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Term 3, Week 1 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. Over the holidays, Mr John Brown did a great job of looking after our grounds. We also had the team in from McArdeell's to ensure we comply with our tree audit requirements. In many ways it was a quiet break, but a good one. I look forward to seeing all our students returning for a productive semester. We sent out our reports at the end of last term. I apologise for any parents who did not receive a copy. This is our first attempt at using a new system that we can email all families. If you are still waiting, please email Toongabbie-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and type in the subject bar your child's name and class. We will email you the report no later than Monday. Interviews will be taking place from Week 3. They will be using either a digital platform or via phone.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who were offered places or placed on reserve list for Selective High School. I would like to congratulate all of these students but also all those who participated in the process. I am sure all our students will achieve great results no matter which school they choose to attend. It has been a great honour to watch all our Year 6 students develop and grow into the senior students of our school. We will be working hard to make sure the rest of the year is both memorable and productive for them as they finish their time at TPS.

Many parents and students are asking about what will happen this term in regards to the regular activities that the school would normally run. We are following the department's advice that can be found on our website. I know this is difficult for all however our priority is to keep everyone safe. We have seen some of our educational programs return such as athletics. I know the students have really enjoyed the sessions this week. Please make sure you have returned your child's permission

note if you have not already done so. If payment is a concern please contact the office on 96313079.

Social Distancing

We all know that Covid-19 remains a major issue for NSW. I ask that parents take the social distancing seriously when entering our site. I have appreciated your support this week, but will continue to ask where possible, that you avoid our school grounds or minimise time and social distance if you need to wait for your child. For the care of your own children and my staff, I also ask that if your child even has a mild cold or flu they must stay at home until they are fully recovered. It is not acceptable for students to be sent to school unwell.

Keeping our Office Staff Safe

In line with my last piece, parents are asked to use our online payment system and avoid coming into the office to make payments. We also ask that no more than two adult visitors enter the foyer at any one time where possible. We have placed a table with hand sanitiser in front of the counter to assist with distancing.

101 Days of Kindergarten

One of the best things to happen this week was the celebration of our kindergarten students completing 101 days of learning both here and remotely! TPS loves to do things a little bit differently and the team decided to go for 101 days in place of the usual 100.

Congratulations to our students who look fantastic today coming in their 101 Dalmation attire. This is a great achievement. They have really done an outstanding job over the past two terms as have their teachers. Keep an eye on our Facebook page in the coming days for some photos.

We are looking forward to what the rest of the year brings for this terrific group of students.

Library News

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club brochures were distributed this week. Please place orders online, using Scholastic's LOOP system, by Friday 7th August.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's Challenge concludes on Friday 28th August. Children in K-2 complete the Challenge with their class teacher. The Challenge is optional for students in Years 3 to 6. Congratulations and well done to our recent 'finishers': William Burke, Daniel Burki, Reina Park, Chloe Wuillemmin, Himaya Senevirathna, Kaeshia Suthakaran and Charvi Voola. For further information and to log reading records, please visit: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

World Book Online

Just a termly reminder to 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**. WBO includes age-appropriate information, maps, images, videos, timelines, stories, colouring, games etc. Please visit: www.worldbookonline.com

Author Visit for Years 3 to 6

To celebrate Book Week, author R.A. Spratt will be visiting us on Monday 17th August. Rachel is the author of the much loved Friday Barnes, Nanny Piggins and Peski Kids series of books. Please return the note for this incursion by Friday 14th August. We look forward to Rachel's entertaining presentation.

Canteen News

Please check Flexischools for new menu items or specials.

Also, if there are any parents willing to volunteer some of their time to help out in the Canteen one or twice a month, please contact our canteen manager Rhonda Fogg.

School Band

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Red Cross Free Wellbeing Webinar

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