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Term 4, Week 5 2020

Principal's Report

Toongabbie Public School is committed to ensuring that *how* we teach your child is based on what we *know* makes the biggest difference to their learning. In our school, we have a focus on using the 'What works best' eight practices for effective teaching.

These practices include:

- Having high expectations of your child. In our school we do this by...
- Using explicit teaching in the classroom. In our school we do this by...
- Giving effective feedback to your child on their learning. In our school we do this by...
- Using data to inform how we teach your child. In our school we do this by...
- Using regular and effective assessments so we know how your child's learning is going. In our school we do this by...
- Supporting the wellbeing of your child by looking out for their mental, physical and emotional health. In our school we do this by...
- Managing the classrooms well so they are safe, positive and stimulating environments for learning. In our school we do this by...
- Making sure our teachers collaborate with each other, and experts outside the school, so teaching practice continuously improves. In our school we do this by...

In addition, research shows that greater levels of support and engagement from parents and carers are associated with better student academic and wellbeing outcomes. We also know that

students learn more effectively when the home and school environments form complementary and supportive roles for learning. It is for this reason that we are focused on continuing to foster the partnership between our school and parents.

The Department of Education is releasing a 'What works best' resource for parents and carers, which provides tips for having conversations with your child about their learning. I believe it will soon be available on the department's Parent Hub where you'll find other tailored resources for parents and carers, as well as message from the NSW Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC.

The school will send out the link when it goes live. This is a great resource for all our parents.

On a different note, I will be taking leave next week to spend some time with my family. Mr Francis will relieve as Principal and Mrs Bownds as Deputy Principal. I wish all our students who are sitting the OC test on Wednesday the very best. I look forward to seeing you all in Week 7.

Craig Brown

Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

Planning for Classes in 2021

In Term 4, planning for classes in 2021 will commence. Accurate information regarding student enrolments next year greatly assists us in this process. If your child will not be returning to Toongabbie PS in 2021, please let the office staff know as soon as possible. If you have information relating to your child's class placement in 2021 which you feel we need to be made aware, please advise the school by completing the following form: <https://forms.gle/jtvkZPsWrVh6pvr5>

Please complete this form even if you have made these requests in previous years. Requests for teachers

are unable to be considered. It should be noted that while we will take this information into consideration when forming classes, not all requests will be met, owing to the many factors that need to be considered when forming classes. **This link will remain live until Friday 27 November 2020**, and be advertised in the newsletter until that date.

Please kindly note that the school will not be able to consider 2021 class placement requests after that time.

Year 7 (2022) Placement in Selective High School - closing soon

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online is now at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website opens at that link on 13 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date. There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 13 October 2020.

Library News

Thank you to all families for your amazing efforts at our recent Book Character Multi-Day; the students looked spectacular! Thank you also for your generous gold coin donations. We raised \$574.00 which will enable some lovely new books to be purchased for the Library.

Last Thursday, Years 3 to 6 students enjoyed a very entertaining and insightful presentation from our visiting author, R.A. Spratt. This year many of our students have delighted in discovering Rachel's writings.

Thank you to all students who entered our Book Week colouring competitions and congratulations to the following students on their excellent entries: Parmeshh Indrajith, Natasha Elkin, Serena Yoon, Shubh Somani, Hai-Danh Bui, Simra Nasir and Madhuri Somani.

Next week (Week 6) will be the final week of borrowing for the year, with all books to please be returned to the Library in Week 7.

Our Virtual Book Fair with Carnival Books ends tonight (Friday 13 Nov). Thank you to all families who have made purchases. If you would still like to visit the Fair, please go to: www.carnivalfairs.com.au

Thank you for your continued support.

Renata Redman, TL

Canteen News

The canteen Special for the next five weeks is Nacho bowl with Beef and Cheese with optional Sour cream and/or guacamole.

There is also a vegetrian option of beans with cheese and optional sour cream and/or guacamole. Both are \$5.00 each.

If you would like to voluteer for Canteen next year please contact the canteen to put your name down. We would love to hear from you.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Thank you to all who have donated clothes this year. If your child is in year 6 and will no longer wear their winter uniform or your child has grown out of theirs, then could you consider donating winter uniforms for others for next year. It will help clean out your cupboards, which always helps you feel good.

If you would like to make a donation you can send it with your child to the school office and I will collect it at another time. If you would like some clothing please message me at uniforms@elksys.com.au as to what you might want, item, size and how many. Please also include your child's name and class to help us get it to you. All items are \$3 each. I have a few faded and slightly stained smaller summer dresses that I feel I should not sell but I would like to offer to people if they would like to make hair scruchies for their daughters. If you make too many we would appreciate some to resell to support the school.

Thank you for all of your support.

Bronwyn Elkin

TPS Band

The TPS Band will be holding its Term 4 band meeting on Monday November 30 at 7pm via zoom conference on the following link <https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/65995812659?pwd=b0ZGeVRsYXBZ0ZtSWk1dFFKUTlvZz09>

Agenda items will include the process of enrolment for new and existing band members in 2021 and how to register your interest for low cost instrument hire whilst your child is a member of band.

We will also talk about how the committee supports our students during their musical journey and introduce the key

members of School Bands –the dedicated band program providers at our school. We encourage existing band parents and any parent who is considering enrolling their child in this music program to join us for this informative and stay at home convenient event.

At the conclusion of the Term 4 parent meeting, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held. This meeting is for parents currently involved or interested in becoming a part of the Band Committee in 2021. Existing positions are resigned and nominations for positions of office within the TPS P&C Band Sub Committee are accepted. There is a transition period into the start of the new year for old and new office bearers which provides new members, with time, to understand the requirements of any roles. You must be a financial member to vote in these meetings however all parents are welcome to attend and be involved.

Please register your interest no later than Friday 27 November by email to toongabbiepsband@gmail.com so the formal AGM minutes and agenda can be emailed to you, prior to the scheduled meeting. Please note that you will require a registered Zoom account to access the meeting.

Training Band Enrolments for 2021

If your child is in years 3-6 in 2021 they are welcome to join the training band. Enrolments open on Monday 16 November, 2020. For more information please go to www.schoolbands.com.au

P and C Association

Gingerbread House Kits

Note were sent out this week regarding Gingerbread House Decorating Kits.

Orders can be placed online through flexischools or sent into the office no later than 9am Friday 20 November.

The kits can either be sent home with your child or you can nominate a pick up time as indicated on the forms.