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Principal's Report

2020 Classes

Our numbers have now been confirmed and we are able to maintain our current class structure. I would like to thank all the families who have kept us informed of their movements and encourage anyone who makes the decision to move in the future to contact the school at the earliest possible time.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all involved in this week's swimming carnival. It was a terrific day with great swimming by some talented athletes. Congratulations to:

Ava Saad – Senior Girls' Champion
Jaynish Kogularajah – Senior Boys' Champion
Gwyn Vernon - 11 Years Girls' Champion
Lachlan Edwards & Chris Yoon– 11 Years Champions
Rebecca Hogan – Junior Girls' Champion
Jamie Blanning – Junior Boys' Champion

Our swimmers were outstanding and that will put us in a great position for the Zone Carnival coming up on March 5 at Blacktown Swimming Centre. I wish all our swimmers the best of luck.

The winning House was Wentworth. We will recognise these achievements at an assembly at the end of this term.

A special thanks to Miss McGoogan, who coordinated the carnival.

Buzz Assemblies

Buzz assemblies are held in weeks 4 and 8 to celebrate students who have been responsible, respectful, safe learners. Parents of those students receiving awards will receive an invitation to the assembly. While it is nice to support your child we understand that parents may not always be able to get away from their work commitments. Invitations to the parents of students involved will be sent out shortly.

Meet The Teacher Sessions

Meet the Teacher Sessions will be held on Tuesday February 18. Most meetings will be held in your child's classroom. However, Kindergarten and Year 1 will group together in the larger rooms. Please choose a class to go to if you have two students in the same stage as the presentations are the same. Parents unable to make the session will be given any information handed out the next day. Appointments to see your child's teacher should be made through the office. We will be holding Parent/Teacher interviews on Tuesday March 10.

Support Unit	3.30pm – 4.00pm
Stage 1	4.00pm – 4.30pm
Kindy	4.30pm – 5.00pm
Stage 2	5.00pm – 5.30pm
Stage 3	5.30pm – 6.00pm

Student Safety

Two aspects of student safety have been highlighted this week. The first is for all students to come to school with a school hat, clearly labelled. Students should wear their hat at recess and lunchtime. It is also sensible to wear it on the way home as this is often the hottest part of the day. In the mornings wearing of a hat is optional.

The second issue is road safety. Many parents and community members have asked me to remind parents to cross at a crossing or use the lights when walking with children. Our school is located on the corner of busy roads and I respectfully ask that all parents do this.

SRC, Environmental Leaders & Library Monitor Induction

An assembly for students chosen to represent in these groups will be held on Friday March 6, in the hall at 2pm. Invitations to parents of these students will be sent out next week.

Year 7 Information Evenings

The school encourages parents of students in Year 6 to keep an eye on high school websites for information regarding open days and information evenings. We will endeavour to pass on all information we receive to you as well. Choice of High School forms will be sent home on Wednesday 11 March, and must be returned by March 20. Returning this form as early as possible helps the school to be organised for distribution. Their local school will be filled in.

Thinking Day

On Friday 21 February, all Girl Guides and Scouts around the world will celebrate Thinking Day and so are encouraged to consider others who are less fortunate. This year's theme is "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion", and Guides and Scouts are encouraged to work together to bring about positive change to their lives. Wearing their Girl Guide or Scout uniforms to school makes this day more significant to them. Girls and boys who belong to these groups are invited to wear their particular uniforms to school on this day. Thinking Day is the birthdays of both Lord Baden Powell and Lady Baden Powell who are the founders of the Scout and Guide Movement.



Crunch and Sip Program

During class time students can refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water. This assists students with physical and mental performance, and concentration in the classroom. Crunch & Sip encourages fruit and vegetable snacking and drinking water. Healthy eating behaviours are modelled in the classroom and reinforce the nutrition messages in the PD/H/PE curriculum. Healthy habits can be formed and continued into adolescence and adulthood as a result of this program.

