

Toongabbie Public School

Principal's Report - Craig Brown

Friday 3rd May, 2019
Volume 7



Dates to Remember:

8 May—Mothers' Day Stall
10 May—Mothers' Day Breakfast
13 May—Change to Winter Uniform
13 May—P & C Meeting
17 May—Zone Cross Country
17 May—Walk Safely to School Day

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More information to follow.

NOTES

- * Zone Cross Country
- * Mothers' Day Breakfast
- * Indigenous Commemoration Service

PBL Focus

Looking on the Bright Side

This means being positive and thinking that things will work out well or get better. It also means that you think good things can happen so you try harder and don't give up easily.

A 'positive tracker' is someone who always tries to look for the good things in themselves. They also look for the good in others and in what happens in their life. Have you enjoyed a lady-bird land on your hand? Have you made a new friend? Did you enjoy sharing your treats? The idea is that it feels good to think about things through positive eyes!

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 2. This week started off with professional development for our teachers. The staff looked at how we can improve our assessing and reporting practices. As a result, we will be changing our reports for Years K-6 to include a new section that addresses future directions. There will be very busy weeks ahead of us. We have started two new programs this week that I am sure will engage our students. The first is the K-6 Athletics Development program. Please make sure your payment for this program is finalised by next week if you have not already done so. The second is a coding and robotics program, which is an initiative fully funded by the school. Every class will be participating in five sessions over the term. This is in line with our commitment to enhancing both our students' and staffs' skills in this important area. We now have green screen technology, coding and robotics happening in our Technology Hub and look forward to growing more programs. Please check out what is happening at school on our Facebook page. Our dance groups are busy getting ready for the music festivals coming up next term and look sensational. Kindergarten couldn't wait to tell me their chickens had hatched. I don't know who was more excited, the students or the staff. The school aims to meet the needs of our community. Throughout this term we will keep you informed through our newsletter, website, Skoolbag App, Facebook and several opportunities for meetings. Please don't hesitate to speak or write to me if there is something you would like to see take place or simply have a question.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Gersbach who is now teaching 3J Monday-Thursday and Mrs Matthews will teach them on Fridays. Miss Jenkins is teaching KT. I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Hannah Otten has been appointed as our new Assistant Principal and we anticipate her starting in Week 5. Mrs Otten comes to us from Seven Hills North Public School and will bring some wonderful new skills to our school. Mr Francis will continue as Acting Principal at Toongabbie East Public School for Term 2 and Mrs Bownds will act in the Relieving Deputy Principal role. Mr Carruthers is continuing for the term in the Relieving AP role on Stage 3 and Mrs Starzynski is relieving as AP on Kindergarten. Mrs Starzynski will continue teaching 3S as well as supervising Kindergarten as she has considerable experience on this stage. It is also my pleasure to congratulate Mrs Keith and her husband on the announcement of their first baby due in October.

Naplan

All students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in NAPLAN testing at our school over weeks 3 and 4. Students are assessed in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. This year the students will be completing the testing online (except for Yr 3 Writing). We have a team of teachers working to make sure everything goes smoothly. The students have already completed a practise session last term. While it is a great way to gauge how your child is performing in relation to all students in Australia, it is important to remember that it is one test on one day. Please don't place too much pressure on your child but ensure that they do get a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast on each of the days.

Mothers' Day

The school looks forward to hosting our Mothers' Day Breakfast on Friday May 10th. Notes went home this week and need to be returned by Monday so we can organise catering. I know in this busy world that many mums may not be able to join us, but I look forward to seeing those who can. Cost is \$5 per family, with 2 sessions at 7.30am and 8am. The Parent Auxiliary, a sub-committee of our P&C, have done a great job organising a stall for our students to purchase a small gift for mum on Wednesday. Looking at the great gifts on offer, I am sure that our mums will wake up on Sunday and be thrilled by their child's selection. On behalf of our staff I would like to wish all our mums a wonderful day for Sunday May 12th.

Uniform Change

As you can see, the weather is quite changeable at the moment. Due to this, your children are welcome to wear either the summer uniform (pictured on left) or the winter uniform (pictured on right) for the next week. We change to winter uniform after Mothers' Day. Please send your child in winter uniform from the 13th May.



Health Care Plans

We are currently in the process of reviewing and updating the Health Care Plans of those students who have been identified as having a medical condition. Health Care Plans are reviewed annually to ensure that medical conditions, treatments and Doctor contacts are up-to-date. If your child currently has a Health Care Plan, you will be asked to review the existing plan and return this to school with any amendments. If your child has a medical condition that our school is unaware of, and which requires the development of a School Care Plan, please notify our School Office as soon as possible. Your support in returning these documents promptly is appreciated.

