachers will notify students as to where and when auditions will be held each day. Costumes are not needed for auditions.

YEAR 5 PENDLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Today Mr Howe and Miss Costello accompanied 30 year 5 students to Pendle Hill High School to experience a day in the life of a high school student. Participants completed classes in visual arts, making pressed ink artworks and in science they learnt how to use Bunsen burners and the reaction different chemicals have with flames. It was a fantastic day on campus. A big thankyou to Mr Howe and Miss Costello for taking our students, as well as Miss Yip and PHHS staff and students for organising a great day.

Library News—Renata Redman TL

MS Read-a-thon

Thank you to our wonderful students who participated in this year's MS Read-a-thon, to assist those suffering from multiple sclerosis: Luke Hugler, Jack Mates, Toby McFadgen, Lilith McKenna, Emily Puckey, Dhrumil Shah and Amber Su. These students will be enjoying a pizza lunch in the Library, on Friday 6 December, in appreciation of their efforts in supporting this worthy cause.

END OF YEAR LIBRARY PROCEDURES

All books should have been returned to the Library this week. Payment for any 'lost' books can be made at the office. Congratulations to 5M for being our biggest borrowers this year!

P&C, Parent Auxiliary and Canteen

The final P&C General Meeting for the year will be held on Monday 9th December 2019 at 7pm in the school staff room. All members of the school community are welcome to attend and if you have volunteered in any capacity for the P&C in 2019 please consider joining us for this meeting as we wrap up another successful year.

SCHOOL SUNGLASSES WOULD MAKE A FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS GIFT

For just \$10 a pair these glasses would make a fantastic stocking stuffer for Christmas and will protect your children's eyes from the harsh Australian Summer sun when school returns in 2020. Please consider purchasing a pair today. Available on Flexischools or over the counter at the canteen.

COMMONWEALTH BANK STUDENT BANKING

There are only 2 weeks of student banking left for 2019. The last day to deposit for 2019 will be Wednesday 11th December – Week 9. Please note that there will be no banking on the last day of term.

We are also seeking a volunteer to assist with the student banking. You will need to be available between 9am and 11am on a Wednesday morning to become part of this team to assist with the processing of the student banking deposits. No experience is required as training will be provided. Please pop in to the staff room any Wednesday morning or leave your contact details with the school office if you are interested in assisting. Thankyou

P&C DISCO Term 4 – Friday 29th November

The last disco for 2019 will be held TONIGHT - Friday 29th 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 can be purchased at the door and are \$5 per student and include a popper and a packet of chips.

P&C CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING NIGHT - Monday 2nd December

The P&C are looking forward to the first TPS Gingerbread Decorating Evening on Monday 2nd December 2019. The evening will commence at 6pm in the school hall.

For those who have booked for this event, everything you will need to build and decorate your house will be provided but please feel free to bring in any lollies or decorations you would like to add to your house to give it that individual touch.

Children will need to be supervised by a parent while building the Gingerbread house and they may also require some parental assistance in the initial stages of building.

We are sure this night will be a fun start to the Christmas celebrations.

Families who have ordered a house to build at home as you were unable to attend our event, please contact Brooke Arslan on 0405 356 210 to arrange a collection time for your kit.

PARENT AUXILARY

The Parent Auxiliary will be selling Flameless Candles at the Carols night. We will have an Original Flameless Candle with the yellow led Flame (\$2.50) and a Multicolored Flame (\$3.00)

We will also have LUCKY DIPS available for \$2.00 while stocks last!

The P&C/Parent Auxiliary will also be holding a Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be available for 50c and will drawn at the conclusion of the carols night.

CANTEEN

There will be no more manager's specials this year. They will re-commence in Term 1 2020.

The canteen is still selling popcorn and plain chips for \$1.50 each and yogurt & fruit and custard & fruit for \$1.70 each.

If anyone can spare a few hours in the Canteen on Tuesday 10th December please let Rhonda know and if anyone is wanting to volunteer for 2020 please do not hesitate to see Rhonda.

Just another reminder that the canteen is unable to change any large notes.

P&C, Parent Auxiliary and Canteen—con't

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you all for your support and donations for the 2nd hand uniform shop this year.

Until the end of the year boys trousers, tack pants, long sleeve shirts and jumpers/ jackets are all \$1.

Girls track pants, long sleeve shirts and jumpers/jackets are also \$1 until the end of the school year. I have quite a few jumpers/jackets for girls and lots of sizes.

