

Toongabbie Public School

Principal's Report - Craig Brown

Friday 6th September, 2019
Volume 15



Dates to Remember:

6th Sept—Disco
10th Sept—Stage 2 & 3 Public Speaking
13th Sept—Colour Explosion
13th Sept—BUZZ Assembly
18th—20th Sept—Year 6 Camp
25th Sept—K-2 Athletics Carnival
25th Sept—2020 Kindergarten Information Night
27th Sept—End of Term 3
14th Oct—First day of Term 4

NOTES

* Colour Run Information

PBL Focus Being Safe

K-2 What is cyberbullying?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XuWUb71NKM>

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

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

TPS STUDENT RECOGNISED FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Keshna Jeyandrabalan for receiving the Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement. Keshna is a former student and we are very, very proud of her. She left us after Year 6 to attend Penrith High School. Great results for Public Education.

NORTHCOTT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our whole support unit disappeared on Wednesday! They went on their first major outing together to an athletics carnival held at Homebush. I am sure anyone who follows us on Facebook would have seen the photos of our students as they competed and had fun. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our staff and the partnership they have with our parents to make this day happen. I spoke with a few of the boys and they certainly had a great time. Lots of ribbons were handed out at our assembly today.



ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What an amazing day had by all students at the Zone Athletics Carnival yesterday. The students did incredibly well considering the heat. It was more like a summer's day. Maybe it is a taste of what our Aussie athletes will be up against in Tokyo next year! Congratulations to all our students who tried their very best and displayed good sportsmanship at all times. A special mention to the following students who were successful on the day and will go on to represent the Seven Hills/Wentworthville Zone at the Regional Carnival. We have 12 students representing the zone. They are Cooper Fakafanua, Tiana Fuller, Madison Gale, Dean Grant, Liam Grant, Nadim Hajje, Jack Mates, Rachel McNeilly, Jesse Peach, Desirah Robert, Ava Saad, and Isaac Sreet. We are still waiting on our overall placing. I noted the great results in our field athletes this year. This can be put down to their talent and the great work of Craig from Be Skilled Be Fit who worked with them throughout the term. A huge thank you to Mrs Fuller for being our school's team manager and Mrs Mehmet who assisted on field events and made sure our team arrived and departed safely.

HILLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Tuesday night was a night of lights, sparkles and smiles once again. We certainly showcased our talent in the creative arts up on the stage at Panthers. We had students in the combined mass choir led by the very talented Mrs Matthews and accompanied by Mr Jones (former TPS teacher) They make a great team. The boys dance group strutted their moves led by Mr Tuck and Miss Hiron. Miss Piperata and Miss Jenkins showed what girl power looks like with their fantastic performance'. Both groups received a fantastic reception from the audience. We had a wonderful team of teachers working back stage to ensure the night was a success, THANK YOU to Miss McGoogan, Mr Howe, Mr Sanders, Mr Duraisamy, Mrs Bazouni, Mrs Otten, Miss Costello and Mr Carruthers. Looking forward to 2020's festival.

CONGRATULATION MRS NEGUS

Our very own Miss McLennan was married last Friday. You may hear a new name around the school shortly. Mrs Negus will be returning to work in our Support Unit shortly. We wish her a lovely honeymoon and wonderful married life.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On Tuesday 13th of August all staff participated in professional learning in the area of English. This has been a project the school has been working on since last year. The staff are focussing on using a new tool known as 'Learning Progressions'. We looked at reading and comprehension, teachers worked in mixed stage groups looking at how reading and comprehension is taught across the Key Learning Areas and how we can differentiate the comprehension strategies to cater for the learners across the school. There was lots of high quality professional dialogue among the staff and the night was extremely student focused, informative and productive. To assist us with our evening we had the expertise of Mrs Ariana Cole a (Literacy and Numeracy Consultant from Educational Services and Joanna French our Director Educational Leader who led discussions and engaged our teachers. This professional development was run from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. We have another twilight ses-

sion scheduled for September 10th looking at differentiating the curriculum in the classroom and assessing students using our new learning progressions. These two sessions are in place of the staff development day set down for Friday December 20th. We will still have a Staff Development Day on Thursday December 19th.

EXCURSIONS

The last few weeks have seen students venturing off to do some amazing things. Year 5 and Year 4 have completed their camps and from what I have seen and heard, the camps were a huge success. Yr 6 head to Canberra and The Snowy Mountains shortly. I wish them the very best for those three days. Thank you to our parents who put their trust in us to look after your children and to support these important educational experiences. I know the costs can add up but I do believe it is money well spent. We will give all our families an indication of cost for major excursion for 2020 before the end of this year to assist with planning. Families needing assistance or individualise payment plans can contact the office to see me.