Crunch & Sip gives students the opportunity to eat a piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox. Students are also more likely to eat their fruit or vegetables and drink their water if their friends and peers are all doing it too!

Children are asked to bring a piece of fruit or vegetables and small bottle of water. Any food bought for this purpose needs to be easily consumed within a few minutes. Crunch & Sip occurs in the morning at the teacher's discretion to fit around lessons. We will also again celebrate Vegetable Crunch this term.

Police Band Visit

We are very fortunate to have the Police Band visiting our school this Friday. They will be workshopping our school Concert Band and performing for Years 3-6 after recess. Special thanks to the Band Committee for organising this event. Keep an eye out on Facebook and our website for some photos.

Mobile Phones/ Devices/ Smart Watches

Department of Education's policy 'Student use of digital devices and online services', states that no primary age student should be using or have access to a personal phone, Smart Watch, device that cannot be monitored by teaching staff. Therefore, students are not permitted to have mobile phones/ devices or watches that receive messages, take photos or

access the internet on their person nor to use mobile phones/ devices/ Smart Watches during school hours.

Several issues arise in regard to this matter.

- Inappropriate use of mobile device e.g. nuisance calls or texting, bullying filming or photographing then uploading to the internet.
- Inappropriate use of device during class time both for calls and use of games or cameras.
- Sending or receiving a message
- Security of device. As with other electronic games, etc, their security from theft or breakage can be an issue.

At Toongabbie Public School students may only bring mobile phones/devices/ SMART Watches to school if there is a need for them to be able to contact their parents either **before arriving at school or in the afternoon after leaving school**. Upon arrival at school the phone / device/ SMART Watch is to be checked in at the school office where it will be kept securely for the day in a bag that is clearly labelled. It is the child's responsibility to collect the phone / device / SMART Watch at the end of the day.

Parents with an urgent need to be in contact with their child during the day should contact the school office and appropriate steps will be taken to pass on the message or arrangements will be made for the child to return the call on the school phone.

Please speak to your child and ensure they understand the school process. Thank you for continuing to support the school.

Craig Brown
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

Welcome Kindergarten Students and New Families

It was wonderful to see our 66 new Kindergarten students start with us last Monday. Once again this year, they settled in very quickly and spent their first days at school getting to know their classmates and looking around the school before getting started with their first pieces of schoolwork.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families who are joining us at Toongabbie this year. As a school, we pride ourselves on our strong sense of community, our academic success and the range of opportunities we offer to our students. We very much hope your child/ren take full advantage of all of these aspects during their time at Toongabbie Public School.

Parent Information Night

Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, 18 February between 3:30pm and 6:00pm. The evening is intended to provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and be informed about the year ahead, the class organisation, the class program and expectations for the year.

CPR

Last Tuesday, our staff undertook their annual CPR and anaphylaxis practical training. During this training, our teachers trained in the use of an Epi-Pen, an anaphylaxis action plan, as well as how to perform CPR in accordance with the guidelines and principles recommended by the Australian Resuscitation Council. Topics covered included:

- chain of survival
- assessing the situation
- DRSABCD
- performing CPR
- demonstrating the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED)
- care of the collapsed, unconscious person
- special techniques for children and infants
- CPR in special circumstances
- infection control
- reporting procedures
- recognition of an allergic reaction
- how to correctly administer an Epipen
- how to follow an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis
- taking appropriate first aid action

Late to school?

Please note, that if students are late to school, they are required to attend the office to get a late slip. This is very important, as if the teacher has already marked the attendance roll, the student will be marked absent for the full day, unless the late slip is generated. A student is deemed late to school if they are not lined up with their class at 9:00am

Bruce Francis
Deputy Principal

Early Stage One

Early Stage One students have enjoyed their first two weeks of school and have all settled in nicely. They are enjoying getting to know their teachers and peers and are learning the routines required for classroom learning. We have a very busy term ahead filled with lots of exciting experiences.