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2019

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with a disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with a disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>. Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here:

<http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/>

Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children's education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders. If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders that could impact on your child's education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

Fundamental principles underpinning the Department's response to family law matters that impact on the school

- 1. School is not the place for family disputes to be resolved. Nor should school staff resolve such issues.**
- 2. For children who are facing difficult family circumstances, school should be a safe haven into which family problems do not intrude.**

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained. These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children's learning and support and related issues.

Opportunity Class Placement

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2020 is now open.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 31 July 2019.

If you have a child in Year 4 and you would like them to apply for placement in an Opportunity Class for Year 5 2020, please return your *Intention to Apply* note that will be sent home next week. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address. Important dates in the application process are as follows:

- * **Tuesday 30 April 2019:** Online applications open
- * **Friday 17 May 2019:** Online applications close (Parents and carers must apply by the due date.)
- * **Wednesday 31 July 2019:** Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents and carers must apply online between **Tuesday 30 April and Friday 17 May 2019** at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Interested parents and carers must read *Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020* available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/information-for-applicants>

There are no paper application forms and no late applications will be accepted. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you require further information, please arrange an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

Relieving Deputy Principal's Report - Sue Bownds

What an incredibly busy start to Term 2. Toongabbie PS offers so many wonderful opportunities to our students and I am delighted to present some of them to you in my report. I am honoured to be relieving in the Deputy Principal role. Please feel free to contact me either in person in the office or by email if you have any questions or concerns on sue.bownds@det.nsw.edu.au

Here is a showcase of what has happened or what is happening in the next 2 weeks at TPS.

Kindergarten Enrolments

It is now time to start enrolling your Kindergarten child for 2020. Please enrol your child, tell your neighbours and friends and start preparing your child for school next year. Enrolment forms are available at the school office. You can either pick these up, have them posted or sent home with an older sibling or friend. Knowing our enrolment numbers for next year helps us to plan for the year to come. We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me on sue.bownds@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions.



Play Group at TPS

TPS will be starting a Play Group in the Before and After School Care building from 9.15-11 am each Thursday starting next week 9th May. We would like to welcome any siblings of our students, neighbours, cousins, family members or interested members of the community who have children from babies to school age. Everyone is welcome. It will be great to meet some of our new students for 2020 in a fun setting plus siblings, family members and friends of our current students. There will be no cost for this morning and activities will be provided. Tea and coffee will also be available but please bring some morning tea for your children. This is a new venture for Toongabbie and I am looking forward to it. It is a way of introducing your children to school and is especially helpful if you are not familiar with our school and would like to see what we offer and meet other families. Aunties, Uncles, grandparents and carers are welcome to bring the children.



...a fun place to play and learn!

ES1 Living Eggs

Kindergarten welcomed 10 chicken's eggs on Monday and have been watching them anxiously this week. They will be with us until Friday 10th May. If you have not yet paid for this, please send your money to the office. More photos later in the newsletter.



K-6 Athletics Program – Term 2

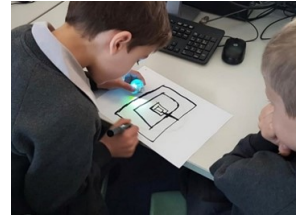
Be Skilled, Be Fit are again working at our school in a whole school Athletics Program. Monday and Thursday are for K-2 and Tuesday and Wednesday are for 3-6. Please remember that your child needs to wear their sports uniform on this day as well as Friday if they are in Years 3-6. K-2 students will only do Athletics this term and not grade sport. All Kindergarten students have Athletics on Thursday. All students will be attending for the first 2 weeks so please send your payments to your child's teacher now. Athletics will be held Monday – Thursday. The roster is below:



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	K-2	3-6	3-6	K-2
9:00	2B	Make up time	3S	2H
9:40	2K	4M	3R	KC
10:20	1/2P	5C	5M	KT
11:40	1A	5H	Support Unit	1C
12:20	1O	4A	6D	KS
1:40	1S	6C	6T	KE
2:20	Make up time	3J	4S	Make up time

Coding and Robotics Program

This exciting venture commenced this week for K-6 students. Lots of pictures are on our Facebook page. Mr Tuck is coordinating this program and it is for all our students. The units are aligned with the curriculum and are lots of fun. Classes will have a lesson each fortnight with their teachers and 2 specialist coding teachers. This program is being supplied by the school.



Sydney West Netball Championships



On Thursday 2nd May our Wentworthville/Seven Hills Zone PSSA Netball team competed in the Sydney West Netball Championships. Our Zone team came 4th out of 11 zone teams – a fantastic effort by the team.