Relieving Deputy Principal's Report - Sue Bownds

This is now the end of Week 7 and we have completed our Year 4 and 5 camps. Our Year 6 trip to Canberra and the snow is in Week 9 and I know the students are eagerly looking forward to their three day camp. Please finalise your payments with the office as soon as you can. Let's hope there is a bit more cold weather so that more snow will still be around when they go. I hope you have enjoyed the many activities and functions we have held in the past two weeks and look forward to everything else we have planned for you to complete the term.

Recently we have begun to add Stage news to the newsletter so that you can see reports of what is happening in each stage during the fortnightly newsletter. I hope you enjoy this new addition as well as our regular updates on Facebook. Our school – Toongabbie Public School page is public and I welcome your comments about the various things that are posted.

HILLS PERFORMING ARTS:

Craig and I, together with other staff members and former staff members had the privilege of watching all our groups on Tuesday night at the Evan Theatre in Penrith. Congratulations to our choir, band, girls' dance group and boys' dance group who performed so well. It takes many weeks of practising by our students and an incredible amount of time to organise and choreograph these items by our teachers. Their efforts were truly rewarded with fabulous performances showing great technique and enthusiasm by our students. Thank you also to the huge back stage team from Toongabbie who made up most of the crew on the night. On Tuesday, the groups all went to Penrith for a rehearsal so it was a very long day for students and staff. Well done everyone. It was great to see a cheque presented to the principal of Stewart House by Craig Brown who is the treasurer of this association.

An encore performance from our dance groups happened at our 3-6 and K-2 assemblies today to showcase these groups to the whole school and the choir will perform at the 3-6 Buzz Assembly in Week 8. Parents are invited for the 3-6 assembly at 9am and the K-2 one at 11.40am. The band opened the night on Tuesday with some pieces and then played the National Anthem. I look forward to seeing them play again at a later date and congratulate the many parents who arranged for all of our students to get to Penrith on the night. Great work everyone.

YEAR 4 CAMP:

Year 4 headed off for their annual three day camp in Week 6 on a cold and rainy morning to Stanwell Tops. However, this did not dampen the spirits of our campers and staff. Mr Sanders, Miss Mehmet, Mrs Arico and Mrs Burnett accompanied the students. These days allowed the students to try new things and in many cases conquer their fears. Activities included the giant swing which I remember well from attending last year, rock climbing, bush walking and this year the final day included the students attending a Wildlife reserve on their way home. Our Year 3 students can look forward to this great camp in 2020. An idea of the cost will be provided at the end of the year with the school requirements. Here are a few photos with many more on the collage at the end of the newsletter.



FATHERS' DAY STALL AND BREAKFAST:

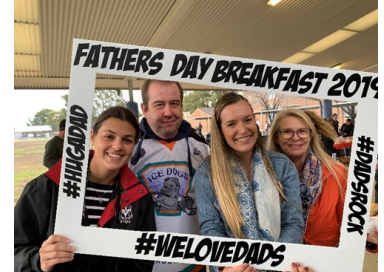
What a successful week we had last week. Thank you to the family members who wrapped and organised the Father's Day stalls on Wednesday and Thursday last week. The students had fun shopping and making things in their classes. Our breakfast was a wonderful morning with nearly 500 people enjoying this great community event. This combined the usual breakfast with our fundraising for Jimmy HalfCut and the rainforests around the world. Toongabbie students, families and teachers raised over \$3400 for this wonderful cause. We were delighted to welcome Costa from "Gardening Australia" to our school as a surprise guest with Jimmy and Jess. This year we did not have sessions and families

could come from 7.30am until 9am. Most were having such a good time, they stayed for most of the time. The weather was of course raining so we all stayed in the hall except for the sausages and barbeque outside. Some students and teachers had half of their head sprayed as well and a very successful raffle had tickets sold throughout the morning.

At 9am Mrs Matthews and Mr Carruthers organised an assembly for all K-6 students, where Mr Howe, Mr Sanders, Mr Carruthers and Mr Tuck all participated in shaving either half of their head or beard for charity. Many of the other teachers and students contributed to the cause by braiding their hair. Please find below some photos with more later in the newsletter. Thank you to the many staff who were at school in the dark to make this day such a success. Great work on the barbeque led by John Brown and his team of workers.