Courtney Sim
KS Classroom Teacher



Stage 1

Wow! What an exciting start to the year our Stage 1 students have had. Our Year 1 students have settled into their classes nicely and are currently exploring the concept of 'point of view' as part of the Term 1 English Unit. They are also learning the many aspects of child protection with the 'Learn to be safe program with Emmy'.

Our Year 2 students have also settled into their classes, displaying great leadership skills. They are currently taking part in Swim Scheme, an intensive 2 week swimming program. Students are having a great time learning how to swim within their classes.

All Stage 1 teachers are looking forward to an excellent year ahead!

Amy Bazouni
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2

What a busy few weeks Stage 2 have had!

Last Monday, Stage 2 students participated in the 3-6 Swimming Carnival at Merrylands Pool. The boys and girls looked great in their house colours, with students participating in the 50m, 25m and novelty events. Congratulations to the swimmers who will now represent our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 5 March, 2020.

Last week we were very lucky to have Dylan Brown and George Jennings from the Parramatta Eels visit us. The excitement on everyone's faces couldn't be contained as Dylan and George spread the message of respect as part of the NRL's League Stars campaign. Some lucky students were invited up on stage and got to have their photo taken with the players afterwards. Go the Eels!



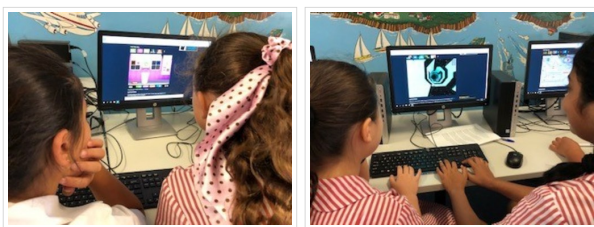
We now look forward to the Police Band visit on Friday!

Michael Howe
4H Class Teacher

Stage 3

5S has started the year off spectacularly, learning the new routines and expectations, and dusting off our growth mindset and giving everything a go. One of our favourite lessons so far has been science, where we are learning about effective user interface when designing and playing games. We had to create a system to rate the interfaces, and then review a favourite game.

Peter Sanders
Assistant Principal – Stage 3



Support Unit

We have had a wonderful start to the 2020 school year in our support classes. This year we welcome Miss Lamas as a classroom teacher on K-6L. Mrs Negus will now be working with both support classes and mainstream classes in an RFF teaching role.

All students have settled in very well to their new classes. Thank you to parents that have already sent in new school equipment with their child. Please do so as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Swim scheme is well underway and will continue into next week. This valuable program allows our boys to have lots of fun while learning the important life skills of swimming and water safety. Our students will be well prepared for the Northcott Swimming Carnival which will take place on Thursday 12th March at Ryde Aquatic Centre. More details regarding this carnival will be sent home shortly.

5C will be our buddy class this year and we met our new buddies for the first time this week on Monday afternoon. We enjoyed getting to know each other.

All support unit staff are looking forward to seeing lots of parents at our Meet the Teacher Afternoon. This will be held on Tuesday 18 February from 3.30 in the Family Room. We certainly have an exciting year of learning ahead.

Mrs Sue Burnett

Assistant Principal Support Unit



Library

World Book Online

With the commencement of the school year, please encourage students to use, and become familiar with, World Book Online. This excellent educational and recreational resource can be accessed from home using the **Log-in: toony** and **Password: learn**. World Book Online includes age-appropriate information, maps, images, videos, timelines, stories, colouring, games etc. Please visit: worldbookonline.com

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's Challenge commences on Monday 2 March and concludes on Friday 28 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, book lists and to log reading records, please visit: online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Renata Redman

Teacher Librarian

Canteen News

The next Managers Special available at the Canteen from Monday 17 – Friday 29 February will be a FISH BURGER (with lettuce, tomato and mayo) \$5.00.