Congratulations to **Desirah Roberts** who was selected to represent Wentworthville/Seven Hills in this competition. An excellent day was had by all, improving our netball skills, meeting new people and trying their hardest.

3-6 Combined Choir Rehearsal

The 3-6 choir enjoyed their first combined rehearsal for the Hills Performing Arts Festival at Excelsior Public School on Thursday. Students in the choir are - 6C Abbie, 6D Violet & Annabelle, 5M Olivia, 5C Tianna & Breanna, 5H Nikola, Amelia, Sarah, 4S Arani, 4M Marie, Sarah, Sophie, Ruby, 4A Cheryl, Emily, 3R Pragnya, Chenaya, 3S Daniel Saisha. Thank you to Mrs Suzanne Fuller. Mrs Matthews would like to thank Mrs Laura Abi Tamir, Mr Brown and Mrs Bownds for helping transport the students. I would like to thank Mrs Kiriilly Matthews for her organisation and commitment to so many programs at our school. Mrs Matthews accompanied the students and also transported them. We can't wait to hear the new songs for this year!



Band playing at a K-6 Assembly

This week our bands played for all our students on Friday at assembly. Both the training and the concert bands played for the students, staff and parents. Congratulations on the progress they are making. Thanks to Mrs Church and Mrs Wegener for your organisation, together with their band leader.



Mothers' Day Stall

Our wonderful parent helpers will again be organising gifts for this special day. Today, Brooke Arslan presented a display at assembly to all of the students about what they can buy next week. The stall will be held on Wednesday and a roster has been organised. Please send your child to school with between \$1 and \$7 to buy a gift or gifts. Raffle tickets will also be available and lots of prizes will be on offer so send some extra money to buy these tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the assemblies on Friday 10th May.

Zone Cross Country Carnival – Friday 17th May

Mr Howe, Mr Sanders and I will be taking the students to the carnival in 2 weeks time. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr Howe for his organisation of our school carnival and now our zone carnival. We wish all of our students all the very best for the day and I will report on it in the next newsletter in two weeks time. A list of students follows later in this newsletter.

National Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 17th May 2019

Now in its 20th year, National Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Toongabbie Public School will be supporting this event on the day by asking families to walk to and from school. This may be that you park a few blocks away and walk to school. We will also be walking at school on the day to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle. All information can found at: walk.com.au

The objectives are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

Further information will be on our Toongabbie Public School Facebook and our School Bag App. We hope you will support us by walking to school on the 17th May. Photos will appear in the next newsletter.



Library News—Renata Redman TL

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club brochures were distributed this week. Please place orders online, using Scholastic's LOOP system, by **Friday 17th May**.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations and well done to Katie Liu, on being our first student to complete this year's Challenge. The PRC concludes on **Friday 30th August**. Children in K-2 complete the Challenge with their class teacher. The Challenge is optional for students in Years 3 to 6. For further information and to log student 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 familiarise themselves 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. Please visit: <https://worldbookonline.com/wb/Login?ed=wb>

P&C and Parent Auxiliary

TOONGABBIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Please consider coming along to the next P&C General Meeting that will be held on Monday May 13th at 7pm. Please also note the earlier start time for this meeting.

If you would like anything to be added to the agenda for this meeting, please email to toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com asap.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

2019/20 Entertainment books are now available at Toongabbie Public School. Filled with thousands of dollars of offers, these books are a great investment for your family. We would suggest the digital edition as this can be loaded onto your mobile phone so that you can take advantage of all the offers when you are out and about. But if you would prefer a hard copy of the book, pre-purchase online and collect your 2019/20 Entertainment book from the school office in time for the school holidays.

Books for Greater Western Sydney are \$70 with a small commission from each sale going to the school. Refer attached flyer for further details.

Follow this link to order now! <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2158c53>

TERM 2 DISCO

Please add the date for the Term 2 Disco to your calendar now. FRIDAY 28th JUNE.

The theme for this disco chosen by the SRC members is TPS – Dress as anything starting with a T, a P or S. Tickets will be available on Flexischools from next week. (VIP Disco pass holders don't need to purchase another ticket).

SCHOOL BANKING

On the last student banking day of term one Wednesday 10th April, a technical error in the banking system meant that the deposits were not processed to the individual children's accounts. As we were not able to access the deposit information that is stored in the school over the holidays, this was not able to be remedied until school returned this week. Deposits for 10th April were reprocessed on 1st May.

As the Dollarmite program only allows one deposit to be processed for each student per day, this also meant that this week's deposits were not able to be processed through the system until Thursday 2/5. Both deposits should now appear in your child's account. If there are any concerns, please contact toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com with details of your child's deposits and we will reply asap.