There will also be a bag of clothes that may need some quick mending. They will be \$1 each as well.

All other clothes are \$3 each as normal.

Come and buy now and get ready for the next school year. We have lots of boys short sleeve shirts, but mostly the smaller sizes and shorts in all sizes. The stock varies depending on what has been donated.

The second hand uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning 8:3:0-9:30am. It will be open additional times at the beginning of the school year, but times and days yet to be decided.

Thanks again for all of your support this year.

TPS Band Report

TRAINING BAND STUDENTS NEWS

The TPS Band Committee is very proud to announce that all of our Training Band students have successfully graduated to Concert Band in 2020! With the support of their families, our littlest musicians have worked incredibly hard and deserve a big pat on the back for this fantastic achievement. Congratulations to each and everyone of you!

DECEMBER EVENTS

December is always very busy for the TPS Bands and an opportunity for all our students to showcase the wonderful skills they have developed under the School Bands program. So what's happening with Band as we near the end of Term 4?

BUNNINGS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On Thursday December 5 both bands will be performing at Bunnings Seven Hills on Abbott Rd as part of the entertainment for their annual Family Fun Night. This is the second year the band has been invited to perform at this Christmas celebration, which is open to the general public. If you would like to see our bands perform and enjoy the free family friendly activities Bunnings provide on the night, please come join us. The evening commences at 6pm and there will be laser tag, gingerbread decorating and lots more. Bunnings call it a family fun night for a reason and our Band and their extended families had a fantastic time last year. We really hope to see many of our fellow Toongabbie families there too!

PRESENTATION DAY

The Concert Band will open our School Presentation Day assembly on Monday December 9. Concert Band students are required on school grounds at 8am for set up and rehearsal. If you have a child in Concert Band, please be on time for this special event. The committee will welcome parent helpers that morning to assist with student & equipment coordination. Students should be in full summer school uniform.

CAROL'S NIGHT

Our final performance of the year takes place on Carol's night as students farewell a year of success and amazing achievements. Band students need to be at the Hall from 4.30pm for set up and dinner prior to their performance. The Band Committee will be hosting the Annual Carol's Sausage Sizzle again this year with sales open from 6pm until sold out. We are also including corn on the cob and will have sweet treats at our Cake Stall. We love supporting the local businesses that support us and acknowledge Bungaree Butchery, Brenda's Bakery, Box Divvy Calaby and IGA Old Toongabbie at this time.

Just a reminder to band students that all equipment - instruments, cleaning cloths, amps, trolleys and Uniforms (band shirts & jackets) MUST be returned to the Bicentennial Room immediately after the performance on Carol's Night. Any parent help at our BBQ, stalls and with our students will be very welcome on this evening from 3pm onwards. Please email toongabbiepsband@gmail.com if you can assist.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Band Committee I'd like to formally thank our band families, the school staff and our program providers at School Bands for all of the assistance they have provided in this, our 25th Anniversary year. I think you would all agree our bands are sounding wonderful and have had a cracker 2019. None of this could be done without you, so sincere thanks for all of the support you give to your school band. We look forward to seeing you, and all our new members in 2020!

What's Happening at TPS

SUPPORT UNIT

K-6B, K-6M and K-6P have been learning about Fairytales this term. All students enjoyed reading 'Jack and the Bean-stalk' and shared their decisions about whether or not they would climb up the beanstalk.

Thank you to Miss Lamas who brought in a very special visitor to the Support Unit this week. Leo is a three month old border collie puppy. He had lots of fun meeting everyone and we hope he comes to visit us again soon.

Our Special Children's Christmas Party is on next week on Wednesday 4th December. Please return payment and permission note as soon as posssible. Any parents that would like to join us on the day at Rosehill Gardens, please speak to your child's teacher. It promises to be a wonderful experience for all our students.











Would you climb the beanstalk?

Yes because the beanstalk has a house on a cloud. That means I can have a conversation with the giant and the giant's wife. I would hold on tight to the beanstalk because it's very risky as it has small vines. I would talk to the giant about why he stole Jack's gold, hen and harp.