The hall had beautiful artwork everywhere to add to the occasion. Special thanks to Mrs Gregory for making four beautiful rainforest animals for our silent auction and a stunning Jimmy HalfCut doll complete with half his head and beard shaved. You are very talented and we sincerely thank you for your support. Great work from our whole community who showed why TPS is such a great place to be!



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:

A reminder that if you have not enrolled your child for Kindy 2020, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our first session for parents only is on Wednesday 25th September in the library and we look forward to seeing all Kindergarten 2020 parents there, even if they have a sibling at school already. There will be a presentation but also time to meet the other parents and our Kindy team from this year, should you have any questions. Our assistant Principal looking after this stage, Mrs Hannah Otten will be organising this night and will be looking forward to meeting you on the night. Our other four sessions are in Term 4. We also invite all interested students starting next year to Play group which is on Thursday mornings at 9am-10am in the Before and After School Care building near the Kindergarten rooms. Next week will be another outdoor session using our sport's equipment and we are hoping you can join us. It is a great transition to school to give your child an hour each week to get used to the school and what school has to offer.



BOOK WEEK:

Following our successful Book Week activities I have again booked Perform Australia for an incursion in 2020. The date is Friday 21st August and this will be for K-4. This date is the Friday before Book Week. Further details next year about the author visit. Our students, except Year 5 who were at camp, enjoyed an entertaining incursion in the hall and the author visit. The incursion was based around the short-listed books for 2019 and the students had all been exposed to these books during their weekly library lessons. Thank you Mrs Redman for your excellent work in this regard.

Next term we have our book character parade on Thursday of Week 2, October 24th. I suggest getting something organised in the holidays. If your child can carry the book, that is great but not necessary. The old favourites of Where's Wally, Thelma the Unicorn, Macca The Alpaca, Angelina Ballerina to name a few are always popular so put your thinking caps on and see what you can come up with. The weather will be warmer in Term 4 and we have our Book Fair on the same day. Thank you to Mrs Redman for coordinating this event each year and we look forward to seeing you there at 9.30am.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RIBBONS:

Today in our assemblies we gave out ribbons to our students from our athletics carnival. We also announced the age champions. As well, in the K-2 assembly, we gave out ribbons to all competitors from the Northcott Carnival to the support unit students. Congratulations to everyone on your successes.





BUZZ ASSEMBLY WEEK 8:

Next week is our Buzz Assemblies and letters will go home regarding those people who will receive them on Monday next week. Congratulations to all our students who consistently follow the expectations of the school.

SASS RECOGNITION WEEK:

Week 7 was SASS recognition week where we thanked our staff who work in the office, our SLSOs and John Brown. Thank you to them all for the wonderful work they do for the teachers and students. We acknowledged them on the stage on Friday during our assembly.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER PHOTO SHOOT:

On Monday 9th November, the School Photographer who takes our class and individual photos will be coming to take some selected photos for our Orientation Program, next year's front cover for school photos, a brochure for Kindergarten and photos to display around the school and on Facebook showcasing our school. Students from Kindergarten, 1C and 2B have received notes to allow your children to be photographed for these purposes. If your child is in these classes, could you please return these permission notes by Monday morning at the latest so that your child may be included. We plan to take a whole school photo of Kindergarten with the staff and Mr Brown and would like all children included if possible. I seek your assistance to send this yellow note back. 2B will be photographed during gymnastics and 1C during learning activities inside and outside the classroom. Could 1C students please wear their winter uniform for these photos on Monday. Kindergarten children should all wear their summer uniform – striped dress, grey shorts and shirt etc.

COLOUR EXPLOSION:

This fun event will be held on Friday 13th September starting at 1.30pm. Classes will start lunch on this day at 12.40 and will go back into class at 1.20pm to get ready for the afternoon. Students need to wear their sports shorts, track pants, skirt or skorts together with a white or old T-shirt that they can throw out at the end or else an old shirt. Please do not wear your best shirt. Last year we found that the colour did wash out but best to just wear something old that won't matter. We will be using the school playground for the Colour Explosion with colours being sprayed at various locations. Please see the P and C section of the newsletter for further details. Parents are welcome to join us next Friday from 1.30pm for the afternoon. It would be a good idea to send a towel to school to wrap around them before getting in the car or if they are wet. Last year it was a really hot day so we are hoping that will be the case this year. Please go onto the website to enrol in this fabulous event and to support our school.

Library News—Renata Redman TL

Book Character Parade and Book Fair

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

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

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

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

More information to follow.