The canteen now has Gluten Free Bread available for sandwiches and Toasties. We also have a new Gluten Free Chicken Pasta dish on the menu as well as our Gluten Free Fried Rice.

Fresh items available at recess and lunch will always be available at the canteen. We have recently added cups of Messy Monkey cereal for \$1.00. Over the counter treats will vary daily depending on what has been baked or which fresh fruit and vegetable options are in our kitchen.

Flexischools have recently updated the look of the online ordering system on the web and in the Flexischools app. Some parents have experienced some difficulties in navigating this new look Flexischools. To get to the orders from the new home page, all you need to do is scroll down to the heading FOOD. From there you can swipe across the screen to get to the service that you wish to order.

We still have several vacancies on our volunteer roster for term one and would like to invite any parents and grandparents who may be able to spare some time throughout the school day to pop in and see how our canteen works and then consider volunteering for a few hours once a month or whenever you may be free to assist in the canteen. Without the assistance of our community volunteers, we would not be able to keep our canteen operating. Volunteer assistance allows us to stay open each day and keep our pricing as low as possible. Any time you might be able to spare is greatly appreciated.

Please pop in and see me in the canteen any time if you might be able to assist.

Rhonda Fogg

Canteen Manager

P&C

Thank you to those who attended the first P&C AGM & General Meeting held on Monday 10 February 2020. The elected 2020 Executive Committee for the Toongabbie Public School P&C Association is as follows:

P&C Executive Committee

President:	Trevor McNeilly
Vice President:	Rebecca Elson
Vice President:	Michelle Massey

Secretary:	Brooke Arslan
Treasurer:	Jenny Tucker
Assistant Treasurer:	Rebecca Morris

2020 P&C Sub-Committee Officials were also elected at this meeting and are as follows:

2020 Band Sub-Committee Officers

Band Convener:	Vanessa Wegener
Deputy Band Convener:	Michelle Wullemin
Band Financial Officer:	Monique Prudames
Deputy Band Financial Officer:	Ben Burki
Scribe:	Karina Briffa
Assistant Scribe:	Beth Smith

2020 Parent Auxiliary Sub-Committee Officers

Parent Auxiliary Convener:	Brooke Arslan
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We are seeking parents to assist with the organisation of the Parent Auxiliary events, if you are interested in being involved, contact Brooke Arslan at toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com or 0405 356 210.

2020 Second Hand Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator:

Bronwyn Elkin

The P&C Executive Committee, Sub-Committee Officials and members of the TPS P&C are looking forward to another successful year at TPS with planning well underway for many events planned throughout the year. Details of all these P&C events will be provided to the school community as they approach.

We would also love to see more members of the school community attending the meetings of the P&C or its sub-committees. Please consider coming along to these meetings to keep yourself informed of what is happening at TPS. At each meeting, members are provided with reports from each of the P&C committees as well as an update from Craig Brown, TPS Principal about activities from the previous month and what is planned for the month ahead within the school. The report includes details on student activities, staffing, properties and community news and allows for discussion directly with the school executive on any items raised in the reports. The P&C is a great forum for discussion about the school and its future. Staying up to date with the information provided at the P&C meetings is another way for you to be involved and have a say in your child's education. We hope you will join us at the next meeting to be held in the school staffroom on Monday 9 March 2020 starting at 7pm.

The P&C also regret to advise that the planned Family Outdoor Movie Night that was on the P&C Events Calendar for 2020

will not be proceeding at this point. We are currently looking at other options for a family social event later in Term 1 and will provide further news on this event as soon as possible.

P&C Executive Committee

Parent Auxiliary News

The Parent Auxiliary would like to invite all parents and carers who are new to Toongabbie Public School in 2020 to a **Welcome Morning Tea** to be held in the BASC Building on Tuesday 28 March from 9am.

This will be an opportunity to meet other parents and learn more about what happens at TPS.

Pre-school aged children are welcome to accompany parents to this gathering.