PARENT AUXILIARY

MOTHERS DAY STALL – WEDNESDAY 8th MAY

The Parent Auxiliary will run the Mother's Day Stall next Wednesday 8th May. Children were shown a presentation of what gifts would be available to purchase in the assembly today and teachers will show them again in classes early next week before the stall. Gifts range from \$1 - \$7. Please ensure that children bring a bag to carry their gifts home in.

Raffle tickets will also be sold for 50c each and raffle draw Friday afternoon.

P&C Canteen — Rhonda Fogg, Canteen Manager.

We still have some vacancies on our roster for Term 2. We are looking for assistance from parents, grandparents and carers to assist with some food preparation or counter service one day a month in our canteen. If you are unable to assist for a full day, we could use your assistance for even a couple of hours in a day. No experience is required to volunteer and we have a variety of tasks that you can help with. Please contact Rhonda in the canteen to enquire about days and times that you may be able to assist in the Canteen.

TERM 2 – MANAGER SPECIAL

WEEK 1 & 2

Canteen Made CHICKEN SCHNITZEL with Potato Mash (optional GRAVY) \$4.50

WEEK 3 & 4

SWEET CURRY with Rice (made with beef mince) \$4.50

From week 5 there will be a vegetarian option available for the Manager Special

Please also keep an eye out as we will be offering cups of warm soup for sale from about week 4 at recess.

Spoons and forks are available to purchase at the canteen for a cost of 10 cents.

Just a reminder that we are unable to change large notes at the canteen.

What's Happening at TPS

THANKYOU FROM ANN MILES

I would like to thank everyone who attended or sent along messages last Saturday to the community farewell afternoon tea for my retirement.

It was a lovely afternoon with so many friendships rekindled, lots of tales and stories shared, along with many laughs. It was great to catch up after many years with many friends travelling distances. Lovely to see you all.

Thank you to Alissa Bradford, her mum Michelle, Janette Fraser and Deneille Lee for their organisation. It was amazing and very much appreciated.

All the best to you all for the future.



K-6 ATHLETICS PROGRAM

Our students are really enjoying this program and most classes have completed their first week. Our Monday students missed Monday as they were not at school so make up days are planned. Please see the roster in this newsletter for your child's day and when they wear their sport's uniform. Craig and the team at Be Skilled, Be Fit, together with our teachers will be teaching the skills needed for our athletics carnivals. Here are some photos during the week. More photos are on Facebook.



WENTWORTHVILLE-SEVEN HILLS DISTRICT P.S.S.A.
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL- 2019

School: Toongabbie Public School
 Team Manager: Michael Howe
 Course Officials: 1. Peter Sanders 2. Sue Bownds
 Years 2 to 6

FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2019

EVENT – 8/9 Yrs Boys	EVENT – 8/9 Yrs Girls
1. Xavier Parsons	1. Emily Falcon
2. Jack Mates	2. Nikola Terzis
3. Max Clifton	3. Lucy Savage
4. Arjay Patel	4. Sia Kazanas
5. Cem Ozluk	5. Reina Park
EVENT – 10 Yrs Boys	EVENT – 10 Yrs Girls
1. Jesse Peach	1. Zoe Lee
2. Isaac Street	2. Natalia Butrym
3. Jake Pokino	3. Madison Gale
4. Dean Grant	4. Gwyn Vernon
5. Connor O'Neill	5. Lexi Diasinos
EVENT – 11 Yrs Boys	EVENT – 11 Yrs Girls
1. Liam Grant	1. Tiana Fuller
2. Jash Desai	2. Rachel McNeilly
3. Jordy Gregory	3. Mikayla Ellinsworth
4. Thomas Chensee	4. Astrid Busilac
5. Ibrahim Ahmed	5. Angela Havea
	Invitational- Marlei Quitto
EVENT – 12/13 Yrs Boys	EVENT – 12/13 Yrs Girls
1. Hayden Spackman	1. Jennifer Hobbs
2. Charlie Diasinos	2. Imogen Fuller
3. Tyla Ivory	3. Abbie Neal
4. Tolga Ozluk	4. Ruby Lee
5. Sam Hannan	5. Jade Phillipson
Invitational- Jacob Bailey	

If you have any questions, please email Mr Howe. Congratulations and good luck to all our students.

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SATURDAY

HILLS DISTRICT

May 4	Crestwood Public School
May 11	Samuel Gilbert Public
May 25	Hills Grammar School
June 1	James Ruse Agricultural HS
June 15	Castle Hill High School
June 22	Cherrybrook Technology HS
July 27	Baulkham Hills High School
August 10	Baulkham Hills
August 17	Winston Hills
August 24	Northmead
August 31	Baulkham Hills
Sept. 14	Thornleigh



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