Premier's Reading Challenge

It's over for another year! Thank you to all students who participated in the PRC. Certificates will be issued towards the end of the year. Congratulations and well done to our final 'finishers': Emily Arslan, Hai-Danh Bui and Brithesh Senturan.

MS Read-a-thon

It's that time of year, when the MS Read-a-thon takes place. Students read for a month, gaining sponsors for their reading and raising money for Multiple Sclerosis sufferers and research. TPS has supported this worthy cause for a number of years. If your child would like to participate, please visit: <https://www.msreadathon.org.au> for further information and to register.

P&C and Parent Auxiliary

Then next P&C General Meeting will be held on Monday 9th September at 7pm in the staff room.

Any items that you would like to add to the agenda for this meeting will need to be received ASAP via email to toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com. All members of the TPS community are welcome to email any feedback or suggestions to the P&C to be tabled at P&C meetings if you are not able to attend in person.

2019 Run4Fun COLOUR EXPLOSION – 7 DAYS TO GO



Our Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held next Friday 13th September from 1:30pm.

As the major annual fundraiser for the P&C, the more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects. In 2019 our fundraising will be used to update the Ausplay area in the playground.

The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Notes with information and a sponsorship booklet went home last week so that you are able to start gathering support from family and friends. The incentive prizes for fundraising are back again this year although only students registered online will be eligible for these gifts.

We are also seeking assistance from parents for this event. If you would like to volunteer to assist, please email toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com or return the volunteer registration slip that was on the bottom of the original notes sent home, to your child's class teacher ASAP.

The P&C are looking forward to another successful TPS Community event!



ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED ONLINE FOR FUNDRAISING BY MIDNIGHT SUNDAY WILL GO INTO THE DRAW FOR A \$10 CANTEEN VOUCHER THAT WILL BE DRAWN MONDAY AFTER LUNCH

POSITION VACANT - CANTEEN ASSISTANT

Unfortunately our fantastic Canteen Assistant, Mrs Michelle Anderson will be leaving us for other opportunities in Term 4. The P&C and Rhonda would like to express our sincere Thanks to Michelle who has been an essential part of our Canteen team over the past 2.5 years.

As a result of Michelle leaving, we will have a position vacant for a casual Canteen Assistant for 6 hours per week. These hours are flexible and can change with the needs of the business so our applicant will need to be flexible with their availability. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested in applying for this position, please send an expression of interest to the P&C email (toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com) along with a resume. Interviews for this position will be conducted before the end of term.

P&C Canteen — Rhonda Fogg, Canteen Manager

Managers Special – Week 8 & 9: Both specials available until Friday 20th September
Vegetarian Burger with Lettuce Mayo or sauce \$5.00
Hawaiian Burger with Pineapple, Cheese and Lettuce (choice of sauce) \$5.00

END OF TERM

Please note that on the last Friday of term, 27th September, the canteen will not be open for over the counter service at lunch time. Lunch orders will still be available

MENU CHANGES

The updated canteen menu that was attached to the last newsletter and resent in an email to all families has now taken effect. Please be aware that there were several pricing changes in this updated menu.

While we try to keep the prices in the canteen as low as possible, however occasionally due to increased costs we need to make adjustments. If you have any questions or concerns on the new menu, please email toogabbiepublicschool-pandc@gmail.com.

Please also note that there was a typo on the menu attached to the last newsletter. It listed MILK cartons at \$1.70 when the correct price should have been \$2 each.

FRESH FOR KIDS PROMOTION

The Sydney Markets Eat Fresh and WIN Promotion is now underway, and the kids are really enjoying the opportunity to get the prizes! Each time your child orders a meal from the canteen that contains FRESH PRODUCE, they will receive a sticker. For every TWO stickers that are collected and returned on an entry form (available from the canteen) they will receive a Stamper Pen. There are 6 different colours to collect.

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



Stage 3 Shopping Trip

Sunday 20th October— Keep this date free for the Stage 3 Shopping Trip.

Invite your family and friends for a fun day out shopping while helping the Stage 3 students raise money for the school.

Tickets are \$60 each and include lunch and desert at Taren Point Hotel.

There are only a set amount of seats available so please see the office for your ticket.

What's Happening at TPS

Support Classes

There was excitement in the air on Wednesday morning as we headed off on our first solo excursion to the Northcott Interscholastic Junior Athletics Carnival at Olympic Park. The singalong bus ride with Beresford Road P. S. was just the beginning of what was going to be a fantastic day. Students from support units across Western Sydney converged on the Quay Centre with school banners proudly displayed before joining in our high energy warm up routine.