Ben

I would climb the beanstalk because I would give diamond mine carts to the giant. Daniel

No I would not climb the beanstalk because it is too big. Jonah

I would like to climb the beanstalk because I think there might be a Minecraft portal. I think it would be fun to climb the beanstalk. I would like to see what's at the top. Jonny

EARLY STAGE ONE

Earlier on in the term, KS signed up with the Australia Post Pen Pal Club. We read 'The Pen Pal Club' by Sally Morgan together as a class and discussed what a pen pal is. Australia Post connected KS with a Kindergarten class in Yarraville, Victoria. KS waited very patiently for their pen pals to write to them. On Tuesday 26th November, the letters from our special pen pals were delivered to our school. KS were very excited to receive their letters and couldn't wait to open the envelope to find out what was inside. We can't wait to begin writing our replies to our pen pal friends.



What's Happening at TPS

STAGE 1

Creative Arts

At T.P.S. there are many ways for students to participate in, and enjoy, Creative Arts.

Sport

Stage 1 students have been studying dance as part of their Creative Arts and PDHPE program this term. Each Thursday, students have participated in Zumba sessions. They have also been learning about the elements of dance (action, relationship, structure and dynamics) whilst being introduced to different styles of dance e.g. modern, popular, social and contemporary. Favourite dances include the heel and toe polka, cha cha and taba naba.

Carols Night:

Come along to Carols Night to see the Stage 1 students perform a Zumba Christmas dance.

Toonie's Got Talent:

'Toonie's Got Talent' is held at the end of each year. This is an opportunity for students to showcase any talent that they may have, e.g. dancing, singing, magic tricks, joke telling etc.. Students may perform individually or as part of a group.

THE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR:

Once again this year, Stage 1 students were invited to audition for The Schools Spectacular K-2 dance group. More than 100 students auditioned for teachers and twelve students (9 girls and 3 boys) were selected. This group was then successful in attaining a position in this year's show, which was held last weekend.

MY FABULOUS WEEKEND

By Amelia A.

On Saturday, I was at the Schools Spectacular and I was in an amazing tutu with a wand, ballet shoes, tights and a tiara. All the other Year 2 girls were in that too. The Year One girls were wearing nighties and the Year 2 boys wore pyjamas. All the girls wore face jewels. They looked fabulous!! We were backstage for most of the time and we had colouring-in books. I also brought a game called 'Go Fish'. The place we went to was Qudos Bank Arena. The teachers that came were Mrs Paton and Mrs Redman. I made two friends, Chelsea and Kim. My family was watching it and my grandparents were watching it. I got a chip-on-a-stick and McDonalds. My sister was in the choir. I had the best time ever!



MY SPECTACULAR WEEKEND

By Amelia v.W.

On the weekend I had SCHOOLS SPEC! It was so spectacular! All the dancers were amazing. We did 'Make a Wish' and 'Reach', and the finale was 'Timber'. I made a friend, Kim. I was the first to make friends. We wore tutus, ballet shoes, face jewels, make-up and other things. It was an experience to remember. I was soooooooo tired. We got home at midnight and I slept 'til 11.00am the next day!

STAGE TWO

Year 4 students have had a lot of fun completing design and make challenges as part of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). We work as a team to achieve a design goal or solve a problem. In our groups we try different ideas, learn from mistakes and try again. Check out our 'Design and Make a Teddy Bear' challenge. We could only use recyclable materials to make a soft toy for a child. We think our teddy bears turned out pretty cute!

STAGE THREE

The year might be coming to a close, however, there's no slowing down on Stage 3! The teachers and students have been very busy these past few weeks as we conducted our leadership and house captain elections for 2020.

Today some Year 5 students had the opportunity to attend Pendle Hill High School to experience a day as a high school student. The boys and girls enjoyed lessons in PDHPE, art and even got to conduct some awesome science experiments!

Stage 3 are looking forward to party day at Raging Waters. Please remember to return your notes so that your child does not miss out.

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 leaders and house captains for 2020. Please see Mr Brown's report for more information.

2019 School Spectacular





































What's Happening at TPS

The Schools Spectacular K-2 Dance Group

Last week was a very busy week for The Schools Spectacular K-2 dance group. We had two days of rehearsals, followed by two performances on Friday and two performances on Saturday at Qudos Bank Arena. Our twelve K-2 dancers performed beautifully, impressing both parents and staff who attended the shows. A big thank you to Mr Cheikha-Douaihy who drove us to all six rehearsals and to the parents who assisted with transport, food, hair and make-up on the show days.

The Schools Spectacular group will be performing at the K-2 Presentation Day on 9th December.





SRC REPORT

Thank you to everyone who has brought in school supplies to donate to refugee students at Fairfield Public School. We will continue to collect school items until Friday of Week 9. Thank you for your support

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