All other TPS parents and carers are also most welcome to join us at this event to help welcome the new parents and provide some insight into life at TPS.

Hope to see you there.

Brooke Arslan

Parent Auxiliary Convener

Toongabbie Band

The Committee would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new and returning band families this year. 2020 looks set to be very exciting with lots of planned events for all our band students.

Last Monday we held our Term 1 Band Meeting. This was well attended by many of our current families and some fresh new faces too. Everyone offered wonderful contributions and great suggestions for "Our Band" for the coming year. Our next band meeting is on May 4 in Term 2. All of our Band Parents are welcome at these meetings and everyone's feedback is taken into account with our decision making. We really hope to see many more of our band families at our Term 2 meeting.

Today we welcomed the official NSW Police Band onto school grounds. By the time you read this newsletter our Concert Band students will have participated in a music workshop with members of the Police Band, providing our students one on one tuition from professional musicians who regularly perform in a brass band. Following the workshop, all the students in years 3 to 6 will have watched a formal performance by this absolutely polished and professional ensemble. We hope many of you were able to enjoy this performance. What a fantastic way for your band to kick off the new year!

In what will be exciting and quite possibly daunting for our newest little musicians, our Training Band will be performing at the Week 8 Buzz assembly this term. We hope many of you come along to support our rising new stars. Our training band won't be perfect, but we promise they will be very very cute! Your encouragement and support at this 'not to be missed' event, will be very welcome on March 20 at this assembly.

And finally, in THE most amazing news, your Concert Band will be performing at the Royal Easter Show this year on April 6. The students are working hard on new music arrangements

and we encourage them to practice, practice AND practice more, so they are confident and ready for yet another wonderful band experience. The best part? ALL of the Toongabbie Public School Community benefits from this band experience and can purchase entry tickets to the Royal Easter Show at a 15% discount to normal entry prices. Visit: www.ticketmaster.com.au/sres15 Enter the Promo Code SRES20RAS15ENT This offer is valid until midnight 14 April 2020. We hope many of you take advantage of this great offer and maybe drop by to support your band while enjoying everything this Royal Agricultural Society event has to offer.

***Yours in Music,
The TPS Band Committee***

Commonwealth Bank Student Banking Program

A reminder that our Student Banking day is WEDNESDAY each week.

Students who already have a Commonwealth Bank account with a Dollarmite Banking wallet, please remember to send your deposit in to school each Wednesday. The Banking wallet with a completed deposit slip and the money to be deposited should be handed to the classroom teacher first thing in the morning so it can be sent to the office for processing.

If you are interested in setting your child up to participate in the school banking program, class teachers were provided with 2020 Banking Parent Info Pack's that will be offered to students and provide you with all the information on how to get open an account for your child on start them on their savings journey.

For every 10 deposits that your child makes through the Student Banking at school, they will be eligible for a prize. This year our Dollarmites are taking the School Bankers on a Treetop Savings themed Adventure to the Tree House of savings by helping students to develop good savings habits and money skills. A set of rewards on offer for 2020 can be found on the noticeboards on the ramp outside the 5M classroom.

A Term 1 student Banking Newsletter will accompany this Newsletter. Please take the time to have a read.

If you are interested in assisting with the processing of the Student Banking deposits, please pop by the school staffroom on a Wednesday morning and have a chat with us to discuss how you can help.

***Maxine Havea & Brooke Arslan
Student Banking Co-Ordinators.***

TPS Class of 2019 Reunion

On Friday 28 February, we have invited the 2019 Year 6 students to return to TPS after school to catch up with their classmates who have all gone off to different High Schools and visit their favourite TPS teachers and staff. The reunion will take place in the area outside the Canteen at 3:15pm. Attendees are asked to bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

If you know of any 2019 TPS Year 6 Children please feel free to pass this message on to them.

Head Lice

There have been some cases reported of head lice. Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information sheet following from NSW Health

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>