K6B, K6M and K6P students competed with enthusiasm in a range of events across the day including 25m sprints, 50m sprints, bean bag races, egg and spoon races and shot putt. I was very proud of the efforts of all our students as they always competed with a smile and their very best effort. It was a fun and active day for all involved. Thank you to Northcott Disability Services for organising such an enjoyable and inclusive event. Our cheer squad of parents and grandparents was also very much appreciated.



Early Stage One

Kindergarten have been very busy with lots of fun activities in Term 3! We have been enjoying gymnastics, sport, Daily 5 and time with our buddies. Our science topic at the moment is Bush Adventures. Kindergarten have been imagining that we are going out on a bush adventure and have been designing very impressive, waterproof clothing for their teddies. We have also designed and constructed our own bridges.

Kindergarten have enjoyed learning about sustainability and ways to help protect the environment. After the assembly last week with Costa and Jimmy Half Cut, Kindergarten have shown great interest in finding ways that they can help around the classroom and school to help the environment.



Stage One

Students in Stage 1 have had a very busy two weeks of learning. They have been exploring the mathematical concepts of Patterns and Algebra and Mass, through hands on learning activities. In Science, our students made rain gauges as part of the 'water works' unit of work being studied. They will use these to monitor the rain fall within the school over the next few weeks.

It was great to see so many Stage 1 families at the Father's Day breakfast. It was wonderful to see you all enjoying a lovely morning together! We are looking forward to seeing you at the K-2 disco tonight! We hope you have your dancing shoes on!



Stage Two

Last week, Year 4 went to camp for three days at Stanwell Tops. The students participated in many activities including kite making, survivor challenges, the rock climbing tower, archery and the giant swing! The night time activities included a disco with student dance-offs and fun games, as well as a movie night with popcorn. On our final day, we visited the Symbio Wildlife Park where we saw a range of exciting animals including red pandas, emus, cassowaries, goannas, koalas, reptiles, eagles, crocodiles and even a cheetah! We also had the opportunity to feed kangaroos and lots of farm yard animals. The students were very well behaved and made lots of memories with their friends. We had a fantastic time away at Year 4 camp!

Stage Three

Toongabbie Public School has been a busy place over the last few weeks and it doesn't look like settling down soon. Year 5 have returned from their camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp and jumped in front of their class to present speeches. The Hills Public Speaking Competition has brought about some wonderfully entertaining and insightful speeches on a range of topics such as The Greatest Invention of All Time, Humankind's Greatest Achievement and The Most Significant Person in History. We will be holding the Stage 3 finals of this competition on Tuesday, where 2 students from each class will be competing.

The half cut event run on Fathers Day was amazing. With the awareness of the destruction of our rainforests being focused on, the students discussed and wrote about different issues around the world that need our attention and how we can all make a difference. Following up from this event, we had Chris Tobin visit us this week and talk about Aboriginal culture. There were a lot of interesting questions and some excellent answers to assist students in their understanding.

Stage 3 have been building up to our next fundraiser, pizza day, where funds will be raised for a school gift and end of year activities.

The year is definitely not calming down as Year 6 head off to Canberra and the snow in week 9. The preparations are well on their way and it looks to be another great educational experience.

FACTORY DIRECT SPECTACLES



FDS, QUALITY AFFORDABLE EYEWEAR

- * Qualified Optical Dispensers
- * We specialise in all Infant, Children and Adult prescriptions
- * Competitive pricing and *EXPRESS* service available
- * Yes, we can fit your frames if suitable
- * Australian family run business
- * Health fund rebates
- * We specialise in complicated prescriptions
- * 100's of Quality frames & Sunglasses
- * Latest lens technology
- * Convenient parking
- * Up to 50% more affordable than our competitors!

Trading Hours
Monday - Wednesday 9.30 - 5.30 pm
Thursdays 9.30 - 6.30 pm
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Parramatta High School

Open Night

Wednesday 23 October 2019
Commencing in the School Library
5pm School Tour
6pm Information Session

An information session for parents of students in the 2020 Selective Classes, and parents of students in Year 5 seeking placement in 2021.

Contact the school on 9635 8644 for further details, or visit the school website www.parramatta-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Respect - Responsibility - Honesty



Hills Performing Arts Photo Gallery



Year 4 Camp Photo Gallery



Fathers Day / Half Cut Photo Gallery

